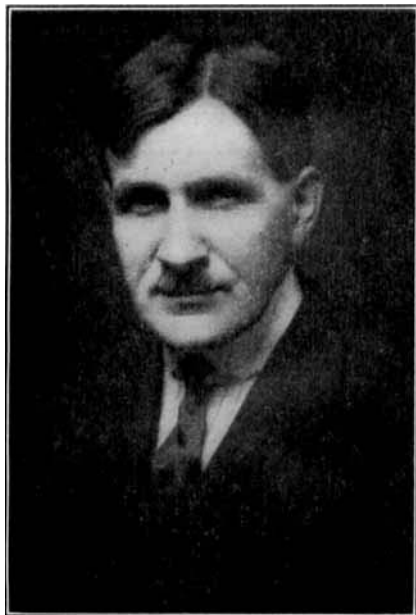


OBITUARY.

PHILIP HENRY UTECH.

The sad news of the death of P. Henry Utech, of Meadville, Pa. came as a shock, because of the suddenness of his passing. Mr. Utech had closed his pharmacy on the night of November 21st and was making his way to the bus for his home when the call came. He was taken into Easterwood's pharmacy where every attention possible was given him. According to the report the deceased had suffered with a heart trouble, but recently he had been free from its inconveniences and, perhaps, was over-confident about his improved condition. The news item indicates that since



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his return from Rapid City several new duties had been accepted by him and these responsibilities weighed too heavily on him, because of the condition referred to.

Our late fellow-member became a member of the ASSOCIATION in 1907, and since then has been active in its promotions—he was a member of the N. F. Revision Committee and of the Committee on Pharmaceutical Recipe Book. In 1910, he was elected secretary of the Section on Practical Pharmacy and Dispensing and in the year following to the chairmanship of the Section. He served

as chairman of the Section on Commercial Interests, 1916–1917, and held important committee appointments during most of the years of his membership.

Mr. Utech graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1893; he was a past-president of Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association and served in a number of important offices and on committees of the Association.

The deceased had been successful as a pharmacist in Meadville and took an active interest in matters pertaining to the city. He gave support and encouragement to many organizations, including the Zion Evangelical Church, the Pennsylvania College of Music, of which he was president and director; the Round Table, the Associated Charities, the Meadville Art Association, the City Planning Commission, the Chamber of Commerce and other local activities.

Among those present at the funeral from outside of Meadville and vicinity were former presidents of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, Samuel L. Hilton, of Washington, D. C. and Julius A. Koch, Pittsburgh, Pa. Mrs. Hilton and Mrs. Koch, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Peacock, of Philadelphia, also attended the services.

Mrs. Utech, who survives her husband attended the pharmaceutical association meetings with him. The ASSOCIATION shares in the loss sustained and extends sympathy to the widow in her bereavement. A memorial service, at the church of which the deceased was a member, evidenced the esteem in which he was held by his townspeople, all the pews of the church being filled. The AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION has lost an active and loyal member.

TRIBUTE OF THE NATIONAL FORMULARY COMMITTEE IN MEMORY OF PHILIP HENRY UTECH, 1873–1929.

“The notice of the sudden death of Philip Henry Utech, Meadville, Pa., November 21, 1929, came to his associates and many friends as a most overwhelming shock.

“The members of the Revision Committee National Formulary V are grieved to record the decease of their fellow member and co-worker who rendered valuable assistance and excellent work during the last revision, his energies and interests pertaining to revision work in connec-

tion with the National Formulary and also the Recipe Book made him a prominent worker for the advancement of professional pharmacy.

"He conducted his business on the same high plane and was always deeply interested in and contributed largely of his time and money for the advancement of all community interests. He will be greatly missed by his associates and numerous friends.

"It is proper, therefore, that the National Formulary Committee enter upon its records this appreciation of his valuable work and express its deepest regrets at the great loss sustained. A copy of this memorial¹ is to be forwarded to his widow."

GEORGE T. RIEFFLIN.

George T. Riefflin—member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION since 1909, and New York City sales representative of Sharp & Dohme for many years—died after a day's illness, November 18th, in Mt. Morris Park Sanatorium. The deceased was a native of West Prussia, where he was born September 19, 1854.

Mr. Riefflin had been looking forward to the concluding evening concert in Steinway-Hall on November 19th, by his gifted daughter, Miss Elsa Riefflin. The many friends of the family who intended to join in the evening's entertainment, sorrowfully paid last honors to their departed friend.

Mr. Riefflin was one of the organizers of the Steuben Society in which he was deeply interested; officers and members of the Society paid tribute to their fellow member.

The deceased was a member of a number of other societies and organizations; among them, the German Apothecaries' Society, the Turn-Verein and the Veteran Druggists' Association; Dr. Carl F. Schleussner spoke for the latter and Nathaniel Nicolai for the former. Representatives of the organizations in which Mr. Riefflin held membership were present to do honor; also, members of the staff of *New Yorker Herald*, Editor Hugo Kantrowitz of the *Apotheker-Zeitung*; President Pincus Herz, of N. Y. Pharmaceutical Association, Dr. J. Leon Lascoff and many other friends and co-workers who esteemed him as a friend, for his high ideals, his strong and genteel character. Sympathy is expressed to the widow and daughter.

¹The Committee on Revision of National Formulary—the tribute was prepared by S. L. Hilton and submitted by former Secretary Wilbur L. Scoville.

FREDERICK WILLIAM ARCHER.

