

DR. PAUL EHRLICH.

The rank of Dr. Paul Ehrlich will be undisputed by physicians and the laity, and pharmacy willingly accords him honor for establishing chemotherapy.

The side chain theory offers an explanation of the chemical production of antitoxins, and hence the phenomena of immunity to disease.

Ehrlich discovered the parasite "spirochaete pallida" while experimenting with dyestuff on the different tissues of the body and after many failures, indicated by the number given to Salvarsan, found the specific which, even without his many other discoveries, entitles him to highest distinction.

Dr. Ehrlich died August 20 at the age of sixty; as we count time, a comparatively short life, but in achievement and usefulness his months had the value of years. E. G. E.



DR. CHARLES J. FINLAY.

Pharmacy honors the memory of Dr. Charles J. Finlay, and the United States and the world have profited, in conservation of life and time, by values that cannot be estimated. Others of course contributed by sacrifice and application to the potential discovery of the transmission of yellow fever, but the demonstration of Dr. Findlay's theory vanquished the "terror of the tropics" and connected the "great oceans."

Dr. Finlay, aged 81, accompanied Dr. Ehrlich, August 20, to the place of rest, from where we hope they may observe the results of their labors and fortunate discoveries and be gratified by the world's beneficial application of them. E. G. E.

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JOHN ROEMER.

John Roemer, President of the New York Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association, was born in New York in 1873 and died in the White Plains Hospital, White Plains, N. Y., on August 20, 1915, following an operation for gall-stones.

Mr. Roemer received his early education in the public schools of New York and was graduated from the New York College of Pharmacy on reaching his majority. After taking a post graduate course in Columbia

University, he engaged in the practice of pharmacy in New York for six years. He then removed to White Plains where he soon established an enviable reputation for the excellence of his prescription work.

The nostrum had no place on his shelves. It was largely through his activity, and that of his friend, John McCullough, of White Plains, that the Westchester County Pharmaceutical Association became one of the strongest of local organizations. Mr. Roemer was elected president of this organization and was thereafter re-elected for three terms. He became particularly interested in propaganda work for ethical pharmacy, and was made Chairman of the Propaganda Committee of the New York State Pharmaceutical Association, serving as such until one year ago.

He became a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1910, and in 1914 he was elected to the presidency of the New York Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association. He became widely known as a staunch advocate of ethical pharmacy, and there was scarcely any line of pharmaceutical activity with which he has not been identified during the past score of years. It is stated of him that "Many of the theories and policies which Mr. Roemer advocated several years ago have since been followed with incalculable benefit to the profession at large. Of poetic mien and a constant theorizer, he had his practical side, and most of his suggestions and recommendations for the good of pharmacy had a sound foundation on common sense and practicability."

Mr. Roemer had strong civic pride. He was prominent in the politics of his city and county. He was a member of the Board of Water Commissioners of White Plains. He was a charter member of White Plains Council, Royal Arcanum, and an active member of the Business and Professional Men's Association of White Plains. He was also a member of the Faculty of the Jersey City College of Pharmacy. Although never elected to office in the national pharmaceutical organization he served on a number of committees.

Among his contributions to the literature of pharmacy which he furnished in recent years may be mentioned a paper which was published in the August (1915) issue of the "Journal of the American Pharmaceutical Association" entitled "The Science of Phe-

nomena," read before the New York Branch. In this article, he advanced a new theory of pharmacodynamics, which related to the science of phenomena, as applied to drugs, basing the action of such on the energy within the atoms and molecules, which through the electro-motive forces of the body in reaction, is transformed into kinetic energy, resulting in the phenomena of drug action.

Among his other recent contributions were: "Non-Official Medicaments" (Journal A. Ph. A., 1914, 259), "Pharmacy of Oxy-cholesterin" (Jour. A. Ph. A., 1913, 9), and "Uniformity in Drug Standards and Uniform Requirements in Dispensing" (Jour. A. Ph. A., 1913, 625). The Journal is in receipt from him of a paper on "Solutions" written only one week before his death, which is published in this issue.

The funeral services of Mr. Roemer were held at his late residence on August 22, 1915.

He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Eve Haffner and two daughters, Gertrude and Maxine.

J. W. E.



JAMES O'HARE.

Dr. James O'Hare, whose death occurred recently, was one of the leading pharmacists of Rhode Island. He was born in Providence and received his schooling in that city. His apprenticeship was served with H. I. Leith and he entered business as a proprietor at the junction of Benefit and North Main Streets. A few years ago he added another store, also on North Main Street, and his ability as a business man was well displayed in the success of these stores.

Dr. O'Hare was a member of the Rhode Island Pharmaceutical Association, of which he was President, in 1891 and 1892, of the American Pharmaceutical Association, the N. A. R. D., the New England Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association, and of the Rhode Island State Board of Health. He was the organizer of the Buying Club, known as the Providence Wholesale Drug Company. In all these organizations he was an active and progressive member, occupying positions of trust and responsibility.

There has been no pharmaceutical legislation enacted in the last twenty years in Rhode Island without Dr. O'Hare's active participation. He possessed, to use a colloquialism, "a nose" for legislation in any way adverse to pharmaceutical interests, and

many bills, through his efforts, have either died in committee or been greatly modified before passage.

He was the author of the Rhode Island Poison Law, the Rhode Island Food and Drug Law, which at the time of its passage was pronounced the best in the country, and of the Educational Requirement Act. The latter was the first of its kind in the country, and requires a college of pharmacy education of all who contemplate having a drug business of their own. He was the most active worker in securing the charter for the Rhode Island College of Pharmacy, and in the work attending its establishment and maintenance up to the present time. He was its president, and the teaching force and student body alike keenly feel his loss.

In recognition of his professional ability, the Board of Trustees of the College in 1912 conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Pharmacy.

The review of his work as a business man, or as a professional man, reveals always the scientific man, and in this State he stood in the forefront of his calling.

J. W. E.

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