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Emlen Painter was elected president of the American Pharmaceutical Association at the San Francisco meeting in 1889, and laid down life's burdens January 10, 1890, therefore was not permitted to preside in convention.

The frontispiece seems to us appropriate, in view of the fact that the American Pharmaceutical Association convenes again in San Francisco after the lapse of a quarter of a century; the president elected at that meeting was identified with pharmacy of the East and West.

The subject of this brief sketch was born at Concord, Pennsylvania, in 1844, educated in Wilmington, Delaware, and graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, with honors, in 1866. The following year he came to San Francisco, accepting a position with H. P. Wakelec. In 1867 the firm of Painter and Calvert was established and continued for ten years, when the partnership was dissolved, Mr. Painter retaining the store at the corner of Clay and Kearney; later he opened several other stores, all of which he successfully conducted.

His name is closely associated with the founding of the California Pharmaceutical Society and the College of Pharmacy. To the latter he gave of his time for many years and with his co-laborers had the satisfaction of seeing the school develop into an institution of importance to pharmacy.

Mr. Painter returned to Pennsylvania for rest when his health began to fail, and thereafter decided on making his future home in New York City. Here he purchased the pharmacy of John Sheddon, at Broadway and Thirty-fourth streets, and under his management the business prospered. Mr. Painter became identified with the New York College of Pharmacy, was elected one of the trustees and Chairman of the Board of Examinations. He was one of the editors of the National Formulary.

In the fall of 1889 Mr. Painter disposed of his business on account of impaired health and had departed for the South, when increasing feebleness persuaded him to return to his home at Spuyten Duyvil, N. Y., where the final summons came January 10, 1890.

Professor P. W. Bedford, in speaking of Mr. Painter, paid this tribute: "He was a man of remarkable activity, of honest, earnest opinions, and when satisfied that he was right, he was not to be swerved by motives of either opposition or any other cause. He pursued what he believed to be right to the end."