

OBITUARY.

HERMAN A. METZ.

Herman A. Metz, member of the A. P. H. A. and internationally known in the chemical industry, died May 17th, in a New Rochelle hospital, aged sixty-six years. He was born in New York City and educated in the public schools. He attended night classes in chemistry at Cooper Union and completed the course. As a youth he went to work for a chemical importer, later Koechl & Co. When the firm was incorporated in 1893 Mr. Metz became vice-president and treasurer and when Mr. Koechl retired Mr. Metz acquired his interest. The business was later incorporated under the name of H. A. Metz & Co. He also organized the General Dyestuffs Corporation and, in 1930, he organized the Advance Solvents & Chemical Corporation.

Mr. Metz was active for some time in politics, serving the city as Comptroller and as a Congressman from Brooklyn from 1913 to 1915. He was also a member of the Board of Education for several terms and active in various municipal affairs. He is survived by his widow and four sons.

JOHN BLOCKI.

John Blocki, Honorary President of the Illinois Pharmaceutical Association and member of the A. P. H. A., died May 10th, after a lingering illness, aged eighty-nine years. He was one of the founders, with T. N. Jamieson and Wilhelm Bodemann, of the Chicago Veteran Druggists' Association, in 1898.

John C. Robinson, Dallas, Texas, engaged in the wholesale drug business and as manu-

facturers' representative for about sixty years, died April 25th, at his home in Dallas, Texas, aged seventy-five years. He graduated from the Maryland College of Pharmacy in 1877. For a time he was in the employ of Wm. H. Brown & Bros. in Baltimore and then joined the firm of Powers & Whiteman as traveling representative. When this firm merged with Merck & Co. he continued as representative. He is survived by his widow and three sons. Lewis W. Robinson is southern representative of Merck & Co. and Frank T., District Sales Manager for the Monsanto Chemical Co.

In the sketch of the April JOURNAL of the late Frank B. Stephens it should have been stated that Mr. Stephens was an alumnus of the Illinois College of Pharmacy, Class of 1887.

The death of Prof. Herbert C. Kassner, of Columbia University College of Pharmacy, was announced May 17th; a sketch of the deceased will appear in the June¹ issue of the JOURNAL. His passing is a great loss to the ASSOCIATION and the institution which he served faithfully for a number of years and sympathy is expressed to the bereaved. The writer asks pardon for referring here to an article by Mrs. Kassner, in 1931, on "Pharmaceutical History Brought to Light by a Famous Misnamed Picture," and which had wide distribution; the picture adorns many pharmacies.

Dr. Jacob A. Flexner, prominent as a physician and as a pharmacist, died at the home of his son, Dr. M. Flexner, in Louisville, Ky., April 13th, aged 76 years. He was an alumnus of Louisville College of Pharmacy and, later, studied medicine, becoming a leader in that profession.

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