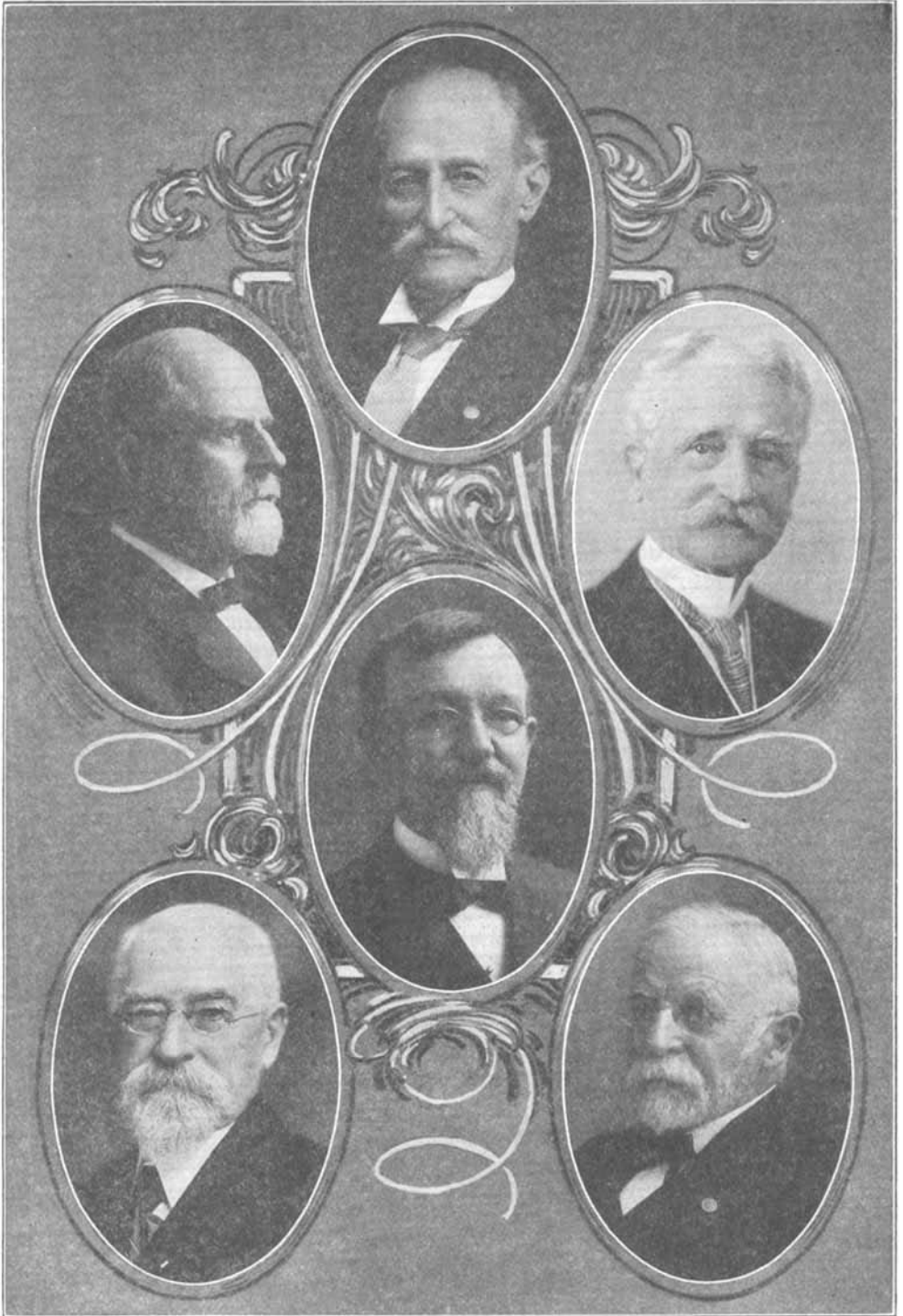


THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOUR YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Joseph L. Lemberger, Lebanon, Pa., 61 years; the other members are all of Philadelphia: Alfred Mellor, 55 years; Richard M. Shoemaker, 54 years; Edwin M. Boring, 52 years; and Adolph W. Miller and Charles A. Weidemann, each 51 years.

