

Obituaries and Memorials

Persons having information of the death of members of the A. Ph. A. are requested to send the same promptly to J. W. England, 415 N. 33d St., Philadelphia, Pa. Information as to the age, activities in pharmacy, family, etc., of the deceased should be as complete as possible. When convenient a cabinet photograph should accompany data.

GUSTAVUS RAMSPERGER.

Gustavus Ramsperger, the dean of German pharmacists in this country, is at rest, after a life full of years of usefulness and honor. He met his death by falling from the window of his apartment in Central Park West in New York, on May 6th.

Mr. Ramsperger was born in Germany in 1834, and was educated as a pharmacist at the University of Tubingen. He came to this country in 1851, and purchased the drug store at 62 Oliver street, which he had for sixteen years. In 1867 he became a partner in the Faber-Balluff store at the corner of Thirty-eighth street and Sixth avenue, and in 1873, sold out his interest, and in 1875 re-entered the business in Brooklyn; and in 1884 sold this store to his nephew. Since then he has not been actively identified with business, but has traveled widely.

Mr. Ramsperger founded the German Apothecaries Society of New York sixty years ago, and was honorary vice-president of it at the time of his death; and was, also, honorary vice-president of the New York College of Pharmacy, of which he was one of the founders. He was a life member of the American Pharmaceutical Association, which he joined in 1860.

He was unusually well-informed in matters pharmaceutical, and took a deep interest in the New York College of Pharmacy, in the German Apothecaries Society, and in the New York Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

Genial in temperament and kindly in disposition, his pleasing personality and sterling character won the love and respect of a wide circle of friends and associates.

He leaves a son and a daughter, the wife of Otto P. Amend.

J. W. E.

F. Henry Parker, of Burlington, Vt., died on March 10, 1912, aged fifty-three years. He joined the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1909.—J. W. E.

Herschell Boynton, of Biddleford, Me., died on March 20, 1912, aged sixty-three years. He has been a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association for thirty-seven years.—J. W. E.

Proceedings of the Local Branches

"All papers presented to the Association and its branches shall become the property of the Association, with the understanding that they are not to be published in any other publication than those of the Association, except by consent of the Committee on Publication."—Resolution adopted at the Boston Convention, 1911.

Reports of the meetings of the Local Branches should be mailed to the editor on the day following the meeting, if possible. Minutes should be *plainly* written, or type-written, with wide spaces between the lines. Care should be taken to give proper names correctly, and manuscript should be signed by the reporter.

PITTSBURGH BRANCH.

The last meeting of the Pittsburgh Branch for the 1911-12 course took place Friday evening, May 10. It proved to be of unusual interest and value, and if the proceedings could have been listened to and participated in by each proprietor of a pharmacy in this district they would have been of great help to all in the conduct of their respective stores. Among the subjects covered were the duty of the druggist under the law with reference to the dispensing of poisons; the propriety of and the duty of a dispenser in the refilling of habit-forming drugs; the handling of intoxicants and sales of alcohol; the duty of the relief clerk concerning the display of his registration certificate; the attitude of the honest pharmacist toward fake proprietaries, both in his sales and his prescription department; the wisdom of preparing our own U. S. P. and N. F. preparations, from the economical as well as truthfulness-to-formula standpoint; all of the utmost value in their commercial bearing. The retail druggist who fails to