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JOSIAH K. LILLY NAMED REMINGTON MEDALLIST FOR 1942

CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF ELI
LILLY AND COMPANY HONORED
FOR HIS INTEREST AND SUPPORT
OF PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH

JOSIAH K. Lilly, Chairman of the Board of Eli Lilly and Company, Indianapolis, has been awarded the Remington Honor Medal for 1942 in recognition of his interest and support of pharmaceutical research not only in the laboratories of his own company but in the Laboratories of the AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PHARMACY, and in educational institutions throughout the country. The medal is awarded annually by the New York Branch of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION to the individual who, in the opinion of a committee consisting of the past-presidents of this ASSOCIATION, has contributed most during the year to the advancement of the profession of pharmacy or whose contributions over a period of years are worthy of recognition. Announcement of the award was made by Dr. Hugo H. Schaefer, of New York, chairman of the Remington Medal Committee, at the recent Denver meeting of this ASSOCIATION.

The medal will be presented at a suitable time this fall.

Josiah K. Lilly was fourteen years of age when his father, Colonel Eli Lilly, began producing medicinal products. With the enthusiasm of youth he was eager to have a part in the growth of the enterprise. Colonel Lilly found his son a good helper, ready and willing to accept any assignment. He delivered merchandise in a splint basket to local dealers. He swept floors, washed windows, kept steam up in the tiny power

plant and found time to prepare drugs for percolation, to roll pills, and attend to filters.

GRADUATED IN PHARMACY

Sensing the need for higher education in his calling, Colonel Lilly parted with his son's services long enough for him to attend the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated in 1882. He returned to the growing business with a firm determination to apply the knowledge he had gained to the furtherance of his father's laboratory. He became assistant superintendent, then superintendent, and on the death of Colonel Lilly in 1898 he took over the mass of constantly growing responsibilities. Under his leadership the business grew rapidly. He was able to demonstrate that a business of any magnitude can be built upon the strictest of ethical principles. Yet, he made these principles practical instead of merely idealistic.

A sense of stewardship is a Lilly characteristic. It was true of the father. It is true of the son. The fine spirit that exists in this large organization at the present time reflects the personality and character of Colonel Lilly, the founder, and his son J. K. Lilly.

Few among the uninitiated are aware of the ramifications of a business so diversified in its activities as is Eli Lilly and Company. Mr. J. K. Lilly many years ago was quick to sense the trend in pharmacy and medicine and one of his early interests in his father's laboratories embraced research. *Begun in a moderate way with the standardization of such products as fluidextracts the growth of this branch of the enterprise requires little explanation to those who are in position to know of the part the Lilly Research Laboratories have played in making available to the medical profession a growing list of therapeutic agents.

The Company coöperated in the development of the first insulin commercially available in the United States and has pioneered in the production of vitamin preparations, ephedrine products, liver extracts, and improved barbituric acid derivatives. Through its work the products of research laboratories in various parts of the

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

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country have been made available commercially in every city, town, and hamlet.

CIVIC WORK

Like his father before him, Mr. Lilly has a very keen sense of his public obligations and has found time, despite heavy demand made upon him by private business interests, to render notable public service. He has served as president of the Y. M. C. A. and led the movement for the construction of the present fine building which it occupies. During World War I he was chairman of the committee that raised funds for the Red Cross. He was responsible for the establishment of Base Hospital No. 32. He was chairman of the committee in charge of the largest Liberty Loan drive in Marion County. He was one of the organizers and served as chairman and trustee of the Indianapolis Foundation.

INTERESTED IN EDUCATION

Mr. Lilly has always been interested in higher educational work. Only recently he resigned as a trustee of Purdue University. His alma mater, the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, awarded him an honorary master's degree. Just a few years ago he was named honorary president of the alumni association of this school. The University of Pittsburgh conferred upon him the honorary LL.D. degree, while the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION made him honorary president. More recently honorary degrees have been conferred upon Mr. Lilly by the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee, by DePauw, Butler, Indiana University, Purdue and the University of Michigan.

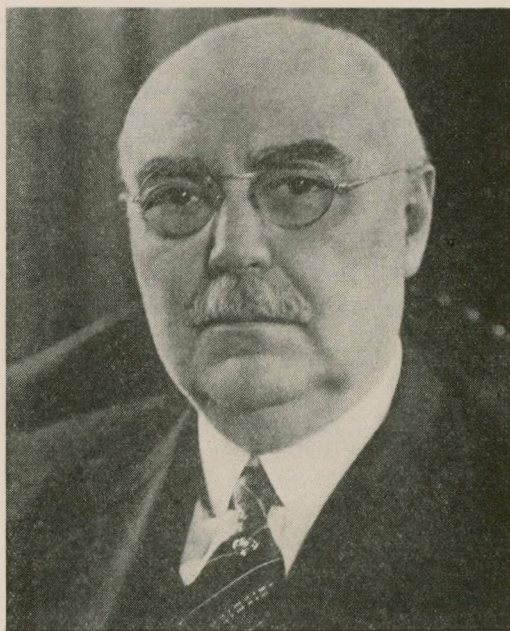
FOSTER COLLECTION

Through his love for music and the songs of Stephen Collins Foster in particular, Mr. Lilly, at the time he retired as president of Eli Lilly and Company, undertook the collection of material relating to the life and work of this great American composer of simple, beautiful melodies. Over a period of about seven years he worked, with the result that his Collection became the most extensive of its kind, numbering over ten thousand items. When the people of Pittsburgh, Pa., erected on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh a beautiful auditorium

to be a memorial to Stephen Foster, who was born in what is now Pittsburgh, on July 4, 1826, it seemed that that Memorial was the logical place for Mr. Lilly's Foster Collection. So at the dedication of the Memorial in June, 1937, Mr. Lilly's Foster Collection was formally presented to the University of Pittsburgh for preservation in perpetuity.

Mr. Lilly has been interested not only in collecting Fosteriana but in seeing that the songs of Stephen Foster become as well-known today as they were popular during the period in which they were written. To that end he has distributed well-arranged song books of Foster songs to interested American public schools; has presented radio stations in this country with copies of the more beautiful Foster songs, especially arranged for quartets; and to the large bands in this country and interested foreign countries he has presented copies of Luis Guzman's special arrangement of seventeen Foster airs for concert band.

One of the largest undertakings by Foster Hall when it was under Mr. Lilly's guidance was the reproduction of one thousand sets of all available first editions of Stephen Foster songs and musical compositions which were presented to leading libraries for reference work.



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