

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Dr. Ibrahim Ragab Fahmy, of the Faculty of Medicine, Cairo, has favored us with a report of the Pharmacognosy Department of the Egyptian University. The report shows plants and scenery of the section in connection with interesting descriptions.

We are indebted to **I. R. Fahmy**¹ for a reprint of "Some Observations on the Action and Methods of Standardization of Hashish."

Dr. A. B. Lemon is the new dean of Buffalo University School of Pharmacy. He joined the faculty in 1916 and has been its secretary for the past 17 years. From 1924-1926, he collaborated with Dr. W. W. Charters in the study and compilation of "Basic Material for a Pharmaceutical Curriculum." He is active in pharmaceutical organizations, in examination studies and research promotions.

Dr. Marvin R. Thompson has been elected to honorary membership in Rho Chi and was presented with a key and certificate at the Baltimore meeting on May 18th.

Joseph Price, "Holiday House," Wellfleet, Mass., has donated, through C. Herbert Packard, an interesting illustrated volume on Henry Troth, one of the pioneers among American pharmacists. It is interesting to note such names in the genealogy as Joseph Price, Sarah Remington, etc. The Price family of Salem included many eminent pharmacists who were preceptors of other generations of pharmacists, such as Henry Estabrook, S. A. D. Sheppard, etc.

Mrs. F. W. Meissner has favored us with an autobiography of her late husband, a biography of Leo Eliel, by Mr. Meissner and Miss Backus, and a brief history of all the drug stores in La Porte. The Meissner Pharmacy will be continued by the family; they are: Roger, of New York City; Clement, of Denver, Colorado; Miss Virginia, of La Porte; Frederick, known to radio listeners as "Fritz Clark."

Bernard E. Read, of the Department of Pharmacology, Peiping Union Medical College, has favored us with "Chinese Materia Medica," Animal Drugs, and Avian Drugs. Also "Chinese Medicinal Plants." Dr. Read is the author of these publications, published by the *Peking Natural History Bulletin*.

The following were named members of the executive committee for the subsection on pharmacy of the American Association for the

¹ Pharmacognosy Department, Faculty of Medicine, Cairo.

Advancement of Science: **Dr. John C. Krantz, Jr.**, *Chairman*, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, Md.; **Dean R. A. Lyman**, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebr.; **Dean Wortley F. Rudd**, School of Pharmacy, Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Va.

Professor Charles F. Poe, of *Pharmaceutical Chemistry*, is mentioned in the lead article of the March issue of the *Atlantic Monthly*, as a result of his association in Paris with James Abbe, international press photographer and news correspondent. The story is entitled "I, Patience," written "By Herself." Patience is the eleven-year old daughter of Mr. Abbe.

Dr. James M. Dille has recently been appointed associate professor in the College of Pharmacy at the University of Washington, under Dean C. W. Johnson. Doctor Dille will be in charge of the reorganization and development of the Department of Pharmacology. A course in biological assay with experimental work on the assay of the pharmacopœial and of other preparations is to be begun and upon the completion of the new Pharmacy-Chemistry building, a laboratory course in experimental pharmacology will be organized.

Doctor Dille has been in the Department of Pharmacology of Georgetown University School of Medicine for the past three years and previously was instructor of Physiology in the College of Pharmacy at the University of Nebraska. He will begin his new duties in September of this year.

Dean R. A. Lyman, of the College of Pharmacy of the University of Nebraska, represented the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy at the 19th annual meeting of the American Council on Education, held in Washington, on May 1st and 2nd. The meeting was attended by nearly four hundred representatives.

Two members of the first graduating class of the Brooklyn College of Pharmacy, Long Island University, were among the more than 500 persons at the 50th anniversary celebration held on April 21st at the Towers Hotel in Brooklyn, N. Y. The two old-timers were **Dean William C. Anderson** and **Louis Berger**.

Senator Morris Sheppard, speaking for the amendment to S.4390 said in part: "At

present those performing the duties of pharmacists in the Medical Administrative Corps are taken from among the enlisted men in the Medical Corps, and they have at first no special knowledge or technical qualifications to fit them for the work. The bill requires that before men shall hereafter be appointed to this position of pharmacist they must be graduates of recognized schools or colleges of pharmacy having four-year courses. The bill adds nothing to the cost of administration but merely provides that as vacancies occur in the position of pharmacists in the Medical Corps they shall be filled by men specially qualified. This will give the Army a group of pharmacists with thorough technical training and attainment."

Dean A. R. Bliss, Jr., of the School of Pharmacy, Howard University, Auburn, Ala., in cooperation with Prof. Lewis W. Lohr, has established a service which is designed to help raise the professional standard of pharmacy and give pharmacists in Alabama information on problems met with in their professional practice.

A statue of Hippocrates was unveiled in the court of the new laboratories of the University of Athens, Greece, during the session of the International Congress of Biology.

Dr. Wm. M. Cogan, dean of Georgetown University School of Dentistry, was given a surprise party by his students on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

Hugh Craig, associate editor of the *Druggists Circular*, delivered the address to the graduates of Columbia University College of Pharmacy.

William B. Day, after a service of thirty years as secretary of the Illinois Pharmaceutical Association and secretary of its Executive Committee, has retired. He was presented by Governor Horner, for the Association, with a handsome gold wrist watch. The Association also elected him *Honorary President* of the Association for life, the office being created for him by vote; tributes by members were paid the faithful officer.

OBITUARY.

ELIE HENRY LA PIERRE.

Elie Henry La Pierre, *Honorary President* of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, 1930-1931, died at his home in Cambridge, Mass., May 2nd. He was born February 20, 1859, in Wolcottville (Torrington), Conn., the son of Elie F. and Sarah La Pierre. The family moved to Burlington, Vt., where the youth began his education. After his father's death, the

family removed to Cambridge, where the young man's education was continued and here he resided until his demise.

After serving an apprenticeship in pharmacy with J. Ward Hill, he entered Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and graduated with the class of 1880. The Hill pharmacy was purchased by Bayley and Richardson and the graduate pharmacist continued in the employ of the firm until he purchased the pharmacy. He served the community as employee and owner for about sixty-five years—in 1921, he celebrated the 50th anniversary of the beginning of his service with Mr. Hill. (See sketch in *JOURNAL*, A. PH. A., for December 1930.)

Professor La Pierre became a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION in 1892 and served on a number of important committees. He was elected vice-president of the American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties in 1909 and due to the death of President Searby, became acting president, presiding at the Richmond meeting.

In 1885, he joined the Massachusetts Pharmaceutical Association and served as its president in 1904-1905. Soon after graduation, Professor La Pierre became active in the affairs of Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and, in 1892, member of the faculty, holding positions, successively, as instructor in *Materia Medica* and Botany, professor of Applied Pharmacy, instructor in Theoretical Pharmacy, professor of Theoretical and Applied Pharmacy and professor of Pharmacy.

The La Pierre Drug Company, of which the deceased was president, owned several stores in Cambridge and one in Boston; he took an active part in civic affairs, served for many years on the Board of Health, as a trustee of the Cambridge Hospital and in other promotions. "With all his varied activities, Professor La Pierre remained a professional pharmacist."

The deceased is survived by his widow, two daughters and several grandchildren.

LEWIS WILLIAM McCONNELL.

L. W. McConnell, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION since 1904, died of a heart attack April 24th. Mr. McConnell had been in poor health for several years. He was a pioneer pharmacist of McCook, Nebraska, was highly regarded in the state, active in the affairs of the state association and held life membership in the N. A. R. D.
