

Section on Historical Pharmacy

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EARLY HISTORY OF THE COLORADO PHARMACAL ASSOCIATION.*

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First of all, I will say there never was any such association as the Colorado Pharmaceutical Association. Our Association was organized in 1890 under the name of the Colorado State Pharmacal Association. I can't tell you why "pharmacal" was chosen rather than "pharmaceutical," although I remember I heard Mr. Ford argue that point in the organization meeting when they were deciding what name it should be called by. A few years later when a new Constitution and body of By-Laws were adopted, the word "State" was dropped, and it has been known for the last thirteen or fourteen years as the Colorado Pharmacal Association. It was organized in 1890. It is therefore 22 years old, and has held a meeting every year with one exception, the year 1904; during the St. Louis Exposition there was so much talk among druggists of their intention to attend that exposition, that the Executive Committee of the State Association came to the conclusion that it would not be worth while to attempt to hold a meeting that year. So there was a meeting of the Executive Committee and the officers were permitted to hold over until the next year. In that way I happened to be one of the few men who have held office as President of the Colorado Pharmacal Association for two years.

Mr. Charles M. Ford was the first President, as he was also the most active one among those who organized the Association; he held the office for two years and was again elected to that office in 1907, when the Association affairs were at low ebb and it seemed as if we had to get some new blood in to stimulate matters and bring it on its feet again.

I can recall, in thinking about it in these few minutes, the names of practically all the Presidents of the Association, but I think their names would not be familiar to you as a general thing. Among them, however, is that of Mr. E. L. Scholtz, who held the office of President two successive years. Among the other presidents have been Mr. McKenzie, whom most of you probably have met; Mr. Arcularius, of Colorado Springs; and Mr. E. G. Fine, of Boulder, who is the present presiding officer.

The first Secretary of the Association was Felix Lyneman, a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, who with other members of the alumni of that college, was very active in the formation of the Association. Mr. Lyne-

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man held the office until his death, which occurred some time about 1896, and was succeeded by Mr. Charles E. Ward, who was accustomed to attend the meetings of the American Pharmaceutical Association during the latter years of his life. Mr. Ward died about the first of November, 1906, and I was appointed by the Executive Committee to fill out his unexpired term, and held the office only until the next annual meeting of the Association, being succeeded then by Mr. A. G. Clarke, who, before he received the records of the office, met his death in an accident, and his term was finished by Mr. Frank B. Angell.

All of those whose names I have mentioned as Secretaries were Denver men. Mr. Angell was succeeded by Mr. J. C. Anderson, then of Denver, but now of Fort Morgan, who held the office for one year, and Mr. Anderson was succeeded by Mr. Frank M. Hall, also of Denver, and now deceased. I assumed the office of Secretary two years ago, in 1910, and am told that I assumed it permanently, but I have not yet given my assent to that proposition.

During the history of the Association, 22 years, we have had but four Treasurers, Mr. J. F. Fezer, who held the office for 14 years, from the time of its organization until 1904. Mr. Fezer is located at Greeley, and is still in the drug business there. Mr. S. L. Bresler held the office two years, from 1904 to 1906. Mr. S. B. Sturtevant, of Grand Junction, who was Treasurer for one year, and Mr. H. Reynolds, of Greeley, who has been Treasurer since 1907.

In connection with my remarks concerning the State Association, I might say that the Denver Pharmaceutical Association was organized some time previous to the organization of the State Association.

Until recent years, Colorado has never been very active in the American Pharmaceutical Association affairs, but if you gentlemen will notice the map that hangs in the office of the General Committee down on the first floor, you will observe that at the present time, in proportion to population, Colorado leads the United States in membership in the American Pharmaceutical Association. If you haven't all observed that map, I think you will find it interesting to look at it; Mr. Nitardy has prepared it, showing the relation of members of the American Pharmaceutical Association in the different states, to the population of those states, and Colorado leads in that percentage; California and South Dakota are in the second class and are away ahead of some of the Eastern states, and I want at this time to give full credit for Colorado's standing in the American Pharmaceutical Association to Mr. Nitardy, who has been very active since coming here, and who has personally secured the great majority of applications for membership in the Association, and was the instigator of the organization of the Denver Branch, which has now been organized some three years.

It would be very difficult, if not impossible, ever to compile a history of the Colorado Pharmacal Association that would be at all complete, for the reason that the records of the earlier years of its history, were lost in a fire that destroyed the Secretary's office, and no one has preserved the printed minutes of the meetings.

Had I known that I was to be called upon for something of this sort, I could have gotten up something more complete than I have presented you, and perhaps made it somewhat worth while hearing, and I should like to have an opportunity of doing that some time in the future.