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AMERICAN DRUGGISTS' FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY MEETING.

The annual meeting of the American Druggists' Fire Insurance Company was held

February 14th and 15th; the report rendered presented most satisfactory results. H. M. Lerou of Norwich, Conn., and John H. Weisel, of Monroe, Mich., were elected to fill vacancies. Other directors were reelected, they are: Charles H. Avery, James H. Beal, William C. Anderson, G. O. Young, J. S. Rutledge, Walter Rothwell, Frank H. Freericks, Edward Stucky, E. H. Thiesing, Edward Voss, Jr., Samuel C. Davis, M. S. Kahn, E. B. Heimstreet; the first seven constitute the Executive Committee. The officers of the Company are: *President*, Charles H. Avery; *Vice-President*, James H. Beal; *Secretary and General Manager*, Frank H. Freericks; *Treasurer*, Walter Rothwell; *Assistant Secretary*, W. P. Starkey; *Assistant Treasurer*, E. H. Thiesing. The annual dinner was an enjoyable affair.

OBITUARY.

ROBERT MCNEIL.

Robert McNeil, founder of the pharmaceutical manufacturing business bearing his name and widely known throughout the industry, died unexpectedly of a heart attack February 12th, at his home in Germantown, Philadelphia. He was seventy-seven years old and had been apparently in good health until Sunday when he was informed of the death of Dr. Alfred S. Burdick, head of the Abbott Laboratories, Chicago, who was an old friend and fellow-worker in the industry. About one hour after hearing of Dr. Burdick's death, Mr. McNeil was stricken and died within a few minutes.

Mr. McNeil graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science in 1876, and, in 1879, founded the pharmaceutical manufacturing business which of recent years has been conducted by his son, Robert Lincoln McNeil. He was a director of the Kensington Board of Trade and the Kensington Bank and Trust Company, both of Philadelphia.

Referring to Mr. McNeil, Charles Wesley Dunn, general counsel of the American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association, with which Mr. McNeil had long been associated, issued a statement to the membership in which he said that Mr. McNeil was a man of lovable personality and a manufacturer of the highest ideals. Mr. McNeil had been a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION for more than 25 years.

Funeral services were held February 16th, at the home of his son, Robert Lincoln McNeil, in Germantown. The relationship of father and son was enhanced, if possible, by the attachment of one for the other. His survivors include his wife and son and the latter's two boys, to whom sympathy is expressed. Most of the foregoing data have been taken from the *Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter*.

DR. MARTIN L. PORTER.

In the passing of Dr. M. L. Porter of Danforth, the Maine Pharmaceutical Association and the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION sustained a great loss. He possessed the unique record of having attended every annual meeting of the former association during the past forty years; served as its secretary twenty-seven consecutive years, was then elected president; thereafter he became treasurer of the Association. His circle of acquaintance among members of the drug trade of Maine was probably broader than that of any other man, and his good fellowship and genial cordiality endeared him to all. The deceased was born in Dixmont, Maine, 74 years ago; after his preliminary education he took up the study of medicine and graduated from the University of Vermont, in 1880, and entered practice in Danforth. He passed the examination as registered pharmacist in 1891, and since then conducted the Danforth Drug Store.

Dr. Porter was much interested in civic

affairs and fraternal organizations. He was married in 1879 to Miss Annie Crabtree, who died in 1915.

The death of Dr. Malcolm Evan MacGregor, who has been in charge of the Wellcome Entomological Field Laboratories, has been

reported. He came into prominence in the War and studied mosquitoes with a view to solving some of the fundamental problems underlying their mode of life. He wrote numerous scientific papers and a handbook for antimalarial workers, entitled, "Mosquito Surveys."

LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE.

A CORRECTION LONG DEFERRED.

The dispensing of alcoholic liquors by pharmacists is an obligation they did not seek but accepted as a duty, because certain alcoholic liquors are recognized therapeutic agents. Pharmacists should never have been designated retail liquor dealers; H. R. 12843 by Congressman McCormick has been favorably reported to the House without amendment, changing the name of the retail liquor dealers stamp tax, applying to pharmacists. The House Committee on Rules has reported a rule on the bill which should assure its early consideration.

STATE LEGISLATION.

Connecticut seeks to amend provisions of the Pharmacy Act, authorizing the Commission to license persons, not registered pharmacists, to sell in stores not registered pharmacies, certain drugs. Idaho and several other states are considering regulations applying to possession and sale of peyote. Indiana and a number of other states propose to restrict the sale of hypnotics, labeling them "poison," etc.; in some states acetanilid is included. The New York State Board of Pharmacy has approved a rule that no certificate of registration for the conduct of a pharmacy shall be issued or continued unless the premises are properly equipped with sanitary appliances and kept in a clean and orderly manner. Texas H. B. 627 proposes to make it unlawful for any pharmacy to distribute at retail or wholesale tobaccos, hardware, jewelry and all other articles except drugs and medicines. West Virginia proposes annual registration of pharmacies; to have in all pharmacies the latest editions of U. S. P. and N. F. Oregon seeks to prohibit dispensing of drugs by vending machines.

Secretary Rowland Jones reports the sessions of South Dakota closed and that very good work has been done by preventing undesirable legislation bearing on pharmacy and drug business.

Secretary Robert C. Wilson advises that Georgia has a new pharmacy law, which requires graduation prerequisite for Board examination. It is hoped to have two pharmacists on the Board of Health.

The Baltimore and Maryland pharmaceutical and drug-trade activities took prompt favorable action in approving the resolution embodied in Council Letter No. 7, published in this issue of the JOURNAL.

Bulletin No. 7 of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION urges pharmaceutical associations to study the editorial of the January JOURNAL, and—if committees or councils as proposed in Recommendation No. 4 are formed—to see that pharmacy is properly represented.

On February 8th, Judge Edward J. Glennon of the New York Supreme Court ruled that a licensed druggist shall be entitled to own and conduct a pharmacy and also, that he may work independently in a pharmacy in New York City.

Counterfeiting packages and labels of nationally known products, particularly medicines and cosmetics, is to be attacked from a new angle by the National Purchasers Protective Association, with headquarters at 51 Chambers Street, New York, which purposes to publish and distribute information and warnings designed to put the public on guard against counterfeit products.

"Where the evidence, in an action against a drug company for injuries resulting from the filling of a prescription with a compound not indicated by the prescription, showed that the clerk who filled the prescription had graduated in pharmacy only a few weeks before the time in question, and that, while he had passed the examination as a registered assistant pharmacist, he had not yet passed the examination required by statute to entitle him to be registered as a pharmacist, the jury was warranted in finding that he was not a competent pharmacist.—Jones vs. Walgreen Co.,