

Of General Interest

NEW ENGLAND LETTER.

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Those members of the A. Ph. A. who have read the interesting story of Mary Antin's amalgamation into American citizenship as told in her most interesting story, "The Promised Land," would doubtless fail to recognize, unless familiar with Boston pharmacies, her description of "Mr. Pastor's showy drug-store at the corner of Washington and Dover Sts.," as the establishment of our esteemed fellow-member and erstwhile Treasurer, Mr. S. A. D. Sheppard. The incident she relates of his kindness to her in her great distress of mind, is so like our good friend that the mental picture which she draws of him is easily recognizable by all who know his genial, kindly heart and sympathetic nature. But in reading the story the query rises,—From whence did she derive the name "Pastor"? The use of this name could not have been because of the desire not to use the true name, for her book is full of instances of the use of them: Edward Everett Hale, Mr. Hurd of the Transcript, Mr. Swan and others, and only in this one case apparently does she give a pseudonym. I wondered in thinking of the matter if "Sheppard," in Yiddish or in Hebrew, had any connection with the word "Pastor," but I cannot find upon investigation that it has, and therefore I conclude that Miss Antin must have been mistaken in the name.

Of course, the incident she relates regarding her kindly treatment in this store, is not an unusual one; it probably occurs in some store in every city almost weekly with a like setting and result. But it is gratifying to observe by such an account as this what such an act means to the poor person, who, timid and frightened from previous experiences with arrogance and unkindness, bears away with lightened heart, not only the restoring medicine, but kindly sympathetic words, even though they be expressed in the sentence, "Look out for wild Indians." A

trifling incident truly, but like the little candle's beams, "So shines a good deed in a naughty world." With its feeble light it emanates a great and glowing radiance by which others may be guided and from which may come that which will be like the bread that returned "after many days."

Men have different ideas regarding the conduct of business and the antithesis of the Mary Antin incident is shown by another case. A man, not a druggist, I am glad to say, said to me the other day, "You can't succeed in life without being dirty, and I don't propose to be unsuccessful." I wondered if that man could by any possibility realize the import of what he was saying; the picture which he drew of himself? To be "successful" in the world he would be "dirty,"—would do mean things: would degrade himself; make his word untrustworthy and faithless. And I fear that there are others like this man who seem to accept this idea as a guide for themselves in the conduct of their lives, and these, too, not always the rude and uncultivated. A man occupying a high official position in this state is accused of being one whose word cannot be trusted and he is a most successful man. What manner of man is that which Dean Archer of the Suffolk Law School portrays, and yet this man aspires to be termed "Your Excellency"! How must the shades of the honorable and gentle men grieve, as they look down from above upon their successor in the chair of Andrew and of Wolcott, at this misfit occupying the place they dignified. Out upon such doctrine! How it contrasts with the dying words of Scott to Lockhart, "My dear, be a good man, be virtuous, be religious, be a good man. It is the only thing which will bring you comfort when you come to lie here," or with the creed of one man who says for his daily guide:

"I would be true, for there are those who trust me:

"I would be pure, for there are those who care:

"I would be strong, for there is much to suffer:

"I would be brave, for there is much to dare:

"I would be friend to all,—my foe; the friendless:

"I would be giver and forget the gift:

"I would be humble, for I know my weakness:

"I would look up and love and laugh and lift."

The Commencement and Class Day Exercises of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy occurred on Thursday, May 15, with President C. Herbert Packard presiding. The order of exercises was:

Prayer, by Rev. A. R. Williams.

Address, by Mr. Charles Zueblin, "Science and the Sciences."

Presentation of Candidates for the Degrees, Dean, Theodore J. Bradley.

Calling of the Roll, Secretary Lyman W. Griffin.

Conferring of the Degrees, President C. Herbert Packard.

The Degree of Phar. D. was conferred upon 35 students, and that of Ph. C. upon 8 students.

At the conclusion of the Commencement Exercises the Annual Dinner of the M. C. P. Alumni Association took place, with President Acheson presiding. This dinner was entirely informal and no set speeches were given. At 8:30 o'clock the Class Reception and Dance occurred at Horticultural Hall, for which the Salem Cadet Band furnished the music. Dancing was continued until one a. m., when the exercises of the day ended.

CONNECTICUT.

Fairfield. R. E. Randall of Torrington is fitting up the corner-store in the Freeman Building as a pharmacy, and expects to open the same about the time of our going to press.

New Haven. Charles Hull has purchased the drug store of John Alling at 141 Dixwell avenue. Mr. Hull for many years managed the Wilson Pharmacy and later was with A. F. Wood's Sons.

Manchester. Samuel Nelson opened a modern pharmacy on the nineteenth ult. in the corner store of the Odd Fellows' block, on the corner of East Center and Main Sts. The prescription department will be in charge of Elmore C. Packard, formerly of

the Grant Pharmacy. The fountain is from the Lippincott Co.

James Magnell of Rockville succeeds E. C. Packard as druggist at the Grant Pharmacy.

Hartford. Robert Rubin is to open a drug store at No. 99 Connecticut Boulevard, which will be the only pharmacy in its entire length.

