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John Granville Godding was born in Gardiner, Me., March 28, 1853, the son of Nathaniel and Rachel H. Godding. His early education was received in the public schools of Gardiner and Brandon, Vt. As a youth he entered the drug business of an uncle in Brandon, and later with A. W. Higgins in Rutland, Vt.

In 1871 he entered the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, and worked in the drug store of Edward S. Kelley while attending college. He graduated in 1874, receiving the degree of Ph.G. He remained with Mr. Kelley a year or more after graduation. During this period he became well acquainted with S. A. D. Sheppard, who had been a classmate at college, and was persuaded by him to join the A. Ph. A. in 1875.

He then went to Philadelphia and clerked for one year in the drug store of Henry A. Borell. Returning to Boston in 1879 he entered the employ of Levi Tower, at Clarendon and Boylston Streets, near Copley Square, with whom he later entered partnership.

In 1880 he was married to Adelaide M. Smith, of Epping, N. H. They had one child, who died in early years.

In 1884 Godding and Tower opened a drug store under the name of J. G. Godding & Co., at the corner of Darmouth and Newberry Sts., in the then new, and later, exclusive Back Bay district of Boston.

In 1899 Mr. Tower retired and Mr. Godding became the sole owner, and continued his high-grade pharmacy at the same location until his death in 1929. The store is now owned by Mrs. Godding and managed by Dr. Lyman W. Griffin.

Mr. Godding was a professional pharmacist of the old school and was held in high regard by the profession and laity, who had great confidence in his judgment.

In 1886 he was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts College, serving continuously until the time of his death, in 1929; he also served as Treasurer for forty years.

He became a leader in pharmaceutical affairs in Massachusetts and the rest

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of New England. He was a faithful member of many pharmaceutical organizations and of several Masonic bodies including the Revere Lodge of Boston, of which he became Past Master, and the De Molay Commandery.

As President of the A. PH. A., he presided over its Denver meeting in 1912, and also served as a member of the Section on Historical Pharmacy. He was also a member of the Massachusetts State Pharmaceutical Association, the Boston Association of Retail Druggists, the N. A. R. D., the Boston Druggists' Association, the Boston Chamber of Commerce and Middlesex Club.

In 1924, on the fiftieth anniversary of his graduation, the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Pharmacy, in appreciation of his long and helpful service. His work was always unselfish and for the good of the cause.

Mr. Godding's genial personality, humility and fine character endeared him to all with whom he was associated. His keen interest in the A. PH. A. was attested by his regularity in attendance at its annual meetings, and he was usually accompanied by Mrs. Godding who was also a member and was for several years Chairman of the Women's Section of the A. PH. A.

His demise on April 7, 1929, was untimely and tragic. Detecting gas fumes, he went to the cellar of his home in Newton, Mass., to investigate the cause, was overcome and quickly expired. Mrs. Godding also suffered from the effects of the gas, but was rushed to the hospital in time to save her life.

Mrs. Godding still continues her interest in the A. PH. A., and attends the meetings whenever possible. She is now furnishing a room in the AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PHARMACY, in Washington, D. C., as a memorial to Dr. Godding.

EXAMINATION OF PHARMACISTS FOR THE MEDICAL ADMINISTRATIVE CORPS, REGULAR ARMY.

The War Department has announced an examination November 14-18, 1938, to qualify candidates for appointment as Second Lieutenant in the Medical Administrative Corps, Regular Army, to fill the nine existing vacancies.

Appointments will be made from pharmacists, male citizens of the United States, between the ages of 21 and 32 years, who are graduates of recognized schools or colleges of pharmacy, that is, schools or colleges approved by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, requiring four years of instruction for graduation and legally authorized to confer the degree of Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy.

Examination for appointment includes physical, a written examination in Practice of Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Pharmacognosy, Pharmacology and Bacteriology, Hygiene and Sanitation, and an estimate of the candidate's adaptability for military service.

Examining boards will be convened at convenient locations throughout the continental limits of the United States for the examination of candidates authorized by the War Department to appear before them. Full information and application blanks will be furnished upon request by The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C.

Applications will not be considered after October 29, 1938.