

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Dr. Charles A. Shull, professor of plant physiology at the University of Chicago, lectured before the Graduate College at the University of Iowa, on March 25th, on "Radiation and Life."

Francis P. Garvan, president of the Chemical Foundation and recipient of the Priestley Medal as "the greatest lay patron of chemistry," is honorary chairman of the New York Committee organizing the 300th anniversary of the Chemical Industries celebration. Prof. Arthur W. Hixson of Columbia University is general chairman. Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi and Representative James W. Wadsworth of New York will be among the speakers at a dinner meeting on April 24th.

President Coffman's biennial message (University of Minnesota) is entitled "Youth and Tomorrow's Education," a presentation of some of the problems which confront universities. The message has been published in booklet form.

Howard B. Lewis, director of the College of Pharmacy of the University of Michigan and Professor of Physiological Chemistry in the Medical School, has been elected a member of the National Board of Medical Examiners of the United States, to succeed the late Professor Otto Folin of Harvard.

Mary Dahlgreen Robinson—of Saint Davids, Pennsylvania, through **Charles E. McCormick**, of Baltimore—has donated two mortars, several old dispensing bottles and a quassia cup—to the American Institute of Pharmacy.

Dean R. C. Wilson, University of Georgia, has addressed the radio audiences on narcotic legislation and unregulated sale of barbituric acid preparations and certain other sedatives and hypnotics.

J. D. Ashmore, of Greenville, has been named president of South Carolina Pharmaceutical Association, succeeding L. E. Bishop, who has removed from the state.

Dean A. O. Mickelsen addressed the members of the North Pacific Dental Alumni Association at their annual meeting which was held at North Pacific College, February 7th-9th. His subject was "Prescription Writing by the Dental Profession." Four hundred and seventy alumni members attended.

American winners of the Nobel awards will be guests of honor at a dinner in the Waldorf-Astoria, April 9th, celebrating the 101st anniversary of the birth of Alfred B.

Nobel, Swedish scientist who created the awards.

The Hillebrand award of the Washington branch of the American Chemical Society was presented at the society's annual banquet at the Cosmos Club, March 14th, to Dr. F. D. Rossini of the Bureau of Standards in recognition of fundamental work on the thermochemistry of hydrocarbons and alcohols.

Margaret Cousins has written "Purple Cloud," a story of Bernard Courtois, published in the *Southern Pharmaceutical Journal*.

Dean D. B. R. Johnson, College of Pharmacy, University of Oklahoma, is to be honored with a memorial by members of the faculty and friends.

Gustav Bachman, former secretary of Minnesota Pharmaceutical Association, was presented by members of the organization with a beautiful pen set. The presentation was an interesting part of the program of the annual session of the Association.

OBITUARY.
EZRA J. KENNEDY.

Ezra Joseph Kennedy, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION since 1887, died of heart disease, February 20th, at his home in Rutherford, N. J., aged seventy-five years.

Mr. Kennedy was born in Attica, Ohio, where he received his earlier education; in 1882, he was graduated from the pharmacy department of the University of Michigan. While engaged in retail pharmacy in and near Detroit, he taught pharmacy at the Detroit College of Pharmacy. Later he became associated with the *Pharmaceutical Era*, and when the publication came to New York, Mr. Kennedy took up his residence in New Jersey. He remained with the *Pharmaceutical Era* for more than forty years, until his retirement several years ago.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. E. A. Dougherty, Mrs. Herbert Bond and Mrs. W. G. Macomber, of Rutherford; and Mrs. Ralph W. Boyd, of Drumright, Okla.; and two sons, Ezra J. Kennedy, of Rutherford, and Fred H. Kennedy, of Cleveland.
