

OBITUARY.

GEORGE MAHLON BERINGER.

George Mahlon Beringer, sixty-first President of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, died June 23rd, at his home in Collingswood, N. J., aged 68 years. Few retail pharmacists have been so closely identified with pharmacy in its several divisions as Mr. Beringer; he chose pharmacy for his life work as a youth and continued in the service until his passing, and during these years of active life he had been apprentice, pharmacy owner, educator, manufacturer and wholesaler and was always ready to work for those engaged in the drug business, pharmacy, for the develop-



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ment of business in general, the municipality and the state and country. Careful, and perhaps critical in many of his engagements; he was sometimes misunderstood, but he stood firmly for whatever he deemed right; there was never a question about his position.

Mr. Beringer was editor of the *American Journal of Pharmacy* from 1917-1921 and at the time of his demise member of the Committee on Publications of the A. PH. A. He was a member of the Committee of Revision of the U. S. Pharmacopœia, 1910 and 1920, and of the Committee on National Formulary since 1908, in the work of which his comprehensive knowledge of pharmacy and allied sciences and his critical judgment did much

to advance the practicality of these standards. Many references to the activities of the deceased have been made and published. Chairman E. Fullerton Cook said: "Mr. Beringer's death has left a place hard to fill in American pharmacy—in the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, in the Pharmacopœial field, and in the practical knowledge of professional pharmacy his influence has been powerful and uplifting."

Mr. Beringer was trained by Charles Bullock, and the latter by Daniel B. Smith, the first President of the A. PH. A., therein we can discern that influences impress the individual—early in life, like his predecessors, the deceased became a devotee of research—his contributions to scientific organizations and periodicals have been many and of great scientific and practical value.

A Camden paper speaks of him as follows:

"One of Camden's leading business men, Dr. Beringer always was active in the civic life of Camden, and figured in many movements for the betterment of the city. He was active in the condemnation proceedings which paved the way for the construction of the Delaware River Bridge as a member of the City Planning Commission. As a Rotarian, he was one of the founders of the club's educational fund."

The publications of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION speak of his activities therein. He was President of the New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association in 1905 and for many years one of its most active members. The Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association elected him an honorary member, and he also



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held membership in the Academy of Natural Sciences, Botanical Club, of Philadelphia; American Chemical Society, etc. He was awarded the Remington Honor Medal in 1924.

Mr. Beringer was a director of the Camden Board of Trade, for some years he was city chemist and consultant for the State. He was one of the organizers and officers of the Camden Guarantee Building & Loan Association. He succeeded to the business of the late Albert P. Brown in 1892, when he resigned from Bullock & Crenshaw, with which firm he had been associated, in advancing positions, for more than ten years.

The deceased was born, February 3, 1860, the son of Levi D. and Rebecca Beringer, of Philadelphia. Here he received his education, graduating from Central High School in 1876 and from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1880; in 1903 his *Alma Mater* honored him with the degree of Master in Pharmacy and the New Jersey College of Pharmacy, in 1914, conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Pharmacy. (For more extended sketch see JOURNAL A. PH. A., for May 1924, page 460.) Mr. Beringer was a life member of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science; for many years he was trustee of the institution and for more than ten years chairman of the Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Beringer (née Estella F. Wolfe) were married October 3, 1882; the latter and one son, George M., Jr., survive. Ex-Presidents represented the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION at the funeral ceremonies and expressed the high regard in which the deceased was held by his confrères, associates and friends.

MABEL A. (BAUER) STEGMAYER.

Mrs. Mabel A. Stegmayer, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION since 1922, died May 3rd at the home of her parents in New York City. The deceased, before her marriage, was Miss Mabel A. Bauer; she graduated from the New York College of Pharmacy in 1922, afterward taking a post-graduate course in Blood work.

For three years she was Technician of Christ Hospital, Jersey City; later engaging with the Lederle Laboratories in bacteriological research work. The father and an infant son survive the deceased.

DEATH OF MRS. LAIRD J. STABLER.

We are advised, but have no details of the death of Mrs. Stabler, wife of Dean Laird J. Stabler, of the University of Southern California, College of Pharmacy, Los Angeles. The

death, we understand, was the result of an automobile accident in which the Dean was very seriously injured. Sympathy is expressed and the hope that Professor Stabler will recover.

Edward Granville Nellis, President of the Chemical Catalog Company and also of the Pencil Points Press, New York City, died June 26th at his summer home in Quogue, L. I. He was forty-nine years old and had been in poor health for some months. In 1915 Mr. Nellis, with S. W. Robinson and Ralph Reinhold, founded the Chemical Catalog Company. A widow and two daughters survive the deceased.

Henry S. Dulaney, Baltimore, died July 8th, aged 79 years. For thirty years the deceased was associated with the Resinol Company. During late years he was prominently identified with the Anti-Saloon League.

SERIOUS THROAT INFECTION TRACED TO MILK SUPPLY.

A throat infection which has cost the lives of a score or more in Lee, Mass., has been traced to a milk supply. As a result of finding the source the epidemic is under control. A few cases, however, have appeared in other sections of the country.

NEW POWERFUL LIGHT ON OLD PORTLAND HEAD.

Portland Head Light, at entrance of Portland (Me.) Harbor, which has been a fixed white beacon since 1791, will soon change its characteristic light to a flash. Its power will be raised from 3800 to 32,000 candle power, and a two-second flash will be followed by a two-second interval of darkness.

Over the keeper's desk in the tower is a framed copy of the commission issued to the first keeper of the light in 1791. The keeper was Joseph Greenleaf and the commission was signed by George Washington.

This picturesque beacon was the first lighthouse to be built in Maine and is also one of the oldest on the North Atlantic coast. On Christmas Eve, 1886, the bark *Annie C. Maguire*, with a cargo of tea from the East Indies for Portland, ran full tilt in a fog on the rocks of Portland Head within a stone's toss of the light. The crew was saved but the vessel was a total loss.