

National Wholesale Druggists' Association and has been a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association since 1889.

F. R. Peterson was elected President of the Portland Retail Druggists' Association at its recent annual meeting.

W. Bruce Philip recently addressed the Narcotic Section of the Federation of Women's Clubs of San Francisco. He outlined the Harrison Act and other laws relating to narcotic regulation. He impressed on the members the necessity of conferring with pharmacists before submitting bills to the legislature regulating the sale of narcotics.

The Chemist and Druggist of January 19 reports the finding of a number of parcels of spurious santonin. The package was labeled very much like the genuine, but almost entirely composed of boric acid.

The Carolina Journal of Pharmacy for February contains a directory of the drug stores in North Carolina, revised to January 1, 1924. The directory shows that the total number of retail drug stores in North Carolina is 792; the wholesale drug stores number 17. There are 7 counties in North Carolina where there are no drug stores. The ratio of retail drug stores to the population is 1 to 3223.

OBITUARY.

EDGAR LEONARD PATCH.*

Ex-President E. L. Patch of the American Pharmaceutical Association, who presided at the Asheville meeting of this organization in 1894, died February 27, at his home in Stoneham, Mass. He was born in Spencer, Mass., December 2, 1851, and passed his boyhood in Worcester and Clinton. In 1869, he came to Boston and soon thereafter formed a partnership with Henry Canning; the firm of Canning and Patch, retail pharmacists, was located at the corner of Green and Chambers Sts., for a quarter of a century.

Edgar L. Patch graduated from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in 1872; two years thereafter he was elected treasurer and registrar of the college and, later, professor of theory and practice of pharmacy. He was active in securing a home for the college, which served that institution for many years and until its present magnificent structure was made an actuality. In 1870, he moved to Stoneham where, in 1889, the E. L. Patch Company, of which he was president and treasurer, was formed. In 1917, Professor Patch was President of the Boston Druggists' Association.

He participated actively in municipal affairs, was one of the prime movers for "no license" in Stoneham, and a Y. M. C. A. building; of the latter he was the first president; for sixteen years he was member of the town finance committee; with the inception of the movement to establish an old people's home he was chosen president of the board of trustees and held that office until his death.

* For sketch of Professor Patch, see p. 243, *JOURNAL A. Ph. A.*, April 1922; see also pp. 442 and 900, Volume X.

In 1873, he was elected treasurer of the First Baptist Church of Stoneham and at the last annual meeting recognition was made of his 50 years of service in that capacity and as deacon for three decades.

Mrs. Patch, nee Mathilda Ferguson, of Amherst, N. S., died February 7, 1923;* six children survive the deceased—James A., Claude E., Arthur L., Ralph R., Ernest L., and Esther M. Patch. In speaking of the late Dr. John F. Hancock, Professor Patch said—"Such lives as his are a blessing to earth and any who come under their influence should be extremely thankful." These words may well be repeated on this occasion.

CHARLES ALEXANDER WEIDEMANN.

Dr. C. A. Weidemann, member of the American Pharmaceutical Association since 1868, died on his birthday, February 14, 1924, aged 81 years. The deceased was born in Louisville, Ky., and received his early education in the public schools of Philadelphia. Later he was apprenticed to Thomas S. Stewart of Philadelphia and remained with him until the breaking out of the war between the States. He enlisted in the hospital service and after the conclusion of the war attended the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy from which institution he graduated in 1867. Soon thereafter he engaged in the retail drug business on his own account at 22nd and Green Sts., which became his home for the remainder of his life. He graduated in medicine from the University of Pennsylvania in 1880 and thereafter gave most of his attention to the practice of medicine; for 21 years he was recording secretary of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. He

* See *JOURNAL A. Ph. A.*, March 1923, p. 277.

also held various offices in the Alumni Association and was president in 1884-1885. Mrs. Weidemann died quite a number of years ago; two sons and two daughters survive the deceased. A sketch in the "First Century of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy" closes with



CHARLES A. WEIDEMANN.

these words: "In season and out of season, in fair weather and foul, he has been ever faithful in the performance of his duties and loyal to the best traditions of his profession, winning the respect and affection of a wide circle of friends."

HENRY CHARLES DUERING.

Henry Charles Duering, member of the American Pharmaceutical Association since 1901, died at his home in Lubbock, Texas,

January the 11th, after a long illness. The deceased was born at Belleville, Illinois, where he received his early education. Later he attended the University of Illinois, graduating both in medicine and pharmacy. He was for a time engaged in the drug business in Chicago and St. Louis and later became manager of the branch of H. K. Mulford Co., in St. Louis. In 1912 he removed to Lubbock where he resided until the time of his death. A few years ago he was appointed postmaster of his home city. Dr. Duering was in the 63rd year of his age and is survived by his widow.

ALFRED WILLIAM CLARK.

Alfred William Clark, member of the American Pharmaceutical Association since 1908, president of the A. W. Clark Drug Company of Denver, Colorado, died January 25, aged 63 years. Mr. Clark was born in Windsor, Connecticut, but had resided in Denver for about thirty-seven years. He is survived by his widow and two daughters.

Adam Pfromm, senior member of Adam Pfromm and Company, 223 N. 2nd St., Philadelphia, died February 18th aged 75 years. The drug firm, of which the deceased was the head, is one of the "century" establishments of Philadelphia. The deceased was a director of the Philadelphia Drug Exchange, and held in high regard by all who knew him.

Dr. Jacques Loeb, internationally known physiologist and head of the Division of Physiology of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, died at Hamilton, Bermuda, February the 11th, aged 65 years.

SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

THE BEST KIND OF INSURANCE.

BY ROBERT P. FISCHELIS.*

The campaign for a Headquarters Building for American Pharmacy now being conducted by the American Pharmaceutical Association should have the support of all who have an interest in the advancement of the profession as well as the business of pharmacy. Various reasons for supporting this campaign will suggest themselves to manufacturing, wholesale and retail druggists. Sentiment, professional pride, interest in the advancement of the profession, and the possibility of greater recognition by the Government and the public would all be sufficient in themselves to induce

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the average pharmacist to contribute to this worthy cause, but we can dismiss these motives for the moment. This is not a charitable enterprise and contributions to the Pharmacy Headquarters Fund need not be considered by anyone as a donation to a good cause from which no returns to the donor can be expected.

This campaign is to provide a gilt edge security, for pharmacy and pharmacists of the present as well as of the future, which will pay dividends of immeasurable value for all time to those engaged in any branch of the profession.

The American Pharmaceutical Association has been and is now the best security for the perpetuation of the professional ideal, without which pharmacy would be nothing more than a trade, but this organization has not been in a