

The February *Tile and Till* contains the "Spring Ode" included in the address by Merle Thorpe, editor of the *Nation's Business*, before the Section on Commercial Interests, A. Ph. A., in Washington. Kipling's "Our Fathers of Old," is printed in the *American Journal of Pharmacy* for March, as part of the address of Ex-President Charles H. LaWall, A. Ph. A.

Prize winners in the National Wholesale Druggists' Association's contest among writers of papers on the jobber, and the prizes they

received, were Harry Jerome, \$100; Vernon Driskell, \$50; and Jacques Fontaine, \$25. Honorable mention was made of the papers by Francis J. Smith, Zeb W. Rike, Frank Farrington, Erford L. Bedient, Horace M. Miller, Harold Rising, Leon Allen, John N. Stansfield, Charles Genolin, W. F. Rightor, R. Bartleson, Abe Caruthers, Eliot Church, F. Garrison, Mrs. Ola Genolin, Asher M. Hawk, S. B. Higgins, A. S. Knapp, H. O. Luck, G. A. Sielly and A. D. Watson.

OBITUARY.

WILFRED F. ROOT.

Wilfred F. Root senior member of the drug firm of Wilfred F. Root & Son, Brattleboro, Vt., died February 28, after an operation for cirrhosis of the liver. Mr. Root, who was fifty years of age, and a native of Brattleboro, had been in the drug business there thirty-two years, first as clerk in the George E. Greene store and afterwards as sole owner of the business to which his son, Ralph C. Root, was admitted a few months ago.

The deceased was president of the Vermont Pharmaceutical Association in 1902-3, of which he had been secretary in 1898-1900, and had also been a member and president of the Vermont Board of Pharmacy. He was the first president of the New England Association of Boards of Pharmacy organized at Boston in 1907. Mr. Root joined the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1912.

Mr. Root is survived by his wife, who was Miss Nellie Bond, and by his son.—*The Druggists' Circular*.

ERNEST J. LEDERLE.

Ernest J. Lederle, Health Commissioner of New York City from 1902 to 1904 and from 1910 to 1914, and widely renowned as a chemist and bacteriologist, died March 7 in a sanitarium near Goshen, N. Y. He was 53 years old and was born on Staten Island. He was a graduate of the Columbia University School of Mines.

JACOB HASSLACHER.

Jacob Hasslacher, well known in chemical circles, died at his home, 322 West 100th Street, in the city of New York, on the morning of March 15, in the sixty-ninth year of his age.

Mr. Hasslacher came to New York in 1884, and with Franz Roessler, established the firm of Roessler & Hasslacher, manufacturing and importing chemists, and in 1889 the co-partnership was incorporated under the name of the Roessler & Hasslacher Chemical Co.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON THE PHARMACEUTICAL SYLLABUS.

BULLETIN XXVII.

To the Members of the National Committee on the Pharmaceutical Syllabus:

I hand you herewith the financial statement of the Committee for the period August 8, 1919, to April 21, 1920.

1919		RECEIPTS.	
Aug. 8	Cash on hand.....	\$124.53	
Oct. 13	National Assoc. Boards of Pharmacy.....	25.00	
13	American Conference of Pharm. Faculties.....	25.00	
15	American Pharmaceutical Association.....	25.00	

Sale of 3 copies of the Syllabus.....	3.82
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1919		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Oct. 13	T. J. Bradley, for postage stamps and clerical assistance.....	\$ 15.00	
1920			
Feb. 28	T. J. Bradley, for clerical assistance.....	10.00	
Apr. 21	Cash on hand.....	178.35	
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			\$203.35

I now have on hand about one hundred copies of the Syllabus.

(Signed) CLYDE M. SNOW,
Secretary-Treasurer.
Chicago, April 21, 1921.