

welcomed by Thomas Taggart and Judge M. L. Fansler. Delegates from fifteen organizations in the drug trade were received, and the greetings of the pharmaceutical press were extended by Walter H. Cousins, Dallas, Texas.

Secretary E. L. Newcomb gave a detailed report on the year's activities of his office. Encouraging and informative reports were presented at the several sessions by the standing committees of the association. The suggestions and recommendations of the secretary and committees were considered by the Board of Control and found expression in the report of that body and in the resolutions.

The registration at the meeting totaled about 550.

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., was selected as the place for the meeting next year.

#### MARYLAND ASSOCIATION.

A regional meeting of Maryland Pharma-

ceutical Association was held October 17th at Hagerstown. Dr. I. M. Wertz, Mayor of Hagerstown, welcomed the members at a Luncheon—the speakers were President L. V. Johnson and A. F. Ludwig, and response was made by Harry R. Rudy. Harry S. Harrison and A. F. Ludwig reported on the A. Ph. A. Convention and L. M. Kantner, Aquilla Jackson and L. V. Johnson on the meeting of the N. A. R. D.

Other contributors to the program were: A. A. M. Dewing, on "Contacting the New Comer;" "Professional Pharmacy as I See It," S. L. Hilton; "Physio-Therapy Methods and Appliances," M. J. Fadgen; "Building Professional Pharmacy," Simon Solomon; "National Legislation," W. Bruce Philip; "U. S. P. and N. F. Publicity," Marvin J. Andrews.

C. W. Smith, NRA, Washington, addressed the meeting at the Dinner.

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## OBITUARY.

### CHARLES C. PLITT.

Dr. Charles C. Plitt, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION and professor of Botany at the School of Pharmacy, University of Maryland, died at his home in Baltimore October 13th, after an illness extending over several months.

Dr. Plitt was born in Baltimore, May 6, 1869, and received his early education in the public schools of this city and a degree in pharmacy at the old Maryland College of Pharmacy in 1891. He was an instructor in Botany and General Science in the public schools of Baltimore and for many years taught at the City College. For a number of years he was part-time professor of Botany and Materia Medica at the School of Pharmacy and on the retirement of Dr. David R. M. Culbreth, Dr. Plitt was given full professorship.

Dr. Plitt's collection of lichens, which was considered among the first three collections in the United States, was presented by him to the Maryland Academy of Science.

Two years ago Dr. Plitt led a group of Johns Hopkins University students on a research expedition to Jamaica. For quite a number of years he headed a group of public school teachers on excursions into Maryland's fields and conducted similar groups of the Maryland

Academy of Science on collecting expeditions throughout the state.

Dr. Plitt was a frequent contributor to periodicals and a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, of the Botanical Society of America, of the Ecological Society of America.

The deceased is survived by his widow and three sons, Walter, George T. and Allen R. Plitt.

### WOODS A. CAPERTON.

Woods A. Caperton, for many years associated with Eli Lilly & Co., died from a heart attack on October 10th at his home in Indianapolis. He retired from active business July 1932, and following that Mr. and Mrs. Caperton took an extended tour through Europe and other parts of the world.

In a minor capacity Mr. Caperton was engaged with Behrens Drug Co. in Waco, and for a time with W. B. Morrison, retail pharmacist, of the same city. In 1902, he engaged with Eli Lilly & Co. as representative in Texas. Four years later he became Assistant Sales Manager at the home office; in 1912 he was promoted to the position of Sales Manager.

Mr. Caperton was well and favorably known in wholesale and manufacturing circles. He

was a member of a number of clubs and fraternities.

The deceased is survived by his widow, two daughters and one son.

#### GEORGE A. KELLY.

George A. Kelly, third vice-president of the George A. Kelly Co., wholesale druggists of Pittsburgh, was killed in an automobile accident October 8th. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly were returning from the meeting of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association at French Lick to spend a few days at Hot Springs. Their car left the road at a curve and plunged over an embankment, Mrs. Kelly died in a hospital on October 9th from injuries received in the crash.

Mr. Kelly was born in Pittsburgh, November 10, 1901, and was an alumnus of Princeton University. Mrs. Kelly was the daughter of the late Douglas Stewart, a former director of Carnegie Museum.

#### WILLEM STORM VAN LEEUWEN.

On July 13th there died in the prime of life one of the leading pharmacologists of Europe. Willem Storm van Leeuwen was born in Kampen, Holland, on December 7, 1882.

The earlier researches of Storm van Leeuwen dealt with anesthesia and narcosis. Another important earlier contribution was a study on the relation between the concentration and biological effect of drugs and poisons. This research led him into the fascinating field of synergism and antagonism of drug mixtures, in which he was a pioneer worker. In addition to miscellaneous researches on digitalis, belladonna, ergot, vitamins, etc., Professor Storm van Leeuwen devoted much of his time during

the last decade to the study of asthma, hay fever and various forms of allergy. Here some of his most valuable contributions to medicine were made. He was one of the earliest investigators to emphasize the importance of air conditioning; that is, of freeing the air of all allergic particles in connection with the treatment of patients suffering from such diseases. Being interested not only in theoretic pharmacology but also in its practical applications to therapeutics, Storm van Leeuwen combined laboratory researches with clinical guests which he carried on in a private clinic of his own and also in the municipal hospital at Leiden. His studies on bronchial asthma and other allergic diseases led him into the domain of climatology and meteorology, so that in the last few years of his life he spent considerable time at Innsbruck, observing the effects of atmospheric electricity, ionized gases and various meteorological factors on physiological and pharmacological phenomena.

Professor Storm van Leeuwen's publications number more than 150, and fully half of them deal with various phases of anaphylaxis, allergy and allied conditions. Next in importance are his papers on synergism and antagonism of drugs. Other publications deal with the absorption of poisons, the influence of colloids on the action of drugs, the relation of avitaminosis to pharmacological action, the pharmacology of sulphur, salicylates, hypnotics, anesthetics, tuberculin and other drugs. He was also the author of several larger handbooks. The most important of these are his "General Pharmacology," written in Dutch, and his treatise on "Allergic Diseases," published in Dutch, German and English.—DAVID I. MACHT in *Science*.

*A New Nomenclature of Chemistry.*—Lyman Spalding—AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, \$1.00. When Lyman Spalding, known now as the Father of the United States Pharmacopœia, was lecturer on chemistry in Dartmouth University, he issued for the benefit of his students "A New Nomenclature of Chemistry Proposed by Messrs. De Morveau, Lavoisier, Berthollet and Fourcroy," with a few additions and improvements of his own. The AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION has now published a reproduction of the original 1796 leaflet of Spalding's. Students and teachers of chemistry or of pharmacy who are interested in the history of their sci-

ences will welcome this little booklet, which retains the quaint flavor of the original in its typography.—*Science News Letter*.

*The Journal of Chemical Education* has accepted the generous invitation of the University of Chicago, extended through Julius Stieglitz, to occupy editorial quarters in Kent Chemical Laboratory at the university. The editor, Otto Reinmuth, expects to be fully installed in his new quarters immediately after the meeting of the American Chemical Society in Chicago. The business and publication offices of the JOURNAL will remain at the plant of the Mack Printing Co., Easton, Pa., as heretofore.