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**PORTLAND, ME.**

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Augustus George Schlotterbeck was born in Birstein, Germany, January 25, 1844. When he was ten years old, his family emigrated to this country and, arriving in New York, they temporarily located on Long Island and afterwards came to Springfield, Mass., where the subject of this sketch attended school.

His mother having died in 1858, he went to live with his uncle, George Gemuender, the celebrated violin maker, in whose workshop he was employed until 1860, when he entered, as apprentice, the pharmacy of Gustave Vivie, Son & Koehler, at 231 Grant Street. Mr. Koehler, who also was a native of Birstein, took a deep interest in the young man and in his studies of pharmacy. As Mr. Schlotterbeck states, he initiated him in preparing mercurial ointment, powdering Spanish flies, etc.

On account of the disturbed conditions, owing to the conflict between the states, the business did not require extra help, so Mr. Schlotterbeck accepted a position as relief clerk in one of Miller & Reed's stores. Mr. Reed was well pleased with his services, but not having sufficient work for him, he secured a place for the young man with Joseph Leggett, corner Avenue C and 8th Street.

February 9, 1865, Mr. Schlotterbeck came to Portland, Me., and entered the employ of H. H. Hay, taking charge of the retail department. December 22, 1866, he started in business on his own account at 501 Congress Street and conducted this store for thirty-six years with eminent success. It was in this store, in 1867, that the formation of the Maine Pharmaceutical Association was proposed, and consummated July 23rd of that year. The first officers were: *President*, H. T. Cummings, of Portland; *Vice-President*, John G. Cook, of Lewiston; *Treasurer*, M. S. Whittier, of Portland; *Secretary*, Charles K. Partridge, of Augusta; *Corresponding Secretary*, A. G. Schlotterbeck, of Portland. Dr. M. L. Porter, of Danforth, was elected secretary of the Association in 1896, and has continued in that office ever since. This year the Maine Pharmaceutical Association celebrates its Fiftieth Anniversary; the convention will be held at Kineo, June 27th to 29th inclusive.

May 1, 1887, Charles S. Foss became associated with Mr. Schlotterbeck and, the business having grown, it was incorporated February 23, 1892, as the Schlotterbeck & Foss Company, of which the subject of this sketch was elected president and treasurer and holds the same offices at the present time. On account of the increased manufacturing business, the retail department was discontinued in 1902.

Mr. Schlotterbeck has been active and interested in the Maine Pharmaceutical Association throughout its fifty years of history and remains as the only living charter member. He joined the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1896.