

# NECROLOGY

It is with sincere regret that we announce the passing of our friend and fellow member, Mr. R. R. Morgan, who died at his home in Columbus, Ohio, on April 28, 1934.

Mr. Morgan was born in Pomeroy, Ohio, on May 29, 1895. He attended the public schools of Greenfield, Indiana, from which he graduated in 1913 and entered the Purdue University, receiving degree of Bachelor of Science in 1917. Immediately after graduation he entered the employ of Armour & Company and in the spring of 1918 was employed by the Commercial Solvents Company and the Rockerfeller Institute, with whom he remained until January, 1919, at which time he became connected with the Capital City Products Company. His first position with this company was that of bacteriologist and during his fifteen years' connection made rapid advance and at the time of his death was vice-president in full charge of all production and refining operations.

Mr. Morgan was affectionately known to his many friends as Dick and his sterling character and long association endeared him to a large circle of friends who mourn his passing.

Be It Therefore Resolved, that in the death of Mr. R. R. Morgan, the American Oil Chemists' Society has lost a valuable and loyal member and that the sincere sympathy of this Society is extended to his bereaved family in their loss, and that a copy of these resolutions be incorporated in our minutes, a copy sent to OIL AND SOAP and a copy sent to his family.

(Signed) M. M. Durkee,  
A. M. Gudheim,  
E. R. Barrow,  
Committee.

During the period since our last annual meeting it has pleased an All-wise Providence to take from us, and from the field of his earthly activities, Dr. David Wesson, one of the founders of the Society of Cotton Products Analysts, the predecessor of the American Oil Chemists' Society.

Dr. Wesson died May 22, 1934, at his home in Montclair, New Jersey, at the age of 73 years. He was born in Brooklyn, New York, and was a member of a pioneer American family, which settled in 1640 at Salem, Massachusetts. Dr. Wesson attended public school and Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, afterwards entering the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, from which he graduated in 1882, serving for one year after graduation as assistant professor of chemistry. He became assistant chemist of the N. K. Fairbanks & Company, manufacturer of Gold Dust, Chicago, later entering the employ of the American Cotton Oil Company, Guttenberg, New Jersey. In 1900 he engaged in the practice of consulting chemist at Courtland, New York, and in 1905 became associated with the Southern Cotton Oil Company, Savannah, Georgia, as manager of the Technical Department. He remained with this company until his retirement several years ago.

Dr. Wesson was best known for his development of the Wesson process of refining and deodorizing cottonseed oil

and during his later years was intent on developing a human food from cottonseed meal. He was very active in many professional organizations, being a former President of American Institute of Chemical Engineers, President of the New Jersey Chemical Society and later Chairman of the North Jersey section of the American Chemists' Society and a member of the Executive Committee of the Society of Chemical Industries and past President of the Montclair Society of Engineers. Notwithstanding his activity in the organization of the Cotton Products Analysts Dr. Wesson modestly declined the First Presidency but was elected as its second President and served for one year.

Dr. Wesson is survived by his wife, two daughters and two sons. He also leaves nine grandchildren.

For many years Dr. Wesson was a regular attendant to the annual meetings of this Society and to his many friends he was a congenial companion with a keen sense of humor and always enjoyed a good story. In his death this Society loses one of its most loyal and active members.

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the American Oil Chemists' Society in convention assembled extend to his family and relatives our sincere sympathy in their immeasurable loss, and that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Minutes, published in OIL AND SOAP JOURNAL, and a copy be sent to the members of his family.

(Signed) M. M. Durkee  
A. M. Gudheim  
E. R. Barrow  
Committee.

Dr. Albert Kingsley Church, for sixteen years Chief Chemist of Lever Brothers Company, Cambridge, Massachusetts, died suddenly on Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Cambridge.

Dr. Church was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, March, 1870, the son of the late Charles Alexander and Aurilla Kingsley Church, and was graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology with the class of 1892. For many years he was connected with the National Tube Company of Pittsburgh and was later consulting chemist for the Beach Soap Company, Lawrence, Massachusetts, before entering the employ of Lever Brothers Company as Chief Chemist.

Dr. Church is survived by his widow, Morlena Dearborn Church, a daughter, Beatrice, of New York City, and a son, Kingsley D. Church, of Sharon, Massachusetts.

He was a member of the American Chemical Society and prominently identified with the Northeastern section of that Society. For many years he was a member of the American Oil Chemists' Society, serving on the Detergent and Glycerin Analysis Committee. His death was a great shock to his many friends in the soap and oil industries and the American Oil Chemists' Society has lost an active and valuable member.

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the membership of the American Oil Chemists' Society at convention assembled, ex-

press its sorrow in the death of Dr. Church and extend its heartfelt sympathy to his family and his associates.

Be it Further Resolved, that this resolution be made a part of the minutes of the convention and a copy be mailed to members of his family and published in the Official Journal of the Society.

(Signed) M. M. Durkee,  
A. M. Gudheim,  
E. R. Barrow,  
Committee.

It is with deep sorrow that we record the death of Mr. James Booth Pratt, which occurred at his home in Columbia, South Carolina, July 23, 1933.

Mr. Pratt was well known to the members of this Society, having attended its annual conventions and been in the continual service of the Southern Cotton Oil Company for a period of twenty-seven years. He was born in Abbeyville, South Carolina, March 27, 1883, and received his education in the public schools of Bennettsville, South Carolina, later graduating from the University of South Carolina and the University of North Carolina. Immediately after graduation he entered the employ of the Southern Cotton Oil Company at Savannah, Georgia, with which company he remained until the time of his death.

Mr. Pratt was a member of the Kiwanis Club and Masonic Fraternity and was Deacon of the First Baptist Church.

He enlisted during the world war and obtained the rank of Captain in the Chemical Division. He was affectionately known to many of the members of this Society as Jimmie and his presence at our annual meetings will be greatly missed.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the members of the American Oil Chemists' Society express its keen sense of sorrow at the death of Mr. Pratt and extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy, and

Be It Further Resolved, that copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes and copy sent to the family, and that it be published in the Official Journal of the Society.

(Signed) M. M. Durkee,  
A. M. Gudheim,  
E. R. Barrow,  
Committee.