

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

William Gray, Chicago, has for a number of years given an annual prize of a membership in the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION to a student of Illinois University, College of Pharmacy. He has now donated one hundred dollars, the interest of which is to provide for an annual membership prize. It would seem that this plan will appeal to others.

E. N. Meuser, Missionary Pharmacist to West China, is endeavoring to enlist interest and financial encouragement for the new school of pharmacy at West China Union University in Chengtu. Mr. Meuser, who is a graduate of the Ontario College of Pharmacy, is now taking a post-graduate course in plant analysis at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science. He may be addressed care of the Y. M. C. A., 1421 Arch St., Philadelphia.

In a communication to the JOURNAL, Mr. Meuser states that chemistry, physics, etc., are taught in the University; the pharmaceutical work is conducted in the West China School of Pharmacy. He points out the importance of encouraging the school from various standpoints, including the fact that a number of our important drugs come from China. Doubtless there are some, perhaps many, who will interest themselves in the promotion of this school of pharmacy.

Prof. M. Albert Goris, recently named as professor of Galenical Pharmacy at the Paris Faculty of Pharmacy, gave as his first lecture a sketch of the History of Pharmacy from mythical times to the present.

A Central European Pharmacy Association is contemplated. The matter is being developed by Dr. Bela Zoltan and M. O. de Koritsanszky of the Hungarian Association of Pharmacists. The pharmacists of Austria are interested and it is hoped to bring the pharmacists of adjoining countries into the organization.

In the "Forty Years Ago" column of the *Western Druggist*, it is stated that "Henry H. Rusby, M.D., of Detroit, spent several months in Bolivia, studying the coca plant in its native environs and the products made from it there. He published an elaborate article in the *Therapeutic Gazette* on the cultivation of coca."

A. W. Pauley, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION since 1879, was the speaker at one of the March meetings of the down town Business Men's Club of

East St. Louis. Mr. Pauley is secretary of the St. Louis College of Pharmacy.

Secretary W. H. Lamont, of the Missouri Pharmaceutical Association, was a representative of that organization at the North Western Drug Show held in connection with the Iowa State Pharmaceutical Association meeting at Des Moines.

The *St. Louis Star* conducts a "Fifty Years Ago" column, and in a recent issue it was mentioned that "M. W. Alexander, who formerly conducted a drug store at Fourth and Market is now establishing a drug store at Fifth and Olive streets. It is said to be one of the finest drug stores in the West." The late Mr. Alexander was President of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION during the year of 1887 to 1888.

Dr. George C. Diekman and **Prof. Curt P. Wimmer** were among the speakers at the "Blizzard Class" Dinner of the New York College of Pharmacy, held in Turn Hall, New York City, March 12.

Robert J. Ruth, "father of Pharmacy Week" idea, has been on the Pacific coast, compiling information on the various activities in which graduates of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science are engaged.

Henry Rollmann, treasurer of Wisconsin Pharmaceutical Association, and Mrs. Rollmann celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding, March 16.

C. Herbert Packard, a past-president of the A. Ph. A., is in Florida seeking the benefits of the "flower land's" climate.

Robert McNeil, of Philadelphia, has awarded a contract for a new fire-proof structure, at Cambria and 17th Streets.

Charles J. Lynn, who with Mrs. Lynn has been touring the Orient, is expected home, in Indianapolis, during this month.

Charles H. Huhn, of Minneapolis, a past-president of the N. A. R. D., is recovering from an attack of bronchial pneumonia.

Henry J. Frank, Portland, has donated \$1000 to the Oregon State Pharmaceutical Association educational fund, according to an announcement by Dean A. Zieffe of the department of pharmacy, Oregon Agricultural College.

Walter D. Adams, secretary of the Texas Pharmaceutical Association commends cooperation of state associations with the National bodies. He states that the pharmacists are inspired by the work of the members of these organizations.

G. L. Haussamen comments on the benefits to be derived by organizations both state and national in the *Western Druggist*. He is highly impressed with the value and good work of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy of the National Association of Retail Druggists and of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Charles W. Holton, Treasurer of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, and head of the Holzhauser Drug Company, at 783 Broad St., Newark, N. J., has leased the building at 853 Broad Street and will soon remove there. The Holzhauser business was located for more than seventy-five years at Broad and Market and since 1917, at 783 Broad Street.

Dr. Jacob Diner, Vice-Chairman of the House of Delegates, A. P. H. A., attended the convention of Iowa State Pharmaceutical Association at Des Moines during the week commencing February 22nd.

Mr. and Mrs. George Binz, of Los Angeles,

will make an automobile journey to New York City and other Eastern points; thereafter they will return by ship via Panama Canal. The coming convention will be the first annual meeting of California Pharmaceutical Association which Mr. Binz has failed to attend.

Ralph D. Bienfanz, of Jefferson, and Harold G. Hewitt, of Milwaukee, are the holders of the thirteenth award of the Hollister fellowship in pharmacy, established in 1912 by a bequest of Mrs. Kittie E. V. Hollister and in 1917 by a bequest of A. H. Hollister. The principal now is \$10,326.06. The scholarship is awarded to a pharmaceutical graduate of the University who has served an apprenticeship in Wisconsin.

Prof. B. S. Hopkins, professor of Inorganic Chemistry at the University of Illinois, has announced the discovery of a new element—illinium. He shares the honor with L. F. Yntema and J. A. Harris of the Chemistry staff. The element falls in between neodymium and samarium.

OBITUARY.

ADOLPH A. POEHNER.

We are advised of the death of Adolph A. Poehner, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, at San Francisco, on February 18, 1926, of coronary embolus.

Dr. Poehner is a graduate in medicine and also of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, class of 1886. The deceased was a member of the Pennsylvania and California Pharmaceutical Associations. He joined the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION in 1907.

ARTHUR ROBERTSON CUSHNY.

Dr. Arthur Robertson Cushny, professor of Materia Medica and Pharmacology at Edinburgh University, since 1918, died February 25, at his home in Edinburgh, aged sixty years.

He studied and graduated in arts and medicine at Aberdeen University and took post-graduate courses at the Universities of Berne and Strassburg, and for some time was assistant at the latter. From 1893 to 1905 he was Professor of Pharmacology in the University of Michigan. In 1905 he came to the University College, London, where he remained until 1918, when he was appointed to the chair of Pharmacology in Edinburgh University, which he occupied until the time of his death.

Prof. Cushny's work was well known internationally and his textbook of Pharmacology

and Therapeutics is a recognized authority. Quoting from an article in the *Pharmaceutical Journal and Pharmacist*:—"He did medicine a great service by sifting out useful from useless drugs, and separating from the mass of information on drugs that which could be relied upon as compared with dubious observations on the supposed action of drugs. This work was greatly appreciated both by doctors and students. He also made a special research as to the relationship between chemical structure and pharmacological action in relation to optical isomerism which formed the subject of a series of lectures he delivered at Baltimore, in the summer of 1925. In 1917 he published a classical and exhaustive research on 'The Secretion of the Urine,' which exhibits his extraordinary faculty of scientific criticism and is regarded as a masterpiece by physiologists. In 1924 he published 'The Action and Uses in Medicine of Digitalis and Its Allies,' giving an account of his own studies and the work of other investigators from the time of Withering onwards. From the time he came to Edinburgh in 1918 he took an active and very helpful interest in the work of the Pharmaceutical Society, and more especially in the Edinburgh Evening Scientific Meetings, in connection with which he was always most ready to give any information or advice."