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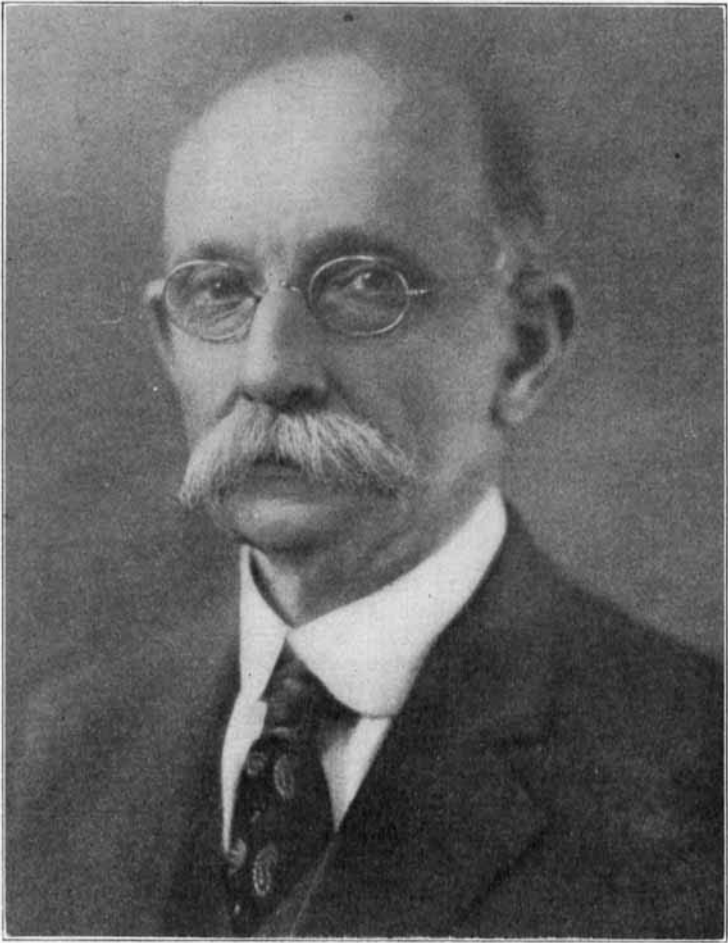
## EMIL ADOLPH GESSNER.

Emil A. Gessner entered the drug business in the store of John H. Klock, at the corner of Chapel & Church Sts., New Haven, Conn., in 1860; later, he became partner in the business. He purchased the drug store in the old Elliott House, in 1877, and four years later acquired Apothecaries Hall, of which, at the age of 82 years, he is still the owner, actively carrying on the business. The medicines of that period were prepared according to one or the other of a number of European pharmacopœias and dispensaries, and Apothecaries Hall was founded by a group of local physicians, with the idea of standardizing the drugs and preparations entering into their prescriptions. During the earlier years the apothecary shop was under the management of a Mr. Bears; with the establishment of the United States Pharmacopœia, a purpose which brought Apothecaries Hall into existence was accomplished, and the business was sold to Samuel Noyes, who carried it on until 1881, when Mr. Gessner purchased the store.

The writer is indebted to S. S. Gessner, a son, for the data of this sketch and also for photostat copies of Prescription Book pages, showing prescriptions of 1831. Mr. Gessner has a show globe, a pair of scales, a number of bottles, jars, mortar and pestle—part of the original equipment of Apothecaries Hall.

Mr. Gessner was appointed to the first Connecticut Board of Pharmacy and as member of two succeeding boards. He is a charter member of Connecticut Pharmaceutical Association and held the presidency for two terms. For a number of years he served the City of New Haven as alderman and for three terms on the Finance Committee of the Board of Alderman. He is a member of the New Haven Grays and of the Second Company of the Governor's Foot Guards and has been Captain in both organizations. In 1876, he was in command of the former when the members, in a body, attended the Centennial celebration in Philadelphia.

In 1926, our veteran member celebrated his 80th birthday, and his 50th wedding anniversary; in the same year he was the guest of Connecticut Pharmaceutical Association, when that organization celebrated its Golden Anniversary, and the conclusion of the first 50 years of membership of Mr. Gessner; also, he was the guest of the New Haven Grays on their trip to the Sesquicentennial. We congratulate him on the anniversary of his 50th anniversary as member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.



EMIL A. GESSNER.