

OBITUARY.

CHARLES WEST PARSONS.

Charles W. Parsons of the scientific staff of E. R. Squibb & Sons and a former editor of *The Practical Druggist*, died in the Hackensack Hospital on April 6th after a brief illness.

He was born in 1861 at Windsor, Conn., and when quite young the family removed to Michigan. There he received his education and graduated from the University of Michigan School of Pharmacy in 1881. Following an appointment as assistant chemist in the Chemical Division of the Department of Agriculture at Washington, he was employed by Schieffelin & Co., New York, and later was editor of the *Druggists Circular* for two years.

In 1883 Mr. Parsons was selected as professor of Analytical Chemistry and Practical Pharmacy in the New York College of Pharmacy. He held this chair until 1888 when he became editor of the *Pharmaceutical Era*. He resigned in 1901 to enter the employ of Smith, Kline & French Co. in Philadelphia. During subsequent years he was connected in turn with E. R. Squibb & Sons, Lehn & Fink, and Hoffmann-La Roche Chemical Works. In 1919 he assumed the editorship of the *American Druggist* and in 1926 returned to E. R. Squibb & Sons.

Mr. Parsons was a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION and charter member of the New York Veteran Druggists Association. The funeral services were held April 7th, at his residence in Rutherford, N. J., followed by interment at LeRoy, N. Y.

J. HUNGERFORD SMITH.

Ill for several years, J. Hungerford Smith, once a small town druggist who developed a nationally known business that was unique in American industry, died April 19th in his home at Rochester, N. Y. He was 77 years old.

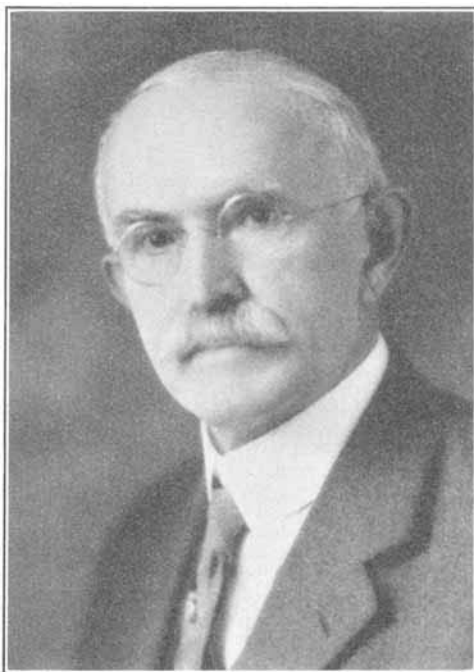
Mr. Smith, who organized the J. Hungerford Smith Company, and who served that company as active president until his retirement four years ago due to ill health, was born in Fine, St. Lawrence County, N. Y., on Feb. 20, 1855, the son of the late Col. William P. and Sarah Hungerford Smith.

After receiving his elementary education in his home town, Mr. Smith entered the Hungerford Collegiate Institute at Adams, N. Y., and from there matriculated in the University of Michigan where he was graduated with the

degree of pharmaceutical chemist with the class of 1877.

After college, Mr. Smith engaged for a short time as a traveling salesman; in 1880, he established a drug store at Ausable Forks, N. Y., which he conducted successfully for eight years. As a soda fountain was one of the features of his drug store, he made a conscientious effort to serve the best. He applied his natural skill and training in experiments with fruit juices, with the idea of improving the products sold at his own fountain.

His experiments met with almost instant



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success, and there came a demand for his juice mixtures. When the volume of these orders increased to such an extent that he was no longer able to fill them in the limited confines of his drug store, Mr. Smith decided to abandon the drug business and specialize in the then unique field of manufacturing under the name of the J. Hungerford Smith Company.

In 1890, Mr. Smith, at the instigation of several Rochester business men, moved his factory to that city. The business was incorporated when it was removed to Rochester, and the factory was enlarged from time to time

until it now occupies more than 250,000 square feet of floor space.

In 1928 Mr. Smith, then 73 years old and having gradually relinquished active participation in the corporation's affairs, retired definitely from business. He continued his membership in the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION until his demise.

ROMAINE PIERSON.

Romaine Pierson, owner and publisher of *The Practical Druggist* and of *The Medical Times*, and who had been associated with pharmaceutical and medical publications for more than forty years, died of a sudden heart attack April 27th at his home at 350 Park Avenue, New York City.

Mr. Pierson was sixty-three years old. He was born at Union Springs, N. Y., and was a



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descendant of Abraham Pierson, first president of Yale University. Completing his schooling in the Union Springs public school and in the Friends' Seminary, he entered business in 1888 as a clerk in a retail drug store in his home town. A year later he took employment with Pierson's Pharmacy at Hornwell, N. Y., where he received the most of his pharmaceutical education, and in June 1889, he passed the State board of pharmacy's examination for license as a pharmacist.

In 1891 he started his activities in the publication field, when he gave his spare time to

soliciting advertising and subscriptions for *The Druggists Circular*. He entered the employ of the *American Druggist* in 1894 and purchased an interest in the business, becoming secretary of the company later; when the stockholders of the publication purchased the *New York Medical Journal*, later combining it with the *Medical News* and the *Philadelphia Medical Journal*.

"He purchased *The Practical Druggist* from Benjamin Lillard in February 1910, and in December 1911, acquired a controlling interest in *The Medical Times*, a publication then in its fortieth year and which had been partly owned also by Mr. Lillard. In addition to his publication business he was president and manager of Romaine Pierson Advertising Agency, this city.

"Mr. Pierson was a trustee and an elder of the Rutgers Presbyterian Church, this city, member of the Masonic fraternity, and of the Drug and Chemical, New York Athletic, Rumson Country and Lido Country clubs. Funeral services were held April 29th, in the Central Presbyterian Church, Park Avenue, New York City.

"His wife, Mrs. Caroline Robinson Pierson, survives."

WILLIAM L. BUCHER.

William L. Bucher, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, died of bronchial pneumonia, at his home in Columbia, Pa., April 3rd, aged 59 years. The deceased was an alumnus of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy & Science, class of 1894. He engaged on his own account at Columbia soon after graduation and continued the pharmacy until his death. He held the respect of his fellow-citizens and his pharmacy was known for reliability. He believed in the value of associations and was a member of the local and state pharmaceutical bodies and of the A. Ph. A.

Mr. Bucher was a member of the Masonic bodies and other fraternal and business organizations. He was interested in civic affairs, member of the Chamber of Commerce, a director of Columbia Trust Company and other institutions.

Mr. Bucher is survived by his widow, a son, W. L., a senior at Dartmouth, and a daughter. Funeral ceremonies were conducted by the Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Guy Wingerd.