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**Born in Baltimore May 3, 1817. Died in Philadelphia February 10, 1874**  
**“The Father of American Pharmacy”**



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The fiftieth anniversary of the death of William Procter, Jr., on February 10th, and the prospective American Pharmacy Building, prompted the frontispiece of this issue. No attempt will be made to sketch the life of the eminent pharmacist; the recently published volume of "The First Century of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy" and the PROCEEDINGS of the A. PH. A.\* record his activities. The sketch of the latter includes a pen picture of William Procter, Jr., of about the time of the founding of the American Pharmaceutical Association; in part, this follows:

"A young man of medium height, slender, with coal-black straight hair, piercing black eyes which were ready in a moment to sparkle with humor or flash with fire at the thought of injustice done to another; active in movement, solicitous for the welfare of others, modest and retiring in disposition, faithful in his obligations, yet morbidly sensitive to criticism; a charming companion to all who knew him intimately."—JOSEPH P. REMINGTON.

"The American Pharmaceutical Association was the offspring of Procter's able and versatile mind. Throughout the years of his life which followed the organization of that body, he gave to it the richest treasures of an intellect fitted beyond all others for the work which he had undertaken. In 1853 he was chairman of the committee on the progress of pharmacy, and chairman of a committee to report a syllabus of a course of study for students of pharmacy, which committee reported in 1858. He was corresponding secretary of the Association from 1852-1857, first vice-president in 1859-1860, and was elected president in 1862. The pharmacists of America ought not to let the memory of their most distinguished colleague fall into oblivion; they should revere the memory of William Procter, Jr., and should give him a monument more lasting than stone or bronze—a monument built in their affections and in the affections of those who come after them.

"Let us remember that the favorite child of his genius was the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION."—From remarks of ALBERT E. EBERT.

\* PROCEEDINGS A. PH. A., 48, 22-28, 1900.