

and 0.5 cc. of silver nitrate solution (*soluble halides*); no turbidity with 0.5 cc. of diluted nitric acid and 0.5 cc. of barium nitrate solution (*sulphates*); no coloration or precipitation on saturation with hydrogen sulphide (*salts of heavy metals*).

Incinerate about 0.05 Gm. of synthetic thyroxine, accurately weighed; the residue is negligible. Dry about 0.05 Gm., accurately weighed, for 24 hours over sulphuric acid in a partial vacuum; the loss in weight should not exceed 1 per cent. Transfer about 0.1 Gm., previously dried for 24 hours over sulphuric acid, accurately weighed, to a bomb tube; determine the iodine content by the Carius method; the amount of iodine found should not be less than 65 per cent, nor more than 66.5 per cent.—*Jour. A. M. A.*, Aug. 16, 1930.



DR. W. A. BASTEDO.  
President, U. S. Pharmacopoeial Convention.

## PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Announcement of a gift of \$100,000 to the recently created National Institute of Health by the Chemical Foundation, Incorporated, is made in correspondence presented June 23rd for printing in the Congressional Record by Senator Jos. E. Ransdall of Louisiana. The AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION supported the Bill referred to.

*The Scientific Monthly*, of June, contains an article on "Light and Medicines," by our fellow member, H. V. Army.

Josiah K. Lilly was named honorary president of the Alumni Association of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science for 1930-1931. He is an alumnus of the class of 1882. This is the first time the honor has been conferred by the Association.

C. O. Bigelow celebrated the 50th anniversary of the establishment of his pharmacy

in New York City. The two millionth prescription was filled by the pharmacy on June 12th.

On the occasion of the two hundredth anniversary of the discovery of glycerin the News Edition of *Industrial and Engineering Chemistry* sketches the life of Wm. J. M. Gordon. The latter was a former president of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION. He began his pharmaceutical activities in Baltimore, then removed to Cincinnati, where one of the young men in his employ was John Uri Lloyd. Here he began the manufacture of glycerin.

Our fellow member, in Mexico, G. G. Colin, is secretary of the Chemical Society of Mexico. *Revista Quimica* is the official organ of the Society.



DR. HUGH S. CUMMING.  
Surgeon General, U. S. Public Health Service.

Our fellow member in China, John Cameron, contributed an article on "Our Profession in China To-Day." He reports also the formation of North China Pharmaceutical Society Evening School.

There are in Cuba some 1500 drug stores which when compared with the approximate population of 3,500,000 would make one store to every 2333 inhabitants.

According to Treasury Department statistics sales of prepared medicines and drugs in Cuba do not average more than \$4,000,000 annually, but including crude products and

goods generally sold in drug stores such as tooth paste and cosmetics, it is reckoned that sales approximate \$12,000,000 per annum.



*Courtesy of Washington Star.*

E. M. Holt and E. B. Scott, of the U. S. Public Health Service—the first commissioned pharmacists.—See page 907.

## OBITUARY.

### EDWARD WILLIAMS.

Edward Williams, Madison, Wis.—member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION since 1906—died July 19th, following a long illness. He was born in Davies County, Ill., April 12, 1867. His parents moved to Hazel Green, Wis., where Edward received his early education; after graduation from High School, he taught school for several years and then entered the Pharmacy Department of the University of Wisconsin, graduating in the class of 1893. For a time Mr. Williams was employed with Dunning & Sumner and then purchased a drug store, with James O'Connor, as partner. He opened a second store which he later sold to Harlow S. Ott. About this time he erected the building in which he was engaged at the time of his death.

Mr. Williams was a member of the Wisconsin Board of Pharmacy for 25 years and 10 years its secretary. He was a member of

the York Rite bodies of Masonry and a past master of Madison Lodge No. 5.

June 6, 1894, Mr. Williams married Hannah J. Wilkinson, of Benton, who survives him.

### GEORGE W. SOHRBECK.

George W. Sohrbeck, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION since 1897, died June 2nd, aged 72 years, at his home in Moline, Ill. He was a graduate of the University of Illinois School of Pharmacy. Soon after graduating he entered into partnership with his brother, Henry Sohrbeck.

Mr. Sohrbeck was interested in educational matters and had been a member of the Moline school board. He was active in Masonic bodies. His widow, née Miss Nellie Mowry, survives the deceased.

Dr. W. H. Henshaw, former chief of the Biological Survey, U. S. Department of Agriculture, died in Washington, August 1st, aged 80 years.