



DR. J. J. HOFMAN.

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL FEDERATION.

Dr. J. J. Hofman, the newly elected president of the International Pharmaceutical Federation, has served for several years as general secretary of this federation. He was a member of the committee nominated at the Congress of Brussels, in 1910, where he assisted in the name of the Netherlands Pharmaceutical Association to propose the foundation of this association of national pharmaceutical societies.

Dr. Hofman was born June 1, 1866, at Alphen, a small city on the Rhine near Leyden, where his father, C. A. Hofman, was director of a public school. In 1867, his father became director of a public school at The Hague and it was in this beautiful city of Holland that the son received his education. Upon finishing his education at the higher school in The Hague he was admitted to the University of Leyden where he studied physics under Lorentz, chemistry under van Bemmelen and Franchimont, and botany under Suringar. He passed the examinations required for the Practice of Pharmacy, in 1887, thus becoming a pharmacist at the age of 21. After serving for somewhat over a year in a pharmacy at Utrecht he was nominated, in 1889, as pharmacist to the Hospital of Rotterdam, where he remained until 1893. During this time he was also chemist for Justice and published several notes. In 1893, he established a pharmacy at The Hague where he is still occupied in the practice of his profession. In connection with his pharmacy Dr. Hofman also conducts a laboratory for chemical and microscopical analysis, besides doing considerable manufacturing.

Dr. Hofman has at several times been elected a member of the Council of the Netherlands Pharmaceutical Society, serving as its president until January 1930. He is also a member of the Hygienic Committee of The Hague and held distinctive positions as a member of committees instituted by the Dutch government for the reorganization of military pharmacy.¹

¹ Dr. Hofman reported on military pharmacy in Europe, which report was submitted at the Baltimore meeting, A. Ph. A.; another communication on the subject is printed in the JOURNAL for June and for September 1930, pages 655 and 1026.

In 1919, the subject of this sketch was awarded the doctors degree at the University of Leyden, the title of his thesis being "Bijdrage tot de kennis der Indische grasolien." At the International Pharmaceutical Congress held at the Hague-Scheveningen, in 1913, he was elected general secretary of the Federation in which position he served until his election as president of the Stockholm meeting in 1930.

Dr. Hofman is an honorary member of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, Der Deutsche Apotheker Verein, Deutsche Pharmazeutische Gesellschaft and other pharmaceutical societies.—E. H. WIRTH.

Dr. Hofman was elected an honorary member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, at the Miami meeting.—*Editor*.

THE HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, 1931-1932.

The active interest of Mr. Henry S. Wellcome in the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION has been continuous—in 1877, he presented a paper on "Bromine Production in the United States;" in 1879, he wrote on "A Visit to Cinchona Forests"—in 1930, at the Baltimore meeting, he spoke of the possibilities of the "American Institute of Pharmacy."¹ He has given his support to the latter by words and deeds.



HENRY S. WELLCOME, LONDON.
Honorary President, A. PH. A.

A sketch of Mr. Wellcome will be found in the JOURNAL for July 1925, page 573, and it is hoped that in a later issue of the JOURNAL more will be said of the Honorary President. The sketch referred to contains very brief references to a few of Mr. Wellcome's many activities. General Sir Reginald Wingate said relative to the Tropical Research Laboratories:

"We must readily acknowledge the immense benefits conferred on the country by the institution of the Wellcome Tropical Research Laboratories."

Prof. G. A. Reisner, of Harvard University, writing on the Ethiopian and archaeological searches and discoveries said:

"The excavations carried on by H. S. Wellcome have thrown unexpected light on early Ethiopian history."

The Wellcome Historical Museum has been referred to in THIS JOURNAL on a number of occasions; recently an exhibit was made there of the writings of Galen and historical material of that period; the wonderful collection makes exhibits of that kind possible and carries into effect the purpose of Mr. Wellcome. The ASSOCIATION is to be congratulated on his election as Honorary President.

¹ JOUR. A. PH. A. for July 1930, pages 676-679.