

OBITUARY.

CHARLES ASCAU APMEYER.

Charles A. Apmeyer, who died October 29, at his residence on East Auburn Avenue after a long illness, at the age of 58, was one of the best known pharmacists in Cincinnati. Mr. Apmeyer was born in Hamburg, Germany, and came to Cincinnati at the age of fifteen and entered the employ of the Overcamp's Drug Store in the West End. He graduated from the Cincinnati College of Pharmacy and served as professor of practical pharmacy in that college for twenty-five years. For more than seventeen years he was professor of general and inorganic chemistry in the Eclectic Medical College. He published a series of papers on analytical chemistry in the *Eclectic Medical Journal*, and also published articles on pharmacy in the *JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION*. In 1892 he opened a pharmacy at Corry and Vine Sts., and has conducted a store at various locations since that time, having been for the past eleven years at Vine and Auburn Avenues. He was a member of the Ohio Valley Druggists' Association and the American Pharmaceutical Association. He affiliated with the latter organization in 1906 and was for a number of years secretary of the Cincinnati Branch. In 1893 Mr. Apmeyer was married to Miss May Maurer of North Bend, Ohio, who survives him. He leaves no children.—CASWELL A. MAYO.

DEATH OF CHARLES P. STEINMETZ.

Work in which the sciences are concerned almost invariably, if not always, has some relation to pharmacy. On October 25th, scientists announced successful experiments carried on by the Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing Company, in collaboration with Columbia University, which demonstrated that with electric light one-fourth the potency of the sun's rays, plants may be matured in considerably less time than normally transpires. This may eventually have a part in drug plant growing or in developing plants for medicinal constituents.

Such reference is probably unnecessary for making a record in this publication of the passing of the wizard of electrical production and control. His work is an outstanding contribution to science—he devoted himself to it with a positive creative force and he became the leader in research in the lines of his investigations. The name of Charles Proteus Steinmetz will not be forgotten. He was the author of ten or more books, authorities on the subjects treated; was professor of electrical engineering and electrophysics in Union College; for a time president of the Board of Education of Schenectady and also served as president of the Common Council of that city.

SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

EXPRESSIONS RELATIVE TO RESULTS ACCOMPLISHED IN ASHEVILLE.

Most of those who have given expression relative to the work accomplished at the Asheville meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association mention among the outstanding accomplishments the putting into effect of the reorganization plan and the progress made in creating real interest for the permanent headquarters. Most of the resolutions adopted have been favorably commented on, and also the undivided attendance and interest of members in the proceedings. All have praise for the Local Secretary and the committees for the successful management of the meeting and entertainments, and were charmed by the wonderful scenery. From these viewpoints that of the individuals branches out to those in which they are most

concerned. Some dwell on papers, others on the successful programs of sections and the progress made toward standardizing schools, the action of the Research Conference, the meetings of the A. C. P. F. and of the N. A. B. P. "Organization and coöperation were words generously employed and the desire to help constantly evidenced." An expression of the latter was emphasized in the meeting of the executive committees of the N. A. R. D. and A. Ph. A.

This is a general comment, largely by reference, and there is no effort made to stress any of the points which have been mentioned, and there were others which will be read in between the lines. A most important result, expressed in the making of the reorganization plan effective, is that of bringing into close affiliation the State Associations. The working of