

OBITUARY.

ELMER H. HESSLER.

Elmer H. Hessler, president of G. S. Stoddard & Co., Inc., pharmaceutical manufacturers, New York City, died on Sunday, February 19th, at his residence in Bayside, L. I., after a brief illness.

A graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, Mr. Hessler joined his company as general manager and vice-president in 1921 and was made president in 1936. He was very active in church and masonic work, being a member of the Vestry of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Bayside and a Past Master of Bayside Lodge No. 999, F. and A. M., also a member of Unity Chapter No. 328, R. A. M and Trinity Commandery No. 682.

Mr. Hessler was a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION and at one time secretary of its Philadelphia Branch; of the American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, in which he served on several committees; and of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy Alumni, being its vice-president. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Society, the Pennsylvania German Society, the National Geographic Society and of the Drug and Chemical, Sales Executives, Pharmaceutical Advertising Directors, Bayside Yacht and Salisbury Golf clubs.

Mrs. Elizabeth (McLanahan) Hessler survives him, also two sons Ormond and Robert.

BOOK NOTICES AND REVIEWS.

Sanitization of the Drinking Glass. Published by the National Association of Sanitarians, Inc., 678 S. Ferris Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. The booklet of sixty pages has been prepared in two parts: Part I, "Methods and Procedures," by Jack G. Baker, Chief of Food and Drug Department of Public Health, San Diego, Calif. and President, National Association of Sanitarians, Inc. Part II, "Practical Control," by Raymond V. Stone, Director of Bureau of Laboratories, Department of Public Health, Los Angeles County, in California.

The hope of the authors is to have this effort result in standard methods for the scientific laboratory examination of drinking glasses and other utensils. The authors have been aided by K. F. Meyer, Ph.D., M.D. of the University of California. The subjects have been systematically and interestingly presented; references are given to twenty-one papers and reports. The subjects discussed are of great interest to the households and all activities dealing with foods,

drugs and beverages. The booklet may be obtained from the publishers.

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Field Manual in Toxicology for Agricultural Workers, by CLINTON H. THIENES, M.D., Ph.D., professor of Pharmacology, School of Medicine, University of Southern California. The book, in paper cover, has been submitted by Edwards Brothers, Inc., Ann Arbor, Michigan and the price of \$1.00 is made possible by photo-lithography from perfect transcript. It was written at the request of the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commission for the use of field workers.

The author invited criticisms from various sources. Among these W. C. Jacobson, supervisor of Rodent Plague and Weed Control; F. E. Garlough and Justus F. Ward, of the Control Methods Research Laboratory, Bureau of Biologicals, United States Department of Agriculture; James F. Couch, Chemist, Bureau of Animal Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture; James C. Munch, H. B. Haag, etc.

The subjects consider caustic, metallic, mineral, organic poison, First Aid, etc., and these are freely discussed and make this a valuable booklet for agricultural workers.

Kurzes Lehrbuch der Pharmazeutischen Chemie, by DR. K. BODENDORF, professor at the University of Berlin and for a time Director of the Institute for Pharmaceutical Chemistry at the University Istanbul. Published by Julius Springer, Berlin W 9, Linkstrasse 22-24. Price, Rm. 24 in paper and bound, Rm. 25.80. The author considers the need of Chemistry in the study of Pharmacy and has presented a valuable volume complete in the study and systematic arrangement of about four hundred pages with an index of about eighteen hundred items, which indicates the extensive study that has been well and carefully presented. It is published in German and to some extent limits its use, but it will find a place in pharmaceutical and chemical libraries. The leaves of the book should have been cut; the discussions and presentations of the subjects deserve commendation.