

The D. A. Schulte interests have contracted for the purchase of control of the American Druggists' Syndicate, according to newspaper account.

Reserve Medical Officers are doing active duty at Carlisle Barracks and Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

Chemists of the United States Government participated in the investigation of the Texas ichthyol deposit. An office and laboratory will be established at the mines and general

offices and a laboratory will be maintained in Dallas under the direction of William H. Mize.

Miss Motley, Secretary to Dr. Harvey Wiley, won the second prize in the dental hygiene educational contest conducted by E. R. Squibb & Sons, in which there were nearly 40,000 contestants. The winner of the first prize was Mrs. Jefferson Jenkins of Tarboro. The latter received \$2000, the former \$1500. There were numerous prizes of smaller amounts.

OBITUARY.

DANIEL BASE.

Dr. Daniel Base, head of the laboratory and research department of Hynson, Westcott & Dunning, until his serious illness last November, died at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore Md., June 17th.



DANIEL BASE.

Daniel Base attended the public schools of Baltimore, graduating from Baltimore City College in 1888, after which he entered the Johns Hopkins University, where he specialized in chemistry. He received the degree of A.B. in 1891, and Ph.D. four years later. Shortly thereafter he became a member of the faculty of the Maryland College of Pharmacy, being associated there with the late Dr. William Simon and the late Dr. Charles Caspari. He remained with the college

until after its consolidation with the University of Maryland, succeeding Dr. Caspari as dean. He continued in this capacity until his association in 1920 with Hynson, Westcott & Dunning.

Dr. Base was a member of the Maryland Pharmaceutical Association and joined the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION in 1898; he held the secretaryship of the Scientific Section from 1905-1906. He was a high type of man and scientist and held the regard and friendship of students and co-workers. He is survived by his widow and one son.

JOHN WINTHROP BALLARD.

John W. Ballard, pioneer druggist of Davenport, Ia., and member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION since 1871, died at his home June 8th, aged 78 years.

Mr. Ballard contributed a paper for the Des Moines meeting, published in this number of the JOURNAL. He had been in poor health for nearly a year, so that he was unable to attend the latter convention, but exhibited his interest as indicated. He retired from the drug business in 1920; however, with a son, Harry W. Ballard, continued the dental business which was part of Ballard Drug and Dental Company. Mr. Ballard was one of the organizers of the Tri-City Retail Druggists' Association, now the Quad-City Association.

A sketch of the deceased is printed in the April JOURNAL A. PH. A. of 1921, p. 243. He is survived by two daughters and two sons. Funeral services were held June 11th, at Calvary Baptist Church, Davenport.

DR. EMILE COUÉ.

An Associated Press Dispatch from Nancy, France, of July 2, announces the death of Dr. Emile Coué, the famous advocate of auto-

suggestion in the treatment of illnesses.

The *Nancy Republican* states that his death was due to general fatigue brought on by over-work in countless lectures and holding sessions.

Emile Coué was born in Troyes, France, 69 years ago. He studied at the Lycee of Troyes and spent 30 years as a pharmacist in Troyes and served as an intern in a hospital for two years. He never laid claims to being a scientist in a modern sense but was always a strong advocate of auto-suggestion.

It will be remembered that he visited in the United States about three years ago and made many friends. His service was given free and freely, and at his home city many were waiting daily to confer with him.

The greater part of his life was spent in the city of his birth and he had accumulated considerable means. As stated, he did not pretend to be a profound scientist or a philosopher. His distinguishing characteristic was modesty which endeared him to hundreds of thousands of personal followers. In practice his method was simplicity itself, so simple

in fact that it was frowned on by the skeptical as childish or even silly. Hardly any one will question that he persuaded many to take up his formula, "Day by day in every way I am getting better and better," who profited thereby. But, after all this is said to the credit of the deceased, as in all things, there is the other side; some persons, perhaps many of those who consulted him, failed to consult the physician. It is rather difficult to absolutely determine on which side the favorable balance obtains because, unquestionably, a great number who came to him should have consulted their physicians.

DR. JOHN HOWLAND.

Dr. John Howland, professor of pediatrics in the Johns Hopkins Medical School, died in London, June 20th, following an operation. He was for a number of years a member of the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry of the A. M. A. Dr. Howland is best known for his work in establishing successful methods for the cure of rickets.

SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH.

The fifth annual meeting of the National Conference on Pharmaceutical Research will take place at Hotel Bellevue-Stratford, Philadelphia on Saturday, September 11, 1926, beginning at 9.30 A.M.

The tentative program follows:

1. Roll-call of Delegates
2. Reading of minutes of last meeting
3. Report of Chairman
4. Report of Secretary-Treasurer
5. Reports of the 10 standing committees
6. Report of the special committee on committees
7. Report of the Committee on the Book of Pharmaceutical Achievement
8. Reports and greetings of the delegates from member organizations
9. Discussions:
 - (a) Census of Research
 - (b) Research Topics
 - (c) Research Grants and Prizes
 - (d) Research Fellowships and Scholarships
10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business
12. Election of Officers
13. Adjournment

SCIENTIFIC SECTION, A. PH. A.

The annual meeting of THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION will be held at the Hotel Bellevue-Stratford in Philadelphia, during the week of September 13, 1926.

The officers of the ASSOCIATION are planning for the biggest and best convention we have ever had.

The fact that the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition is being held in Philadelphia this year and that most of the railroads are making special excursion rates to the Exposition, together with the fact that Philadelphia is so readily accessible to such a large majority of our members, assures a record attendance.

Likewise, your officers of the **Scientific Section** are laying plans for bigger, better, more instructive and more interesting sessions than we ever have had before.

In order to do this, however, it is necessary that we have your coöperation and assistance. We are *depending upon you* for at least one paper upon any subject coming within the scope of your section.