

OBITUARY.

ALBERT M. ROEHRIG.

Albert M. Roehrig, for forty-one years in the service, died of apoplexy August 11, while on duty at the United States Marine Hospital, Savannah, Ga. He was the ranking pharmacist, having entered the service nearly forty-one years ago. During this period he was stationed at Staten Island, Ellis Island, Boston, St. Louis, San Francisco, Buffalo and Savannah, coming to the latter station about two years ago.

Mr. Roehrig graduated from the St. Louis College of Pharmacy in 1888, and was class-president. He joined the American Phar-



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maceutical Association in 1902, and frequently, since that time, was representative of the Service. He seldom missed a meeting and took an active interest in Association affairs.

He joined the Masonic Order many years ago, and though his work compelled frequent changes he was elected Master of Klopstock Lodge, Staten Island. He was a Knight Templar and belonged to the Scottish Rite, and also to the Shrine. He was a life member of Hugh du Payne Commandery of Buffalo and received Templar burial by Palestine Commandery of Savannah at the request of the former. Mr. Roehrig made friends wherever he was stationed, and likewise in the

Association. Mrs. Roehrig frequently accompanied her husband to the annual conventions; she now resides in Baltimore. Mr. Roehrig was 61 years of age.

RICHARD C. STOFER.

Richard C. Stofer, for fourteen years president of the Norwich Pharmacal Co., died after an illness of two months at the Norwich Memorial Hospital, September 10, 1920.

Mr. Stofer was born September 11, 1862, in Wilmington, Del., and was educated in Philadelphia. In 1882 he entered the employ of Keasby & Mattison Co., leaving them in 1892 to become superintendent and chief chemist of the Norwich Pharmacal Co. Later on he was made vice-president, and in 1906 president, a position he held with honor to his company, and credit to himself, until his death.

In local civic and philanthropic movements he occupied a prominent place, serving from time to time as president or director of many organizations. He was also active in church and Masonic circles, a member of the American Chemical Society and of the American Pharmaceutical Association. In the broader walks of pharmaceutical life he was a figure of national prominence, filling, among many other offices, the dual rôle of president for two years of the American Drug Manufacturers' Association, and as president of Associated Industries of New York State.

Among the lesser offices to which he gave much of his energy and wisdom during the past few trying years, have been director and vice-president of the National Association of Manufacturers of Medicinal Products, director of the State Industrial Safety Council, member of the Advisory Council of the State Industrial Commission, member of the Council of National Defense, national counselor to the United States Chamber of Commerce, etc.

He was always prominent in advancing uniform and just national drug legislation. His natural qualifications fitted him to become a leader in the industrial world, and his close study of conditions, his sympathetic comprehension of the other man's viewpoint, his unfailing geniality and his democratic, unassuming ways earned for him the respect and good-will of leaders in industry everywhere.

By his own efforts he climbed to the pinnacle of his life's ambition, not only occupying a commanding position in the pharmaceutical world, but what was, to him, of far greater

importance—enjoying the respect, confidence and esteem of a nation-wide circle of warm friends.

Mr. Stofer is survived by his wife and two children, a daughter, Helen, and a son, Dr. M. W. Stofer, who is medical director of the company to which his father gave the best years of his life.

MAX J. BREITENBACH.

Max J. Breitenbach, president of Max J. Breitenbach Co., New York City, died at his summer home at Larchmont, N. Y., September 5. He was sixty-four years old. Two children, Julius and Mollie Breitenbach, and his wife, Jennie M. Breitenbach, survive him.

Mr. Breitenbach was closely identified with the drug trade throughout his life. His first business venture was in the retail drug trade. About 1885 he bought a drug store at 61 Bowery. Business flourished and he later added another store, this time at 591 Madison Avenue. The store still retains its name but long since has passed out of control of Mr. Breitenbach.

After graduating from the Newark High School, he entered the New York College of Pharmacy, Columbia University, from which institution he graduated with honors. Throughout his life he retained a real affection for his alma mater and served on the Board of Trustees for many years. The Max J. Breitenbach prize testified to his devotion.

The trustees of the New York College of Pharmacy, the Drug Trade Section of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation, the Proprietary Association of America, the pharmaceutical press—all were represented at the funeral.

Affairs of the company's business will continue in the hands of Emil Franke, for years Mr. Breitenbach's confidential man, and B. H. Ehrlich. The deceased was a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association and at the New York meeting took an active part in the entertainment of the visitors.

CHARLES ALBERT WEST.

Charles Albert West, vice-president of the Eastern Drug Co., Boston, Mass., and a prominent figure in the wholesale drug business, died Tuesday, September 28.

Mr. West was born in Boston on April 4, 1850, a descendant of Governor Thomas

Dudley of Massachusetts. He attended the Chapman Grammar School, East Boston, and the Boston English High School, from which he was graduated in 1865.

On January 1, 1867, he entered the employ, as an office boy, of the wholesale drug firm of Reed, Cutler & Co. After a service of twenty years in positions of advancing responsibilities, he formed a partnership with Richard Jenney, Jr. On January 1, 1900, the Eastern Drug Co. was organized, this being a consolidation of West & Jenney, George C. Goodwin & Co., and Cutler Bros. & Co. Upon the formation of the Eastern Drug Co. Mr. West was elected its vice-president, which position he occupied continuously up to the time of his death. He was also president of the American Camphor Refining Co.

In the affairs of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association Mr. West was always a prominent figure, being elected as its president in 1916. He was a regular attendant at the meetings of the N. W. D. A., and while he served on many committees, his most important work of the association was that connected with legislative matters.

Mr. West was a member of various societies and organizations, and some years ago head of the Boston Druggists' Association and a trustee of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. He joined the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1892. He is survived by Mrs. West and one daughter, Mrs. Herbert L. Felton.

JOHN T. BENEDICT.

As we go to press, Robert F. Grace, chairman for Louisiana of the A. Ph. A. Membership Committee, advises us of the death, on September 22, of pharmacist John T. Benedict, of New Orleans. He was a loyal member of various druggists' associations.

RUDOLPH WIRTH.

Rudolph Wirth, secretary of E. Fougere & Co., Inc., died September 10, after forty-six years of business life with the firm mentioned. He was affiliated with the various Masonic bodies of New York City, a member of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Sphinx Club and the Press Club. Mrs. Wirth survives the deceased.