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Samuel C. Henry, chairman of the House of Delegates, American Pharmaceutical Association, is a native of Virginia and, we are informed, a lineal descendant of Patrick Henry. Undoubtedly the subject of this rather incomplete sketch possesses characteristics that were predominant in his antecedant and marked him for lasting fame. While the occasion may not arise which will imprint the memory of Samuel C. Henry on permanent historical records, his activities in organization and legislative matters pertaining to the retail drug business have been eminently successful and helpful, and he will measure up to the greater opportunities which have come to him by his election as Secretary of the National Association of Retail Druggists, of which organization he was president in 1915. His counsel and leadership in shaping national legislation has been and is a valuable asset of that body. He is deliberate in speech, logical in reasoning and measures his statements with assurance of being right.

Mr. Henry was trained as pharmacist in the William S. Thompson pharmacy of Washington, D. C., from where he came to Philadelphia and soon thereafter engaged in the retail drug business on his own account, and later established a second store. He took an active interest in the local retail druggists' association and exhibited high qualities of an efficient organizer, and for a time was president of that association.

His capabilities and comprehension of legislative needs, related to the drug business, were soon recognized, and in such capacity he has labored efficiently for many years in behalf of the local, state and national associations, as member of legislative committees and as chairman.

The approval of his work and his uniform courtesy made him president of the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association, which office he filled with credit to himself and satisfaction to the members. For a number of years he served on the board of trustees of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.

In 1909, he joined the American Pharmaceutical Association and, until the time of his leaving Philadelphia, contributed largely to the success of the Local Branch. He did not neglect his affiliation when it became necessary to leave his adopted city, but at once joined enthusiastically with the Chicago members, who welcomed his coming among them. He occupied various official positions in the

Philadelphia Branch and for one year that of presiding officer. The esteem in which he is held was very evident prior to his departure for Chicago and, both the latter body and the Philadelphia Association of Retail Druggists gave public expression thereof in largely attended special meetings in his honor, on which occasions their sincere regard was voiced by speakers at the banquet tables.

Mr. Henry is always found among the workers, and, therefore, aside from his professional duties, he considers that his Church should have his active support and so in this connection he also has been recognized as a faithful member and zealous officer.

Intensely interested in legislative matters, it is not surprising that he should and did take part in political affairs, and was several times honored with the nomination for the Pennsylvania Legislature. Though his campaigns were unsuccessful from one point of view, that of not being elected, his record is clean and his failure in securing the election was largely due to his unwillingness to lend himself to questionable methods and of being the candidate of the minority party in his district.

While Mr. Henry's activities have most largely been concerned with the National Association of Retail Druggists he has not neglected the American Pharmaceutical Association. Last year he served as vice-chairman of the House of Delegates and on several important Association committees; this year, at the Chicago meeting, he will preside over the sessions of the House of Delegates.¹

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CONSERVATION COÖPERATION BETWEEN PHARMACISTS AND PHYSICIANS.

The best reason for the assumption of the possibility and practicability of cooperation for conservation between pharmacists rests upon the fact that the medical profession of our country has outstripped any single body of citizens in its devotion to our country's cause in the present war. Medical practices developed by years of application, lucrative incomes which they yielded, near realization of ambitions for professional advancement, fond domestic and social ties, assurance of comfortable futures—all were relinquished promptly and unselfishly by thousands of our medical practitioners when the call came and they placed their abilities and energies unreservedly at the disposal of our Government. such acknowledgment of the splendidly patriotic attitude of our medical men, in and out of the service, is directly related to the subject of "conservation of drugs and medicines," and were it pure digression, it would still be entirely pardonable because one would have to be churlish, indeed, to have enjoyed the cordial friendship of many of these manly men and fail to fully and freely commend the fine quality of their citizenship.—Adapted from a paper by Ambrose Hunsberger on "Practical Drug Conservation," printed in this issue of the JOURNAL.

¹ Minutes of the House of Delegates, Indianapolis meeting, will be printed in May issue of the JOURNAL.