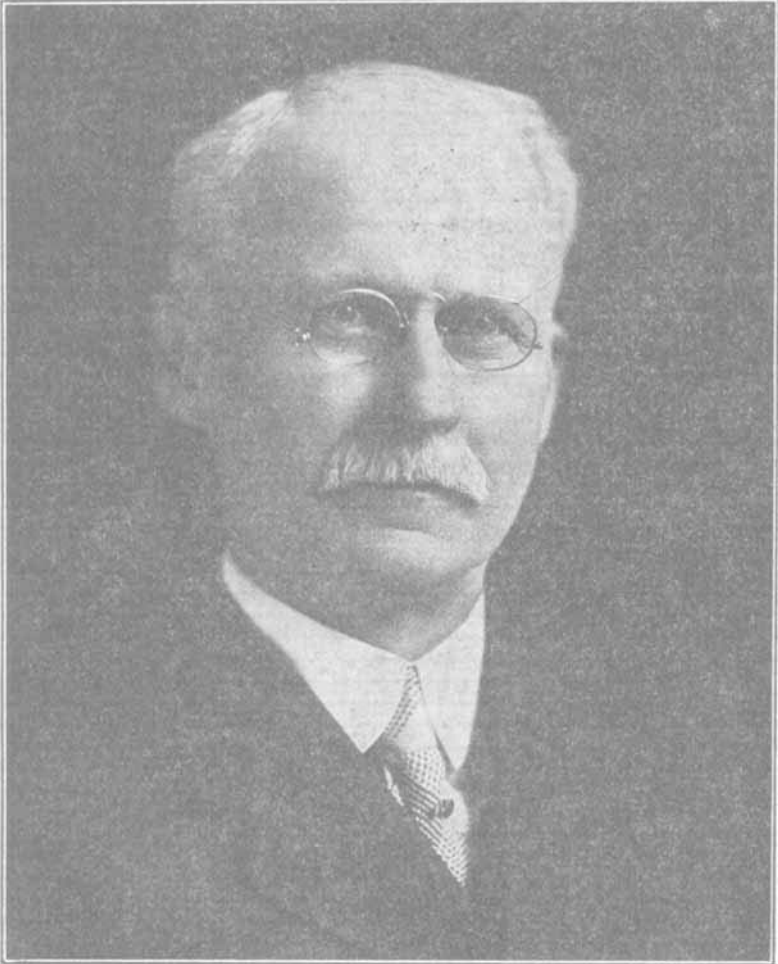


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The Honorary President of the American Pharmaceutical Association for 1919 to 1920 is A. B. Stevens, who, until the conclusion of the last school year, was professor and dean of the Pharmacy Department of the University of Michigan.

The subject of the sketch was born in Tyrone, Livingston County, Michigan, June 15, 1853. His mother died in 1863 and his father gave his life for the preservation of the Union in the battle of Cold Harbor, in 1864; thus, at the age of eleven years, Alviso Stevens was left an orphan. He was educated in the public schools of Byron and Saginaw of his native state and, in 1875, graduated from the Pharmacy Department of the University of Michigan.

From an errand boy in a drug store he worked up to the position of manager. In 1877 he became proprietor of a Detroit pharmacy and specialized in analytical work, and also taught pharmacy in the Detroit Medical College. In 1886 he retired from active business to become instructor in pharmacy of his Alma Mater; he was elected lecturer in 1890 and assistant professor in 1892. After two years of special work in Europe he received the degree of Ph.D. from the University of Bern, Switzerland. He was thereafter advanced to full professorship and succeeded the late Dr. J. O. Schlotterbeck as dean of the Pharmacy Department, University of Michigan, and is now, after retirement, at home in Escondido, California.

Professor Stevens was the first president of the Detroit Pharmaceutical Society, 1883-1884, and president of the Michigan Pharmaceutical Association in 1894. He was chairman of the Pharmaceutical Division of the American Chemical Society, 1908-1910, and in charge of *Pharmaceutical Abstracts* for the A. C. S. from 1905 to 1911.

The Honorary President joined the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1885, was first vice-president, 1890-1891; the first secretary of the Section on Education and Legislation, and the chairman, 1891-1892. He served on all the committees for revising the National Formulary and on the last two committees on Revision of the United States Pharmacopoeia.

Professor Stevens was vice-president of the American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties, 1908-1909. He has been a liberal contributor to pharmaceutical publications. On account of the number of his contributions to the American Pharmaceutical Association reference thereto is made to the indices of its Proceedings and Journal. The paper by him, in 1907, with collaboration of L. E.

Warren, on "Poison Sumac," was awarded the Ebert Prize. He is author of an "Arithmetic of Pharmacy" and a volume on "Pharmacy and Dispensing."

The promotion of Dr. Stevens by his election as dean of the Department of Pharmacy of the University of Michigan was amply earned by efficient service on the faculty for a quarter of a century, and the election as Honorary President of the American Pharmaceutical Association was a well deserved recognition of valuable services rendered to American pharmacy in general and the Association in particular. In 1876 Mr. Stevens was married to Miss Amoretta L. Search, a former university classmate of Janesville, Wis. She passed away February 6, 1918. E. G. E.

AN APPRECIATION.

The successor to Dean A. B. Stevens, Dr. Henry Kraemer, has sent in the following appreciation:

"If I were to summarize the characteristics brought out in the life of Dr. Stevens I should say that they are distinguished by three qualities: 1, purity of soul; 2, helpfulness of disposition; 3, a scientific mind. His every action and word exhibit these qualities. He has not a single habit which departs from rectitude and uprightness, and he is an example to every one who comes in contact with him.

"His desire for service is seen by the esteem in which he is held by students, alumni and neighbors. He never loses an opportunity to do a kindness and is always ready to serve any worthy object.

"Dr. Stevens' scientific work is among the best produced by American pharmacists. He has the ability to resolve almost any situation in its true light. His work on poison sumac will stand as a basis for all future work, and his studies on the distribution of the cyanogenetic glucoside in wild cherry are not only of interest in pharmacy but are a contribution to physiological botany. It is largely due to Dr. Stevens that the chemical assay processes in the U. S. Pharmacopoeia are generally acceptable and satisfactory."
