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HENRY G. RUENZEL.

The Honorary President of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION was born July 18, 1861, in Milwaukee, Wis., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Ruenzel (*née* Bartels). His early education was obtained in the parochial school of Trinity Church in Milwaukee. At the age of 14, he entered the employ of Gustavus Bode, a refiner of gold and silver and analytical chemist, with whom he remained for two years, learning how to assay, analyze and do general analytical work.

At the age of sixteen years he engaged with the firm of Widule and Conrath as an apprentice in Pharmacy and he has continued as retail pharmacist in the profession up to the present time.

In the fall of 1883, Mr. Ruenzel entered the University of Wisconsin by examination as member of the first pharmacy class, graduating in 1885, and honored as the medalist of this class. In 1925 the University of Wisconsin conferred on him the honorary degree of "Master of Pharmacy."

Mr. Ruenzel joined the Wisconsin Pharmaceutical Association in 1892. The subjects of his contributions were largely on home-grown drugs, including digitalis and stramonium; during the experimental age, he raised 100 per cent stramonium over a period of four years, as per assay at the University of Wisconsin.

In 1892, Mr. Ruenzel joined the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION and became a *Life Member*, March 28, 1928, and served as delegate to its annual meetings.

In 1902, he was appointed member of the State Board of Pharmacy by Governor Robert M. LaFollete, Senior, and remained an active member until April 19, 1937; for twenty-five years he was secretary of the Wisconsin Board and has represented the Board since the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy was founded. At the Montreal meeting he was elected first honorary president of the National Association.

On August 23, 1887, the subject of this sketch married Sophia von Meyer, of Milwaukee; they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on August 23, 1937. Four children—Louise, Carl, Fred and Margaret—have added happiness to the home.



HENRY G. RUENZEL, HONORARY PRESIDENT, A. Ph. A., 1937-1938.