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The presidential address delivered by William Kirkby at the fifty-sixth annual meeting of the British Pharmaceutical Conference, July 22, 1919, was largely devoted to the encouragement of pharmaceutical research; it evidenced his thorough acquaintance with matters pharmaceutical, his zeal and enthusiasm. The references made in the address to workers in pharmacy throughout the world indicate that his studies are not restricted—that he is in close touch with American pharmacists and those of other countries. Eminently deserving of the honor conferred on him at the New York meeting, his general knowledge relating to pharmacy and pharmacists pointed him out as one who would be appreciative of the recognition bestowed by the American Pharmaceutical Association. For the Cleveland meeting, Mr. Kirkby prepared an article for the Section on Historical Pharmacy, which is to be printed in a later issue of the JOURNAL. Aside from his work in microscopy and pharmacognosy he has distinction as a litterateur and historiographer.

Our honorary member is the son of William Kirkby, a Sheffield pharmacist. He is an alumnus of the School of Pharmacy of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, and in the Council prizes competition in 1882 he was awarded the Pharmaceutical Society's silver medal.

Mr. Kirkby joined the staff of Messrs. Jewsbury and Brown in 1886, and is still associated with this firm. In 1890 he was appointed assistant lecturer in pharmacy to the Owens College, Manchester, and lecturer in pharmacognosy in 1891, a position which he occupied for about eleven years. He took an important part in bringing about the institution in Manchester University of the B.Sc. degree, wherein pharmaceutical subjects are recognized as part of the qualifying course of studies for the ordinary degree and for the honors degree.

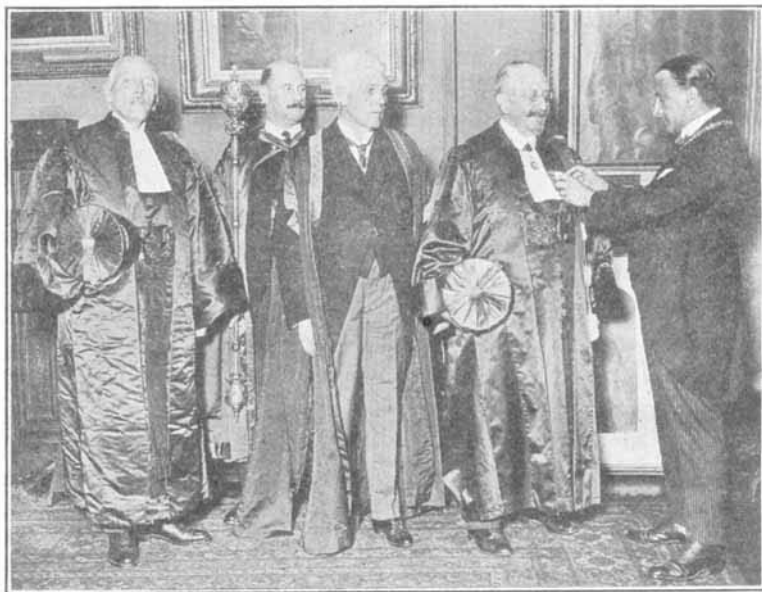
When the late Prof. J. D. Leech was chairman of the Pharmacopœia Committee of the General Medical Council, Mr. Kirkby acted as referee in the production of the Indian and Colonial Addendum to the British Pharmacopœia, 1898, and served as a member of the Committee of Reference in Pharmacy in the

production of the *British Pharmacopœia*, 1914. He was a member of the first Committee of the "British Pharmaceutical Codex."

Besides holding other official honors, Mr. Kirkby was president of the Manchester Pharmaceutical Association in 1916, and of the British Pharmaceutical Conference in 1919.

He is the author of "The Evolution of Artificial Mineral Waters" (1902); "Prescribing and Dispensing for Medical Students" (1906). Among his contributions to pharmaceutical literature the following are noted: "A False Pareira Brava," a West African substitute for *Chondrodendron tomentosum*; "A Spurious Cubeb;" "A Microscopic Study of Dalmatian Insect Powder;" "Note on a Sample of Adulterated Saffron;" "Note on Rio Ipecacuanha;" "Sandalwood" (two papers); "Fluid Extract of Senecio Jacobæa;" "The Sources of Spermaceti;" "A Modification of Marsh's Apparatus," etc. In addition to his presidential address mention should be made of an historical sketch—"Jacob Bell, the Founder of the *Journal and Pharmacist*;" addresses—"A Hundred Years of Manchester Pharmacy," and "The Pharmacist and the Public."

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Presentation of the Hanbury Medal to Prof. Emile Perrot. Two American pharmacists have been honored with this medal—Prof. John M. Maisch, for many years secretary of the A. Ph. A., and Dr. Frederick B. Power, of Washington.

From left to right—Prof. H. G. Greenish, D.Sc. (Paris), Dean of the Society's School, honorary member of the American Pharmaceutical Association; The Mace-Bearer of the University of London; Mr. H. J. Waring, M.S., M.B., F.R.C.S., Vice-Chancellor of the University of London, who delivered the address at the opening of the school of pharmacy of the British Pharmaceutical Society; Prof. Emile Perrot, D.Sc. (Paris), Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Paris, and Professor of *Materia Medica*; Mr. E. T. Neathercoat, President of the British Pharmaceutical Society, affixing to the Hanbury medallist's robe the medal which had previously been formally presented to him.