



CHARLES H. LAWALL

CHARLES HERBERT LAWALL,

PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

As announced in the December issue of the JOURNAL, Charles H. LaWall has been elected president of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

The President-elect was born in Allentown, Pa., 46 years ago, the son of a druggist of that city, who in 1876 moved to Bloomsburg, Pa., where he had accepted a position with the wholesale and retail drug firm of Moyer Bros., in whose establishment the junior LaWall received his early business training, after having been educated in the public schools and at the State Normal School, located at Bloomsburg. His employment in the drug store was a matter of choice, for he early evidenced an interest in the sciences and sought knowledge by studying growing plants and improvising a small chemical laboratory even before attending college.

In 1891, he matriculated at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and graduated here in 1893. The degree of Master in Pharmacy was conferred upon him by the same institution in 1905. He sought employment in Philadelphia which offered the opportunity of a more extended acquaintance with the branches that interested him most, and for thirteen years he was engaged in the laboratories of Smith, Kline & French Company. In 1901, Charles LaWall succeeded Frank G. Ryan as Instructor in the Theory and Practice of Pharmacy in his *Alma Mater*, and in 1905 he was elected Associate Professor in the same department.

In 1903, he became associated with Dr. Henry Leffmann, a prominent chemist of Philadelphia, and when the latter decided to retire Prof. LaWall acquired sole ownership of the business. Since 1904 he has been chemist of the Pennsylvania State Dairy and Food Department, and has also served the Federal Government in a related capacity. In 1909 he succeeded Dr. Leffmann as lecturer in the Course of Applied Organic Chemistry at the Wagner Free Institute of Science. He is a joint author with Dr. Leffmann of a book on Chemistry; he assisted in the last revision of the United States Dispensatory and is a frequent contributor to pharmaceutical and chemical publications. Prof. LaWall is a member of the U. S. Pharmacopoeia Revision Committee of which he is secretary, and also chairman of the Subcommittee on Inorganic Chemicals.

His papers presented to the various sections of the American Pharmaceutical Association speak in part for his interest in the organization that has honored him with the presidency. He was vice-president in 1915; from 1907-09 he was secretary of the Section on Education and Legislation and in 1910 the chairman; in 1911-12 he was secretary of the Scientific Section.

Mrs. Charles H. LaWall (*nee* Miss Milicent Renshaw) is also a graduate in pharmacy and renders valuable assistance in the many activities of her husband. Both are regular attendants and workers at the annual conventions of the A. Ph. A.; the latter joined the Association in 1896 and the former in 1905. E. G. E.
