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ROBERT LEE SWAIN.

The president of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, Robert Lee Swain, is a native of Delaware. He was born September 29, 1887, at Redden, Sussex County, son of the late Rev. C. P. Swain and Martha H. (Messick) Swain. He received his earlier education in Delaware and is a graduate of Dover High School. Soon after graduating in pharmacy from the University of Maryland, School of Pharmacy, Dr. Swain purchased a drug store in Sykesville, which he conducted until 1927, when other duties made it necessary to dispose of it.

In 1920, upon recommendation of Maryland Pharmaceutical Association, Dr. Swain was appointed a member of the State Board of Pharmacy by Governor Albert C. Ritchie and reappointed by him in 1925; since that time he has served as its secretary-treasurer. He was elected Deputy Food and Drug Commissioner in 1922 and has been continued in that important office since that time.

Dr. Swain has been deeply interested in and associated with pharmaceutical organizations during all of his professional life—in local, state and national affairs relating to the promotion and advancement of pharmacy. He is a member of the Maryland Pharmaceutical Association and editor of its official publication the *Maryland Pharmacist*.

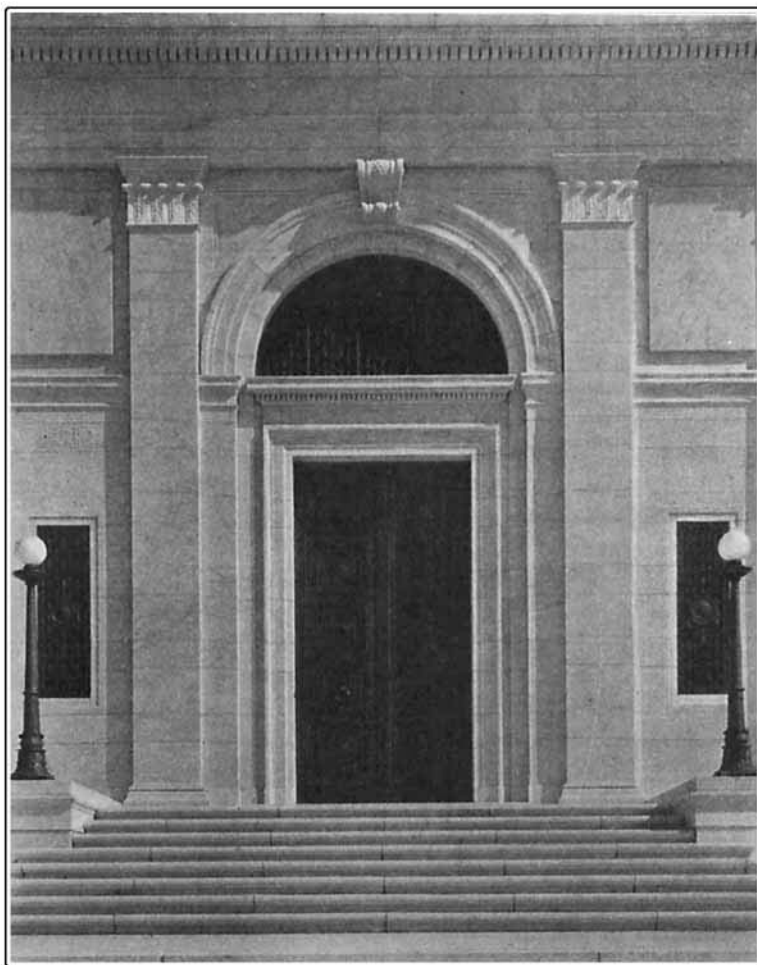
President Swain became a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION in 1909, the year of his graduation, and served for two years as president of the Baltimore Branch. He was elected vice-chairman of the House of Delegates, A. PH. A., in 1928, and chairman in 1929. The experience gained in his duties on the Board of Health suggested to him the need for closer contacts between pharmaceutical enforcement officials of the several states. This led to the organization of the Conference of Pharmaceutical Law Enforcement Officials in 1929, of which he was elected first chairman and reelected since then. He has been a member of and a chairman of important committees within the ASSOCIATION and of associated and related organizations. His work for securing a Pharmacy Corps in the U. S. Army and, more recently, his efforts on the provisions of the NRA Code for and in behalf of pharmacy and pharmacists, and those served, have received well-earned com-



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mendations. Also, he has gained favorable recognition for his part in recent drug store and prescription surveys, and related work, which promise a better understanding of pharmaceutical and drug-trade activities. President Swain earned the degree of Bachelor of Laws from the University of Maryland and is a member of the faculty of Temple University, having been appointed to the Chair of Pharmaceutical Law.



Entrance to the American Institute of Pharmacy. The dedicatory lines above the entrance read: "This building is dedicated to those who have contributed their knowledge and endeavor to the preservation of public health and to the further advancement of science in pharmacy—AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION."

The first Finnish pharmacies were founded in 1689; an independent institution of pharmacy existed in Sweden, dating back to 1623. There are earlier records in both countries and it is known that the Swedish Court possessed a Court pharmacy during the early part of the 15th century.