

OBITUARY.

LYMAN TAYLOR DUNNING.

L. T. Dunning, member of the A. Ph. A., Sioux Falls, South Dakota, died of pneumonia, November 6.

Mr. Dunning was born July 26, 1847, was reared on a farm and received his early education in the public schools in Wisconsin. In 1873, he moved to Sioux Falls, and entered the employ of Dr. David Henry, and two years later he purchased his employer's business, which he maintained in the same location until the time of his death.

Mr. Dunning was a public-spirited citizen, was active in securing the building of railroads into the city and deeply interested in the development of the schools and other public institutions. In 1915, he was elected third vice-president of the N. A. R. D. He was unselfish, optimistic, conscientious and devoted much of his time to the public welfare and in an unostentatious way helped those less fortunate than himself. He was sincerely loved and respected by his fellow citizens. His wife died about three years ago. They had no children.

Mr. Dunning was affiliated with the Masonic bodies and a member of the Congregational Church.

G. HENRY SOHRBECK.

G. Henry Sohrbeck, of Moline, Ill., died November 2, at Lutheran hospital of his home city, aged 70 years. The deceased was born in Schleswig-Holstein and came to this country as a youth. He entered the employ of Richards Pharmacy as a boy and grew up in the business, becoming a partner and later sole proprietor. In 1914, the business was incorporated and he became president; Henry G.

Carlson, vice-president, and L. R. Blackman, secretary and treasurer.

For a number of years Mr. Sohrbeck was a member and vice-president of the state board of pharmacy, resigning in 1903 after appointment by Governor Yates. He was a member of the Veteran Druggists' Association of Chicago and an ex-president of the Illinois Pharmaceutical Association. For years he sat on the directorates of the People's Bank & Trust Co. and the State Savings Bank & Trust Co., positions he held at the time of his passing. A vacancy is created in the board of school trustees of the Moline district by his death, his services as a trustee having extended also over a period of many years.

Mrs. Sohrbeck preceded him in death a year ago last spring. One daughter passed on in April of this year. Surviving him are one daughter, Mrs. L. R. Blackman of Moline, two granddaughters, Barbara and Marian Blackman, one brother, George W. Sohrbeck, of Moline, and one sister, Mrs. Matilda Besselin, of Rock Island.

Mr. Sohrbeck joined the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1888.

CHARLES ALBERT TATUM.

Charles Albert Tatum, president of the Whitall Tatum Co., Philadelphia and New York, died after a brief illness on Saturday, November 18, at his late residence, Middletown, N. J.

He was born in Philadelphia, Pa., January 17, 1849, son of Edward and Anna Smith Tatum. Entered firm of Whitall Tatum & Co. July 1, 1875, and was elected president of Whitall Tatum Co. when the firm was incorporated in 1901.

SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

THE NEW ORLEANS MEETING OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Secretary Geo. W. McDuff, of the Louisiana Pharmaceutical Association, has been elected Secretary for the Sixty-ninth Convention of the American Pharmaceutical Association. Wm. August Worner is chairman of the Local Arrangement Committee. Other members are: Robert F. Grace, chairman of the Louisiana A. Ph. A. Membership Committee; Adam

Wirth, elected to succeed Charles O. Lee as chairman of the A. Ph. A. Section on Commercial Interests; Edward H. Walsdorf, C. Schertz, F. C. Godbold, Geo. W. McDuff, all of New Orleans; W. F. Peyton, Shreveport; J. W. Collins, Monroe; J. S. Seguera, Alexandria; L. Baudin, Baton Rouge; John R. Taylor, New Iberia; Harry P. Bourgeois, Morgan City; E. B. Holbrook, Donaldsonville; Frank E. Irvine, De Ridder; W. N. Wilson, president of Louisiana Pharmaceutical Association, Inde-

pendence; F. G. Rieger, Opelousas, and Harry Cohen, of Slidell. The Louisiana members of the American Pharmaceutical Association will have a banquet on January 27; at this time the coming convention will be discussed and further arrangements made.

NATIONAL DRUG TRADE CONFERENCE MEETING.

A regular meeting of the National Drug Trade Conference convened in Washington during the week of December 6, on which day a meeting of its executive committee was held. The sessions of the Conference were opened on the 7th, in Willard Hotel, by President Samuel C. Henry.

THE OFFICERS OF THE AMERICAN DRUG MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION TO BE LOCATED IN WASHINGTON.

The American Drug Manufacturers' Association will move its office from Detroit to Washington during Christmas week and the Secretary expects to be located in the new office in the Albee Building, at the corner of 15th and G Streets, by January 3rd.

Mail sent to the A. D. M. A. on or after December 27th should be addressed to the American Drug Manufacturers' Association, Albee Building, Washington, D. C.

