

OBITUARY.

ISAAC EDWARD EMERSON.

Isaac Edward Emerson, drug manufacturer and banker, founder of the Emerson Drug Company, died January 23rd at his home in Baltimore after two months' illness. He was seventy-one years old. He was familiarly known as captain, having received a commission as such during the Spanish-American War when he provided the entire crew for the U. S. S. *Dixie*. Captain Emerson was a member of many clubs, including the New York Yacht Club, the Maryland Yacht Club and other organizations.

Mr. Emerson was born at Chapel Hill, N. C., July 24, 1859, and was graduated from the University of North Carolina as a chemist in 1879. A year later he came to Baltimore and opened a small drug store in the northwest section of the city. He later organized the Emerson Drug Company, built the Emerson Hotel, and had large hotel and realty holdings at Narragansett, R. I.

Captain Emerson served as president of the Citro Chemical Works of America at Maywood, N. J.; chairman of the American Bromine Company, and was controlling owner of the Maryland Glass Corporation, reputed largest manufacturer of blue glassware in the country. He was a director of many banking institutions and a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

According to statements made in connection with the filing of the will of Captain Isaac E. Emerson, the estate has a valuation of \$20,000,-000. Among associates who have been holding positions of trust under Captain Emerson for many years and who benefit largely by his munificence are Joseph F. Hindes and Philip I. Heuisler, of the Emerson Drug Company and the Maryland Glass Company; William H. Parker, manager of the Emerson Hotel; and Parker Cook. Captain Emerson's controlling interest in the stock of the Emerson's Bromo-Seltzer, Inc., Emerson Drug Company, Maryland Glass Corporation and the Emerson Hotel is left in trust for a period of twenty years. Ten trustees are named, who also are to be executors of the will and directors of the corporations. They are Anne Preston Emerson, the widow; Margaret E. Heuisler, Parker Cook, J. Edward Murray, Walter W. White, Frederick C. McCormack, William H. Parker and Vernon Cook. Captain Emerson stated in his will that he desired all promotions of

officers in his various corporations to be in the following order of priority: 1, Joseph Hindes; 2, Philip I. Heuisler; 3, Parker Cook; 4, Edward Murray; 5, Walter W. White; 6, Frederick C. McCormack. Others benefit by the will, and Captain Emerson's interest in his employees is shown by these provisions. Several years ago he established a chair in the University of Maryland, School of Pharmacy, and endowed it.

Captain Emerson is survived by his widow, his daughter, Mrs. Minot, and two grandchildren, Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, Jr., and George Vanderbilt; there are also several stepchildren.

OLIVER F. WOLF.

Oliver Franklin Wolf, Pittsburgh, Pa., president of the McKennan Drug Company, Inc., died October 23rd at his winter home in Phoenix, Ariz. Mr. Wolf was born in Pittsburgh and became sole owner of the McKennan pharmacy in 1914. He was a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, the National Association of Retail Druggists, the Keystone Athletic Club, the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce. The deceased was a member of the Masonic bodies and the Shrine. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Addie S. Mudge Wolf, and a brother, Edward G. Wolf of New York.

WILLIAM CHARLES KIRK.

William Charles Kirk of 782 West End Avenue, chief chemist of Fairchild Brothers & Foster, died November 30th, in St. Luke's Hospital, aged 67 years. He was a native of Chicago and a graduate of the University of Illinois, class of '85. A widow, Emma L. Cappus Kirk, and two children survive. Mr. Kirk was a member of the American Chemical Society and of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

William C. Aughinbaugh, pharmacist, of Hagerstown, Md., died at his home on January 3rd. For a number of years, and until his death, he owned and conducted a successful pharmacy in Hagerstown. He also was president of Kee Mar College and took an active interest in the school.

Dr. Paul M. Lowell, Medical Officer of the Food and Drug Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture, died January 3rd at Walter Reed Hospital, of pneumonia. Dr.

Lowell joined the Food and Drug Administration as Medical Officer in 1927 and was in charge of the preparation of court cases based upon fraudulent therapeutic claims for drugs and medicines.

Dr. Allen Johnson, 60, author and former professor of history at Yale, and editor of the *Dictionary of American Biography*, died in Washington, D. C., January 18th, following

an automobile accident. Dr. Johnson had completed six volumes of the contemplated 20 volumes designed to incorporate the biographies of 13,000 famous Americans.

Narakichi Hishida, publisher of the *Japanese Weekly Druggist* passed away at the age of 68 years at his Tokyo home on January 8th. The funeral service was held at Itokujji Temple at Akasaka, on January 11th.

SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

NEW YORK PHARMACEUTICAL CONFERENCE AND UNEMPLOYED PHARMACISTS.

In replying to the New York Pharmaceutical Conference relative to the action of New York's Pharmaceutical organizations, Secretary Kelly said:

"Pharmacy Takes Care of Its Own." This motto may very correctly be applied to Pharmacy not in any spirit of pride but rather in a spirit of thankfulness that we have been able and prepared to deal with our own problems, be they social, professional or economic. In all of its long history Pharmacy has been fortunate enough to maintain itself.

"It has been said that pharmacists as individual citizens do not take the interest that they should in civic and political activities. An investigation will soon show that this is not true, but it may be that pharmacists believe in that old-fashioned, very wise and dependable policy that if the various groups of society take care of their own troubles, there will be much less for society to deal with as a whole.

"It is, therefore, most encouraging to see The New York Pharmaceutical Conference taking effective steps to meet such unemployment and consequent want as may occur among pharmacists in its territory during the present conditions. It is a splendid cause and deserves, as we confidently expect it to receive, the whole-hearted support of the members of the Conference. To undertake such a humanitarian effort is a compliment to the Conference and to its members, and the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION wishes it the fullest measure of success."

CANADIAN CHEMISTS FORM ASSOCIATION.

The Canadian Chemical Association has been formed by chemists and chemical industrialists

of Canada by the consolidation of previously existing Canadian chemical societies. The new association will be concerned with developments in all lines of chemistry and its applications, and also function along educational and research lines. The officers of the Association are: *President*, J. R. Donald, Montreal; *Secretary*, J. Houston, Toronto.

EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL DENTAL CONGRESS.

The 8th International Dental Congress will be held in Paris, France, August 3-8, 1931. At this time the most recent advances in the dental profession will be demonstrated. It is expected that quite a number of delegates from the United States will attend.

MERGER OF NEW YORK MEDICAL SCHOOLS.

The incorporation of the New York Post-graduate Medical School and Hospital, into the educational system of Columbia University has been announced. Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler has been elected a member of the Corporation and director of the Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital, of which he becomes ex-officio president.

RESEARCH BUREAU.

The directing committee of the Research Bureau for the year 1931 is as follows: A. K. Mayer, *Chairman*, Indianapolis; J. H. Riemschneider, *Vice-Chairman*, Chicago; E. L. Newcomb, *General Secretary*; S. C. Henry, Chicago; Sidney Hollander, Baltimore; Ambrose Hunsberger, Philadelphia; Carl F. G. Meyer, St. Louis; H. S. Noel, Indianapolis; Paul C. Olsen, Philadelphia; Alfred W. Pauley, St. Louis; G. C. Schicks, Newark; Wm. J. Schieffelin, Jr., New York; J. T. Woodside, Chicago.