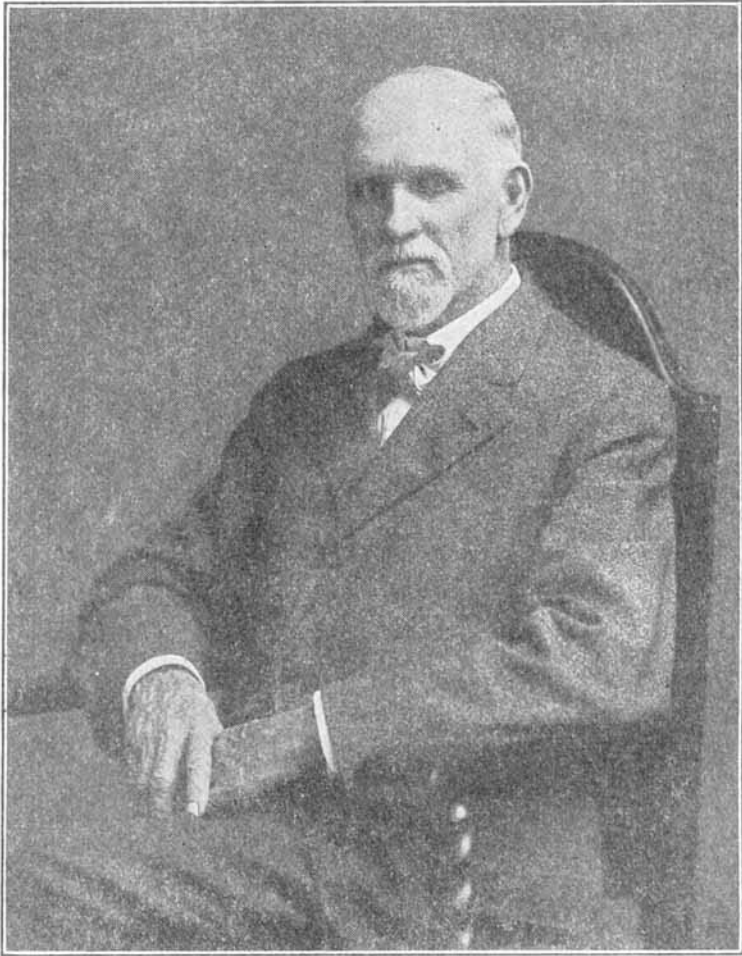


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**For Fifty-one Years a Member of the American Pharmaceutical Association**



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The percentage of those who affiliate with the American Pharmaceutical Association soon after graduation and retain their membership in it may not be considered very large. We do not know what figure represents the average of years of activity of pharmacists; however, using our life membership prerequisite, there are about seventy on the membership list who joined the Association thirty-seven years ago. It will be admitted that those who have continued their membership during their business life have been influential in American pharmacy, and have contributed largely to the work that the American Pharmaceutical Association has accomplished.

John W. Ballard graduated from the New York College of Pharmacy in 1870; he joined the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1871; he holds a record of having been in one drug store for nearly fifty-five years.

The subject of this sketch was born at Thompson, Conn., March 1, 1847. He was educated in the public schools of that town, later he attended a private school, then the high school of Putnam, Conn., and for a term taught at the Brandy-Hill District school of Thompson. He gave up teaching responsive to a call from Davenport, Ia., where a cousin, E. S. Ballard, had opened a drug store, and with whom he engaged as clerk in 1865; three years later he matriculated in New York College of Pharmacy, graduating in 1870, and was awarded "first prize" of his class. Returning to Davenport, he entered into partnership with E. S. Ballard, who retired in 1903, and the firm became the Ballard Drug and Dental Company. January 1920 the latter disposed of the drug department to Emeis-Hansen Drug Company, and John W. Ballard and his son, Harry W. Ballard, continued the dental business. The *Davenport Democrat* of January 4, 1920, gave an historical account of this pioneer store, and the *Northwestern Druggist* of November 1920 published an article by the veteran pharmacist, in which he writes interestingly of his early experiences in the drug business. Mr. Ballard is associated with other Davenport business enterprises, since 1901 as President of the Davenport National and the Union Savings Banks, which were consolidated that year. He takes an active interest in civic affairs, and adheres to a policy laid down in early life, namely, to take as long and as frequent vacations as possible. To this he attributes his health, and he states "that he can still outwalk two men and a dog in the field."

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