

Of General Interest

The Journal of the American Medical Association contains in its issue of February 27, an interesting article upon Hall's Antidote for Arsenic, a description of which was published in the February issue of the Journal.

The article is by Dr. Henry G. Barbour, Assistant Professor of Pharmacology at the Yale University of Medicine.

The results of his investigations are summed up in the concluding paragraph of his article as follows:

"The foregoing results indicate the apparent futility of parenteral treatment of corrosive sublimate poisoning by such a good precipitant of mercury as Hall's solution. As an adjunct to stomach washing it will quite possibly be found equal in value to tannic acid, white of eggs, or milk, etc., which are now employed."

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Frank G. Ryan, president of Parke, Davis & Co., is recovering from a painful injury to his right foot which was inflicted as he was getting off a street car in Detroit, Saturday evening, February 13. While trying to avoid stepping into a puddle of water beside the car track, as he left the rear platform of the car, Mr. Ryan slipped and fell, with the weight of his body upon his foot. He was taken to Harper's Hospital in Detroit, where it was said that he had broken the bones in his foot in two places. He is now resting comfortably, but it is feared that it will be some time before he has recovered entirely from the fracture.

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DRUGGIST'S SUPPLY CORPORATION.

The first convention of this body was held on Monday, February 15, continuing through the week.

This organization, composed of forty-seven wholesale drug houses, made a display of the output of manufacturers of druggists' sundries at its show-room at 181 William street, which was of much interest.

The officers of the corporation are:— President, Dr. William Jay Schieffelin; First Vice-President, Charles Gibson; Sec-

ond Vice-President, Clayton French; Treasurer, William P. Ritchey; Secretary, Francis E. Holliday; General Manager, William L. Martin. The Executive Committee consists of Messrs. Gibson, Ritchey, Holliday, Albert Plaut, and Dr. Schieffelin.

At the luncheon on Friday, interesting addresses on the activities and purposes of the syndicate were made by the president, Dr. William Jay Schieffelin, of Schieffelin & Co., New York City; L. R. Kauffman, of the Kauffman-Lattimer Co., Columbus, Ohio; S. A. Foot, of Lehn & Fink, New York; E. T. Faxon, of the Faxon & Gallagher Drug Co., Kansas City, Mo.; W. T. Carver, of Farrand, Williams and Clark, Detroit, Mich.; Francis E. Holliday, general representative of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association and William L. Martin, general manager of the syndicate.

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Prof. C. H. La Wall, a member of the faculty of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and chemist for the Pennsylvania Dairy and Food Commission, while exercising in the Philadelphia Gymnasium about two weeks ago, broke a tendon in his left leg, which accident has caused him to confine himself to the house for some time.

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EARLY CLOSING IN AUSTRALIA.

According to the Australia Journal of Pharmacy, early closing in that Dominion is accomplished by governmental regulation, upon the petition of the majority of the shop-keepers, under a recently passed amendment to the Factories and Shops Act. The first regulation in regard to this matter was issued on the sixth day of January last, and is as follows:

"The Executive Council Chamber Melbourne.

"Under the powers conferred by the Factories and Shops Acts, His Excellency the Governor of the State of Victoria, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, upon a petition certified by the acting municipal clerk of the municipal district of the Shire of Mildura, as signed by a majority of all shop-keepers (exclusive of hawkers and pedlers) of the particular class or kind to be affected, doth hereby make the following regulation, that is to say:

"All Chemists' shops (being shops of a class or kind mentioned in the Fourth Schedule to the Factories and Shops Act

1912, No. 2386) in the township of Mildura within the municipal district of the Shire of Mildura, shall be closed in each and every week during the whole of each year on the evenings of Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from the hour of eight o'clock, on the evening of Friday from the hour of ten o'clock, and on the afternoon of Saturday from the hour of one o'clock, and allowing such shops to re-open on the evening of Saturday in each and every week from the hour of seven o'clock until the hour of eight o'clock.

"And the Honorable Sir Alexander James Peacock, His Majesty's Minister of Labour for the State of Victoria, shall give the necessary directions herein accordingly."

F. W. MABBOTT,

Clerk of the Executive Council.



THE EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE AMERICAN DRUGGISTS'
FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

At the eighth annual meeting of The A. D. F. I. Co., held at Cincinnati, February 9-10, the following directors were elected:

Chas. H. Avery, Chicago, Ill., L. G. Heinritz, Holyoke, Mass., James H. Beal, Urbana, Ill., W. S. Elkins, Jr., Atlanta, Ga., Wm. C. Anderson, Brooklyn, N. Y., G. O. Young, Buckhannon, W. Va., A. O. Zwick, Cincinnati, O., Lewis C. Hopp, Cleveland, O., Simon N. Jones, Louisville, Ky., John D. Muir, Grand Rapids, Mich., Walter Rothwell, Hatboro, Pa., Geo. B. Kauffman, Columbus, O., M. S. Kahn, Baltimore, Md., E. B. Heimstreet, Palmyra, Wis., and Frank H. Freericks, Cincinnati, O.

The Board of Directors elected the following officers:

Chas. H. Avery, President; L. G. Heinritz, Vice-President; Frank H. Freericks, Secretary and General Counsel; Geo. B. Kauffman, Treasurer; Executive Committee: Chas. H. Avery, L. G. Heinritz, Walter Rothwell, A. O. Zwick, J. H. Beal, Geo. B. Kauffman and Frank H. Freericks.

