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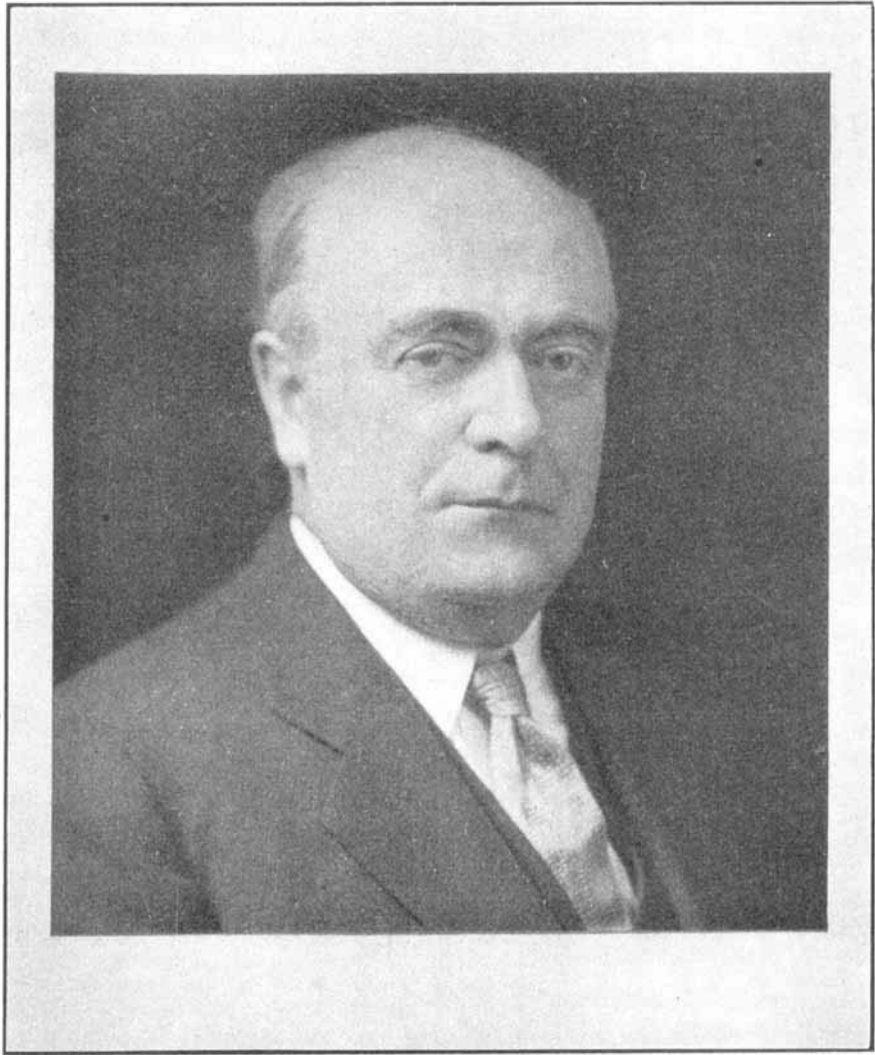
THE PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Waldemar Bruce Philip was born in Sacramento, Calif., July 19, 1878. His mother died when he was three years old and Bruce was placed in care of a friend of the family until, nine years later, his father re-married.

The youth attended the grammar and high schools of Sacramento and during some of these years he had a carrier's route for the daily *Sacramento Record-Union*, necessitating very early rising and a long day. His contact in the family of Dr. C. N. Miller had instilled the desire to become a druggist, and he had also resolved to earn the money for his college education. After graduation from high school he went in search of employment in a drug store and, finally, found it in the store of O. P. Willis, an establishment of the old type.

Bruce joined the local signal corps company of the National Guard and this secured for him two weeks at camp. His desire had been to serve in the Spanish War, but sickness prevented his enlistment. He then secured a place in George Munroe's drug store at Fresno; the personnel of the store and the physicians who patronized the pharmacy were of the highest type, and this contact influenced the ideals of the young man, who, by the end of the year, had saved enough money for beginning his college work. He secured a position with Dr. Albert L. Scholl in San Francisco and matriculated at San Francisco College of Pharmacy. Before finishing the two-year course at college he had become registered and returned to Sacramento, engaging with his former employer, the firm then being Willis and Martin, and after a year of service he became a partner in the business.

In 1903, Mr. Philip entered for the Doctor of Pharmacy course in New York College of Pharmacy and, after completion of the work, returned to the Sacramento pharmacy, but remained only until fall. On November 24, 1904, he married Miss Fayette Harris, a classmate at the California College of Pharmacy. In February of 1905 the firm of Philip and Philip was opened for business in Fruitvale; when, later, the rent was raised they purchased a lot near the store and put up their own



WALDEMAR BRUCE PHILIP. *Courtesy of Druggists Circular*

building. At this period two branch stores were opened, but were later disposed of; however, they retained ownership of the buildings.

About ten years ago Mr. Philip suggested the advisability of organizing the druggists of San Francisco, and, as a result, the Alameda County Association and the San Francisco Retail Druggists' Association were formed and these have enjoyed and profited by the distinctive service rendered them.

The Hastings College of Law, of the University of California, was opened in 1920 with our fellow member as a matriculant; he passed the bar examination and was admitted to the bar in 1923. His law practice is limited by his self-imposed rule—there must be a druggist in the case.

The Mask, of April 1931, summarizes some of Mr. Philip's above activities as follows: In 1901 he graduated from the California College of Pharmacy; for ten years he has been lecturer and instructor in commercial pharmacy and pharmacy laws; he is a past-president of the alumni association; started its loan and model pharmacy funds.

He has been president of the Alameda County Pharmaceutical Association, chairman of its executive and legislative committees; secretary of the latter and also of the Retail Druggists' Association of San Francisco; suggested the students' loan fund of these organizations. He is a past-president of the San Francisco Secretaries' Club. He is a member of the alumni association of New York College of Pharmacy and of Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science; the latter institution honored him with the Ph.M. degree. He is a member of the San Francisco Bar Association and also of the State association; of the American Chemical Society and of the American Association for the advancement of Science; member of the Board of Trustees, U. S. P. XI. He is serving his third term as Grand Regent of Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Society.

Mr. Philip has been vice-president of the N. A. R. D., member of its resolution committee, national legislative committee and is now the Counsel, located at Washington, D. C.

He has been vice-president of the Council, Chairman House of Delegates, Committee on Resolutions, other important committees and is now the president-elect.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip have two children—Mercedes L., graduate of the University of California (1929) and Harold M., who is attending the University of Oregon.

On January 2nd, Dr. George H. Simmons, *editor* and *general manager emeritus* of the American Medical Association reached his 80th birthday. The AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION joins in the felicitations of organized medicine. "From 1898 until 1924 he served the American Medical Association as a leader who brought it from a small body with practically no assets and an insignificant publication to a great organization, financially sound, with the greatest medical journal in the world, and with numerous bureaus, departments and councils that have exercised magnificent leadership in their special fields. In 1924 he retired and has spent his time since that date in travel and in recreation during the summer in Chicago and in winter at his residence in Hollywood-by-the-Sea, Florida. The record of his achievements is written daily in the work of the organization that he so wisely builded."—Quoted portions from *Jour. A. M. A.*, of January 2, 1932.