

Dr. C. W. Johnson, *President* of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, paid a surprise visit and addressed the convention on "The Evolution of Pharmacy." Dr. E. O. Leonard, dean of the college of pharmacy of the University of Idaho, in speaking of the four-year college course, said that while it might not enable the student to make more money, it would give him a more balanced education and thereby enable him to better appreciate values in life.

A new plan to secure State association members is being tried by Virginia, according to the *Bulletin* of Secretary Winne. Morris Phipps, Chairman of the membership committee of the Virginia Pharmaceutical Association, is offering three gold prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10, respectively, to traveling men, representing firms in the Virginia territory, who secure the greatest number of memberships for the State association between now and June 1, 1928.

The idea is a splendid one as, no doubt, the traveling salesmen in the aggregate cover most of the pharmacies of the State. A short personal talk will do more good than much circularizing, and the Virginia Association should show a substantial increase in membership as a result of the campaign. Other States are urged to try it.

W. P. Porterfield, former *President* of the N. A. B. P., surprised the N. A. B. P. Secretary's office with a personal call on November 22nd.

"Port" was on his way to Martinsburg, West Virginia, his old home, and from there is going down to Ocean Springs, Miss., for the winter. Like the birds, he goes South each winter to avoid North Dakota's ice and snow and returns with them in the springtime. Mr. Porterfield has led an active busy life—pharmacist, Board member, banker, politician, farmer—and has earned his vacations.

The Arizona State Association held a very successful convention in Nogales on October 18th and 19th.

Arthur G. Hulett, Secretary of the Arizona Board of Pharmacy for about twenty-five years, took a prominent part in organizing the State association five years ago and has been its Secretary since that time. This year, however, Mr. Hulett felt that the "baby" had grown sufficiently to entrust its care to another, and on account of the multiplicity of his own business and Board duties, refused to run for reelection.

The following officers were elected: *President*, J. Homer Smith, Yuma; *Vice-President*, Paul P. Lorenzen, Bisbee; *Secretary*, Bob Jones, Superior; *Treasurer*, A. L. Boehmer, Phoenix.

OBITUARY.

Christian Schertz, of New Orleans, a member of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, died October 31, 1927. This information comes as a distinct shock to those who saw him just a few months ago at the St. Louis N. A. B. P. convention in the glow and vigor of good health. The cause of the death is not given, as our only information is a resolution of tribute adopted by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy at its quarterly meeting on November 16th.

Not only will the Louisiana Board keenly feel the loss of such an active and capable worker, but the N. A. B. P. also suffers a distinct loss. Although only a Board member for a few years, Mr. Schertz took a decided interest in the national organization, attended conventions, worked on committees and made it his business to write up interesting Louisiana items for this department. As the able editor of the *Modern Druggist*, the official organ of various pharmaceutical bodies of Louisiana and Mississippi, he did much for the betterment of pharmacy.

To his widow, Mrs. Helen Pitkin Schertz, we can but extend our tenderest sympathy, well knowing that nothing that we can do or say will lessen her bereavement. The N. A. B. P. mourns with the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy in the loss of such a whole-hearted, willing and capable worker, who was always unselfishly ready to give of his busy and crowded time for the upbuilding of Pharmacy.