CONFERENCES ON ANTI-NARCOTIC AND PROHIBITION LAWS IN WASHINGTON.

The International Reform Bureau held a meeting in Washington, December 8-10. The announcement, prior to the meeting, provided for a discussion of the following questions:

"Does the test of enforcement show that we need additional legislation to reinforce the Volstead prohibition enforcement act?"

"What amendments are needed to the Harrison drug act to prevent the shipment of morphia from and through the United States to China?"

A hearing on the amendments suggested to the Harrison act was announced, at which Dr. Paul S. Reinsch, ex-minister to China, and Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, former chief of the Chemistry Bureau, Agricultural Department, were named as speakers, and also the following: Dr. Robert Watson, of New York, Canon W. S. Chase, of Brooklyn, and Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, of Washington, respectively, president, chair-

man and superintendent of the International Reform Bureau; Senator Sterling, of South Dakota; Representative Upshaw, of Georgia; former Gov. Joseph W. Folk, of Missouri; Wayne B. Wheeler, counsel for the American Anti-Saloon League; and others in addition to those mentioned.

MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF OFFICIAL AGRICULTURAL CHEMISTS.

The thirty-seventh annual meeting of the above-named association met at the Willard Hotel, in Washington, during the week of November 15. G. W. Hoover, of the Chicago Branch of the United States Bureau of Chemistry, presented abstracts of methods that have appeared in articles published, for the examination of acetylsalicylic acid, phenolphthalein, camphor preparations, mercurous chloride, mercuric chloride, mercuric iodide, papain, and turpentine. It was recommended that referees be appointed for the study of the methods of analysis of each of these drugs.

C. K. Glycart, of Chicago, read a paper outlining methods for the examination of morphine, codeine and heroine.

Dr. A. Viehoveer, of Washington, D. C., presented methods for the detection of molds in drugs, foods and spices by means of the Chitin test; also for the identification and differentiation of plants and plant products by means of pollen grains; also as to the value of weights of unit volumes or the specific weight of crude drugs and spices; also as to important adulterants and substitutes for crude drugs and spices.

Dr. W. O. Emery presented a report upon the methods of analysis of arsenicals. A report upon the examination of procaine was presented by A. W. Hanson. C. D. Wright reported on the methods for estimation of monobromated camphor, phenolphthalein and hexamethylenetetramine. Prof. A. R. Bliss, of Atlanta, submitted a report on a method for the separation of quinine and strychnine, and also presented a method for the assay of physostigma and its preparations.

Recommendations for the further study of these subjects were approved by the Drug Section and submitted to the main convention.

A motion was adopted by the Drug Section providing that a representative should be appointed to cooperate with the revision committee of the United States Pharmacopoeia,

and to report progress at the next annual meeting of the Agricultural Chemists' Association.

The following officers were elected: *Honorary President*, H. W. Wiley, Woodward Building, Washington, D. C.; *President*, W. F. Hand, Agricultural College, Agricultural College, Miss.; *Vice-President*, F. P. Veitch, Bureau of Chemistry, Washington, D. C.; *Secretary-Treasurer*, C. L. Alsberg, Box 744, Eleventh Street Station, Washington, D. C.

PROHIBITION COMMISSIONER JOHN
F. KRAMER GUEST OF PERFUMERS
IN NEW YORK CITY, NOVEM-
BER 17.

Prohibition Commissioner John F. Kramer spoke to members of the perfumery trade at Hotel McAlpin, November 17. In his address, he stated that he would let a reputable manufacturer have all the alcohol needed, under the assurance that the alcohol would be used in accordance with the law.

His has been a liberal education in the legitimate uses of alcohol, stated the Commissioner. Since entering on his duties he has learned of the multitude of industries having a legitimate need for alcohol and it is his intention to see that such legitimate consumers receive adequate supplies without eternal trouble and suspicion being their lot simply because they use alcohol. He asserted that order was being brought out of chaos and that another year will see conditions vastly improved, while within three years legitimate users of alcohol will not even realize that there is a prohibition law.

He suggested that the club prepare a list of reputable perfumery manufacturers, supplementing this with another naming doubtful concerns.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE PROPRIETARY ASSOCIATION
OF AMERICA.

An executive committee meeting of the Proprietary Association of America was held in New York City, November 23. The members are determined to do everything in their power to stamp out liquor traffic carried on under the guise of medicine business. There is unmistakable evidence that the members are jealous of their reputation and have spoken in no uncertain terms by the unanimous adoption of the following resolutions, carrying also instructions to their Legislative Committee:

Be it Resolved, by the Proprietary Association of America, in special meeting assembled, that the president of this association and the chairman of the Legislative Committee thereof be, and they are hereby instructed:

First. That they shall collect at whatever expense they may see fit to incur in so doing, and present to the officials of the Prohibition Division evidence of specific instances of the violation of the prohibition law in the manufacture and sale of so-called medicinal preparations, and shall urge upon said officials and assist them as far as possible in the prompt and speedy prosecution of all such violators of the prohibition law.

