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THE PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Henry C. Christensen, the son of Danish parents, was born December 10, 1865, in Southeastern Wisconsin. About this time Nebraska, recently admitted as a state (1867), attracted a large number from the Badger State, among them the family of Hans S. and Catherine Christensen. Settling in Kearney County, the son assisted in establishing a home for the family, and during the winter months of succeeding years he attended school, supplementing the education received in the public school of his former home at Union Grove, Wis. During the summer months of these years Henry was employed in a general store and then followed four years of apprenticeship in the L. M. Copeland Pharmacy at Minden. He then matriculated at the School of Pharmacy of Northwestern University and graduated with honors in 1893, receiving the pharmaceutical laboratory prize. We have before us the *Minden* (Nebraska) *Gazette*, of February 23, 1893, in which the regard of Mr. Christensen's home town is expressed with the hope that he would return there; however, the young man decided to open a pharmacy in Chicago and during the same year also entered a life partnership. Mr. and Mrs. Christensen have two daughters, who have attended several of the annual A. Ph. A. meetings. One of the daughters is a student at the University of Chicago.

The *Chicago Transcript*, of March 1, 1900, speaks of Mr. Christensen's success, and of his pharmacy as reflecting credit upon the proprietor—the substance is quoted in saying that "he is a type of successful man, worthy the esteem, confidence, friendship and patronage; with excellence of method he combines commendable consideration of those with whom he comes in contact." He remained in business at this locality from 1893 to 1911.

In 1907, Governor Charles S. Deneen, now senior senator from Illinois, appointed Mr. Christensen a member of the Illinois Board of Pharmacy, and he has been reappointed each year by succeeding governors, with the exception of 1915,

until 1921. In 1914, he was elected secretary of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy and reelected each year since then. The work of that organization has been progressive, and has contributed largely not only to the educational program but also to the betterment of pharmacy laws and the promotion of legislation, which in one way or another have a bearing on pharmacy. Secretary Christensen is chairman of the Advisory Examination Committee of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. He gives much time to the District Meetings in which the coöperative work of the colleges and boards finds expression and action.

The President-Elect firmly believes there is a bright future for pharmacy, which will be strengthened by higher educational standards, demanding a four-year college course in pharmacy, requiring foundation in theory, and laboratory training that will take the place of the former apprenticeship, and adequate business training in the fundamentals. He realizes the need of sales other than of medicines in stores but these should as far as possible have a relation, and not grossly detract from the dignity of the profession.

Secretary Christensen became a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION in 1906; he is a member of the Council and has served on a number of important ASSOCIATION committees. He takes an active part in the Chicago Branch A. P. H. A. and, while engaged in the retail business, held membership in other national and local associations; he is vice-president and member of the Executive Committee of the National Drug Trade Conference; secretary-treasurer of the Drug Trade Bureau of Public Information, and member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The subject of this sketch holds a number of fraternal and club affiliations—he is a member of the Masonic Order, the Independent Order of Foresters of Canada, Isaak Walton League of America, and honorary member of the Kappa Psi pharmaceutical fraternity; Chicago Club, Hamilton Club, Collegiate Club of Chicago, Northwestern University Club and General Alumni Association, and member of the Board of Directors of the latter organization. Life out-of-doors, hikes through the country which offer opportunity for nature study, provide his diversion.

In 1923, the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science conferred the degree of Master in Pharmacy on Mr. Christensen. In his accession to office the ASSOCIATION and pharmacy have assurance for continued progress and, in a spirit of coöperation, best wishes for a successful year are extended.



THE BALTIMORE FLAG HOUSE, 1793—BIRTH-PLACE OF THE "VICTORY FLAG" OF FORT McHENRY, 1814.

The Star-Spangled Banner Flag House, shown in this cut, is open every day, except Sunday, from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. "It was the home of Mary Young Pickersgill, maker of the Star-Spangled Flag of Fort McHenry, and Rebecca Young, who made the first flag of the Revolution under General Washington's direction." In it are exhibited pictures, portraits and relics of the eventful period of about 1812.