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GEORGE DENTON BEAL.

George Denton Beal, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION since 1907, and President-Elect of the ASSOCIATION, was born in Scio, Ohio, August 12, 1887, the son of James Hartley Beal¹ and Fannie Snyder (Young) Beal. After concluding his preliminary education he entered Scio College of Pharmacy, where, in 1906, he earned the degree of Ph.C. Continuing his studies at this institution he received the degrees of Ph.B. and Pharm.D. In 1910, he entered Columbia University as the Richard Butler Scholar in Chemistry, receiving, in course, the degrees of A.M. and of Ph.D., from the University.

Following the completion of these studies Dr. Beal was appointed Instructor in Chemistry at the University of Illinois; he held this position until 1914, when he was advanced to Associate in Chemistry at the same institution. Herein he served until 1918, when he was elected Assistant Professor of Chemistry, which position he held until 1920. He was then named Associate Professor of Analytical and Food Chemistry and thereafter, until 1926, he occupied the *Chair* of Analytical and Food Chemistry. In the latter year he received the appointment as Assistant Director at Mellon Institute of Industrial Research, which position he still holds.

Dr. Beal was awarded the Ebert Prize in 1920. The paper specifically mentioned for the honor was "The Shaking-Out Method for the Quantitative Estimation of Alkaloids," read before the New York meeting of the AMERICAN PHARMA-CEUTICAL ASSOCIATION in 1919 and published in the January JOURNAL for 1920, pages 9–15. His research on "Anthraquinone Drugs" is well and favorably known and other lines of work might be mentioned in this connection, but this would extend the sketch beyond its purpose.²

His activities have associated him with pharmaceutical and chemical organizations. He was First Vice-President of the A. PH. A. in 1934–1935; he is a member of the American Chemical Society, *fellow* of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, *fellow* of the American Health Association, member of the American

¹ President of the American Pharmaceutical Association, 1904–1905.

² See indexes of JOURNAL A. PH. A. beginning with Volume V and succeeding numbers.



GEORGE D. BEAL, PRESIDENT-ELECT A. PH. A.

Society for Testing Materials, National Conference of Pharmaceutical Research, Pennsylvania Academy of Science, member of the Board of Directors of Pittsburgh College of Pharmacy, Honorary member of Illinois State Pharmaceutical Association.

The Philadelphia College of Pharmacy conferred on him the honorary degree of Ph.M. and Mt. Union College honored him with the degree of Sc.D.

He is a member of Phi Lambda Upsilon, Honorary Chemical Society, and was its national president, 1917–1919; he is a member of Alpha Chi Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha, Gamma Alpha, Sigma Xi, University Club of Pittsburgh, Churchill Valley Golf Club; Chemists' Club of New York. Dr. Beal was a collaborating member of the Committee of Revision, U. S. Pharmacopœia X and a member of the Committee of Revision, U. S. Pharmacopœia XI; chairman of the Sub-Committee on Organic Chemicals. From 1922–1927 he was chairman of the Sub-Committee on "Anthraquinone Drugs," Committee on Medicinal Products, Division of Chemistry of the National Research Council.

Dr. Beal married Miss Edith Downs, July 3, 1912, at Scio, Ohio; two children, George Denton Beal, Jr., and Marjorie Downs Beal have brightened their home.

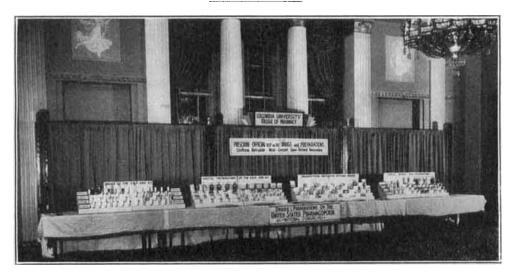


Exhibit of Drugs and Preparations of the United States and of National Formulary by Columbia University College of Pharmacy.—On the occasion of the meeting of the Military Surgeons Assocation of the United States held in New York City, October 3rd-5th at the Waldorf-Astoria.

The display on the left was made up of U. S. P. and N. F. drugs; the second group consisted of useful Preparations; the next of Prescriptions, containing official drugs, and the fourth section displayed Dental Drugs and Preparations.

A page of the *Military Surgeon* for December shows 20 displays on all phases of military medicines and among them the exhibit referred to in the foregoing.