

its first president and lived according to its ideal of 'Service above Self.' He loved to speak of the city as his own, and it was.

"Seldom is there such a character, a mellowing from achievement in a life devoted to service. There should be comfort for those close to him for having enjoyed him in life. Step by step he accomplished finer things. A great heart, filled with charity and modesty, was his."

BOOK NOTICES AND REVIEWS.

Accepted Dental Remedies (1939). Secretary Harold L. Hansen, Council on Dental Therapeutics, states that this edition is similar to those which have been prepared in the past under the direction of Dr. Samuel M. Gordon, 1930-1938. (For the 1938 report see page 1284, JOURNAL A. PH. A.) The number of articles listed and described in this volume is considerably larger than in previous editions. Acceptance of a remedy is not an endorsement; the duration varies as to time and may be reconsidered; dentifrices are listed for one year; the rules have been adopted primarily with the object of protecting the dental profession and the public against fraud or imposition, undesirable secrecy and objectionable advertising.

"Accepted Dental Remedies" is a necessary publication for the dentist and a useful book for the pharmacist; it contains more than 300 pages and the price is \$1.00 per copy; published by the American Dental Association, 212 E. Superior St., Chicago, Ill.

The use of certain portions of the text of the U. S. P. XI, and of N. F. VI has been granted, and the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry of the American Medical Association to use portions of the publications, Useful Drugs and New and Non-Official Remedies. Dentifrices are listed, their composition discussed and the names of manufacturers are given, also a list of dentifrices that are not acceptable and some that have been disapproved by courts. The composition of dyes, essential oils and related products is discussed; also mouth washes; cocaine and other local anesthetics are given consideration, followed by various formulas, a biographical index to proprietary and unofficial articles not included in "Accepted Dental Remedies," index to distributors and a general index.

Discovery of the Elements. By MARY ELVIRA WEEKS, Associate Professor at the University of Kansas. The illustrations have been collected by F. B. Dains, Professor of Chemistry. The book was published by the *Journal of Chemical Education*, Easton, Pa., Mack Printing Company being the printers. Price, \$3.50; 470 pages.

The book is interesting because of the presentation of the history of the discoverers of the elements together with illustrations of the individuals and events in their lives. In a number of instances there were several who contributed to the discoveries in one way or another; others made discoveries of the same element, independently. Search is shown of the author and coöperators in old journals and reports, and the desire of the author to give proper credit to co-workers of the various periods. The author acknowledges assistance of those mentioned and of Dr. E. H. S. Bailey, Dr. Selma Gottlieb Kallis and Dr. Max Speter. It is interesting to note the lead to the discoveries and the desire of the author and co-workers to be fair in their conclusions. In the "Contents" the periods are grouped when the discoveries were made and give helpful points of study for the reader's guidance, for example only: Elements known to the ancient world, those known to alchemists, elements isolated with the aid of potassium, some elements predicted by Mendeleef, etc. For some of the discoverers it was impossible to show a picture, and instead some event in their lives is given, as an example: an autograph of Bernard Courtois is made use of and his birthplace; the number of those which it was possible to present, evidences a large collection and the activities in connection with the discoveries add interest.

The abundant "Literature Cited" gives leads for study and the mention here may develop in the readers the desire to see a copy of the book; the illustrations have been well selected and the work of the printer has contributed value to the publication.

Carl Wilhelm Scheele is an outstanding representative of Pharmacy among the discoverers of the elements. The author and associates have rendered a valuable service and brought credit to their Alma Mater by making the many references accessible in readable form to those who search the history of Pharmacy and related subjects.