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A man of commanding personality, a big man, physically and mentally, Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, the President of the United States Pharmacopoeial Convention, commands the admiration of his friends and the respect of his enemies.

It is doubtful whether any occupant of an important public office ever stirred up such intense feeling upon questions in which patriotism played no part whatever, and in which partizanship ran high in connection with scientific controversies ordinarily not interesting to the public, as did Dr. Wiley while he was Chief of the Bureau of Chemistry of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

"We love him for the enemies he has made," was the slogan of one of his enthusiastic nominators at the 1910 Convention, and he was swept into the presidency of the Convention almost like a whirlwind.

Neither a practicing physician nor a pharmacist, Dr. Wiley's suitability for the position was conceded from the fact that under the Food and Drugs Act of 1906, the U. S. Pharmacopoeia had suddenly become a most important book of standards, especially in the U. S. Department of Agriculture, in which he was at that time Chief of the Bureau of Chemistry.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley is a Hoosier, having been born at Kent, Indiana, in 1844. He was educated at Hanover, Indiana, Indiana Medical College and Harvard. To enumerate the list of his honorary degrees and awards of medals and decorations for distinguished services in his profession, and to give a list of the scientific societies in which he has held office and retains membership, would unduly increase the size of such a brief biographical sketch as this is intended to be.

Dr. Wiley severed his connection with the Bureau of Chemistry in 1912, after a service of nearly 30 years. Since that time he has held an important place in the counsels of the public regarding food topics by being a contributing editor to the Good Housekeeping Magazine, and by the hundreds of lectures which he has given before Chautauqua and lyceum audiences in various parts of the country.

A man of great personal magnetism, a brilliant after-dinner speaker, a witty and entertaining conversationalist, Dr. Wiley is in demand as a guest, instructor and entertainer wherever he travels. His present hobby, outside of his unwavering interest in pure drugs and unadulterated foods, is the scientific raising of the two lusty boys of whom he is the proud father.

To know Dr. Wiley is a privilege. To see him in action in debate or controversy is a treat to be long remembered. To see him in such an important office as that of presiding officer of the U. S. P. Convention will add to the interest and value of the occasion and will properly distinguish the Centennial Convention of the United States Pharmacopoeia.

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