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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL FORMULARY.

Additional work and responsibilities were assigned to Chairman Gathercoal during 1929—he was elected to the chairmanship of the National Conference of Pharmaceutical Research, of the Committee on Unofficial Standards and, recently, of the Committee on National Formulary. Each one of these assignments requires ability, judgment, interest, strengthened by love for the work and the profession; the past records of the chairman speak for his success in the important undertakings, and his willingness to serve should and will, doubtless, enlist hearty co-operation under his direction.

Edmund Norris Gathercoal is a native of Illinois, where, in his teens, he engaged as drug store apprentice and, later, matriculated at the College of Pharmacy, from which institution he graduated in 1895. After further drug store experience, he entered business on his own account until, in 1907, he was elected instructor in Botany and Pharmacognosy by his *Alma Mater*; in 1924 he was advanced to professor of Pharmacognosy.

Professor Gathercoal published his first paper in 1909, and since then has added thirty or more contributions to pharmaceutical literature; in 1914, he was awarded the Ebert Prize for his research on "The Pharmacognosy of the Medicinal Rhamnus Barks." Recently he has reported valuable studies on color standards. He is Joint Editor of the 3rd edition, 1928, of "Kraemer's Pharmacognosy."

In 1905, the subject of this brief sketch became a member of the Illinois Pharmaceutical Association and of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION. He served as secretary of the Chicago Branch, A. PH. A. from 1913–1926, and as its president 1926–1928; he was chairman of the Scientific Section, A. PH. A., 1918–1919, and *First Vice-President* of the ASSOCIATION 1922–1923. He is and has been a member of other important committees than those heretofore named; among them, the U. S. P. Revision Committee.

Chairman Gathercoal is a regular attendant of the annual meetings of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, the minutes of which, and of the Sections, speak of his interest and activity in it.