Second. That they respectfully tender to said officials of the Prohibition Division the services of the general counsel of the association in any cases in which such officials may think he may be of assistance in the prosecution of such violators of the law.

Third. That said officers of the association be and they are hereby further instructed to take such further steps as they may deem proper for rendering such practical assistance to the prohibition officials as may be possible for the securing of the enforcement of the prohibition law.

Fourth. *And be it further Resolved*, that the officers of the association be instructed to present at the earliest practical moment to the Commissioner of Prohibition a copy of these resolutions.

THE FAIRCHILD SCHOLARSHIP.

Unfortunately an error was overlooked in the announcement of the Department of Pharmacy, University of Minnesota (see first two words in third line of second paragraph, p. 1124, November issue, JOURNAL A. PH. A.). The award is *not* to be made to a "graduate student," but to a high school graduate, who has successfully finished his (or her) *first year's work* in a school or college of pharmacy, or Department of Pharmacy of a University, member of the American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties, and that each School, College or Department of Pharmacy be allowed and limited to two candidates. The competitive examination is to be conducted as stated in the paragraph referred to.

MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF PHARMACY ENTERTAINS.

The Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy extended invitations to an informal reception and inspection of the

new building of the college for Wednesday evening, December 1, 1920. The members are informed relative to the new building of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, of which the management and faculty are justly proud; it was completed and furnished during this year. It is hoped to have a report of the occasion in the next number of the JOURNAL.

UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENTS.

Yale University has received from an unnamed graduate a gift of \$3,000,000 to the general endowment of the university, contingent upon additional gifts of \$2,000,000 by next January, exclusive of those through the alumni university fund. The gift is made to meet increased faculty salaries.

Cornell University has received a gift of \$500,000 from Mr. August Heckscher, of New York City, for the endowment of research. The income of the fund created by Mr. Heckscher's gift will be used to maintain research professorships and to provide facilities for scientific work.

BEQUESTS TO EDUCATION.

The bequest of \$25,000 to the New York College of Pharmacy by the late Max J. Breitenbach, whose death occurred recently, emphasizes the fact that at least one graduate in pharmacy appreciated what a technical education did for him. As a practical expression of gratitude and indebtedness, the Breitenbach bequest stands among the few examples of gifts to colleges of pharmacy from graduates who reached financial successes primarily through the practice of pharmacy and its related business lines. As the world goes, in the struggle for success, many graduates in pharmacy seem to forget the part that college training played in their own progress, for educational attainments can never be adequately appraised by monetary standards. Yet the dissemination of pharmaceutical knowledge is essential if the profession is to make any general progress, and as a means to

this end, the college of pharmacy stands pre-eminent. Every instrumentality of this kind deserves the support of all good pharmacists. The Breitenbach bequest is noteworthy as coming from a pharmacist who in life had the college needs at heart and provided a place for it in his benefactions.—Editorial, *Pharmaceutical Era*, November 1920.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ILLINOIS PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION SELECTS CHICAGO FOR NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The Executive Committee of the Illinois Pharmaceutical Association selected Chicago as the next convention city, and the annual meeting is to be held June 21-23, 1921. The association numbers 1429 members; the proceedings of the last convention have been mailed out.

A RESEARCH INFORMATION BUREAU.

The National Research Council has established a Research Information Service as a general clearing-house and informational bureau for scientific and industrial research. This "Service" on request supplies information concerning research problems, progress, laboratories, equipment, methods, publications, personnel, funds, etc.

Ordinarily, inquiries are answered without charge. When this is impossible because of unusual difficulty in securing information, the inquirer is notified and supplied with an estimate of cost.

Much of the information assembled by this bureau is published promptly in the "Bulletin" or the "Reprint and Circular Series" of the National Research Council, but the purpose is to maintain complete up-to-date files in the general office of the Council.

Requests for information should be addressed, Research Information Service, National Research Council, 1701 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, D. C.

THE PHARMACIST AND THE LAW.

COMPULSORY HEALTH INSURANCE OPPOSED BY PHILADELPHIA PHYSICIANS.

Opposition to compulsory health insurance legislation in Pennsylvania was expressed by physicians at a meeting with the health insurance commission of Pennsylvania at the Belle-

vue-Stratford during the first week of December.

The commission, created last year to make a report to the next Pennsylvania legislature and possibly draw up a bill on health insurance, has been sitting throughout the State to obtain the views of employers, labor organizations and other interested parties.