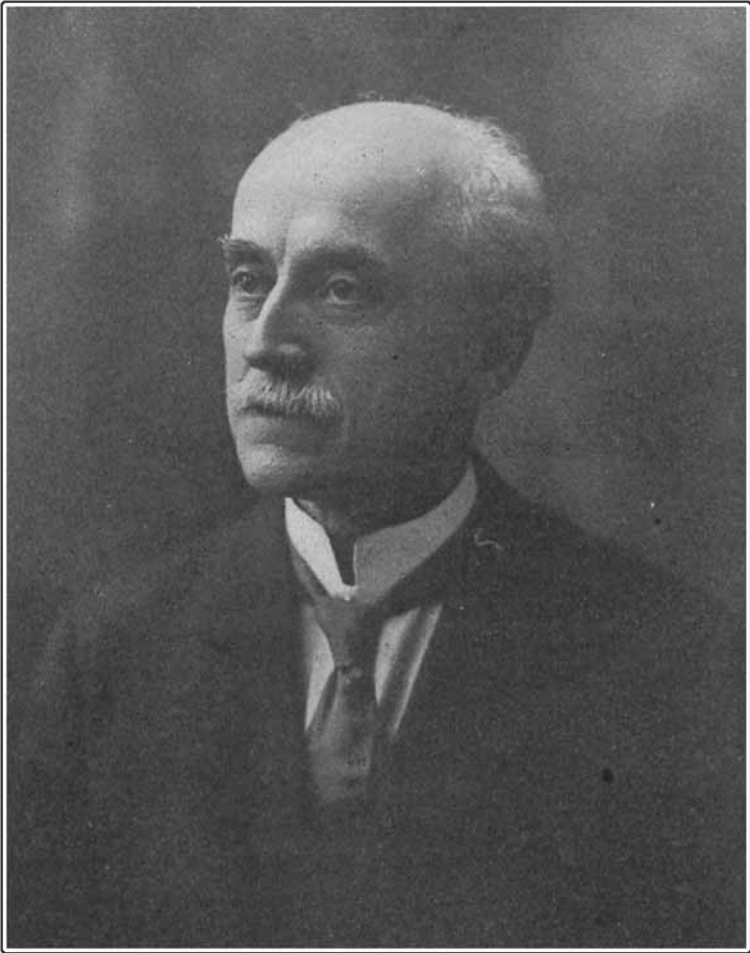


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A half century ago, in round numbers, the Brooklyn, N. Y., delegation to the convention of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION was larger than usual—a membership drive had added many to the roll and a special party was organized to attend the convention. Perhaps to show the strength, pharmaceutically speaking, of the then independent city across the East River. The date is fixed and symbolized because Edward Augustus Sayre was in the party and the event marked his induction into national pharmaceutical affairs as a member of the A. Ph. A.

He was then a young man who had gained a local reputation as a pharmaceutical leader—one who saw that the royal road of progression in his chosen profession was along strong organization lines. He had worked hard and diligently with such men as George H. White, Dr. Edward P. Nichols, Charles H. Dalrymple, James Stratton, James Mercein and a number of others—most of whom are now deceased—in organizing the New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association. This was in 1870 and Mr. Sayre was associated with Israel W. Osborne and Ransford W. Vandervoort in the “old drug store” at 482 Broad Street, Newark, N. J., which he purchased in 1903 after nearly 30 years away from Newark.

He left Newark in the early seventies and became associated with the late William Hegeman at 203 Broadway, New York. At another season, which came shortly, an opportunity loomed and Edward A. Sayre went to Brooklyn, N. Y. First as a clerk for Davies and Leys, who had a store at 203 Fulton Street and a short time afterwards on his own account at Washington and Myrtle Avenues. So Brooklyn and Kings County gained this young leader whose efforts were to be felt in moulding the Kings County Society and its College of Pharmacy—an institution for the training of pharmacists, owned and controlled by pharmacists—into an organization of such strength that after an age of services to the public health and its membership it remains a strong organization—intact and secure.

Along in 1879 when the late Professor P. W. Bedford, who had probably watched the success of the New Jersey society, conceived a state organization for

druggists of New York, Edward A. Sayre was counted in and from the start took an active interest. At this season he held the office of Secretary of the Kings County Society and ascended the President's chair in 1882. He further served this local Brooklyn association as a member of its "unofficial formulary committee" from which grew our present National Formulary.

He had in 1883 been a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION between five and ten years and his reputation as an organizer and willing worker for the good of pharmacy grew with this association. His work in organizing the National Retail Druggists Association is of record. He was honored by being elected the first chairman of its executive committee and had served two terms when he was chosen President. This was in 1885. In 1886 he was a member of the joint committee which effected the merger of the N. R. D. A. with the A. PH. A. This merger was the start of the sections within the A. PH. A. and made the ASSOCIATION of increased usefulness to dispensing pharmacists.

In 1887 Mr. Sayre was elected a Vice-President of the New York State Pharmaceutical Association. He, no doubt, would have been elected President of the society had he not left retail pharmacy to join the New York staff of the Seabury Pharmacal Laboratories. After eighteen years with the Seabury concern he resigned his position and purchased the "Old North Ward Drug Store" at 482 Broad Street, Newark, N. J. This was the pharmacy in which Mr. Sayre was employed when he joined the New Jersey association as a charter member in 1870.

No sooner had it become known that Mr. Sayre was again in Newark than he was appointed clerk of the New Jersey College of Pharmacy. This he accepted, resigning a few years later. While he practiced in Newark he took an active interest in its affairs and was almost the perpetual President of the local pharmaceutical society.

He served the New Jersey association as President in 1897 and when the time came for this pioneer of state societies to celebrate its golden jubilee it chose Mr. Sayre as the "jubilee president." Always serving pharmacy and its societies unselfishly, in order to devote the requisite time to the office of President and assure the success of the jubilee celebration, Mr. Sayre disposed of his pharmacy—the second oldest in Newark—and joined the ranks of retired pharmacists. This was October 15, 1919.

Mr. Sayre was born in Newark, N. J., November 25, 1849. During the last half of the War of the Rebellion he served as a hospital nurse with the United States Army.

He retains his membership in the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION and its New York Branch. He also holds his membership in the New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association, the New York State Pharmaceutical Association and the New York College of Pharmacy.

About a year ago he suffered a serious illness from which he is slowly recovering. His interests are still chiefly pharmaceutical and he watches with interest from his home in East Orange, N. J., the progress of a younger generation of pharmacists.

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