

## OBITUARY.

### JOHN JACOB ABEL.

Dr. John Jacob Abel, internationally known pharmacologist and discoverer of adrenalin, died at Johns Hopkins Hospital, May 26th, after a brief illness, aged eighty-one years. He had been a member of Johns Hopkins faculty since 1893 and was made Professor Emeritus of Pharmacology and Director of the Laboratory for endocrine research in 1932, a position he held at his death.

Dr. Abel was born in Cleveland and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1883. He studied abroad and became famous for his discovery of adrenalin. He received many distinguished medal awards, and at the time of his death was preparing a series of papers on Tetanus. He was a son of George M. and Mary Becker Abel.

Dr. Abel was Lecturer and Professor of *Materia Medica* and Therapeutics at the University of Michigan; he was Honorary Member of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science; member of the Society for Biology, Buenos Aires. He perfected a method of synthesizing insulin so that it could be produced from other animal secretions. He received many medals, among them the Willard Gibbs Medal, Conné Medal, New York Chemists' Club, and Kober Medal.

### DR. MORRIS CROWTHER HALL.

Dr. Morris Crowther Hall, Chief of the Division of Zoölogy, National Institute of Health, of the United States Public Health Service, died May 2nd, aged fifty-six years.

Dr. Hall's scientific activities led him into branches of zoölogy, and parasitology. In 1921 he discovered the value of carbon tetrachloride, in the treatment of hookworm disease. In 1936 he was made Chief of the Division of Zoölogy of the National Institute of Health. In this position he conducted and directed research work on pinworm infestation and trichinosis.

Dr. Hall was born in Golden, Colo., and educated at Colorado College and the University of Nebraska. From 1916 until his return to government service he engaged with Parke, Davis & Co., Detroit, Michigan, and was a lecturer at the Detroit College of Medicine. He also was a member of the International Health Board on the Rockefeller Founda-

tion. He is a member of many scientific societies.

In 1906 he married Lola Davis, by whom he is survived; and also three daughters.

### WILLIAM F. DOHMEN.

Wm. F. Dohmen, president of the F. Dohmen Co., wholesale druggists, Milwaukee, Wis., died May 10th. He was seventy-three years of age.

Mr. Dohmen graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1884. After a year of European study he joined his father in the management of the F. Dohmen Co., becoming president of the firm in 1898. He was regularly at his desk in active charge of the business up to the last week before his death, and enjoyed the reputation of being one of the best informed drug men in the country.

He is survived by his wife and daughter, Marie, and by his nephews, Erwin and Fred Dohmen, who have been associated with him in the F. Dohmen Co. for the past twenty-five years.

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### HONORARY MEMBERSHIP OF THE BRITISH PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY.

At the present time there are thirty-five honorary and corresponding members of the Society. Of the former two are past members and three are present members of the Council who have been nominated by the Privy Council in accordance with the provisions of the Pharmacy and Poisons Act, 1933. The Society guards jealously the entrance to its membership, and in according honorary membership to the two distinguished individuals, Sir Humphry Rolleston and Professor J. A. Gunn, who retired at the termination of their period of office in December last, it was bestowing upon them the highest honor which it was able to give. Of the remaining honorary and corresponding members nineteen are resident abroad. Two members, Professor H. H. Rusby and Professor Alexander Tschirch, enjoy the position of being both corresponding and honorary members of the Society; both are pharmacognosists, and both have been awarded the Flückiger medal for outstanding work on vegetable drugs.—*Pharmaceutical Journal* (British).

## ANNUAL COLLEGE MEETING.

At the annual meeting of the members of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, March 28th, the following officers were reelected:

*President*, Wilmer Krusen; *First Vice-President*, Ambrose Hunsberger; *Second Vice-President*, C. Mahlon Kline; *Treasurer*, Otto W. Osterlund; *Corresponding Secretary*, Theodore Campbell, Jr.; *Recording Secretary*, W. Wilson McNeary; *Curator of the Museum*, Arno Viehoever; *Librarian*, Ada S. Capwell; *Editor of the Journal*, Ivor Griffith.

*Trustees*: Henry Brown, Joseph Rosin, W. Wilson McNeary, Samuel P. Wetherill.

*Committee on Publication*: E. Fullerton Cook, J. W. Sturmer, Arno Viehoever, Mitchell Bernstein, Joseph K. Thum, Joseph W. E. Harrison.

The ceremony of commemorating the retirement of Dr. Heizaburo Kondo from active university service upon the attainment of his age limit was held on the afternoon of April 11th, at the auditorium of the main hall of the Faculty of Medicine in the Tokyo Imperial University. The ceremony was held under the chairmanship of Dr. Ishihara, head of the Faculty of Medicine in the same university, and was attended by many prominent men including Dr. Kiroka Oguhi, one of the leaders of the Seiyukai party, and a pharmacist, as well as the students of the Tokyo Imperial University. Pharmacist-Lieutenant General Matajiro Watanabe who is a classmate of Dr. Kondo presided over the function.

## MEDICAL ADVERTISING RESPONSIBILITIES.

It should be noted in this connection that the above exemption does not permit a drug vendor to escape the penalties of the act when advertising to physicians. If any false representations of material facts are made to the physician, the exemption would not appear applicable.

The provision of the new section 14 containing the criminal penalties for dissemination of false advertising relating to foods, drugs, devices and cosmetics becomes effective May 21, 1938, sixty days after the President approved the bill.

