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In the issue of January 1917, a brief sketch of the President-elect of the American Pharmaceutical Association was printed; this was a gratifying privilege; it becomes a painful duty to record in this number of the JOURNAL the passing away of the President of the Association, following a stroke of apoplexy on November 19, and which he survived only a very short time.

If our records are correct, then this is the second time in the history of the American Pharmaceutical Association that the one elected to the highest place within the gift of the Association died during the term of office. President Emlen Painter was elected at the meeting of 1889 and in January following was called hence. These two men held somewhat different views relative to pharmacy, their disposition in many respects was unlike, but both were unreservedly credited with loyalty to the Association, and unswerving in what they believed to be right—members of whom the Association is justly proud. M. W. Alexander, who preceded Prof. Emlen Painter as President of the A. Ph. A., said of the latter: "Mr. Painter is dead, but he leaves behind him a memory that will be a benefit and a force of inspiration to the members of this Association to emulate his example in sustaining and raising the standard of pharmacy in this country." Of President Holzhauser, related comments will follow, and for these expressions liberty is taken in embodying the larger part of a communication from First Vice-President A. R. L. Dohme, and whose views express those of the writer, by whom some additions are made.

There are several characteristics of Charles Holzhauser which deserve more than passing notice. These are loyalty to his chosen profession and the American Pharmaceutical Association, unselfishness in his personal relations to others and the Association, and a combination of high ideals with modern methods in the conduct of his business, resulting in the pronounced success that enabled him to develop an increasingly successful business from the most humble beginning of one hundred dollars, inherited from his father at the age of twelve years.

Charles Holzhauser was ever modest and unpretentious and he never forced himself or his views upon others or into publicity. His excellent example was persuasive. The greatest honor that can be awarded to a pharmacist of this country, the presidency of the American Pharmaceutical Association, and which he so richly deserved for the efforts of seventy years of life, of which fifty-five were spent in his chosen profession without one step in it that was discreditable

or selfish, came to him just in time to crown those years of well-spent service with the honor he most cherished. Mr. Holzhauser joined the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1873, and he and Mrs. Holzhauser were looking forward with gladness to the Chicago convention. If our information is correct, all the years of the deceased's business life was given to the one store in which he had deserved pride.

The whole life of Mr. Holzhauser was made up of loyalty to his country, state, city, profession, friends, church and family, and the representative gathering assembled at the High Street Presbyterian Church to pay their respects gave evidence of their sorrow, because of his loyalty in times of stress and trouble as well as in times of happiness and contentment. It demonstrated that the kindness that wells up from the fountain head of the heart endears lasting friendships with bonds of purity and strength.

So Charles Holzhauser will live in the hearts of his many friends, both humble and exalted, for the loyalty of his friendship and the unselfishness of his life. Professionally he will stand prominent as a rare example of the blending of high ideals with practical up-to-date ideas fully abreast of the times. Our greatest idealists in pharmacy have seldom been successful in their profession and our most successful pharmacists have not, as a rule, perhaps been idealists in their calling. The deceased plied his profession on a high plane of ideals, but cast in the mold of modern ideas and exercised by the most approved modern business methods. His career as a pharmacist can well therefore be held up as an example for the younger generation to follow.

His success made it possible to provide the comforts of life for a loving family and here was a spring of his happiness; he was summoned while enjoying the company of his grandchildren. His son is a qualified and worthy successor of his father. Mrs. Holzhauser always attended the annual meetings of the American Pharmaceutical Association with her husband, and the sympathy of the entire membership goes out to the family in the bereavement by which our organization suffers a great loss.

His ability, sense of duty and obligation to his profession and humanity marked his life with success. He was inoffensively firm in his convictions and true to every trust and, without a trace of unreasonable aggressiveness, ever ready to give the most arbitrary a respectful hearing and consideration. He accomplished by quiet reasoning, his candor, his honesty of purpose and his ever cheerful but unassuming nature. Just in all his dealings, he was charitable in his judgment of men no less than in his dealings with them. As a citizen he stood for what is best in civic life; in the family his example as husband and father made for what is best in the home circle. He leaves behind him a wealth of friends and a true example of kindness, sincerity, loyalty and devotion, and a home bowed down in deepest sorrow that we hope will be strengthened to bear their loss by the heartfelt sympathy of a multitude of friends.

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