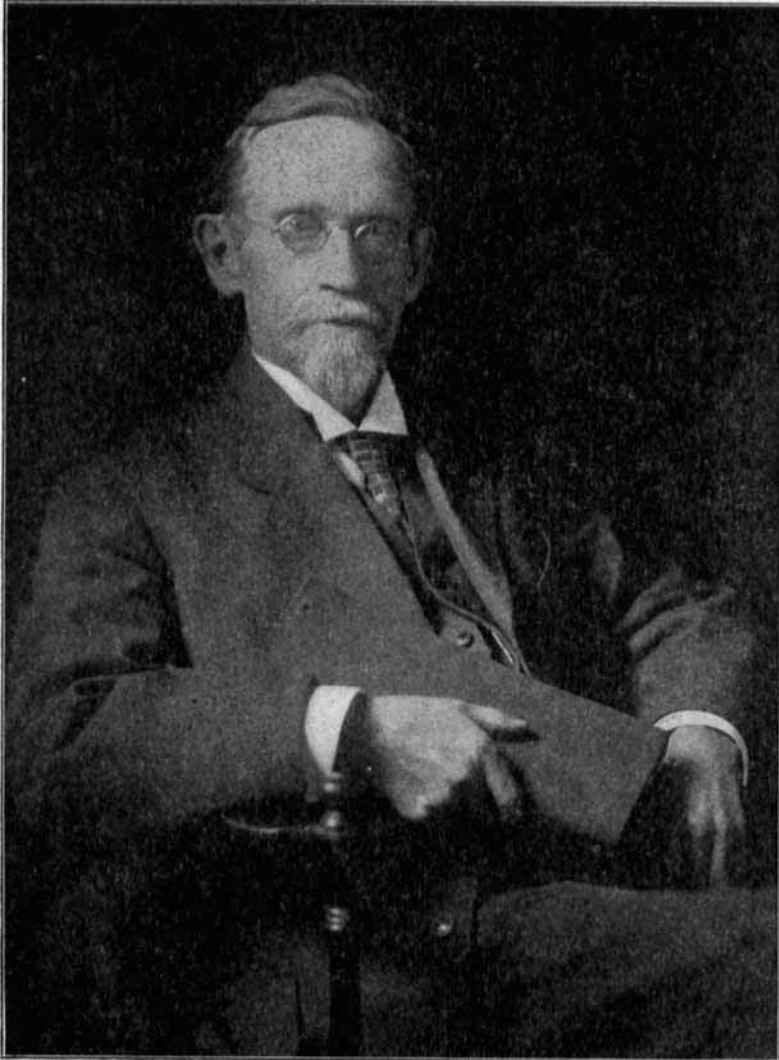


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To know Dr. Lyons slightly is to respect him, to know him moderately is to honor him, to know him intimately is to wonder at his versatility and the strength of his mind and character.

When the Pharmacopœia Revision Committee wanted a head for its Subcommittee on Tables, only Dr. Lyons was considered. There were no rivals for the position. This occurred on both of the last two revisions. When the National Formulary Committee sought help outside its own ranks in final judgment of the text, it obtained it plentifully from Dr. Lyons. How he can detect errors, time after time, which fifteen good men have overlooked, is a mystery, but he does it. And the American Pharmaceutical Association is profiting to-day because of the care and judgment of Dr. Lyons in the preparation of the N. F. IV, although he was not a member of the Committee. The book is very markedly better for his services.

This is one reason why the Editor is justified in portraying Dr. Lyons for the second time in the JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

On pages 1578 to 1581 of the second volume (1913) of the JOURNAL will be found a genealogical sketch of the man, written when he was Honorary President of the Association. At that time Dr. Lyons had been given up to await death, by several of Detroit's most eminent surgeons and physicians. Eight months before that sketch appeared he had been told that he could live only a year, and there was no mistake about the diagnosis. But he is still alive and working, though unable to attend the Association meetings. Each working day finds him at his desk, and his mind is as vigorous as ever. Only a magnificent courage, an unwavering fealty to the opportunities of life, and an undaunted calmness toward the future can account for his being alive. And pharmacy has profited no less in these three and a half years of trial than in a corresponding three and a half years of full vigor. No one expected that he would finish his work on the revision of the Pharmacopœia, and his assistance on the National Formulary was not dreamed of. But both have profited.

Pharmacy owes to Dr. Lyons the development of alkaloidal assaying in America. He was a pioneer in that subject and the author of the first work in English treating of it. The first standardized alkaloidal preparations placed upon the American market were established by Dr. Lyons.

For botanical nomenclature and synonyms Dr. H. H. Rusby accords to Dr. Lyons the highest authority in America. His judgment on botanical questions is rarely disputed.

His work on the Tables of the Pharmacopœia is less understood because these have not yet come into their normal use, but future generations will appreciate it more. This, too, is pioneer work in so far as making tables, useful in pharmaceutical work, is concerned.

But one does not think of him as a specialist. His breadth of mind and versatility are a continual wonder, and his judgment commands respect in all circles. He has won the highest honors his church can give, he is esteemed as a citizen and honored as a scientist. The British chemical and pharmaceutical societies have both recognized his abilities and have honored him. The American Pharmaceutical Association, in which he has done valuable work, is also glad to value him while he is still among us.

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