

**HENRY PARR HYNSON**  
**BALTIMORE, MD.**

May 27, 1855–April 19, 1921

Temporary President of Organization Meeting of the American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties in 1900; President, 1908–1909

First Chairman of Section on Practical Pharmacy and Dispensing, A. Ph. A.,  
1900–1901

Chairman of Section on Commercial Interests, A. Ph. A., 1905–1906

Chairman of the House of Delegates, A. Ph. A., 1915–1916



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On Tuesday morning, April 19th, there died suddenly at the University Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, Dr. Henry Parr Hynson, who had become by his energy one of our useful and popular citizens and a pharmacist of national reputation.

Like many men who have attained prominence in this great nation, Henry Parr Hynson lived his early life in the country. Born on a farm near Still Pond, Kent County, Maryland, on May 27th, 1855, the son of Nathaniel T. and Anne Medford Hynson, he attended the neighboring public schools and then was a student at the Academy of Middletown, Delaware, for about two years. While there, his father, who owned a drug store at Sudlersville, Md., became ill and Henry, at the age of 14, was compelled to leave school to attend to his father's store. He came to Baltimore in 1875 and entered the Maryland College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated in 1877 at the head of his class, winning the first college prize and also being awarded the alumni prize for proficiency in Analytical Chemistry. In 1882 he opened his own store at the corner of Baltimore and Calhoun Streets, and later another under the Hotel Altamont at Eutaw Place and Lanvale Street. In 1889 he connected with J. W. Westcott and established the firm of Hynson, Westcott & Co., locating at the corner of Charles and Franklin Streets, where his executive ability soon reaped its fruits. This firm, entering the manufacturing field, later took in Dr. H. A. B. Dunning under the name of Hynson, Westcott & Dunning, and it has attained its place in the front rank of pharmaceutical reputation.

Soon after his graduation he joined the Maryland Pharmaceutical Association and served as the President of that body in 1895. He also has served as President of the Alumni Association of the Maryland College of Pharmacy and as Secretary of the Maryland College of Pharmacy and of the Maryland State Board of Pharmacy. For several years he lectured on Pharmacy at the College of Physicians and Surgeons and at the Women's Medical College and since 1901 has occupied the Chair of Commercial Pharmacy and Dispensing at the Maryland University, Department of Pharmacy. For several years he was Brigade Hospital Steward of the Maryland National Guard. He was one of the chief organizers and the first President of the National Association of Retail Druggists; and it might be truthfully said was the creator of the Section on Practical Pharmacy and Dispensing of the American Pharmaceutical Association, serving as its first Chairman (1900-1901); he was one of the prime movers in the organization of

the House of Delegates, A. Ph. A., and the American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties. He officiated as temporary President when the latter was organized in 1900, and served as President of the Conference in 1908-1909. He was Chairman of the House of Delegates during the year 1915-1916. From 1905-1906 he was Chairman of the Section on Commercial Interests. His work on the National Formulary Committee, the Pharmaceutical Syllabus, the A. Ph. A. Recipe Book, and other important committees are splendid records of his activities, for he never held place on any of them without rendering real service. He was also much interested in civic work and took active part in several Baltimore organizations for civic improvement, serving in them with cheerfulness and enthusiasm. Only recently he was elected President of the Eastern Shore Society. He was locally and nationally active as a member and official of the Rotarians.

As a recognition of his zeal in his profession, the University of Maryland conferred upon him the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Pharmacy in 1907.

In some respects Henry P. Hynson was one of the most remarkable men whom I have known in pharmacy. In his younger days he was capable of much labor and exhibited a tenacity of purpose that knew nothing of failure, and he fought hard for principles that he thought were for the betterment of his profession. He was a ready and witty speaker, a forceful writer and a man of resource, who reasoned well and strongly when in debate. That he liked admiration was true, but this love of approbation was always modestly exhibited and was associated with convictions that gave steadiness to his character rather than otherwise, and we in Baltimore knew how he strove to secure the confidence of his associates.

His perceptive and receptive faculties were highly developed and enabled him to take impressions from many sources—from nature, from books and from men, and what he obtained he held with retentive memory. Mentally he was a ready man and generally well prepared upon most subjects for discourse or exposition and he could comprehend and appreciate their treatment by others. He was very sensitive to the influence of his immediate surroundings, whether of an audience or a companion, and he received impressions as well as gave them, in a sympathetic way.

To say that his death has shocked me would be a commonplace. When one has attained the age of four-score and over, death is no longer a shock. It has hovered so long over one's career, picking this and then that of one's friends, that it almost becomes a familiar spirit.

The career which has closed was not all sunshine. We, who have seen him closer, know the change that came upon him after the death of his son and namesake, Lieut. Henry P. Hynson, Jr., who was accidentally killed while serving his country shortly after peace was declared. This affliction, following the death of his wife, to whom he had been devoted in her long illness, softened his nature and completed the mosaic of a man who was naturally generous and charitable, and it gave us a better aspect of the many-sidedness of his character.

Dying as he did, without any of his immediate family near him, imparted a sadness that had its compensation in the respect paid him by the large attendance at his funeral, which was held at the "Memorial Protestant Episcopal Church," on Saturday afternoon, April 23rd. Here was gathered a large assemblage of both sexes. His family, and delegations from the American Pharmaceutical Association, the Maryland Pharmaceutical Association, the Baltimore Retail Druggists' Association, the Wedgewood Club, the Rotary Club, the Eastern Shore Society and other organizations with which he had served, there paid their last tribute to him and will long cherish—

"That best portion of a good man's life,

His little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love."

JOHN F. HANCOCK, PHAR.D.