

OBITUARY.

JAMES ALFRED SPALDING.

Dr. James A. Spalding, of Portland, Maine, *Honorary Member* of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, died at his home February 27th, after a lingering illness, aged ninety-one years.

He was born at Portsmouth, N. H., in 1848, was graduated from Dartmouth College at the age of twenty, and received a Master's degree from Harvard Medical School when twenty-four. He studied abroad for three years, returning to Portland in 1873, to practice. He



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began specializing in eye and ear treatment and from 1881 to 1914 was ophthalmological and aural surgeon at the Main General Hospital; and became an outstanding specialist. He had been a consultant of the hospital since that time. He was the founder of eye and ear clinics at Augusta and Bangor, was awarded the degree of Doctor of Letters in 1928 by Dartmouth College, and was master of eleven languages.

At an honorary dinner in Portland in the summer of 1936, President Ernest M. Hopkins

of Dartmouth lauded Dr. Spalding as "one of the most cultured gentlemen in New England." At that time Dr. Spalding responded by speaking in Irish and German.

Dr. Spalding was confined to the Maine General Hospital for two months in the winter of 1931-1932 as the result of a fall, but until recently was in excellent health for his advanced age.

He was a member of the American Ophthalmological Society, the American Academy of Medicine, the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otology, the Maine Medical Association, of which he was once president, and the Cumberland County Medical Association. He was also a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

With his late wife, the former Miss Sarah Chase Shepley, of Boston, whom he married in 1882, he took many trips to Europe, Egypt and Arabia.

He was the author of many articles for medical magazines and also wrote several books, including "Maine Physicians of 1820," and "The Life of Lyman Spalding."

Dr. Spalding was beloved in his home city and state and greeted his friends cordially and was a welcome visitor in their homes. When meeting those of foreign birth he pleased them by conversing with them in their mother tongue. He was a musician, despite his severe handicap, deafness; he had collected an extensive library and his home contained many pieces of art in pictures, literature and furnishings.

Dr. Spalding was a grandson of Dr. Lyman Spalding, the "Father of the U. S. Pharmacopœia." He had hoped to have a statue of him placed in the "Hall of Fame."

Surviving is a nephew, Merrill Spalding, of Palo Alto, Calif. The service, at Church, and flowers were very beautiful; the body of the deceased was laid to rest in Evergreen Cemetery beside that of his beloved wife.

The Northern Ohio Druggists' Association issues bulletins relating to cooperation of physicians and pharmacists. The purpose is to promote a mutual understanding by physicians and pharmacists, the promotion of better pharmaceutical practice to increase interest in the official medication of U. S. P. and N. F., to promote rational prescription writing, to correct the abuses of self-medication, to discourage the use of products of unknown composition and to reduce the cost of prescriptions.

FOOD AND DRUG BILL S. 5.

This Act may be cited as the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act J. 49855-1.

The term "drug" means (1) articles recognized in the official United States Pharmacopœia, official Homœopathic Pharmacopœia of the United States, or official National Formulary, or any supplement to any of them; and (2) articles intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease in man or other animals; and (3) articles (other than food) intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of man or other animals; and (4) articles intended for use as a component of any article specified in clause (1), (2) or (3); but does not include devices or their components, parts or accessories.

Amend the title so as to read: "An Act to prohibit the movement in interstate commerce of adulterated and misbranded food, drugs, devices and cosmetics, and for other purposes."

Passed the Senate March 8 (calendar day, March 9), 1937.

The Act is well under way and more extended comment will be made when it becomes a law. It is to prevent the adulteration, misbranding and false advertisement of food, drugs, devices and cosmetics in interstate, foreign and other commerce subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, for the purposes of safeguarding the public health, preventing deceit upon the purchasing public and for other purposes.

The secretary shall promulgate regulations for the listing of coal-tar colors which are harmless. He is directed to promulgate regulations exempting labeling or packaging requirements. Provisions are made for a drug dispensed on a written prescription signed by a physician, dentist or veterinarian.

The Kansas State Pharmaceutical Association leads the state conventions; it is scheduled for March 21st-23rd at the Jayhawk Hotel in Topeka.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

Dr. Frank M. Huff, a member of the Biology Department faculty of the University, addressed members of the Pharmacy Club, using a four-reel moving picture in natural color to illustrate his talk. He spoke on "Biology of Florida and Cuba." More than thirty students and faculty members including Dean and Mrs. E. L. Hammond, Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Johnson and Mrs. Frank M. Hull, were present

for the affair, which was sponsored by the local branch of A. Ph. A. President B. V. Yelverton of the Pharmacy Club served as toastmaster.

BOOK NOTICES AND REVIEWS.

Handbook of Chemistry, by NORBERT ADOLPH LANGE, Ph.D. Lecturer in Organic Chemistry at Cleveland College of Western Reserve University; Member of the American Chemical Society, American Institute of Chemists and the Deutsche Chemische Gesellschaft; assisted by Gordon M. Forker, B.S., Harshaw Chemical Co., Cleveland, O.

A reference volume for all requiring ready access to chemical and physical data used in laboratory work and manufacturing, with an appendix of mathematical tables and formulas by Richard Stevens Burington, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Case School of Applied Science.

This is the second edition, revised and enlarged, published by Handbook Publishers, Inc., Sandusky, Ohio. It contains 1800 pages including 250 pages of mathematical data and tables. The book is bound in fabri-coid and the price is \$6.00. The extensive index indicates the comprehensive contents of 2500 listings covering 29 pages.

Among outstanding new features are the handling of hazardous chemicals; changes in atomic weights; organic reagents for inorganic analysis; laboratory solutions and special reagents for the industries. Favorable reviews have appeared in the publications of the latter.

Gould's Pocket Pronouncing Medical Dictionary. Tenth Edition. There are 40,000 words defined and pronounced in this Dictionary. In other words it is a Medical Dictionary in condensed form published by P. Blakiston's Son & Co., Inc., Philadelphia, Pa. To a large extent it provides the needs of the pharmacists, physicians, nurses, dentists and students. The issue has been revised up-to-date and a long list of dose tables has been included. The size of the book makes it possible to carry it in the pocket. The Dictionary has a flexible cover; the price of which is \$2.00, and with the thumb index, \$2.50.

Underhill. *Toxicology*, Third Edition. The Effects of Poisons. 325 pages. Washable cloth, \$2.50. By FRANK P. UNDERHILL,