It will be seen that a number of different procedures and penalties are now provided for by the amended act. The commission may still follow its regular procedure looking

toward a cease and desist order when the advertising involved is of a less serious nature, and where no intent to defraud is present and the respondent is honestly desirous of correcting any abuses.

In cases involving more serious misrepresentations the commission may, if it deems it in the public interest, apply for a temporary injunction.

In those cases where the use of the commodity may be injurious to health, or where there is an intent to defraud or mislead, procedure may be of criminal process punishable by imprisonment or fine or both. Such criminal proceedings will be conducted by the Department of Justice after presentation of all the facts by the commission to the Attorney-General.—*Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter*.

## ANNUAL PHARMACEUTICAL CONFERENCE.

The officers of the U. S. P. attended the Annual Pharmaceutical Conference, May 16, 1938, at the Pittsburgh College of Pharmacy. There were present: Jerry McQuade, Charles Glen King, C. Leonard O'Connell, Edward C. Reif, George D. Beal, Walter A. Bastedo, Robert L. Swain, E. F. Kelly, S. L. Hilton, Solomon Solis Cohen, E. F. Cook, Julius A. Koch and others.

## FORDHAM HONORS LATE DR. DINER.

At the Commencement exercises of the Alumni of Fordham University, to the student obtaining the highest average in all branches throughout his course, a memorial medal in honor of the late Dr. Jacob Diner will be presented. This will be an annual occasion.

Over five hundred physicians were given copies of the booklet "Revised Physicians' Pocket Manual of the U. S. P. and N. F. Preparations," published by the New York Pharmaceutical Association at the recent convention of the New York Medical Society. Dr. J. Leon Lascoff is chairman of the Committee.

## OKLAHOMA OFFICERS.

O. L. Prather was elected president for the ensuing year. For the past three years, Mr. Prather has attended law school at the Tulsa law school, and will graduate in January 1939. He expects to take the bar examination in June 1939. A new Pharmacy Law for Okla-

homa will be one of the major objectives of his regime. Mr. Prather says that it is his purpose to carry on the fine work that Jess Stunkle has begun during the two years of his administration.

me and Sen. John J. Dunnigan, majority leader at Albany. Judge Harold Crawford, House sponsor, also attended.

Samuel S. Dworkin, New York, is compiling statistics concerning the lives of outstanding Jewish pharmacists and former pharmacists, now in other fields.

## PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

**Dr. Marston Taylor Bogert** has been awarded the Priestley gold medal of the American Chemical Society. He has been a member of Columbia University faculty. In collaboration with students is the author of four hundred papers in the field of synthetic organic chemistry. He has received many medals and is a medalist of the Charles University in Prague. The gold medal will be formally awarded in Milwaukee at the American Chemical Society meeting.

Any coöperation that your readers can extend will be greatly appreciated and will undoubtedly prove of value in the effort being made to establish a fact, the contribution of the Jewish Pharmacists, both past and present, to Pharmacy in general and as a citizen for the betterment of mankind.

If you have any information of any Jewish pharmacists, past or present, who are or were engaged in any other field such as medicine, dentistry, law, art, music, teaching, writing, banking, motion picture industry, politics, social service, philanthropy, etc., would you please communicate with me, joining with me as a collaborator in this work.—SAMUEL S. DWORIKIN, 358 E. 204th St., Bronx, N. Y.

**Dr. Solomon D. Gershon** received from the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy his degree of Pharmaceutical Chemist in June 1930, graduating with honors and receiving the Leo Mrazek Prize in Chemistry and also the P. A. Mandabach Memorial Life Membership award for high scholarship in Materia Medica. He also entered the competition for the Fairchild Scholarship award and passed this examination with a standing of 94 per cent and received the Scholarship in August 1930.

## MEDICAL COST STUDY.

The Senate Committee on Education and Labor has favorably reported to the Senate the resolution introduced by Senator Robert F. Wagner, of New York, calling for appointment of a special committee of Senators "to make a general study, investigation and analysis of the adequacy and cost of medical care in relation to income and ability to pay, and of ways and means to maintain, and improve the health of the people of the United States."

In September 1930 he came to the College as Assistant in Chemistry. He has held this position continuously since that time assisting in Organic, Synthetic, Quantitative and Qualitative Chemistry. In 1931 he passed the State Board of Pharmacy examination for Registered Pharmacist.

The resolution would set up a committee of three Senators to make the study and would appropriate not to exceed \$50,000 to cover the cost of making such a survey.

A testimonial dinner in honor of **Ivor Griffith** will be held on June 7th. Dean Griffith has succeeded former Dean LaWall.

After being reported by the Education and Labor Committee the resolution was referred to the Committee for Audit and Control.

Over 900 people packed the ballroom of the Pennsylvania Hotel, New York City, to pay tribute to Senator Jeremiah F. Twomey, Brooklyn pharmacist and chairman of the powerful Finance Committee of the New York State Senate, at the testimonial dinner given him by the New York Pharmaceutical Council. Seated at the speakers' table with the guest of honor were, left to right, Sen. A. Spencer Feld, co-author of New York's Fair Trade Law, Mrs. Feld, Senator Twomey, Mrs. Two-

The proposed study is regarded as of interest to the whole drug trade because of the possibilities it carries for recommendations for socialization of medicine or for some system which will result in a wider distribution of medicines than is afforded at present.—*Drug Topics*.

## MARIHUANA ACT.

The operations of the marihuana tax act thus far in the legitimate field have been at-