

## OBITUARY.

## FRANK GIBBS RYAN.

Frank G. Ryan, president of Parke, Davis & Company, died from pneumonia on the afternoon of April 20, after an illness of only three days. Funeral services were held at Christ Church, in Detroit, on April 22. The active pallbearers were selected from an intimate group of his associates in the Company, and comprised John M. Francis, E. M. Houghton, Harry B. Mason, E. R. Larned, Harry L. Russell, and Selby S. Coleman. There were about forty honorary pallbearers represent-



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ing the Board of Directors of the house and other close friends.

Mr. Ryan was born in 1861, in Marcellus Falls, N. Y., and was educated in the public schools of Elmira. After several years' experience as a drug clerk, in the pharmacy of Brown & Dawson, Syracuse, N. Y., he entered the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and was graduated therefrom in the class of 1884. Shortly thereafter he was appointed

to a position on the college staff, and he remained a member of the faculty for fourteen years. During the summer months, in order to use his leisure productively, he did sales and detail work for Parke, Davis & Company, and finally in June, 1900, he severed all other connections and joined the staff of that house in the capacity of chief pharmacist. Within three years thereafter he began passing through a remarkable series of promotions. He was first elected to membership on the Board of Directors; he was next made secretary of the corporation, then elevated to the vice-presidency. In April, 1907, he became president of the Company and occupied this office until his death.

Mr. Ryan was pre-eminently a man who carved out his own career from the hard rock of opportunity. He rose from the ranks of drug clerks to a position of commanding influence in the pharmaceutical world. For many years he played an active and prominent part in the affairs of the American Pharmaceutical Association. In 1893, he was secretary of the Scientific Section and in 1901 its chairman. Later on he became one of the founders of the American Drug Manufacturers' Association, and served as president of this organization during the first two years of its existence. In the civic and industrial life of Detroit he was a leading figure, and from time to time was found on the personnel of important public committees. He was a member of the Country Club, the Yondotega Club, the Detroit Club, the Detroit Boat Club, and the Detroit Athletic Club. Two of these organizations—the Detroit Club and the Country Club—he served in the capacity of president.

In business life he was an aggressive leader, but above all and beyond all he was a man of the highest and deepest sense of honor. Integrity, indeed, was his dominant characteristic. His death is a severe blow to his innumerable friends in the drug trade, and a very great loss to the corporation over whose destiny he presided for a period of thirteen years.

Mr. Ryan is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Chas. A. Dean, Jr., a brother, George Ryan, York, Pa., a sister, Mrs. Maude Roth, Lancaster, Pa., and a grandson, Chas. A. Dean, 3rd.