

OBITUARY

GEORGE MCKENZIE SUTHERLAND.

The death of George M. Sutherland, member of the California State Board of Pharmacy, is reported. We have not been given further information, but from the records we have Mr. Sutherland was born in San Francisco and was active as a pharmacist in San Francisco and Los Angeles for many years. During his earlier years of service as pharmacist, he was manager at Lingfeld's, Dugan's and other well-known pharmacies and was considered an expert prescriptionist. In 1907, Mr. Sutherland located in Alameda where he conducted the Sutherland Pharmacy. He was appointed to the California State Board of Pharmacy by Governor Pardee in 1905 and reappointed by Governor Gillette. He was president of the Board for two terms and also served as chairman of its Finance Committee. Mr. Sutherland joined the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1909. He leaves a wife and a son.

E. S. MCKEE.

Edward Sidney McKee was born January 6, 1858, on a farm near Seven Mile, Ohio, about five miles from Hamilton. He was the youngest of thirteen children. His father and mother were of Scotch-Irish ancestry, living in the neighborhood of Cynthiana, Kentucky, until their removal to Ohio in 1845. Three of the doctor's great-grandfathers fought in the campaign of King's Mountain, the campaign that prevented the British forces from going to the assistance of Cornwallis, thereby hastening his surrender.

Dr. McKee's early life was spent on the farm and in attending country school. On completing his college course at Monmouth College, Illinois, he took up the study of medicine at the Medical College of Ohio, Cincinnati, O. Upon his graduation in 1880, he went abroad and served as an interne in the hospitals of London, Paris and Vienna for a year and a half. In the Spring of 1882, he returned to this country and began the practice of medicine in Cincinnati. On November 16 of that year he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Louise McClintock, of Collinsville, Ohio. Dr. McKee was reared in the United Presbyterian Church, but while living in Cincinnati held his church membership in the Second Presbyterian Church and later in the Walnut Hills Presbyterian Church.

Dr. McKee was never strong or rugged, and

in the earlier years of his practice had to give up writing for medical magazines because of the effect on his health and the injury to his eyes. The last four years of his life he suffered from a nervous breakdown, and spent two years in traveling around the world. Because of the prospect of blindness in the near future, he planned to go to South America as his last trip. He left Cincinnati August 1, spending some time in the South, then in Cuba, Panama and Ecuador. He was ill when he reached Quito, October 6, and through the kindness of the United States Minister to Quito, was removed to a hospital, where he died October 20. The official report of his death stated as the cause "acute psychosis, and congestion of the lungs."

Dr. McKee's body was immediately shipped to his old home, the interment taking place November 18, in Greenwood Cemetery, Hamilton, Ohio, where all of his family are buried.

CHAS. A. APMEYER.

LINUS DANA DRURY.

Linus D. Drury, one of the older pharmacists of Boston, passed away after an illness of several months at his home in Roxbury, Mass., November 28, 1916. The funeral services were held at the Dudley Street Baptist Church and was largely attended by relatives, friends, and the representatives of societies and associations of which the deceased was a member.

Mr. Drury was born in Athol, July, 1850. He received his early education in his home town and thereafter entered the employ of J. H. Dyer. After graduating from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in 1871, Mr. Drury accepted a position with Joseph T. Brown, in the store where the late Prof. Geo. F. G. Markoe was for a time engaged. When the latter opened a store in Roxbury, Mr. Drury became manager of the business and later proprietor. A few years ago the firm was incorporated as the Linus D. Drury Corporation in which the deceased remained active.

Mr. Drury was a life member of the American Pharmaceutical Association, which he joined in 1871. He attended a number of the annual meetings, the last one in Denver, 1912. Mr. Drury was active in the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, having served as trustee, president, vice-president, and auditor. He was a member of the Massachusetts State

Pharmaceutical Association and Boston Druggists' Association. Mr. Drury was prominent in the Masonic Order.

Mrs. Drury, Isadora York, survives him, and a son, Dana W. Drury, a prominent physician of Boston.

The deceased possessed a genial, sunny disposition, a character above reproach, esteemed by all who knew him and will be greatly missed in the community where he so long resided.

JOHN G. GODDING.

SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES

ANNUAL MEETING OF OFFICIAL AGRICULTURAL CHEMISTS.

The thirty-third annual convention of the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists was held in Washington at the New Willard Hotel, November 20-22. About 200 chemists from all parts of the country attended the sessions. The association heard many reports of referees on official methods of analyses for the use of the Federal and State officials, whose duty it is to enforce such laws as the pure food law, the feeding law and the insecticide and fertilizer laws.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley reviewed the history of the organization.

The report of the committee on the revision of methods of analysis announced the revision will be published in book form during the year. This is the first complete revision of the methods of analysis in ten years.

Dr. C. L. Alsberg, secretary, made a report on the financial condition of the association's official journal, showing it to be in good condition and paying expenses.

Dr. William Frear, chairman of the Food Standards Committee, presented his report as the representative of the association upon the Committee on Definitions of Standards.

The revised list of referees appointed for the ensuing year to deal with products assigned and having relation to pharmacy follows:

Phosphoric acid, W. J. Jones and E. C. Shorey will co-operate on boric slag.

Nitrogen, H. D. Haskins.

Special study of Kjeldahl method, A. L. Phelps, associate referee.

The microscope as an aid to analysis, B. J. Howard.

Drugs, W. O. Emery.

Medicinal plants, A. Viehoever.

Alkaloids, H. C. Fuller.

Synthetic products, H. W. Wright.

Medicated soft drinks, P. J. Hubbard.

Balsams and gum resins, L. M. Merrill.

Enzymes, V. K. Chestnut.

Testing chemical reagents, C. O. Ewing.

THE METRIC CONFERENCE.

A meeting of the Metric Conference is to be held in New York City during the last week of this month. The conference will begin its work in an open meeting with the Section on Social and Economic Science of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, under the direction of its retiring Chairman, Dr. George F. Kunz, at which time, prominent speakers will point out the desirability of the United States becoming a metric country.

Dr. H. V. Army is chairman of the Metric Committee of the American Chemical Society, Caswell A. Mayo is one of the representatives of the American Pharmaceutical Association. Quite a number of national trade and scientific associations will participate.

ILLINOIS PHARMACISTS MEET TO DISCUSS LEGISLATION AND OTHER MATTERS OF PHARMACEUTICAL INTEREST.

Prominent pharmacists of Illinois met November 20, in Chicago, to discuss legislative matters and also the cultivation of drugs in Illinois.

The proposed amendments to the pharmacy law were considered. These are to prevent the distribution of dangerous drugs by unlicensed peddlers and one increasing the educational qualifications required by the State law for the admission to practice pharmacy. Resolutions were adopted favoring the necessary amendments of the State laws in these matters.

The plan to test the drug growing strength of Illinois was announced by Prof. W. B. Day, dean of the School of Pharmacy.

"Already we have had some success raising belladonna," said the dean. "Mrs. Helen D. Duesner, of Batavia, raised two acres of belladonna last year and made \$1500 profit. Our students are going to make similar experiments and we are going to try to interest farmers."