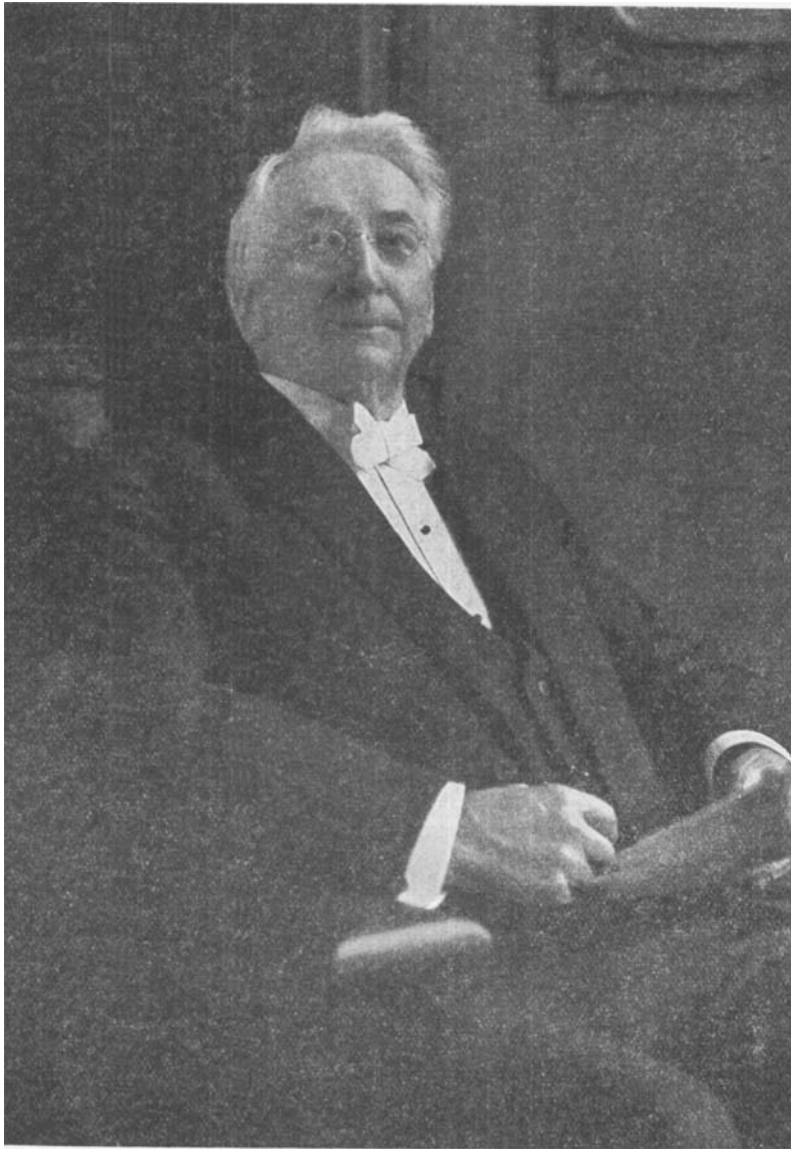


**OLIVER FRANKLIN FULLER**  
**CHICAGO, ILL.**

**Seventy-five years in the drug business—forty-nine years a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association**

**Honorary President of the American Pharmaceutical Association 1918–1919**



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The Honorary President of the American Pharmaceutical Association for 1918-1919 is O. F. Fuller, of Chicago, Ill. Although only a decade of years from the centennial of his birth, he maintains an active interest in the drug business and in general affairs.

*System* printed an interview with Mr. Fuller in which he spoke of the changes and progress of the drug industries during the past seventy years, stressing that specialization had brought many modifications in the conduct of the business and, as a result, those engaged were well qualified in their specialty but did not acquire the general information possessed by pharmacists of an earlier day. He remarked on the fewer hours of daily work and pointed out the danger that if the free hours were not used for learning about the related tasks, which formerly belonged to the business, druggists would find that their specialty was no longer wanted or needed by society. "Then," he said, "we will be out of a business or a job with no useful money-making knowledge or training."

Mr. Fuller was born in 1829, at Sherman, Connecticut, where he received his schooling until fourteen years of age, when he entered the retail drug business in Peekskill, N. Y. Here he remained until he reached his majority, when he came to Chicago, then a frontier town. He had saved \$500.00, his father added a like amount, and with this as part of the investment the retail drug business of Fuller & Roberts was established, which is represented to-day in the wholesale drug firm of The Fuller-Morrisson Company.

In the interview referred to Mr. Fuller said: "Friends ask me 'Why don't you take a rest?' I still come down to the desk because I want to keep my mind busy—men usually don't live long after they retire and let their minds drift—because I want to see business pass new milestones in its development \* \* \* But let us stop every now and then to look beyond the constantly narrowing limits set by the specialization which typifies to-day. It may be that we old men are too conservative for to-day's business. But the decades often carry a wise lesson."

Mr. Fuller is deeply interested in the Chicago Veteran Druggists' Association; he has helped to make history in Chicago, planned and labored in its earlier

development, passed through the experiences of the Civil War, the visitation of the great Chicago fire, and still participates in the activities of the country's second largest city.

Mr. Fuller was married in 1858 to Miss Phoebe L. Shipley, of Peekskill, N. Y.; she died a number of years ago; in 1910 he married Miss Becky Seacord, whom he had known from early girlhood.

In acknowledging Secretary William B. Day's letter, advising him of his election as Honorary President of the American Pharmaceutical Association, Mr. Fuller wrote:

"Your communication, informing me of the high honor conferred on me by the American Pharmaceutical Association, in the recent Convention, has reached me.

"It is with very real pleasure that I write to thank the Society through you, the Secretary, for the compliment accorded me on this the forty-ninth anniversary of my membership in the American Pharmaceutical Association. I feel the honor not only to be a personal one, but that by my being chosen as the recipient of this honor the Chicago Veteran Druggists' Association is receiving complimentary recognition.

"With sincere appreciation of the kindly thought which prompted the action, I am

Most sincerely yours,

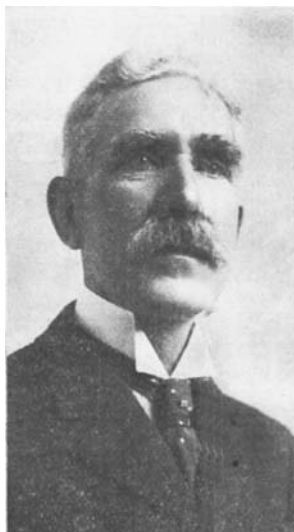
(Signed)

OLIVER FRANKLIN FULLER."

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