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THE FOUNDING OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

THE idea of the forming of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION was conceived and carried out by the members of the convention of Pharmacutists convened in the City of New York, in October 1851, to take into consideration the subject of Standards for the guidance of the special examiners of Drugs, Medicines, etc., at the several Chief Ports of Entry. . . "

The sessions were held in the rooms of the New York College of Pharmacy, No. 511 Broadway, October 15th, at 5 P.M. Charles Ellis, of Philadelphia, was appointed Chairman, and Samuel R. Philbrick, of Boston, Secretary. A committee on credentials was named, consisting of George D. Coggeshall, New York; S. M. Colcord, Boston, and A. B. Taylor, of Philadelphia. C. B. Guthrie, of New York, was elected *President*, and Alfred B. Taylor, of Philadelphia, *Secretary*, of the convention. Other delegates than those mentioned were: Thos. B. Merrick, New York, Thomas Restiaux, Boston, William Procter, Jr., Philadelphia.

The name, "American Pharmaceutical Association," was adopted at the organization meeting, held in Philadelphia, October 7, 1852. Other delegates than those heretofore named were: Joseph Laidley, Richmond; Joseph Burnett, Boston; Alexander Duval and John Purcell, Richmond; L. S. Haskell and John Meakim, New York; William B. Chapman, Charles Augustus Smith and Edward S. Wayne, Cincinnati; Daniel B. Smith, Philadelphia; David Stewart and George W. Andrews, Baltimore; Henry F. Fish, Waterbury, Connecticut.

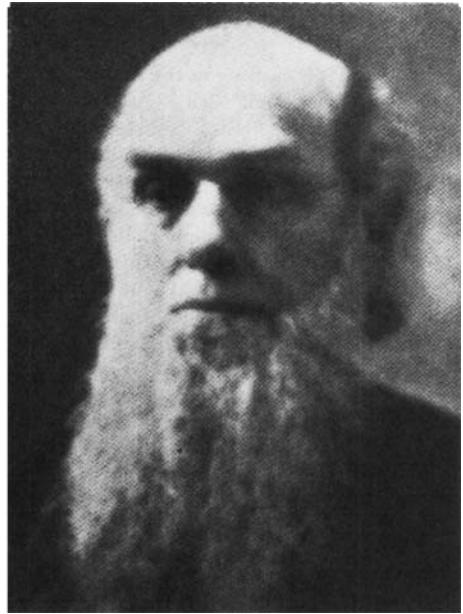
The first officers of the organized ASSOCIATION were: *President*, Daniel B. Smith, Philadelphia; *Vice-Presidents*, George W. Andrews, Baltimore; Samuel L. Colcord, Boston; C. Augustus Smith, Cincinnati; *Recording Secretary*, George D. Coggeshall, New York; *Corresponding Secretary*, William Procter, Jr., Philadelphia.

The 1853 meeting of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION was held in Boston, the 1854 meeting in Cincinnati and in 1855 the sessions were held in New York. At this time an invitation was addressed "To the Pharmacutists of the United States;" the first paragraph of the comprehensive address is quoted: "The American Pharmaceutical Association, deeply impressed with the importance of adopting some measure by which the present and future apothecaries of this country may be improved in educational standing, viewed in reference to the practice of their profession, have determined to address their brethren everywhere in our widely extended country, believing that some good results may arise from the hints they will suggest."

NEW YORK A. P. H. A. MEETING, SEPTEMBER 11-13, 1855.



Henry T. Cummings, Portland, Maine, *Vice-President*, A. P. H. A., 1854-1855, presided at New York meeting, owing to absence of President Chapman.



William B. Chapman, Cincinnati, Ohio, *Corresponding Secretary*, 1853-1854. *President*, A. P. H. A., 1854-1855.



W. J. M. Gordon, Cincinnati, Ohio, *Recording Secretary*, 1855-1859. *President*, A. P. H. A., 1864-1865.



William Procter, Jr., Philadelphia. "Father of American Pharmacy."

Elected *Corresponding Secretary* at New York meeting. *President*, A. P. H. A., 1862-1863.



John Meakim, New York, N. Y. Elected *President*, A. P. H. A., 1855, at New York City meeting, September 11th.