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Dr. Henry Hurd Rusby was born in Franklin, N. J., April 26, 1855, the son of John and Abigail (Holmes) Rusby. He attended Massachusetts State Normal School, 1872-1874. He also attended the Centenary Collegiate Institute at Hackettstown, the next year he taught at a country school, and in 1882 he matriculated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons. He served as clinical clerk on the medical staff at a women's asylum on Blackwell Island. In 1876 he was awarded a medal at the Centennial Exhibition for an herbarium of plants of Essex County, New Jersey. As Assistant at the Smithsonian Institution he made botanical explorations through Arizona and New Mexico, of interest to medical botany; and explored South America, 1885-1887, crossing the continent.

He entered service with Parke, Davis & Co., which resulted in a continuation of botanical explorations and employment with the firm as botanist and pharmacognosist. In 1884 the anesthetic properties of cocaine were discovered and he was sent to Bolivia to investigate the plant and procure supplies of the leaves; he was sent to Chile to locate the Cheken plant and secure supplies; he learned of the medicinal uses of pichi.

From 1888-1930 he was Professor of Botany, Physiology and Materia Medica, Department of Pharmacy, Columbia University, and Dean of the Faculty; Professor, Materia Medica, U. and Bellevue Hospital Medical College, 1897-1902; Honorary Curator, Economic Museum, New York Botanical Garden (Chairman, Board of Scientific Directors, 1908-1917, and member of the Board of Managers); Revision Committee, 7th, 8th and 9th revisions, U. S. P.; member, Revision Committee of National Formulary; Chairman, Commission Pan-American Medical Congress for study of American medicinal flora; Honorary member, Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain; Honorary member, Instituto Medico Nacional of Mexico; President, Torrey Botanical Club, 1905-1912; President, AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, 1909-1910. Expert in drug products in Bureau of Chemistry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, 1907-1909; then pharmacognosist in same bureau, 1912-1917. Secured the vindication of Dr. Wiley and associates from charges, 1911. Author: "Essentials of Pharmacognosy," 1895; "Morphology

and Histology of Plants," 1899; "Materia Medica of Buck's Reference Handbook of the Medical Sciences (eight volumes)," 1899; "National Standard Dispensatory," 1905; "Wild Vegetable Foods of United States," 1906; "Fifty Years of Materia Medica," 1907; "Manual of Botany," 1911; "Three Hundred New Species of South American Plants;" "A Guide to the Economic Collections of the New York Botanical Garden;" "Properties and Uses of Drugs," 1930; "Jungle Memories," 1933. Has written much on medicinal botany and contributed many hundreds of new species and genera; introduced important drugs to American Materia Medica, among them, cocillana, mire and caapi. Awarded Hanbury Medal, British Pharmaceutical Association, 1929.

Additional contributions to the active life of Dr. Rusby may be found in the History of the College of Pharmacy of the City of New York by C. P. Wimmer, pages 267-277; the JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION (December 1920), pages 1921-1932; various volumes of ASSOCIATION Proceedings; "Who's Who," which were drawn upon for data.

Dr. Rusby married Margaretta S. Hanna in 1887.

The Flückiger Medal will be awarded to Dr. Rusby in New York City, May 30th. See March JOURNAL.

PARTS OF ADDRESSES AND NOTES FROM THE VIRGINIA PHARMACEUTICAL SYMPOSIUM.

The Virginia Pharmaceutical Symposium was held in Richmond, February 18th, as a part of the Centennial of the Medical College of Virginia.

More than 125 delegates from all sections of the state were present. The sessions were held in the auditorium of the Richmond Academy of Medicine. The symposium ended with a luncheon given by the Medical College of Virginia at Cabaniss Hall for the delegates.

Chief speakers were Dr. I. C. Riggins, State Health Commissioner, Eldon Roberts, Jr., of Newport News, Virginia, and J. Leon Lascoff, New York, president-elect of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Dr. Riggins spoke on "Opportunities of the Pharmacist as Health Educator," Mr. Roberts on "The Practice of Professional Pharmacy."

Dr. Riggins reviewed the growth of pharmacy in Virginia and discussed its relation to the profession of medicine and to public health. "A special service can be rendered in the venereal disease problem," he said. "Outside of the actual compounding of drugs, it is believed that the pharmacist's biggest public health opportunities are in the contact possibilities of his establishment."

President-Elect Lascoff urged the separation of pharmacy and drug store, stating it was not fair that a man with no pharmaceutical training should compete on the same terms with a man who has spent the best years of his life in study.

"In my opinion," he said, "as long as we have no ownership law, the boards of pharmacy have not the power to refuse anybody permission to open a drug store. I believe that the State Board of Pharmacy should have the power to regulate drug stores."
