

OBITUARY.

FREDERICK BARNETT KILMER.

Frederick Barnett Kilmer, director of the laboratories of Johnson & Johnson, New Brunswick, N. J., and father of Joyce Kilmer, the poet who was killed in action in France, died December 28th, at his home in New Brunswick, aged eighty-three years.

Mr. Kilmer was born in Chapinville, Conn., the son of Charles Kilmer, a Methodist clergyman, and Mary Ann Langdon Kilmer. He was educated in the public schools of Binghamton, N. Y., Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Pa., and the New York College of Pharmacy. He took special courses in chemistry at Columbia, Yale and Rutgers. He owned a drug store in New Brunswick before he was chosen to head Johnson & Johnson's scientific department in 1899.

Mr. Kilmer had been president of the New Brunswick Board of Health, adviser to the New Jersey State Board of Health and a member of the American Public Health Association. He was a member of a number of foreign and American organizations, among them, the American Chemical Society, the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, the Chemists Club of New York. He was a former vice-president of the American Drug Manufacturers' Association, and a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION since 1886.

Mr. Kilmer married Miss Annie E. Kilburn, December 25, 1871. They had four children, all of whom are dead. Mrs. Kilmer died three years ago. Further reference is made to the deceased on page 3 of this issue of the JOURNAL.

JOSEPH H. DOW.

Joseph Henry Dow, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, well and favorably known Maine pharmacist, died at his residence in Portland, December 29th, aged 76 years. He was chairman of the Entertainment Committee when the ASSOCIATION met in Portland.

Mr. Dow was born in Portland, the son of Joseph and Sara Dow, and attended the Portland public schools. He was a charter member of the Portland Cadets, rising in rank to sergeant and 2nd lieutenant, but withdrawing upon his acceptance of a position as a drug salesman with Cook, Everett and Pennell which entailed long absences from Portland. He was one of the original members of the Cadet drill

squad, and in recognition of his interests in this organization and his services to it he was elected every year from 1910 president of the Cadets, and in 1928, life president of the Honorary Association.

As a salesman for two Portland firms and with Brewer and Co. of Worcester, his connection at the time of his death, he traveled all over the State for 55 years and had friends in every community that boasted a drug store.

Partly as a result of this wide acquaintance, Mr. Dow conceived the idea of forming the Maine Pharmaceutical Association. He was for many years a member of its executive committee, and for 15 years had been chairman of its committee on general arrangements for the annual meetings.

He was also instrumental in the formation of the Maine Commercial Travelers' Association, in which he from time to time held office.

Surviving him are his son, Walter P. Dow; two daughters, Mrs. Guy F. Dunton and Mrs. Vertner A. Stahl; and two brothers, George W. of West Southport, and Charles, now a resident of California. His wife, who was Annie C. Curtis of Biddeford, died in 1909.

SMITH C. WILSON.

SMITH C. WILSON, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION and prominent in Nebraska drug circles, died December 8th, at Bryan Memorial Hospital, Lincoln, aged 73 years. The following is prepared from a sketch by Secretary J. G. McBride.

Born at Bergens Mills, New Jersey, Mr. Wilson came west half a century ago and since that time had been in the drug business. He first went to Cheyenne, Wyoming, and later moved to St. Louis, where he joined Meyer Brothers' wholesale drug house. Mr. Wilson then became connected with the Capital Drug Company, a Lincoln wholesale concern, and later entered the retail business.

In 1929, he was elected president of the Nebraska Pharmaceutical Association in which he had worked for forty years. Through his association work he was one of the best known and most influential druggists in the state.

Last February, Mr. Wilson was elected president of the Nebraska Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. He was one of the two Nebraska members of the Society of Cincinnati, deriving his eligibility from the

New Jersey branch. His descent was through his mother from Captain James Anderson.

The following letter from John O'Brien, of Omaha, is reprinted from the *Northwestern Druggist*:

"Smith was a man gifted with rare ability. He was vigorous, hopeful and uplifting. He was endowed with great capacity for work, illuminated with a great purpose, unrivalled in aggressiveness, rich in sympathy and consideration for his fellowmen. His genius has often been shown in the constructive work that he did in local, state and national pharmaceutical affairs for the past thirty years. He has served in the ranks. He has served as chairman of every committee in his state organization, and he has filled the office of president with honor to himself and credit to his fellowmen. Smith Wilson was a man of his convictions and he had the moral courage to pass them on to others, not by dictation but by arguments addressed to common sense.

"Mr. Wilson's hobby was organization work and he took a great interest in attending conventions and delighted in renewing old friendships. He boasted that he had only missed one meeting of the N. Ph. A. in forty-five years. Almost yearly he attended the conventions of the Iowa, South Dakota, Kansas and Missouri associations. He was a lover of the out-of-doors and never missed a chance to fish or hunt. Only this fall he made a trip of over one thousand miles to hunt pheasants in Dakota.

"He is survived by one son and a grandson, his wife having preceded him in death five years ago."

HUGO KANTROWITZ.

Hugo Kantrowitz, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION since 1907, died January 18th, at his home in Richmond Hill, N. Y., aged 80 years.

The deceased was born in Breslau, Germany, April 8, 1854, and came to this country with his widowed mother and other members of the family in 1856. He received his early education in Philadelphia and as a youth was employed with the *Philadelphia Democrat*, a German newspaper. In 1878, he removed to New York and engaged with the *New Yorker Zeitung*.

In 1880, the *Deutsche Apotheker Zeitung* was established and in its promotion and service Mr. Kantrowitz was active until its discontinuance a few years ago, and as editor and publisher he furthered a relation of German and

American pharmacists which reflects credit. The *Zeitung* was the official organ of the German Apothecaries Society and maintained a professional relationship with other pharmaceutical publications and the editor was always a welcome visitor in their offices. He took a deep interest in the Veteran Druggists' Associations and the German Apothecaries Society and was an honored life-long member of both organizations.

He was a member of New York College of Pharmacy, Columbia University, of New York Pharmaceutical Association, of the German Press Club (New York) and of the Steuben Society of America. He was a regular attendant at the annual meetings of the State association and of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Mr. and Mrs. Kantrowitz celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1926; the latter and a daughter, Mrs. Claire Muller, survive the deceased. Nathaniel Nicolai in speaking of him said: "At an age well past seventy—he enjoyed life more like a youth just experiencing his first freedom. More than fifty years he served pharmacy—loyally, unselfishly, gladly, efficiently. He served both continents—was known in Europe as well as in the United States, the country of his adoption; was universally respected and beloved. The German apothecaries, here, owe much to his life and work."

ISRAEL H. SHURTLEFF.

Israel Hammond Shurtleff, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION since 1875, died in New Bedford, Mass., on December 15th, while engaged in his pharmacy, a business founded by him in 1878.

Mr. Shurtleff was born in Mattapoisett, Mass., April 7, 1849, the son of Alvah and Joana Shurtleff. After the completion of his earlier education he engaged with James E. Blake and, later, with William A. Pease of New Bedford. In 1878, he entered business on his own account and continued actively until his death; his son, Frederick A. Shurtleff, is now the manager of the pharmacy. Mr. and Mrs. Shurtleff celebrated the golden anniversary of their marriage in 1880.

Mr. Shurtleff had been a member of the Massachusetts State Pharmaceutical Association since its organization and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for more than fifty years.