The year 1914 was the most successful one in the history of the Company. During the year it wrote \$14,785,282 of insurance at a premium of \$150,827.66. The gross savings in premiums made and retained by its policyholders during the year on the business written amounted to \$50,275.88. The gross savings in premiums which the Company has made for its policyholders since it commenced business amount to \$213,035.64. During the year the company had

160 fire losses amounting to a total of \$41,120.64. The total expenses for the year, inclusive of adjustment expense, amounted to \$48,649.90. The Re-Insurance Reserve or Uncarned Premiums of the Company on the business of the year amount to \$65,568.50.

The Board of Directors declared a 9% dividend, payable on March 1, 1915.

On January 1, 1915, the total assets of the Company were \$385,350.99, of which \$343,564.30 was represented by Government, County and Municipal bonds.

The total liabilities of the Company, not including Re-Insurance Reserve, were \$9,528.75. After deducting the Re-Insurance Reserve of \$65,568.50, and the value of furniture of \$716.40, the net surplus of the company as to its policyholders amounts to \$309,537.34.

The Board of Directors ordered that the Company, which is now doing business in 31 states, should during the year enter four or five additional states. It gave serious consideration to a possible further reduction in premium rate to the policyholders, and ordered a complete survey of the Company's business with a view of taking action at the next Annual Meeting. The Company, which now has entered the ninth year of its career, looks forward to a most substantial increase in its business for the year and feels reasonably certain that in its tenth year the annual business of the Company will be in excess of \$20,000,000, at a premium in excess of \$200,000. A saving to its policyholders in one year of over \$50,000 in their premium outlays proves the splendid service rendered to the drug trade of the country by those who organized and capitalized The American Druggists' Fire Insurance Company.

NECROLOGY.

THOMAS KNOEBEL.

Thomas Knoebel, of East St. Louis, Ill. was born at Belleville, Ill. on August 30, 1859 and died at his home in East St. Louis on January 3, 1915.

Mr. Knoebel received his early education in the public schools of his native city, graduating from the high school in 1876. He then accepted a position with Adolph Finke, of East St. Louis, and entered the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated in 1880. In 1881, he

bought the store of his employer and later moved his place of business to 209 Collinsville avenue, East St. Louis, where he remained until his demise.

He became a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1892 and took a deep interest in its work. He was one time president of the Illinois Pharmaceutical Association and an earnest worker in the promotion of state pharmaceutical legislation in Illinois. He was particularly active in matters of public education, being president of the local Board of Education. He took a deep interest in the education of the poor and lowly, and through his efforts a consolidation of the various school districts of his city was effected, so that all classes, poor and rich alike, were given the equal educational advantages. He was prominent in civic life, being selected at one time as a candidate for the mayoralty of his city.

Aside from his public and business life, there was another phase of his character that endeared him to all who knew him—his kindness to the poor; and his advice to those in distress, and his even temperament, were the complement of the life of his inner home, that was a model in its best and truest sense.

On March 29, 1883, he was married to Miss Minnie D. Eslaman, who with his son, Percy T. survives him.

As expressed by his intimate friend, Hon. W. J. Perrin, "He belonged to no particular organization and was of no particular creed, but better than all he had the highest religion—that of humanity. The highest hope—that of ultimate perfection. His creed was optimism and his rule was patience and perseverance. As one who knew him for forty years I render every tribute willingly, but I know of no tribute higher or loftier than to say that he was in every sense faithful to his trust."

J. W. E.



Joseph Alexander Velsor, President of the firm of Peek and Velsor, New York City died on February 15 at his home 105 McDonough St., Brooklyn, of oedema of the lungs, at the age of eighty-five years.

Mr. Velsor was a cousin of the celebrated poet Walt Whitman. Funeral services were

held at his residence, on Wednesday, February 17.

Mr. Velsor was a member of the A. Ph. A. and of the National Wholesale Druggist's Association and held membership in several social clubs of Brooklyn and New York.

He was also a life-member of the Y. M. C. A. of Brooklyn and a Free Mason. He leaves behind him to mourn his loss, a wife and two children, Joseph H. Velsor and Mrs. Frederick Smith.

Letters to the Editor

Editor The Journal of the American Pharmaceutical Association, Columbus, Ohio.

February, 24, 1915.

Dear Sir: It may be of interest to you to know that the Executive Committee of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy will meet at Washington, D. C., (Hotel Raleigh), March 16-20.

Now, as Bert Taylor of the Chicago Tribune might say, notice of "Committee Meetings" is "Zero," in news. However, I believe the coming meeting has more than the usual significance. Big things are growing out of the work being carried on by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. Especially the work covered by the Advisory Examination Committee of the Association. Not the least of these is the tendency for the Schools and Boards to "get together" on the scope and character of courses of studies and examinations.

A joint session of the Boards and the Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties has been listed on the programs of the respective conventions, each year. It has usually been a "tailender," wholly informal in character, without any definite object or program, and as is usual in such cases, without much result.

Now it is proposed to change all this. At the Detroit Convention last year, committees were appointed by both the Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties and the Boards. These committees to work jointly and to arrange a definite and vigorous program in order that Boards and Colleges might derive maximum benefits from the meeting. Representatives of these committees will meet jointly with the Executive Committee of the N. A. B. P. at its Washington meeting to arrange for definite work to be taken up by the joint meeting of the Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties and Boards, to be held during the coming convention at San Francisco, in August. It is proposed to make this meeting something more than a