Frederick William Archer, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, died October 17th, following an illness of more than a year. The deceased had been engaged in the retail drug business in Dorchester, Mass. (Boston), for more than fifty years. He was a member of the Boston Association of Retail Druggists and of the N. A. R. D.

Mr. Archer had been a member of the Massachusetts Board of Pharmacy, and was a member of the Board of Trustees of Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. He took an interest in municipal affairs and was an incorporator of the Milton Savings Bank and of the Dorchester Savings Bank. His widow and two sons, Harold D. and Charles F., survive the deceased. The latter is a retail pharmacist at 573 Talbot Ave.; his father's store is located at 2297 Dorchester Ave.

Sympathy is expressed to the bereaved.

EMERSON R. MILLER.

Emerson R. Miller, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION since 1895, died at Mayo Hospital in Rochester, Minn., October 31st. Dr. Miller established the School of Pharmacy at Auburn, Ala., thirty-four years ago and has been connected with this Institution, excepting during the years of his post-graduate work at European universities, and while engaged at the University of Wisconsin, at Minnesota and the Cuban Experiment Station, at Santiago.

Dr. Miller was quite a frequent contributor to the JOURNAL OF THE A. PH. A. The last article published was on "Cornin: a Glucoside from *Cornus Florida*."

Dr. Miller was extremely modest, highly regarded by co-workers, students and fellow citizens.

At the end of the last school term the deceased was given leave of absence on account of the necessity for surgical treatment. Mrs. Miller died several years ago.

FREDERICK FRANK WITTING.

We regret not to have had earlier advice of the death of Fred. F. Witting, which occurred at the home of his son, Theodore, in Denver, on July 9th, as a result of injuries he sustained when struck by an automobile. Mr. Witting was born in Ohio in 1854. His family moved to St. Louis when he was quite young and that city was his home until he came to Denver in 1882. He graduated from

the St. Louis College of Pharmacy in 1875. He owned a drug store at 26th Ave. and Humboldt St. in Denver for many years, and afterward went to Longmont, where he operated a store until about 1918. The deceased became a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION in 1902.

CHARLES PFIZER.

Charles Pfizer, son of the founder of Charles Pfizer & Co., New York, died October 6th at his home in Bernardsville, N. J., aged 68 years. His brother, Emile Pfizer, is president of the chemical company. His wife, two sisters and brother survive.

W. H. PERKIN.

William Henry Perkin, F. R. S., Waynflete Professor of Chemistry at Oxford, died on September 17th, aged 69 years. He was the eldest son of Sir William Henry Perkin, the founder of the coal-tar dye industry. Upon

completing his chemical studies in Germany, he was appointed professor of chemistry at the Heriot-Watt College, Edinburgh, where he inaugurated his great experiments upon the alkaloids, beginning with berberine. In 1892 he was elected professor at Manchester University, where he remained until his appointment, in 1912, to the Waynflete Chair at Oxford.

MRS. P. J. GARVIN.

Mrs. P. J. Garvin, wife of our fellow member, P. J. Garvin, died November 30th. The esteem and love for Mr. and Mrs. Garvin were expressed by floral tributes and attendance at the funeral services by many representatives of various organizations and the drug trade activities from all parts of Connecticut. As is known to our readers, Mr. Garvin is secretary of Connecticut Pharmaceutical Association and State Pharmacy Inspector. Sympathy is expressed to the bereaved.

BOOK NOTICES AND REVIEWS.

Organic Chemistry for Students of Pharmacy and Medicine. By A. H. CLARK, Professor of Chemistry, University of Illinois, School of Pharmacy. D. Van Nostrand Company, Inc. 8 Warren St., New York, 1929, 446 pages, cloth, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$. Price \$3.50.

In the preface of the book, the author states in part, "In this volume an endeavor has been made to present such theory as is needed for an understanding of medicinal products and to include a description of many such products not mentioned in the usual texts. . . . Subjects, such as dyes, industrial organic chemistry, many of the important type reactions for the synthesis of organic compounds, etc., are conspicuous for their absence, or are very briefly touched upon. . . . Therapeutics is lightly touched upon. The very interesting field of the relationship of chemical constitution to physiological action is also passed over lightly, it being intentionally left for the individual teacher to deal with as he sees fit." This quotation indicates the scope of the work. The reviewer does not agree with the author in his conclusion that students of pharmacy and medicine require less knowledge of the fundamental theory and basic type reactions of organic chemistry than do other students of science. The text material is largely descriptive.

The book is divided into three parts as follows: Part I deals with open-chain hydrocarbons; Part II treats of the aromatic compounds, volatile oils, alkaloids, etc.; and Part III is given over to synthetic medicinal agents. In Part I, various products derived from the aliphatic hydrocarbons are described, *i. e.*, unsaturated hydrocarbons, petroleum products of commerce, esters, waxes, lipoids, carbohydrates, gums, proteins, etc. Part II includes a description of cyclic compounds such as benzene and its homologues, aromatic sulphonic, halogen and nitroderivatives, aromatic acids, volatile oils, alkaloids and related substances, glucosides, resins, etc. Part III takes up the synthetic derivatives and other medicaments under different chapter headings such as, hydrocarbons, chlorine compounds, iodine compounds, phenolic compounds, quinoline derivatives, arsenicals, mercurials, etc. The structural formula of almost every compound mentioned is given with a brief description of the properties of the compound. In a very few cases, the reactions involved in the synthesis of a compound are shown. Seldom are the properties of a compound illustrated by the reactions which it takes part in when treated with various reagents.

A knowledge of organic chemistry consists, in the writer's opinion, of knowing how a sub-