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The meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association in Chicago brought back to memory the lives of those who sojourned here and labored for pharmacy and the Association in the earlier years of its history. An interesting lecture on "Ebert, Oldberg and Hallberg" was delivered by Dr. H. M. Whelpley before the Historical Section in which he spoke of the characteristics of these pharmacists as they had impressed him during the many years of his association with them. The historical exhibit on this occasion was largely concerned with Mr. Ebert whose life is closely linked to the Association through his active participation in its affairs and his legacies. No attempt will be made to present a sketch of the deceased but only brief references to a few of his activities.

Mr. Ebert joined the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1864, was its third vice-president in 1868-1869; and president in 1872-1873. He was one of the delegates to the International Pharmaceutical Conference held at Paris in 1867 and to the British Pharmaceutical Conference the same year. He was a charter member of the Chicago Veteran Druggists' Association; a member of the Revision Committee of the U. S. Pharmacopoeia in 1870, vice-president of the Convention in 1900 and member of the board of trustees. He became connected with the Chicago College of Pharmacy in 1868 and was for a number of years professor of pharmacy in this institution. He graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1864 and later received the honorary degree of master of pharmacy. In 1868 he received the degree of doctor of philosophy in the University of Munich.

By his will, most of the property he was possessed of was given to the American Pharmaceutical Association and this legacy, according to the last report of the treasurer, amounts to \$4,324.47. The Ebert Prize Fund was established by the deceased in 1873 and now has a value of \$1,133.27.

The last words spoken by Mr. Ebert were: "The American Pharmaceutical Association, it was my life; it gave me a profession."

Every man at time of Death,
Would fain set forth some saying that may live
After his death and better humankind;
For death gives life's last word a power to live,
And, like the stone-cut epitaph, remain
After the vanished voice, and speak to men.

—Tennyson.