

**P. Fischelis** of the Board of Directors, A. Ph. A., is the managing editor, has completed its first year. The success accomplished promises further development in its service.

It has been decided to issue the new edition of the Rumanian Pharmacopœia in Rumanian and Latin, while the titles of the official articles will be given not only in these two languages, but also in French, Hungarian, German and Russian.

**Dr. Paul Siedler**, of Berlin—an editor of the *Pharmazeutische Zeitung* and of the reports of the German Pharmaceutical Society—

visited in New York City during December. He spent part of his time with Editor Kantrowitz of the *Apotheker Zeitung*.

**Johann Anton Scopoli**, botanist and chemist, at Vienna, was born in 1723, in a village of Austrian Tyrol. He died in 1788.

The French Chamber of Deputies, December 20, unanimously voted a pension of 40,000 francs yearly for Mme. Curie, professor at the University of Paris, as the nation's tribute to her work in the discovery of radium and its developments, covering a period of twenty-five years.

## OBITUARY.

### SAMUEL P. SADTLER.

Samuel P. Sadtler, professor of chemistry at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy for thirty-seven years and professor emeritus of the same institution since 1916, died December 20. He was born at Pine Grove, Pa., July 18, 1847.

He was a graduate of Pennsylvania College, studied at Lehigh and Harvard, received his B.Sc. degree from Lawrence Scientific School and his doctor's degree at the University of Göttingen. He taught at Pennsylvania College and for seventeen years he was professor at the University of Pennsylvania.

He was author of a number of well-known textbooks and works on industrial and medical chemistry, chemical editor of the United States Dispensatory and American editor of Attfield's

Chemistry. He was the first president of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, was member of many scientific organizations both of Europe and America. The books best known to pharmacists, aside from the Dispensatory, are "Industrial Organic Chemistry," "Sadtler and Coblenz's Pharmaceutical and Medical Chemistry."

### JOHN M. FRANCIS.

Just before completing this issue of the JOURNAL we are advised of the death of Dr. John M. Francis, of Detroit, member of the Revision Committee of the United States Pharmacopœia. Further mention of this eminent worker on pharmaceutical standards will be made in the February issue of the JOURNAL.

### IN MEMORY OF JOHN FRANCIS HANCOCK.

(Continued from p. 1145, December issue.)

#### E. L. PATCH.

My acquaintance with Dr. Hancock was mostly confined to our association at the annual meetings. Only once did I have the great pleasure of entertaining him at my home.

I early formed a profound esteem for him. His interests were very broad, being national and international in character, and his respect for sincere workers for pharmaceutical progress was unselfish. His outlook on life was wholesome and optimistic, always reflecting the joys and inspiration of his delightful home surroundings, which he was always glad to exalt. His physical, mental and social endowments were unusual and he made con-

scientious use of them for constant development. Only three years ago, on a visit to our laboratory, it was surprising to see him taking notes and hear his questionings with the fresh interest of a beginner. Such lives as his are a blessing to earth and any who come under their influence should be extremely thankful.

#### CASWELL A. MAYO.

The death of John F. Hancock removes one of the last survivors of the formative period of professional pharmacy in America. He was a potent factor in the shaping of the policies of the American Pharmaceutical Association and always an influence for good.

Among his contemporaries during the period of his greatest activity were Albert E. Ebert, C. Lewis Diehl, W. J. M. Gordon, William S.

Thompson, John M. Maisch and S. A. D. Sheppard. These were known to many of us, having only recently dropped out of the ranks. Other fair names and famous who were co-workers with him in the sixties and seventies are known to us only in the printed page. Among these were Wm. Procter, Jr., the Parrishes, John Milhau, Ezekiel Sargent, Edward S. Wayne, Frederick Hoffman, T. Roberts Baker, Edward R. Squibb, Enno Sander, Theodore Metcalf, Edwin O. Gale, Charles A. Heinitsch, J. Faris Moore, Geo. F. H. Markoe, and Charles Ellis.

The work these men did lives after them and Mr. Hancock did much to carry on the torch of professionalism in pharmacy.

Personally, he was a delightful example of the gentleman of the old school. Ever courteous, polite, helpful and considerate, it was a rare privilege to be counted among his friends. His death will bring a sense of personal loss to a wide circle for he was widely known and much loved by all who knew him.

WILLIAM B. DAY.

Every American pharmacist must feel a sense of personal loss in the passing of Dr. John F. Hancock who for so many years occupied a foremost place in American Pharmacy. Dr. Hancock entered upon his pharmaceutical career early in life and was an outstanding figure in the American Pharmaceutical Association for more than fifty years. In fact, in his presidential address at the convention of the American Pharmaceutical Asso-

ciation at the 22nd annual meeting of the Association, held in Louisville, Ky., in 1873, Dr. Hancock discussed in a most scholarly manner the outlook for American pharmacy and with far-sighted vision pointed out the need for a better preliminary education, a higher scientific training, and more thorough organization for the American pharmacists. His services as chairman of the Committee on Wm. Procter, Jr., Memorial during his later years have entitled him to the gratitude of his colleagues, for his labors in behalf of this memorial to his old teacher, Professor Procter, were untiring. It is hoped that Dr. Hancock's efforts will now bear fruit and that a fitting memorial to Wm. Procter, Jr., may soon be realized.

E. G. EBERLE.

Few, if any, knew Mr. Hancock better than his son—father and son were chums—the incidents occurred seldom that provoked the father's impatience and never did he ignore the value of others' opinions. Probably nothing pained him more than discord, certainly nothing more than uncharitableness.

He practiced toleration without effort and without formula, embodying resolves so infrequently made effective—"first, to attain the grace of silence; second, to deem all fault-finding that does no good a sin, and to resolve, when we are ourselves happy, not to poison the atmosphere for our neighbors...third, to practice the grace and virtue of praise."

He was charitable, he was tolerant.

## SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

### NATIONAL DRUG TRADE CONFERENCE.

In presenting a report of the recent meeting of the National Drug Trade Conference we are making use of the *Bulletin* of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association.

The annual meeting of the National Drug Trade Conference was held in Washington December 6, following an extended meeting of the Executive Committee on December 5. The deliberations of the Conference were unusually comprehensive, covering not only serious problems arising in connection with the enforcement of the Prohibition law and recent developments of importance under the Pure Food and Drug law, but also the movement set on foot by the Secretary of the Treasury

looking to tax reduction and the campaign recently instituted to secure legislation legalizing the maintenance of resale prices.

#### SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

The conclusions of the Conference were presented in concrete form in a series of resolutions endorsing the tax reduction plan of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon; approving the policies of Commissioner Blair and Secretary Mellon in appointing the Alcohol Trades Advisory Committee, and in revocation of drastic and unnecessary regulations imposed by the Prohibition Unit; protesting against the enactment of the Ernst-Wood bill and all similar measures designed to render the Prohibition Commissioner independent of departmental control; urging the divorcement of the supervision of