Carl Sheldrick, recently of the Godwin Drug Store, and Paul A. Alderman, formerly connected with Goodwin's, are to open a store at the corner of Main and Pearl Sts., in the premises recently vacated by the Conn. River Banking Co.

Waterbury. "The Brown Druggists" are enlarging their store on East Main St. by removing their prescription department to the second story of the building, giving them about twenty feet of added floor space in their main store. Mr. Brown has recently purchased the Buckingham Pharmacy, corner of Bank and Grand Sts. and will refit the same.

MAINE.

Bath. Harry M. Wilshire, formerly of Gorham, has opened a drug store which he proposes to make a first-class pharmacy in every respect.

Belfast. The Old Corner Drug Store in Pythian Block has been recently greatly improved by the addition of plate-glass windows and a general overhauling which makes it one of the most up-to-date pharmacies of the city.

Biddeford. Henry D. Cosgrove and Belle E. Breslin of Maplewood, Mass., were joined in marriage on April 10 last at Southern Pines, N. C. They will make their home in this city, where the groom is associated with his father in business.

Machias. Rufus Trussel Crane, probably the oldest druggist in Maine at the time of his decease, passed away at his home on the twenty-third ult. at the age of 81 years 2 months and 3 days. For fifty-five years he was actively engaged in the drug business in this town, and had been for several years a member of its Board of Selectmen. He was a member of Harwood Lodge, F. & A. M., and of Washington R. A. Chapter. His widow and two children survive him, Edna, the wife of Arthur W. Bowker, a prominent druggist of Brookline, Mass., and Frank T., who carries on the business established by his father in this town.

McAdam. William Logan is preparing to

open a pharmacy in this town at an early date.

Portland. Elmer W. Parker has been taken into partnership by his father and the firm will be known as George H. Parker & Son.

Rockland. Lachance & Leighton have dissolved partnership, Mr. Edward B. Leighton retiring on account of ill health. Mr. Fred J. Lachance will continue the business, with J. H. Wiggins as prescription clerk.

The forty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Maine State Pharmaceutical Association will occur at Portland on June 24, 25 and 26. A large attendance is expected at this meeting.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Andover. Franklin H. Stacey, Ph. G., has purchased the W. A. Allen store and will combine the business of his former location with that of Allen business in the store formerly occupied by the latter.

Boston. Two old-time pharmacists passed away in this city the first week of the month. Samuel A. Neill died on May 4, and Charles A. Miller on May 5, both at the age of 63 years. Mr. Neill was prominent in the wholesale business and Mr. Miller was a retail druggist, long in business in Roxbury.

Mr. James F. Finneran, President of the Woodward Drug Co., has been confined to the house during the past month with a threatened attack of appendicitis.

Fitchburg. The clerks of the Fitchburg Drug Co. entertained their friends on the evening of April 21 at a social dancing party. About twenty couples were present and a most enjoyable evening was passed by all those who participated in the function.

Trustee Henry W. Estabrook of the College is one of a Committee of three appointed by the Citizens' Committee of 100, to frame a new charter for the city.

Lowell. The contract to supply drugs to the city dispensary was awarded to Falls & Burkinshaw, who were the lowest bidders in a field of four competitors. Not the best way to secure the best drugs.

Salem. Frederick E. Bigelow has opened a new store at the corner of Lafayette St. and West Ave. Mr. Bigelow was for fifteen years a clerk for George N. Harris, at the corner of Leach and Lafayette Sts.

Taunton. The Drug Clerks' Association has elected the following officers for the en-

suing year: President, James Gilchrist; Vice President, Walter Gorham; Secretary, Elmer Clapp; Treasurer, Joseph L. Welch.

Worcester. H. A. Burdett, one of the oldest druggists of Clinton, has closed his store and entered the employ of H. L. Green of this city.

Pittsfield. Charles I. McCarty has purchased an interest in the Melville Pharmacy on North St., and will assume charge of the drug department of that corporation.

Stoneham. Mr. Ralph R. Patch of the E. L. Patch Co. reports the arrival of "the stork" at his home with a welcome burden of a seven-pound suffragette. Mother and babe are in the best of health and spirits.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Franklin Falls. Rodney A. Griffin has purchased the interest of Mrs. Ada A. Jackman in the Jackman & Griffin store and will conduct the business on his own account.

Wolfeboro. Joseph Robins, a druggist of this town for thirteen years, has given up business here and removed to Lynn, Mass., to enter the employ of Riker-Jaynes Company.

RHODE ISLAND.

Pascoag. Edward Cunningham of Malone's Pharmacy has purchased a drug store in Providence.

Providence. Thomas Grady's drug store was burglarized on April 16 and a small amount of cash and goods was taken. From appearances the work was that of amateurs in the business.

Olneyville. Byron Smith has recently refitted his store.

VERMONT.

Brandon. The meeting of the Vermont State Association will take place at this beautiful town in June and a large gathering is expected to be present. Brandon is noted for its quarries of statuary marble and is a very attractive summer resort.

Burlington. The Vermont Board of Pharmacy has reorganized by the selection of D. F. Davis as President, M. G. Beebe as Secretary, E. G. MacClallen, Treasurer. The other members of the Board are W. L. Gokay and W. F. Root.

Rutland. Lucian J. Trudel reports regarding propaganda work in that locality that its results have been fairly good.