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Life members of the American Pharmaceutical Association link the present with the past, the history of states and municipalities, as well as that of American pharmacy and the drug business—the passing of the Apothecary shop, the development of the modern pharmacy, and coming of the present era drug store. Some of the pharmacists who witnessed the going and the coming joined whole-heartedly in directing the movements, and one of the results was the formation of the National Association of Retail Druggists. Recently the records of one of our most active members, who presided over the initial meeting of the latter organization, were closed; the second president, Simon Newton Jones, of Louisville, Ky., joined the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1870.

In an address delivered as president of the Louisville College of Pharmacy, a few years ago, Mr. Jones brought in some interesting personal references, and these emphasize the opening lines of this sketch. He spoke of his entrance into the drug business, during the 60's; only two druggists then actively engaged in the drug business, in Louisville, were living at the time the address referred to was delivered. The names of active members in the Association were recalled; among them in the 1870 list with him were: C. Lewis Diehl, James E. Brown, George H. Carey, Emil Scheffer, Thomas E. Jenkins, George A. Newman, Ferdinand J. Pfingst, and others.

Mr. Jones entered the drug business, in Louisville, in 1868. The fact that General Humphrey Marshall was his first customer is of historical interest on account of his patron's eventful life; that the late Silas N. Burroughs, then representative of an American pharmaceutical house and afterward one of the founders of an English establishment, delivered the goods, by basket, for which he solicited orders, indicates the development of pharmaceutical manufacturing, and recalls a striking instance of young men "going East," and also periods in the life of Mr. Burroughs, who was a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

The prime reason for presenting this brief sketch of our beloved veteran member is the fact of his having passed the fiftieth milestone in his A. Ph. A. mem-

bership; however, the Association to which he also gave many years of faithful service meets in Denver this month, and to that extent this is an expression of fraternity. In 1888 Mr. Jones was elected second vice-president of the National Association of Retail Druggists, and to the presidency at the next annual convention; after the expiration of his term of office he was elected successively, each year, member of the executive committee and also served as chairman during the same period, until in 1909 he asked to be relieved from this work. At the New Orleans meeting, in 1918, he was elected an honorary life member of the N. A. R. D., by the unanimous vote of the convention.

Our fellow-member is an optimist. He has said of himself: "This world has been good to me; I have been surrounded by friends whose friendship I have enjoyed and appreciated." Drawing on his life for closing words:—He graced and honored the offices to which he was chosen; he endeavored to infuse the spirit of "Live, and let live;" his labors in advancing pharmacy were unselfishly given that others might share the benefits of its promotion.

"Time on his head has snowed, yet still 'tis borne aloft."

E. G. E.

THE NEW ORLEANS MEETING.

THE annual meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association has interfered with the preparation of an editorial for this issue; instead, and of particular interest at this time, the address of President Packard is printed on the pages following. Truly, a president's address is more or less of an editorial; it expresses his views of what will benefit the Association most, best serve pharmacy, in conformity with the objects of the organization.

Comment on the address was reserved for the members in convention at New Orleans. Matters of considerable importance were subjects of discussion and arrangement, which included the question of dues; the conclusions were that conditions warranted a continuance of the present rate of \$5.00 per annum. At the last convention Treasurer H. M. Whelpley was persuaded to serve another year; recently he gave formal notice that he could not again stand for re-election, for this, the most important office of the Association from a number of viewpoints; Prof. E. F. Kelly of Baltimore was elected, and his term of office begins January 1, 1922. The closely related organizations are deeply interested in the advancement of pharmaceutical education and, while always timely as a topic for discussion, has this year, if possible, a greater significance.

After discussing the Endowment Fund in his address, President Packard asked for volunteer subscriptions; about \$650.00 was added to this fund; a list of the contributors will appear in next issue of the Journal. He also secured the aid of a committee, composed of brides in attendance, who by sale of carnations added about \$75.00 to the Ebert Prize Fund.

A number of papers presented at the New Orleans meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association are printed in this issue; the minutes of the General Sessions will appear in the October number.

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