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OBITUARY.

EDWARD EMERY SLOSSON.

Dr. Edward Emery Slosson, widely known scientist, director of Science Service, and author of "Creative Chemistry," died at his home in Washington, D. C., October 15th, after an illness of several months, aged sixty-four years. Born in Albany, Kansas, June 7, 1865, he received his degree of B.Sc. from the University of Kansas in 1890 and a Master's degree two years later. Ten years later he received his

Ph.D. degree from the University of Chicago. From 1891 to 1903 he occupied the chair of chemistry at the University of Wyoming, and during the same period was also chemist for the Wyoming Agricultural Experiment Station. For seventeen years following, he was literary editor of *The Independent*.

Dr. Slosson was well known for his book, "Creative Chemistry." Among his other writings were "Easy Lessons in Einstein," "Chats on Science," "Sermons of a Chemist," "Great American Universities," "Six Major Prophets" and "Plots and Personalities." He was for eight years a member of the faculty of the Columbia School of Journalism. He was a member of the Authors' Club, of New York and the Cosmos Club, of Washington. Surviving him are his wife and a son, Preston William Slosson, associate professor of History at the University of Michigan.

BOOK NOTICES AND REVIEWS.

Allen's Commercial Organic Analysis—Vol. VII. Fifth edition rewritten, revised and reset. Publishers, P. Blakiston Sons & Co. Editor, C. AINSWORTH MITCHELL. Price \$7.50.

This is the seventh volume of the well-known treatise on the properties, modes of analysis, approximate and analytical examination, methods for detection and estimation of impurities, adulterations, products of decomposition, etc. This work is so well and favorably known that a review, except in outline, is unnecessary.

Volume VII has been enlarged over previous editions by 306 pages. The sections on the vegetable alkaloids have been brought together in one volume which facilitates the use of the work in the laboratory. The alphabetical grouping has been adopted in the chemical classification, and the alkaloids have been arranged in the alphabetical order of the names of the plants which produce them and, as far as this is possible, the alphabetical arrangement has been followed throughout. The introduction to the vegetable alkaloids has been prepared by Dr. T. A. Henry, of London, and the general section on alkaloids by T. M. Sharpe.

The several divisions of the alkaloids have been prepared under the editorship of the following: Francis H. Carr, *The Aconite Alkaloids*; E. Horton, *Berberine and Its Associates*; J. J. Fox and P. J. Sageman, *Caffeine, Tea and Coffee*; Oliver Chick, *Cinchona Alkaloids*;

Samuel P. Sadtler, *Cocaine*; R. Whympfer, *Cocoa and Chocolate*; R. W. Tonkin, *Nicotine and Tobacco*; Frank O. Taylor, *Opium Alkaloids*; C. Ainsworth Mitchell, *Strychnos Alkaloids*; Francis H. Carr, *The Tropine Alkaloids; Atropine and Its Allies, Tropeines and Scopolamines*.

As usual each division is complete and comprehensive. The tables of contents of the volumes that have been published can be obtained by writing to the publishers.

Pharmaceutical Formulas. Tenth edition. By S. W. WOOLLEY AND G. P. FORRESTER, published by the Chemist and Druggist, 42 Cannon St., London, E. C. 4. Price 15s., postage 9d.

The fact that "Pharmaceutical Formulas" has gone through 10 revisions is indicative of the value of the book. This edition, as the former revisions, is a collection of new and old formulas for which there is more-or-less demand not only in Great Britain but in all parts of the world. It is a matter of impossibility for a pharmacist to get along without formulas and this publication of more than 1100 pages will be found valuable and useful, because of the careful selection from pharmacopœias and formularies of every country. The greater number, of course, are of British origin. That preparations in demand in the U. S. are listed is indicated by the statement that permission has