

Johnson & Johnson are sending out copies of the code of ethics, as adopted by the American Pharmaceutical Association, in booklet form. The foreword states:—"As you read these principles you will better understand the full significance of the pharmacy slogan, "Your Druggist Is More Than a Merchant."

Burroughs Wellcome & Co. have become settled in their new office building, 9 & 11 E. 41st Street, New York City.

McKesson & Robbins have discontinued the sale of the general line of "patent medicines" and sundries, and will devote their attention to the lines of their own production in drugs, chemicals, sundries, etc.; no change in location, offices, factories, etc., is contemplated.

An executive committee meeting of the

American Druggists' Fire Insurance Company was held November 19-20 in Cincinnati for making preliminary arrangements for the annual meeting. The Central Parkway Bond Issue was defeated at the November election along with other bond issues, however, the vote for the former was fully 17,000 ahead of the latter, and there is reasonable assurance of approval in April. The early erection of the Home Office Building depends upon the necessary bond issue to improve the Central Parkway.

Standard Remedies has recently purchased the *Proprietary Record*, formerly published by the Lightner Publishing Company of Chicago. The office of *Standard Remedies* is now in Washington, in Star Building.

OBITUARY.

LOUIS L. STAEHLE.

Louis L. Staehle, member of the American Pharmaceutical Association, one of the founders of the New Jersey College of Pharmacy and for many years its treasurer, died at his home in South Orange on the evening of November 14th. Mr. Staehle was born in Short Hills, New Jersey, November 19, 1858, and was the son of Louis L. Staehle and Mary Traummiller. He came to Newark with his parents at the age of 10, and was graduated from the New York College of Pharmacy in 1876. His first position was with Dr. Fridolin Ill, in Newark. Three years later he entered the drug business and at one time had three stores. At the time of his death he was still in business at 169 South Orange Avenue.

He was a member of the Board of Governors of the Women and Children's Hospital, an institution with which he was associated from the time of its foundation. He took care of the pharmaceutical dispensary at this institution up to the time of his last illness. He was a director of the Bethany Home for the Aged in Irvington and was vice president of the New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association.

Mr. Staehle is survived by his wife and two sons, Herman V. and Dr. Richard H. Staehle of Newark, as well as four brothers and three sisters. The funeral services were conducted at Christ Presbyterian Church, Saturday, November 17th.

Through the death of Mr. Staehle, the New Jersey College of Pharmacy lost one of its staunchest friends and the New Jersey State Pharmaceutical Association, likewise, suffers the loss of an ardent worker.—R. P. F.

John W. Parry, vice-president and secretary of Merck & Co., New York, died at his home in Mt. Vernon, N. Y., on October 29. He was 66 years old, having been born in Lancashire, England, in 1857. Mr. Parry entered the employ of the company 40 years ago.

C. M. Chism, father of our fellowmember, **J. S. Chism** of Wichita, Kas., died October 17, after a lingering illness, aged 79 years.

IN MEMORY OF JOHN FRANCIS HANCOCK WHO JOINED THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION IN 1863 AND WAS ELECTED ITS PRESIDENT IN 1873.

H. V. ARNY.

The present president of the American Pharmaceutical Association desires to register this tribute of appreciation and of affection to the good man who last month was our oldest living ex-president. A span of fifty years stretched from the term of Dr. Hancock to the term of the present president; a period not often thus attained in association work.

And yet those of us who were honored by the friendship of Dr. Hancock could scarcely realize that fifty years had slipped by since our dear friend had occupied the presidential chair, for even in his later years he was with us at most of our annual meetings and seemed as alert in his interest in our association as were his juniors.

A rarely choice man was our dear friend, a veritably gentle man. It was a blessed privilege to know so kindly, so good a person and we feel that a benign influence has been taken from us.

E. F. KELLY.

Dr. Hancock was held in affection and esteem by every one with whom he came in contact, because he was that rare combination of modesty, high idealism, and strength of character, with a deep love for his fellow-man and the broadest tolerance for the beliefs of others. His wide influence for good was due in a great measure to this sympathetic attitude and to his remarkable ability to secure the harmonious coöperation of those with whom he worked. The long and faithful service he so cheerfully gave his profession, his genuine interest in all that was for the betterment of his fellows, and his truly beautiful private life will secure for him a lasting place among the great pharmacists of his generation.

HENRY M. WHELPLEY.

A wide span rather than brevity of human life is impressed on me when I realize that Dr. Hancock was born when the first revision of the United States Pharmacopœia was in use.

He was dean of the ex-presidents of the American Pharmaceutical Association, as none who held office before he did in 1873 survived him. He lived to see the passing from this world of thirty-one who served as president since his term of office.

Perhaps he will be most frequently referred to as the one who originated the idea of a monument to the father of American Pharmacy, William Procter, Jr. The fund of about \$11,000.00 which he raised is held by the A. Ph. A. in trust.

The character of Dr. Hancock was clearly stamped "Sterling." His interest in pharmacy was constant for more than half a century. His accomplishments were noteworthy in kindred interests as well as in pharmacy.

When I recall a personal friendship of thirty-nine years, I realize that Dr. Hancock was one who radiated pharmaceutical interest and built confidence in the minds of those who worked with him. I cherish his memory as do all who had the privilege of personal touch with this good man.

