

## PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

In transcribing from *press copy*, inadvertently, an error was permitted to pass through uncorrected in this section of the August JOURNAL, page 732, name should be Robert Koch. While the error will be recognized as such, the occurrence is regretted.

The United States has accepted an invitation to be officially represented at a League of Nations Conference on Biological Standardization to convene at Geneva on October 1st. The Department of State has appointed Chairman E. Fullerton Cook, of the United States Pharmacopœia Revision Committee, and Medical Director G. W. McCoy, Director of National Institute of Health, United States Public Health Service, to represent it at the conference. Chairman Cook advises that responsibilities in connection with pharmacopœial and other duties prevent his acceptance.

The *Industrial and Engineering Chemistry, News Edition*, of September 10th, published a sketch of Dr. James H. Beal by Julius A. Koch. The writer refers to his work in various state and national organizations and in the promotion of legislation, construction of the measures and his valuable services in pharmacopœial revision. He speaks of his love of nature and close observation which has resulted in a number of interesting collections; his shells comprise specimens that have made the collection outstanding and known to collectors and students throughout the world. The article refers to his activities in the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION. An effort to abstract the sketch would fail in giving due credit, hence, these brief references are intended only to refer to the published sketch.

President Robert R. Pierce, of W. Va. Pharmaceutical Association, sends his first message as president, to the members. The bulletin, as usual, has been prepared by Secretary J. Lester Hayman.

Vice-Chairman C. T. Gilbert, of the House of Delegates, A. Ph. A., visited the American Institute of Pharmacy, September 18th; he was accompanied by his mother. Among other visitors at the Headquarters, recently, were Herbert R. Woods, Evansville, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. T. Zimmerman, Terra Haute, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Roger A. McDuffie and son, Greensboro, N. C.; George F. Reddish, St. Louis, Mo.; Milton Wruble, Kalamazoo, Mich.; George H. Parsons, Library Clerk,

N. B. C., New York City; B. E. Holsendorf, U. S. Quarantine Station, Long Island; Pharmacist, U. S. Public Health Service; R. S. Hollingshead, NRA, Washington, D. C.

John S. Zinsser, for some time connected with Merck & Co., has been elected president of Sharp & Dohme, succeeding A. Homer Smith. John S. Zinsser is a son of Frederick G. Zinsser.—*Courtesy of Mr. Smith.*

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 OBITUARY.

## EDWARD V. SHEELY.

Edward V. Sheely, aged 65 years, druggist and former postmaster of Memphis, and guiding light in Memphis' plans for the Tennessee Pharmaceutical Association's recent Golden Jubilee Convention, was killed August 21st, when his automobile was struck broadside by a truck at Huntington, W. Va. Mrs. Sheely was critically injured, and Edward V. Sheely, Jr., and his wife were severely cut and bruised in the accident. In tribute to the deceased, the druggists of Memphis closed their doors for a five-minute period during funeral services, for Mr. Sheely the afternoon of August 24th.

Born in New Oxford, Pa., February 14, 1870, Mr. Sheely spent his early youth in that city and there received his pre-college training. He graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1892, two years later he moved to Memphis. During his first three years here he worked for James S. Robinson, late veteran member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, and then established a pharmacy at Vance and Lauderdale Streets, which to-day, after thirty-five years, is a Memphis landmark.—Data from *Southeastern Drug Journal.*

## WILLIAM F. MICHEL.

William F. Michel, 61 years old, of Watertown, S. Dakota, died suddenly from heart attack, July 20, 1935. The deceased was a force in South Dakota pharmacy circles for many years; a former president of the State Pharmaceutical Association and for a number of years its secretary-manager. While holding the latter office he established *The Optimist*, and continued it until the time of his death. He was fearless in his editorials.

When the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION met in Rapid City, Mr. Michel took a deep interest in the convention and during recess he was the center of groups of listeners.