

## 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

the State Association with and within the American Pharmaceutical Association has greatest significance for American pharmacy; a growing interest and enthusiasm will redound to the benefit of all concerned. The greater number of retail pharmacists should join in this work for greatest accomplishment; therein is the success of the organization.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION HEAD-QUARTERS BUILDING FUND.\*

No.	Previously reported	\$9009.40
187.	John Rettberg, Peoria, Ill., (Paid)	25.00
188.	Louis Pelikan, Chicago, Ill. (Paid \$5)	25.00
189.	Lee M. Pedigo, Chicago, Ill. (Paid \$5)	25.00
190.	Redmond Mayo, Washington, D. C. (2nd subscription)	25.00
191.	Geo. L. Genz, Chicago, Ill. (Paid)	25.00
192.	Indiana Pharm. Assoc., per W. A. Oren, Sec'y.	500.00
193.	Jos. F. Reinhart, Peoria, Ill. (Paid \$5)	25.00
194.	Lyman W. Griffin, Allston, Mass. (Paid)	10.00
195.	Edwin F. Leonard, Springfield, Mass. (Paid)	20.00
196.	P. J. Kolb, Chicago, Ill. (Paid)	10.00
197.	T. S. Wakefield, Oak Park, Ill. (Paid \$5)	25.00
198.	Leon A. Thompson, Boston, Mass. (Paid)	5.00
199.	Alfred A. Burnham, Boston, Mass. (Paid)	10.00
200.	Samuel L. Antonow, Chicago, Ill. (Paid \$100)	500.00
	Total	\$10,239.40

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES IN THIS ISSUE OF THE JOURNAL.

Attention of the delegates to the House of Delegates, A. Ph. A. and secretaries of State Associations is directed to the minutes of the House of Delegates in this number of the JOURNAL. The resolutions adopted at the

\* For other and previous reports see JOURNAL A. PH. A., Volume XI, pp. 392, 644, 872, and in Volume XII, pp. 90, 555, 825, 837, 904, 907 and 909.

Asheville convention are printed in the October issue.

NORTH CAROLINA MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Carolina Journal of Pharmacy, in its current number, lists 130 members of the American Pharmaceutical Association in North Carolina; 94 of these are also members of the State Association.

MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF PHARMACY TO CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL NOVEMBER 15.

The centennial celebration of the organization of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy is to be held on November 14. There will be exercises in George Robert White Hall, at the college, in the afternoon, and a banquet at the Copley-Plaza in the evening. A large attendance of visitors is expected.

OHIO PHARMACISTS AIDED IN DEFEATING TWENTY-ONE BAD BILLS AND PASSING FOUR GOOD ONES.

The legislative committee of Ohio Pharmaceutical Association reported that twenty-one bills before the last session of the State legislature were defeated by the activities of the association, in cooperation with two druggist members of the legislature, and four bills sponsored by the association and its committee were enacted into law. The successful measures improved the State narcotic law, the denatured alcohol law, the pharmacy registration law and the State prohibition law.

TENNESSEE PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION WAS SUCCESSFUL IN AMENDING THE STATE PHARMACY LAW.

A much-needed amendment to the Tennessee pharmacy law was passed by the State Legislature. U. S. Senators Shields and McKellar attended the meeting of Tennessee Pharmaceutical Association.

WASHINGTON STATE PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION WILL EMPLOY FULL-TIME SECRETARY.

As reported in the minutes of the House of Delegates, in this issue of the JOURNAL, Washington pharmacists contemplate employing a full-time secretary and a movement is on foot to strengthen the State Association and extend its service.

## TRI-STATE COUNCIL.

Washington, Oregon and Idaho pharmaceutical associations contemplate a tri-state council, whereby the respective State Associations will work together in common purposes for the advancement of pharmacy.

## NATIONAL WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.

The officers elected at the annual meeting of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association are as follows: *President*—George Barret Moxley, Indianapolis, Ind.; *First Vice-President*—A. H. Van Gorder, Cleveland, Ohio; *Second Vice-President*—O. C. Lang, Houston, Texas; *Third Vice-President*—William Jay Schieffelin, Jr., New York; *Fourth Vice-President*—J. J. McNamara, New Orleans, La.; *Fifth Vice-President*—F. H. Garrett, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

*New Members of Board of Control*.—R. R. Ellis, Memphis, Tenn.; Sewall D. Andrews, Minneapolis, Minn.; Ludwig Schiff, Los Angeles, Cal.; M. E. Sherman, Des Moines, Iowa. *Chairman*, Sewall D. Andrews, Minneapolis, Minn.

*Secretary*—Charles H. Waterbury, New York; *General Representative*—Francis E. Holliday, New York; *Treasurer*—Title Guaranty and Trust Company, New York.

The reports of officers and committees of the N. W. D. A. always are of interest to retail pharmacists. In selecting parts of the proceedings for inclusion in these columns, liberty is taken in reprinting parts of a summary of recommendations by the Board of Control, from the extra edition of the *Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter* of October 17.

"The Board of Control presented resolutions—and they were unanimously approved—commending the Secretary of the Treasury and the Commissioner of Internal Revenue for their reasonable attitude toward the supervision and regulation of the industrial and medical use of alcohol. Special mention was made of the revocation of obnoxious regulative provisions and of the appointment of the Alcohol Trades Advisory Committee. The resolutions also recorded the unalterable opposition of the association to the proposal to create an independent prohibition bureau as attempted in the Ernst-Wood bill.

"In commending the efficiency of the secretary's office, the board recommended that the association continue its traditional policy of

confining its activities to matters of direct interest to the wholesale drug trade.

"The special committee on prohibition problems was continued and the Board concurred in its recommendations that efforts be continued to bring about the separation of Federal supervision of industrial alcohol from policing under the statutory prohibition of traffic in and use of intoxicating beverages.

"Commending highly the report of the committee on proprietary goods, the Board approved a motion that the report be immediately printed and that copies be sent to all members and to proprietary firms who desired them."

"Coöperation with the Harvard Bureau of Business Research in connection with a plan for uniformity in cost accounting factors was continued for another year and the Board asked that the members accord the bureau their support in contributions and information."

"The committee on metric weights and measures was discontinued, but the affiliation of the association with the metric association was continued, the Board approving thoroughly the principles advocated by the metric organization.

"Credit losses were called too high. The Board was of the opinion that, as a general rule, interest should be charged on overdue accounts. It was not convinced that a credit bureau was practicable, and opined that credit information should be restricted to reciprocal exchange.

"Heartily indorsing the report of the national councilor in the Chamber of Commerce, U. S. A., the Board suggested reaffiliation and the reappointment of Councilor E. D. Taylor.

"Serious consideration of the profit insurance idea was suggested to the members.

"Indorsement was given the recommendations of the committee on price maintenance and the members were urged to let Congress know of their interest in the subject.

"The Board concurred in a recommendation that the local association idea be pushed to expansion.

"Opposition to the injection of politics into the administration of liability and compensation laws was urged.

"Critical inspection of imported crude drugs was recommended."

The Constitution was amended, advancing the dues for active membership to \$100, and for associate membership to \$50. Atlantic City was chosen for the 50th Anniversary Meeting, to be held next year.