

OBITUARY.

HERMANN SCHELENZ.

Born April 9, 1848—Died September 28, 1922.

In the death of our honorary member, Dr. Hermann Schelenz, there passed away the last of the celebrated trio of pharmaceutical historians in Germany, namely, Julius Berendes of Goslar, Hermann Peters of Nurnberg and Hannover, and Hermann Schelenz of Cassel. The last named was born during stormy times when the revolution of '48 shook different parts of Europe and he died during stormy times when the "Vaterland" was trying hard to readjust itself after its defeat and downfall of the Empire. He died at Cassel, where, strange to say, Napoleon III spent his captivity after the surrender of Sedan and which city to-day is occupied by French—in fact, African troops. Indeed a sorrowful fate!

An extensive biography of Schelenz was prepared by the referee and published in *JOURNAL A. PH. A.*, Vol. I, pp. 1317 and 1318, 1912, in connection with his election as honorary member at the Denver Convention in 1912. To this I might add that he has been active literary up to the very last, the and His Knowledge in the Realm of Medicine, etc.), published by Leopold Voss, Leipzig and Hamburg, in 1914. This first part of his Shakespeare studies was to be followed by others, but the necessary funds for publication could not be secured.



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Schelenz was thankful for his election as honorary member of the A. Ph. A., as can be seen from his letter of acknowledgment in Vol. I, p. 1448. Receiving the *JOURNAL* regularly he abstracted many articles and published them in different pharmaceutical and chemical journals in Germany and Austria, always giving due credit to the *JOURNAL OF THE A. PH. A.* At the New Orleans Convention in 1921 he contributed a paper, "History of Emulsions,"* to the Section on Historical Pharmacy. In one of his last letters to the referee he expressed his sorrow that owing to circumstances and the low valuta he was unable to contribute to the subscription of the A. Ph. A. Headquarters Building Fund.

Hermann Schelenz has passed away, but his name will continue to live in the history of pharmacy as the author of that master work of nearly a thousand pages, the compilation of which occupied ten years of his life, "Geschichte der Pharmazie," published by Julius Springer, Berlin, 1904. The book will remain his everlasting monument, better than granite or bronze. "Requiescat in Pace."

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* To be published, is now being translated.