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RUDOLPH E. RHODE.

Rudolph E. Rhode was born December 6, 1859, in Ramelow, Mecklenburg-Strelitz, Germany. He received his early education at the Gymnasium in Friedland and emigrated with his parents to Chicago in 1874 and entered the drug store of Carus Von Ressler, Chicago, as an apprentice. Later, he engaged with Ernest Matthei and with A. Arend.

He enrolled as a student in the Chicago College of Pharmacy in 1877 and was graduated in 1879; thereafter, for two years he was employed by Louis Woltersdorf where excellent pharmaceutical training was obtained. From 1881 to 1883 he clerked for the old-established drug firm of Moench & Reinhold, Chicago, and in October 1883 purchased the drug store of Laux & Woltman at 1301 N. Clark Street, Chicago, where he remained for many years, building up a most successful prescription practice.

In 1890, his pharmacy was completely destroyed by fire but the building was rebuilt and the pharmacy refitted, becoming one of the finest in the city; during the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893 many European pharmacists visited the Rhode pharmacy and were unanimous in its praise. This prescription pharmacy achieved a wide reputation not only for the excellent equipment and extensive stock but for the accuracy and reliability of its staff. A feature of Mr. Rhode's pharmacy that commended him to physicians was his exclusion of patent nostrums from his stock. It was here that the late Professor C. S. N. Hallberg developed a number of the working formulas that appeared in the National Formulary of 1888.

In 1920, Mr. Rhode found it desirable to dispose of his pharmacy on North Clark Street and in 1920 he opened a prescription pharmacy in the Republic Building, in Chicago's business center.

Mr. Rhode has been a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION since 1887 and of the Illinois Pharmaceutical Association during the same period. He is a regular attendant at the weekly luncheons of the Chicago Veteran Druggists' Association, which organization he has also served as president.

Many of Chicago's best-known pharmacists have had their training under him. He has never married.—W. B. D.