

## NEW YORK DRUG AND CHEMICAL SECTION PLANS FOR LARGER ACTIVITIES.

At the meeting of the Drug and Chemical Section of the New York Board of Trade, on April 2nd, a motion was submitted to the Executive Committee which has as its purpose a larger field of activities. In submitting the

resolution J. L. Hopkins emphasized that the Section was the representative of the combined drug, chemical and allied trades, and he proposed a change to the name "Drug Chemical and Allied Trades Association." He also proposed an increase in the membership and to have it open to those outside of New York City.

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## OBITUARY.

### HERBERT C. EASTERDAY.

Herbert C. Easterday, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, for many years a pharmacist of Washington, D. C., and a former president of the National College of Pharmacy, now a part of George Washington University, died at his home, 3214 Macomb Street, on March 11th. He was 67 years old. He was also a member and former treasurer of the District of Columbia Retail Druggists' Association and a director of the Washington Wholesale Druggists' Exchange.

*The Maryland Pharmacist*, in writing of the deceased, said:

"Few people are gifted with the elements of friendship and affection as was this man. To his friends he was all that a friend should be and more. He was gracious, considerate and true in his relationships; he was understanding and kindness itself. His deep and loyal personality and his splendid character will long be remembered. His life was an inspiration not only to those who have come to the lengthening shadows of evening, but to those who stand at the gateway of accomplishment. The passing of Herbert C. Easterday leaves a void in the hearts of many who knew him as he really was."

Mr. Easterday is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lora Simpson Easterday, a sister and brother.

### HARRY B. MASON.

Harry Beckwith Mason, long connected with Parke, Davis & Co., and for many years editor of the *Bulletin of Pharmacy*, died March 8th. He had been ill for a number of months.

Mr. Mason was born in North Granville, N. Y., and was a pharmacist in his early years. He was an alumnus of the Albany College of Pharmacy, and had received an honorary degree of "master in pharmacy" from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science

in recognition of his pharmacal writings. In his connection with Parke, Davis & Co., he served successively as director of publications, director of promotion, secretary and member of the board of directors. He retired in January 1929, to devote himself to private interests.

Mr. Mason became a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION in 1896. Brief mention was made in the March JOURNAL, and a sketch appears in the January issue for 1929. He is survived by his widow, Luella Bonton Mason, and two daughters, Adelaide and Marjorie.

### MARTIN H. SMITH.

Martin H. Smith, manufacturing chemist and president of the company bearing his name, died April 8th at Annapolis after a brief illness of pneumonia, aged 62 years. He was born in Annapolis and educated at St. John's College. On his graduation he came to New York City, where he established a retail drug business; in 1909 he branched out into the manufacture of proprietary specialties.

The deceased is survived by his wife, by two daughters, the Misses Dorothy and Muriel Smith, and by a sister, Mrs. Augusta Lloyd, of Annapolis. Mr. Smith was a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Dr. Tokichiro Niwa, Professor Emeritus, Imperial University of Tokyo, and vice-president of the Japan Pharmacists Union, died at his home in Tokyo, March 12th, aged seventy-five years. He was a member of the Japanese Pharmacopoeial Commission and Councilor of the Tokyo Health Department.

Professor Niwa graduated in pharmacy at the University of Tokyo and after studies in pharmacy at European universities he returned to his *Alma Mater* as a member of the faculty.