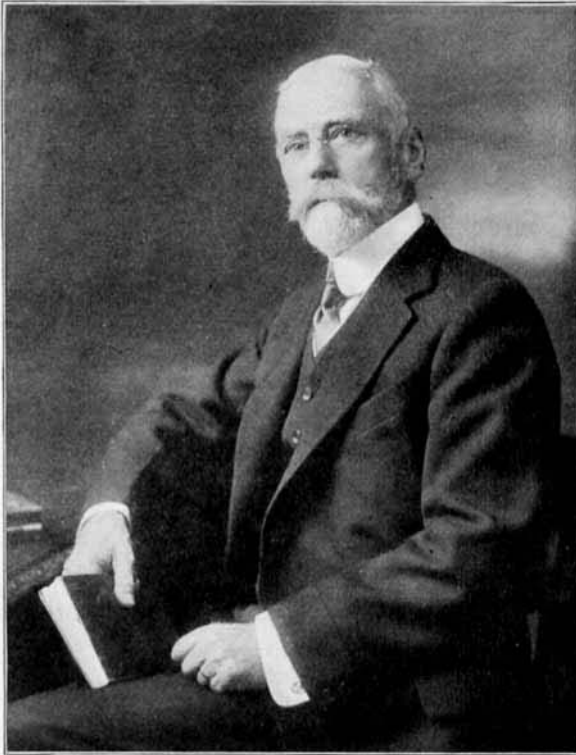


NATIONAL WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.



CHARLES A. WEST.

The fortieth annual Convention of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association was held at Indianapolis the week of September 22. President George W. Lattimer presided over the Convention.

The address of the President was replete with wise suggestions of the progress made during the past year and of the probable effect upon the trade of its legislation. He thought that the government had shown great capacity in dealing with the perplexing questions presented to them and in satisfying the people without at the same time imposing burdensome restrictions upon the trade.

He referred to the income-tax as one of the fairest and most just methods of financing the government. He urged the members to endeavor to secure uniformity of legislation between the State and National laws. He commended the Stevens bill, condemned a war tax on patent medicines and predicted that the parcel-post would come into more universal use as people became educated to it.

Acting Secretary Thomas F. Main reported a membership of 262 active and 347 associate members.

Treasurer Strong reported a balance of cash on hand of \$10,789.86.

The various reports presented

were most admirable, showing earnest work on the part of the committee chairmen.

Among those worthy of particular commendation were the reports of the Committee on Legislation, of Adulteration, Proprietary Goods and Credits and Collections, Fire Insurance, and Drug Market. The following gentlemen were elected as officers for the ensuing year:

President, Charles A. West, Massachusetts; Vice Presidents, W. J. Mooney, Indiana; John R. Tague, Tennessee; F. E. Bogart, Michigan; John Phinizy, Georgia; John R. Mason, Texas; Secretary, Thomas F. Main, New York; Treasurer, S. E. Strong, Ohio; Board of Control, Charles Gibson, Charles E. Bidwell, James W. Morrisson, and George R. Merrell. F. E. Holliday was selected as the Association's General Representative.

On Tuesday evening the visiting ladies were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Lilly with a *musical* at their residence on North Meridian Street. Wednesday evening the Convention were the guests of Eli Lilly & Co., and "a most enjoyable occasion" was the verdict rendered by all. The banquet was held on Thursday evening, at the Claypool Hotel, with Mr. J. K. Lilly as toastmaster of the evening. The speakers were President-elect West, President Lattimer, Governor Ralston, Meredith Nicholson and Rev. F. E. Taylor.

Friday, the Convention members were the guests of Hon. Thomas Taggart, at the French Lick Springs Hotel, and a most bountiful hospitality was extended to the Convention. The beautiful hotel and grounds were thrown wide-open to the visitors and their enjoyment of the occasion was enhanced by their inspection of the plant of the famous Pluto Water.

One of the most pleasant features of the Convention was the dinner of the Past Presidents, at the Claypool, on Monday evening, at which Mr. Thomas F. Main, President of the Association in 1894, presided.

Mr. Charles A. West, the newly-elected President, is Vice President of the Eastern Drug Co. of Boston, Mass. The Association is to be congratulated upon its choice for President. "One of Nature's noblemen," courteous in the highest degree, he will bring to the office of President that earnestness of purpose, courage of conviction, that dignity and courtesy which will stimulate the work of the organization and of every officer and member. The Association has cause for thanksgiving in its selection of Charles A. West for its leader for the coming year, and as the successor of a long line of eminent men of the wholesale branch of the profession.