H. H. RUSBY.

First of all, we should be thankful for the great length of time during which Dr. Hancock was spared to us, and for the fact that he retained his usefulness so long. Excellent as was the public work that he performed, I think he will be best remembered in his personal

relations. His kindness and his courtesy were never-failing, and his friends were never forgotten. One of the first courtesies that I received on my entrance upon public service in pharmacy was at a cozy and warm-hearted gathering in Baltimore, arranged for me by Dr. Hancock, and it is still one of the sweetest of my recollections of those early years. How many persons have lived better and succeeded better because of his precept and example!

JOHN G. GODDING.

The passing away of Dr. John F. Hancock removes an Ex-President and one of the most loyal members of the American Pharmaceutical Association, a man of strict integrity, the finest type of a gentleman in whom true courtesy existed. A life enriched with the best gifts of God has passed on.

His acquaintance and friendship I highly valued and respected.

GEORGE M. BRINGER.

In the decease of John F. Hancock, another outstanding figure in American pharmacy, who was universally esteemed, has passed to the "great beyond." Another good man, who during his life was devoted to his calling and who always did honor to it, has answered the commander's summons and his spirit "has crossed the bar." Another dear friend has earned his title to eternal rest and one more portrait hangs in the gallery of our memory draped in sombre mourning.

The friendships that one makes at gatherings of kindred spirits, radiate continuous enjoyment. It was my good fortune to meet Mr. Hancock at various gatherings of pharmacists during the last quarter of a century or more. Our early acquaintance soon ripened into a firm friendship and on each of these occasions we managed to spend some time together, welding each time more firmly the bond of fellowship. From the first, I admired the uprightness, the unselfish motives that inspired his actions. I esteemed and prized his confidence and friendship, and wish to attest my appreciation of his worth.

John F. Hancock was zealous in his purpose that proper recognition should be made and honor paid to the labors and sacrifices of the great leader in the founding of scientific American pharmacy and that a monument should perpetuate his services as of national importance. It is to be regretted that during

the life of this earnest advocate of such action, the American Pharmaceutical Association did not complete this great desire of his later years to memorialise the great services of Professor William Procter, Jr. by a national monument.

The character and upright life of Mr. Hancock has left an impression on pharmacy that should serve as an example well worthy of emulation. No more fitting tribute could be paid alike to him and to the great pharmacist that he sought to honor than to promptly complete the project to which he was so devoted and eloquently presented on many occasions.

A. R. L. DOHME.

A highly respected and very devoted friend of pharmacy and the American Pharmaceutical Association after a long life dedicated to pharmacy passed away on November 12th, 1923 in the person of Dr. John F. Hancock of Baltimore. At the time of his death he was probably the oldest member of the American Pharmaceutical Association and its oldest living ex-president.

I have known Dr. Hancock since I was a young man and have always found him interested and devoted to his profession and willing to do all he could to help it and everyone connected with it. He was gentle and quiet in his manner and in his public service work conscientious and cordially interested in its success.

SAMUEL L. HILTON.

It is to be very deeply regretted that we have lost such a fine and noble character as Dr. John F. Hancock, the oldest living Ex-President of the A. Ph. A. I have known Dr. Hancock, for more than 35 years; no finer and nobler man than he ever lived among us. It was always a pleasure to meet and talk with him; his high aims, noble character, fine personality and that high regard for what was elevating and best for pharmacy endeared him to every one who knew him. He will be missed and pharmacy and the American Pharmaceutical Association have lost one of their noble sons. Providence was kind to him and I am sure he has gained the reward he so untirelessly strived for.

CONCLUDING REMARKS BY PROF. CHARLES H. LAWALL AT MEMORIAL SERVICE TO DR.

JOHN F. HANCOCK.

Pharmacy cannot honor the memory of Dr. Hancock for it is he who by his life and example has honored Pharmacy. We can and should pay tribute to his memory.

Emerson said: "Nature seems to exist for the excellent. The world is upheld by the veracity of good men. They make the earth wholesome."

So it was with Dr. Hancock, and the world is more wholesome through his having been with us so for many years.

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SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

PHILADELPHIA ASSOCIATION OF RETAIL DRUGGISTS CELEBRATES SILVER ANNIVERSARY.

The Philadelphia Association of Retail Druggists celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary with a banquet and entertainment at McAllister Hall, November 15.

The artistic souvenir of the occasion gave an historical account of the organization which now has a membership of over one thousand, who have evidenced their faith in the organization by purchasing a home, which is primarily for the purpose indicated but has become a revenue producer, sharing honors in that respect with the *P. A. R. D. Bulletin*. Twenty-two presidents have served as directing officers, and most of them share the interest of the

younger members. National honors have come to a number of these past presidents:— Thomas H. Potts, Samuel C. Henry and Ambrose Hunsberger. Secretary Otto Kraus directs the office affairs and welcomes the visitors.

The menu was elaborate and the toastmaster of the evening was Ambrose Hunsberger. Responses were made by Drs. John Minehart, Norman Henry, William Duffield Robinson, Prof. E. Fullerton Cook, E. G. Eberle, representatives of the municipal government and officers of the Association.

The attendance was large, the music good and the entertainment well arranged and held the guests until after the midnight hour. In every respect the Silver Anniversary celebration was a success.