

OBITUARY.

ERNEST STAUFFEN.

Ernest Stauffen, former vice-president and managing director of Sharp & Dohme, Inc., retired in 1929, after being with the company for fifty-four years. On August 27, 1939, Mr. Stauffen passed away at his home in Pocono Manor, Pa., aged eighty-five years. He had been a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION since 1916.

Mr. Stauffen was born in Hanover, Germany, and came to this country in 1872. He graduated from the University of Maryland and in 1875 began his business career with Sharp & Dohme, Baltimore, Md. In 1895 Mr. Stauffen was named vice-president and in 1906 managing director as well.

Mr. Stauffen is survived by two sons, Ernest, of Englewood, N. J., and Ralph, of Montclair, N. J.

 BOOK NOTICES AND REVIEWS.

Pharmacie Galenique, by A. GORIS, Professor of Galenical Pharmacy and of the Faculty of Paris and Director of the Central Pharmacy Hospital and Member of the Academy of Medicine, and A. LIOT, associated for many years with the former in the Central Pharmacy of the Hospitals of Paris. Volumes I and II. Masson et cie, Editeurs of Libraries of the Academy of Medicine, 120 Boulevard Saint-Germain, Paris.

The first chapter of Volume I considers the history of pharmacy, of earlier periods, including the development of the sciences, the association with medicine, the regulations and institutions and creation of pharmaceutical formulas, libraries, studies of antidotes, poisons, formularies, dispensaries, etc.

Further chapters deal with vegetable drugs, their composition, the chemicals, oils, their physical and chemical composition. There are few errors, which have been carried forward from other publications. Consideration is given to preparations including tablets, pastilles. The volumes are interestingly illustrated. The index for both volumes is given at the end of the second volume. Volume I contains 900 pages; Volume II more than 1000 pages. The chapters of the latter include medicaments prepared by solution and evaporation, the ferments,

organic therapeutics, serums, bacteriologics, preparations for internal and external uses, incompatibles, sterilization, disinfectants, preservation, etc. While the work is primarily for French pharmacists, there are discussions which make it of value to the libraries of schools of pharmacy. Professor Goris and associate are acquainted with American pharmacy and the work will be welcomed by researchers and those engaged in related efforts in other countries. The books are well bound, the typography and illustrations are good. Price, 450 fr.

Lange's Handbook of Chemistry. Compiled and edited by NORBERT ADOLPH LANGE, Ph.D., assisted by Gordon M. Forker, with an appendix of mathematical Tables and Formulas by Richard Stevens Burington, Ph.D. Third Edition, revised and enlarged. Published by Handbook Publishers, Inc., Sandusky, O., 1939. Price, \$6.00; bound in buckram; if payment is enclosed the name will be stamped on cover, but book cannot be returned.

An abridged Table of Contents includes among many other lists the following: Atomic Weights and Numbers, Periodic Table, Description of Each of the Elements, of 2500 Compounds, Common Trade Names of Chemicals, etc., Definitions of Chemical Terms, Laboratory Arts and Recipes, Factors for Reducing Gas Volumes.

The methods make this a self-defining handbook. Tables cover the mathematical calculations. The Handbook has become established and is of value to chemists, pharmacists, physicists, mineralogists, engineers, librarians, attorneys, dieticians, manufacturers, laboratorians. The publishers will supply copies of the abridged Table of Contents or order a copy of the book for examination; this may be returned at the publishers' expense. Preceding editions have found favor; this edition has been carefully revised and enlarged.

Medical Jurisprudence, and Toxicology, by JOHN GLAISTER, M.D., D.Sc., Prof. of Forensic Medicine, University of Glasgow. Sixth Edition, 1938. 747 pages; 107 illustrations. Published by The Williams & Wilkins Co., Mt. Royal and Guilford Aves., Baltimore, Md. Price, \$8.00.