

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF MRS. F. B. KILMER.

Mrs. Frederick B. Kilmer, wife of our highly regarded fellow-member, died December 31st, at the family home in New Brunswick, N. J. Mr. and Mrs. Kilmer are the parents of Joyce Kilmer, the famed poet, who was killed in the World War.

At the time of her death Mrs. Kilmer was engaged on a book entitled, "Flowers for His Grave, Culled by His Mother."

Mrs. Kilmer was also the author of "Memoirs of My Son, Sergeant Joyce Kilmer," "Leaves from My Life," "Whimsies" and "More Whimsies."

She was a member of the Authors Club of New York, the Poetry Society of America and the Penwoman's Club.

Mrs. Kilmer was born in Albany, N. Y., and educated in Binghamton. In 1871 she was married to Dr. Kilmer. The couple had four children, all now dead.

In September 1929, Mrs. Kilmer took part in the ceremonies dedicating Joyce Kilmer Square, Kings Highway, Avenue Q and East Twelfth Street, Brooklyn; telling of her visit to her son's grave in a French military cemetery, and reciting "Trees," her son's best known poem.

Sergeant Joyce Kilmer of the 165th Infantry was killed in action in France on July 30, 1918, in the battle of the Ourcq. He had been on the staff of the Sunday Magazine of THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Dr. S. W. Stratton died October 18th, from a heart attack at his home in Boston. Dr. Stratton drafted the bill providing for the National Bureau of Standards and of which he became the head. In 1916 Dr. Stratton persuaded Dr. H. V. Army to secure the presence and co-operation of representatives of leading American associations to consider the general use of metric weights and measures; this resulted in the formation of the Metric Association.

Mrs. J. L. Spannagel, mother of Mrs. Laura E. Whelpley, widow of the late Dr. H. M. Whelpley, died at the home of her daughter, aged 92 years. Mrs. Whelpley is a member of the A. P. H. A. and well known by many of its members.

We are advised of the death of Mrs. Elmer Wirth who passed away on December 27th. Professor and Mrs. Wirth returned from Holland last summer, after Prof. Wirth received his doctors degree at the University of Leiden.

Mrs. Wirth is a graduate of the Literary College of the University of Michigan, and was married to Dr. Wirth in 1922. The husband and a daughter survive the deceased; sympathy is expressed to them.

T. A. Cheatham, Macon, Georgia, for 20 years drug inspector of Georgia and Secretary of the State Association for many years, died December 7th, aged 81 years. He had been in the drug business for more than 60 years, until his retirement some years ago.

Sympathy is expressed to Dean and Mrs. Edward H. Kraus and Mr. Edward T. Ramsdell in their bereavement by the death of the daughter of the former, the wife of the latter. Mrs. Margaret Ramsdell was fatally injured December 21st, at Wellesley, Mass., by the explosion of illuminating gas in the hallway of her home. Mr. Ramsdell is a theological student at Boston and Harvard Universities. He, also, was injured; the explosion was so severe that the brick front of the home was blown down and windows in surrounding apartments were shattered.

HERMANN THOMS MEMORIAL.

A memorial meeting was held in the large assembly room of the Pharmaceutical Institute of the University of Berlin, December 16th. The hall was filled to overflowing by pharmacists and other friends who came to do honor to the great German pharmacist, who died November 28th.

His experiences in various divisions of pharmacy and also in chemical manufacturing, and research found expression in his many writings and his crowning work is "Handbuch der praktischen and wissenschaftlichen Pharmazie;" this embraces the entire field of pharmacy. It is so vast in its conception and so well and thoroughly presented that it will be a lasting monument to Dr. Thoms; it is an essential work in every pharmaceutical library.

In the hall there were complete displays of the writings and works of the distinguished pharmacist and, as far as possible, every phase of his many activities received worthy recognition by speakers of prominence. Scientists, students and associates came to do him honor and place on record well-deserved tributes to this tireless worker, who almost to the last moment of his life was engaged in service for pharmacy. The honors given him on various occasions have been noted in this publication; the memorial meeting evidenced the high regard of his fellows, friends and co-workers.