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Despite his varied activities—financial, educational and commercial—Clarence O. Bigelow is primarily a retail pharmacist. Recently, it was the privilege of his friends to honor him on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of his entrance into retail pharmacy. It is now almost forty years since he purchased the drug store that he has conducted with such great success ever since. Honors, civic and social, have been thrust upon him; financial reward has come to him in goodly measure, and yet, with opportunities for other avocations, his real vocation is the conducting of a high grade pharmacy, that is neither ultra-professional nor crassy commercial.

Mr. Bigelow is a native of Phenix, R. I. but he obtained his early education and his first year of drug store experience in Springfield, Mass. In 1867, he sought his fortune in New York, securing a position with G. L. Hooper. In 1870, he attended the New York College of Pharmacy, became a registered pharmacist and ten years later purchased the business founded in 1838 by Dr. Galen Hunter. This business, he has conducted with marked success. Down in the old Washington Square district, he has inspired the confidence of the choicest residents of that aristocratic quarter. He now occupies a handsome building of his own and employs a staff of over thirty persons.

As is true of all really successful men, Mr. Bigelow has found time for outside activities. He is a member of a number of clubs; he is the president of the West Side Savings Bank and has been one of its trustees for over twenty-five years; he has been a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association since 1900 and was president of its New York branch during 1912-13. He has been a member of the New York State Pharmaceutical Association since 1898 and was a member of the committee that compiled the present edition of the National Pharmaceutical Syllabus.

But Mr. Bigelow's greatest service to Pharmacy has come from his work on the New York Board of Pharmacy and as treasurer of the New York College of Pharmacy. For fifteen years, he gave his splendid administrative talents first to the New York City Board and then, upon its organization to the all-State board. In the first critical years of that great body, he gave it the benefit of his ripe judgment and of his executive experience. His work for the New York College cannot be told in a brief sketch. He has given it his time, his thought and his aid. He has guided it as treasurer through many difficulties. He has so husbanded its finances, that it is now in a more flourishing condition than ever before in its history.

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