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THE CENTENARY OF HERMANN HAGER.

THE high rank as pharmacist of Dr. Hans Hermann Julius Hager suggests a tribute to his memory in the pages of this issue, for the third day of January marked the one hundredth anniversary of this distinguished German pharmacist's birth.

Dr. Hans Hermann Julius Hager, the son of an army physician and surgeon, Dr. Johann Heinrich Hager, was born in Berlin, Germany. He entered pharmacy, April 1, 1832, as an apprentice in the Loewen-Apotheke at Salzwedel, where he very early evidenced his love for the profession of pharmacy and striking adaptation for the life-work he had chosen. Without attending the university, he passed the State Board of Examiners in Pharmacy at Berlin and was credited with the mark, "very good."

In 1843, Dr. Hager purchased the Stadtapotheke in Fraustadt, of which he was the owner until 1860, when he moved to Berlin. During the seventeen intervening years as "Apotheker" in Fraustadt, Hager devotedly applied himself to his profession and contributed largely to pharmaceutical literature. Before removing to Berlin, he established the *Pharmazeutische Centralhalle*, and retained editorial management until 1879. After the conclusion of the first year's issuance of the pharmaceutical weekly, Dr. Hager introduced the annual messenger, *Der Pharmazeutische Kalender*, to the German profession. His immediate connection with these two valuable publications terminated about the time when he completed the first edition of *Handbuch der Pharmazeutischen Praxis*, the recent revision of which has appeared in three stately volumes.

The preparatory work for the first edition of his masterpiece was done in his country home, *Pulvermuehle*, in the pine forests near Fuerstenberg, where he lived until 1881, when he moved to Frankfurt, and the last year of his simple but successful life was spent in Neu-Ruppin.

The University of Jena conferred upon him the degree of Ph.D., and he was also the recipient of the honorary degree of M.D. from the medical faculty of the same institution. Many pharmaceutical and related associations and other organizations expressed their recognition of his valued services by memorials and honorary membership; several in this country among them, and, quite naturally, the American Pharmaceutical Association.

He was an honor to pharmacy and an inspiration to pharmacists; in his master-work pharmacists have a guiding light and an illuminating book of reference.

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