

## OBITUARY.

## WILLIAM ARTHUR FROST.

**William A. Frost**, Honorary President of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, 1925-1926 and member of the ASSOCIATION since 1876, died at his home in St. Paul, Minn., August 12th, aged 76 years. He was born in St. John, New Brunswick, April 11, 1854; here he received his early education.

Following his father's death, in 1870, he joined a brother, Thomas R. Frost who was a student at the New York College of Pharmacy, under whom he worked in a drug store owned by S. Y. Tuthill in New York City. For a short time he was employed by Eimer and Amend, after which he went into the employ of Caswell, Hazard and Company, with whom he remained until 1876, when Mr. Caswell retired from the firm to establish himself with W. M. Massey and L. R. Blackman in the new firm of Caswell, Massey and Company. Mr. Frost then returned to New York in the employ of the new firm. During the following winter he finished his pharmacy course and graduated from the New York College of Pharmacy in April 1877; thereafter he returned to Newport to assist in opening a new store for Caswell, Massey and Company, with whom he remained until the winter of 1878. Coming west in 1878, Mr. Frost located at Willmar, Minnesota, and formed a co-partnership with C. F. Clark under the firm name of Clark and Frost. Two years later fire destroyed the stock with almost a total loss; shortly after this the firm opened what was then considered the most up-to-date pharmacy in St. Paul. Since 1897, he devoted his entire attention to his pharmacy on Selby Hill.

Mr. Frost was active in the formation and was a charter member of the Minnesota State Pharmaceutical Association of which he was a past-president. He rendered valuable service in drafting and securing the passage of the Minnesota pharmacy law, and in the establishment of the College of Pharmacy at the University of Minnesota. Mr. Frost served as a member of the Minnesota State Board of Pharmacy from 1888 to 1900, and with the late H. G. Webster, then secretary of the Board, instituted the practical examination system still in use.

December 28, 1887, he married Miss Katharine Bean of Louisville, Kentucky.

## PETER B. DIAMOND.

**Peter B. Diamond**, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION since 1920, died August 18th, following a heart attack while motoring in New York City with his daughter. The deceased was Honorary President of the New York Retail Druggists' Association, and a former president of New York State Pharmaceutical Association, also chairman of the New York Pharmaceutical Conference and head of the New York Pharmaceutical Society. Mr. Diamond was born in Kieff, Russia, sixty-five years ago. There he received his early education, and came to the United States in 1881.

The deceased was owner of drug stores at various locations in New York City, disposing of them and re-locating; recently he had again engaged in the retail drug business.

As an organization man, Mr. Diamond became active in 1896, with the formation of the New York Retail Druggists' Association. The deceased is survived by his widow and a daughter, Mrs. Irving Low.

**Ralph C. Root**, member of the Vermont State Board of Pharmacy, died August 3rd, following a heart attack, age thirty-four years. Mr. Root was born in Brattleboro and here he resided during his life. After completing his preliminary education he matriculated at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, where he graduated, with honors, in 1916. The attendance at the funeral ceremonies testified to the esteem in which he was held.

The deceased is survived by his widow and mother.

## MRS. CHARLES HOLTON.

Sympathy is expressed to Treasurer Charles W. Holton, AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, and members of the family, because of bereavement by the death of his mother on August 29th. Mrs. Holton was the widow of one of our former presidents, who was highly esteemed as a citizen of Newark, N. J., and as a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION. A month or more ago, Mrs. Holton met with an accident by a fall in coming down stairs at her home; later, pneumonia developed which resulted in death. The deceased was 78 years of age, but active until the accident. Mrs. Holton had a beautiful home at Essex Fells, adjoining that of her son.

**Dr. E. Alberta Read**, assistant chief chemist of the microanalytical laboratory of the Bureau of Chemistry, Department of Agriculture, died at her home in Washington, September 1st. She had served in the laboratory continuously since 1907. Dr. Read was a native of Haverhill, Mass., and was a graduate of Mount Holyoke College, receiving degrees of M.S. and Ph.D. from Cornell University and M.D. from George Washington University.

We are advised of the death of **Mrs. George**

**W. Sohrbeck** of Moline, Ill., on June 12th. A brief notice was given of the death of her husband, in the August number, on page 927; he died June 2nd.

Mrs. Sohrbeck had been in failing health for some time and the shock of her husband's death was a contributing factor in the illness which resulted in her death.

Mrs. Sohrbeck took an active part in civic affairs and also in the church to which she belonged.

## SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

### ARIZONA.

At the eighth annual convention of the Arizona Pharmaceutical Association, held in the city of Prescott, September 2nd and 3rd, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

*President*, Jack Robertson, of Phoenix; *Vice-President*, Sam Ensminger, of Prescott; *Secretary*, Arthur Lee Phelps, of Phoenix, who is also *Secretary* of the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy; *Treasurer*, H. A. Twining of Phoenix; *Members of the Executive Committee*, *Chairman*, Fred C. MacAlpine, of Kingman; Guy Crouch, of Douglas; Fred W. Moore, of Flagstaff; G. E. Richerson, of Casa Grande; Harold Copp, of Miami; T. Ed. Litt, of Tucson.

The business meetings were particularly interesting. A program is enclosed. In addition to the scheduled speeches one written by Mr. H. C. Christensen, President of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION and Secretary of the National Association Boards of Pharmacy written for the pharmacists of Arizona was read by Mr. Phelps, and enthusiastically received by the delegation.

Chairman Arthur Lee Phelps, of the Resolutions Committee introduced nineteen resolutions, all of which were adopted. Among them were those which follow.

The request of the Texas and New Mexico State Pharmaceutical Associations that the Arizona Association join with them in holding a tri-state meeting next year was unanimously adopted, and Mr. Edward L. Dorsey of Phoenix was named Chairman of a committee to make the arrangements for this meeting.

#### *Pharmaceutical Recipe Book.*

*Resolved* that the Arizona Pharmaceuti-

cal Association commend the general excellence and usefulness of the Pharmaceutical Recipe Book published by the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, and that pharmacists everywhere be urged to place this volume upon their shelves of reference works with the U. S. P., N. F. and New and Non-official Remedies.

#### *New and Nonofficial Remedies.*

*Resolved* that the Arizona Pharmaceutical Association commend the general excellence and usefulness of New and Non-official Remedies published by the American Medical Association and that pharmacists everywhere be urged to place this volume upon their shelves of reference works with the U. S. P., N. F. and Recipe Book.

Resolution in favor of discontinuing "Assistant Pharmacist" grade was adopted; also changes in present Pharmacy Law; recommendation of arranging for the appointment of Board members, so that the terms of all members will not expire at the same time, and that the appointments be made from a list recommended by Arizona Pharmaceutical Association.

A pharmacy corps in the Medical Department in the U. S. Army was strongly endorsed by resolution, and the active support of it was asked of Hon. Lewis R. Douglas, member of the House Committee on Military Affairs.

The phrase "recommended by all reliable druggists" in the advertising of patent medicines was objected to by resolution.

College prerequisite is to be included in the new pharmacy law, and the Arizona Pharmaceutical Association is to be incorporated.

The Capper-Kelly bill was heartily endorsed.