

Necrology

JAMES J. OTTINGER.

James Jeremiah Ottinger, of Philadelphia, died of pneumonia on Tuesday, May 19, 1914, as the result of a cold contracted while taking a motor ride.

Mr. Ottinger was sixty-five years old and was a widely known pharmacist. He graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1868, and became an assistant to O. S. Hubbel, who for many years had a store on Chestnut Street, west of Broad.

For a time he was employed in the City of New York, but returned to Philadelphia to open a store at Twentieth and Spruce Streets, where he continued in business until his demise.

Mr. Ottinger became a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1876, and of the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association in 1899. He was a member, also, of the Alumni Association of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, the Navy League of the United States, the Young Republicans, and of the Philadelphia Country Club.

He is survived by a widow and daughter.

The funeral services were held on May 23, 1914, at his home. The Rev. Edward Yates Hill, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiated. Interment was in Ivy Hill Cemetery, Germantown.

The honorary pall-bearers were Colonel J. Granville Leach, Professor Joseph P. Remington, Howard B. French, Earl D. Putnam, Drs. Charles S. Turnbull, Alfred Hand, Jr., Edward P. Davis, D. D. Smith, S. McClintock Hamill, Francis P. Packard and I. Minnis Hayes.

J. W. E.

MARIE BLAĀNIK.

Mrs. Marie Blahnik passed away on Wednesday, April 22, 1914, at her home, 1225 South Harding Avenue, Chicago. Mrs. Blahnik was born in Christov, Bohemia. Some forty years ago she came to America, and, while always remaining true to Bohemia and to Bohemians, she was a most loyal American citizen, dearly loving her adopted country and all the activity and progress for which it stands. She was one of the oldest druggists, in years of service, in the city of Chicago. When women pharmacists were almost unknown, Mrs. Blahnik was successfully conducting a store of her own on West Eighteenth Street, which remained under her control until her death, although for some years past she had not taken an active part in its management.

She was a modest, womanly woman, "true as steel," kind, ever ready and anxious to lend "a helping hand." She had many friends among both the Bohemians and the Americans. "Those who knew her best, loved her best," could be said most truly of Mrs. Blahnik.

She was a member of the Illinois Ph. A., the A. Ph. A., the C. R. D. A., and N. A. R. D., and the Chicago Chapter of the W. O. N. A. R. D., and for years was Honorary President of the W. Ph. A., many times entertaining in her own true, hospitable manner its members in her home.

Her death was sudden, though as serene and peaceful as she had made her life. Her loss will be keenly felt, not only in her own home and among her own people, but throughout the community and by a very large circle of friends.

C. E. S.

SIR JOSEPH WILSON SWAN.

At the ripe old age of eighty-six years, Sir Joseph Wilson Swan has passed into his long rest. In his boyish days he showed a strong leaning to science, and was accordingly apprenticed to learn the "art and mystery of the Apothecary," or "Chemist," as it is more commonly termed in England. He was one of the pioneers to whom we owe the present perfection of the incandescent electric light, working in connection with the Brush Electric Light Company along that line of effort. Swan's filaments for his lamps were made by injecting a jet of colloid into a coagulating medium. This method was used for many years in the manufacture of these lamps and the manufacture of these filaments is said to have suggested to a French inventor the idea of the manufacture of artificial silk. He made many improvements in photographic processes and it is to him that we owe the invention of rapid dry plates and many other improvements in that field.

His honorable and successful career should stimulate every young pharmacist to effort, with the desire to emulate his service to the world. Napoleon said, "Every soldier carries a marshal's baton in his knapsack." So every young man, taking up the study of Pharmacy, may become a leader of the race in any of the various professions to which the study of Pharmacy opens the way.

THOMAS LATHAM.