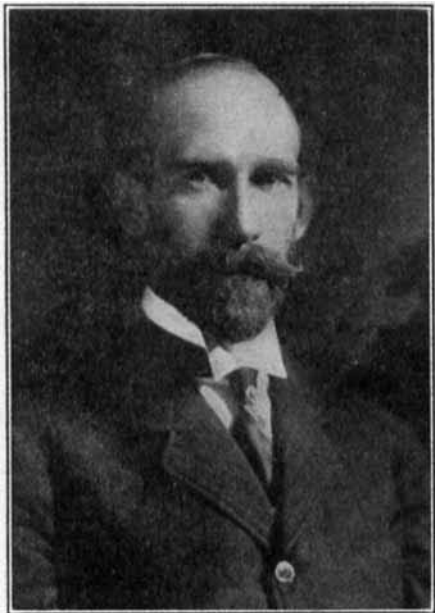


OBITUARY.

Dr. John M. Francis, whose death, January 8, was recorded in the last issue of the *JOURNAL*, p. 86, was born in Jacksonville, Ala., October 25, 1867.



JOHN M. FRANCIS.

For thirty-two years Dr. Francis was connected with Parke, Davis & Company, during the past twenty years as chief chemist, a position of trust and of great responsibility. He was twice a member of the Revision Committee of the U. S. P.; was a member of this committee, as well as chairman of the Committee on Pharmaceutical Research of the National Research Council, at the time of his death. He was active in church work, kind, modest and courteous.

He received his education at the University of Alabama and at Johns Hopkins. He is survived by a wife, a son and a daughter. Permanent interment will be made at his old home in Alabama.

Dr. Francis was a man of unusual ability who visioned broadly and worked quietly in the interests of pharmacy and chemistry. He was uncompromising in his attitude toward low standards and preparations of uncertain merit, and in this way he has left his impress for all time on American pharmacy. He was a fluent speaker, ready at a moment's notice to take up almost any subject and hold the attention of an audience. His counsel was always helpful; he was generous with his information and knowledge, kind and courteous always.

SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

THE A. P. H. A. HEADQUARTERS MOVEMENT PROGRESSING.

Publicity Editor, E. I. Newcomb, has entered on his work in preparing publicity that will inform retail pharmacists relative to the movement now well under way. The laity supply the means for carrying on investigations in the medical fields; their interest can be aroused for a proposition of this kind which, in a way, is one of the links of a chain of effort for alleviation of disease, better health conditions, providing new and better remedial agents.

Chairman H. A. B. Dunning has been eminently successful in business; he knows every side of pharmacy. He knows how to put over big propositions; he has done so before. Few fully realize, at this time, what the offer of Chairman Dunning means in the way of sacrifice for him; it adds hours to his busy day, but he is willing to give his time and that of others of his firm, because he realizes that

the accomplishment means more than simply establishing the headquarters; it means a higher standard for pharmacists, greater confidence in the mission of pharmacy, and enlarges its services. Share the enthusiasm, willingness and purpose of the chairman and bring about success quickly!

The need for a headquarters building has been well set forth by Chairman James H. Beal in the January 1924 number of the *JOURNAL*, pp. 5 and 6. The message is one of encouragement; it conveys not only history of accomplishments by the American Pharmaceutical Association, but shows the way to further success. The headquarters building will provide great opportunities—one research laboratory has already been provided for. It is a real big national undertaking of American pharmacy, in the success of which you will have joy and satisfaction. Give according to the enthusiasm of those who are leading the movement; let other industries see that phar-