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CLAIR ALBERT DYE.

The President of the American Conference has not favored us with exact data relative to his age, but states that his early educational training was received in the public schools of McConnellsville, Ohio, and that he graduated from the high school of that city in 1887; in the fall of the same year he entered the College of Pharmacy of the Ohio State University, and graduated in 1891. He was appointed student assistant in chemistry and pharmacy while an undergraduate, and served until 1894 as assistant in the same subjects, when he became assistant in pharmacy and in 1898 was elected assistant professor.

Leave of absence was granted him in 1899 to study abroad. The summer of that year was spent in Braunschweig, Germany; in October following he entered the University of Berne, Switzerland, to take up work in pharmaceutical chemistry and pharmacognosy under Prof. Dr. Tschirch, and was granted the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1901, with honors.

On returning to Ohio State University, Professor Dye took up his former work, and also taught pharmacognosy and materia medica; in 1906 he was elected associate professor, and three years later professor in pharmacy. He was appointed Acting Dean in 1915, and soon thereafter elected Dean of the College. From 1906 to 1908 the subject of this sketch was instructor in materia medica in the Starling Medical College, and when this institution was taken over by the University he was elected professor of materia medica, and holds this chair at the present time.

Professor Dye's connection with pharmacy has not been altogether in a teaching capacity, for he passed the Ohio State Board examination soon after his graduation and spent several summer vacations working in retail drug stores. He is a member of the Columbus Retail Druggists' Association, and also affiliated with the Ohio State Pharmaceutical Association, having served for a time on its Committee on Education and for two years as the Chairman of this Committee.

The American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties has had the services of Professor Dye on important committees, and at the New Orleans meeting elected him presiding officer. He was delegate to the U. S. Pharmacopoeial Convention of 1910, and again to that of 1920, when he was elected a member of the U. S. P. Revision Committee.

Professor Dye became a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1901, and has served on various committees; was Secretary of the Section on Education and Legislation during the year of 1918-1919, and at the close of this term of office was elected Chairman. His reports covering these periods are printed in Volume IX, THIS JOURNAL, pp. 68 and 900.

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VALUE OF ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP.

Membership in an association should signify that the member is a law-abiding citizen; this is largely true, but it should be an essential qualification. The value thereof has recently been coöperatively recognized by the National Wholesale Druggists' Association and the Government, it should have a like value for other national and state associations, especially at this time, when there is danger of harmful influences from the sale of alcoholics and undesirable accessions to the drug trade; the amount of alcoholics dispensed should have some relation to total sales. This seems a matter worthy of the attention of association executives and also of conferences with those of medical associations.

There will always be transgressions, but at times a more ready acceptance by the Government seems possible and desirable of the assurance that membership in associations is dependent on observation of laws, and that when they report malfeasance truth and reason back their statements, also that their experience qualifies them to give advice in matters concerning their business and the formulation of regulations. Perhaps membership would then be more earnestly sought after, and the holding of members less difficult. While the thought is prompted by recent developments it may be worthy of serious consideration by the members and Executive Committee of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

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