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John Henry Dawson was born in New York City in 1852. He was apprenticed at an early age to Edwin Rulon, a well known pharmacist of his day, in Brooklyn. His compensation was only \$50.00 for the first year and twice that sum for the next year! What would the apprentice say to that now? Besides, the work began very early in the morning and continued until late at night. From Rulon's he went to Parrish's at Philadelphia. Edward Parrish occupied the Chair of Pharmacy in the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy at that time, and from this institution the subject of this sketch graduated in 1872. He returned to New York after graduating and was behind the dispensing counter in Alexander Hudnut's Pharmacy at 218 Broadway until 1875, when he came to San Francisco.

Mr. Dawson at once identified himself with pharmacy of the Pacific Coast, and also with other business interests and took a more or less active part in municipal and state affairs. He first engaged in business for himself at Twenty-third and Valencia streets and conducted this successfully until it was merged into a chain of stores of the Union Drug Company. Mr. Dawson was active in the enactment of the California Pharmacy Law and was appointed a member and also elected secretary of the first California Board of Pharmacy. He was until last year a director of the California College of Pharmacy, and its president for two years.

In 1905, Mr. Dawson was appointed special examiner of drugs at the port of San Francisco, and retained that position until the office was discontinued. For eight years he was also U. S. Inspector for California, in a position requiring the polarization of all beet sugar produced in the State.

In 1916, after leaving the Government service, Mr. Dawson went to Southern California and purchased a pharmacy at Glendora, where he lives, happy amid the orange groves, with his wife, formerly Miss Hattie West of Brooklyn, and a daughter. Besides being a life member of the American Pharmaceutical Association, Mr. Dawson also has fraternity connections, is a member of the pharmaceutical bodies, a member of the California Chemical Society, California Institute of Art, Olympic Club, etc.

The substance of this sketch was furnished by a classmate and friend of many years who concludes by saying "that the esteem in which Mr. Dawson has always been held by his associates is great, and proven by the hosts of friends in the State of his adoption, and in the autumn of his life, his activities, his interest in his profession is just as strong with him as in the days when in the vigor of youth he exercised with the pestle at Rulon's and Hudnut's."