“It is expedient to have an acquaintance with those who have looked into the world; who know men, understand business, and can give you good intelligence and good advice * * ”

“If wrinkles must be written upon our brows, let them not be written upon the heart. The spirit should not grow old.”



Pennsylvania Pharmacists who have been members of the American Pharmaceutical Association for more than a half century: Top, Joseph L. Lemberger, Lebanon, 1858; left, second row, Alfred Mellor, Philadelphia, 1855; right, Richard M. Shoemaker, Philadelphia, 1865; center, Edwin M. Boring, Philadelphia, 1867; left bottom row, Dr. Adolph W. Miller, Philadelphia, 1868; right, Dr. Charles A. Weidemann, Philadelphia, 1868.

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A RECORD OF YEARS AND WORK IN AND FOR THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Few associations include within their present membership such a large percentage of affiliates who have continuously exhibited their attachment to the purposes of the organization, as the American Pharmaceutical Association. It speaks for the worthy objects of the Association; the devotion to them by the members offers the very best argument why non-associated pharmacists should affiliate, and such attachment by men who have made good in their respective activities emphasizes the importance of pharmacy. These examples have made it possible to have pictures of half-century members in the issues of the JOURNAL for the past few years, and, in this number, those of six veteran pharmacists of one State, certainly a record the Association may well be proud of.

It is not the purpose, at this time, to present sketches of these faithfuls of the American Pharmaceutical Association; these have been written in the JOURNAL, in the State association records, in the College transactions or in the reports of bodies wherein their activities were for the time more directly concerned. The comments will be brief, and are abstracted from letters which came with the photographs. All of them have been honored by their Alma Mater, the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, and most of them have during many years exhibited an active interest in this institution. Three of the men devoted nearly all of their years to the retail drug business, while the others engaged in wholesaling and manufacturing.

Joseph L. Lemberger is the dean of the American Pharmaceutical Association. A sketch appeared in Vol. VI, JOURNAL A. PH. A., p. 771. He became a member in 1858, and was president of the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1905. These references will answer the purpose of extended statements relating to him.

Alfred Mellor joined the Association in 1864, and while he did not participate actively in its proceedings, he writes: "I have always valued highly my membership and the personal touch with its members." The latter will remember his connection with the firm of Mellor & Rittenhouse, for many years extensively engaged in the manufacture of extract of licorice. He comments further that there are few left of those who were members when he affiliated.

Richard M. Shoemaker became a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1865. He is the senior partner of Robert Shoemaker & Co., one

of the oldest wholesale drug firms, continuing under same name, in the United States. He was the first treasurer of the Alumni Association of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, and until 1909 took an active interest in the A. Ph. A., as a local chairman of the Committee on Membership.

Edwin M. Boring, though in his eightieth year, has only recently retired from the retail drug business. His affiliation with the American Pharmaceutical Association dates back to the New York meeting of 1867, when John Milhau was president of the Association. He contributes his picture "as an evidence of a tendency to active old age in the drug business if combined with a reasonable amount of outdoor work, and recreation, which can be obtained by the meetings of our Association; without my membership and the proceedings for over fifty years there would have been a void which could not have been filled by any other means." The firm of which Mr. Boring was a member, and then successor, was that of E. B. Garrigues & Co., at Tenth Street and Fairmount Avenue. He is now, and has been for many years, one of the board of trustees of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.

Adolph W. Miller is a graduate in pharmacy and also an alumnus of the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania. His activities have been, and still are, in the firm of Aschenbach & Miller. "The number of those who have held membership in the parent pharmaceutical association for more than fifty years demonstrates," he says, "that the profession of pharmacy is not insalubrious, that in order to lengthen his span of days every pharmacist should at once join the American Pharmaceutical Association, and that he should faithfully attend the annual conventions, as well as the monthly meetings of the local branches, not only for their scientific and their social features, but also as hygienic measures, so as to infuse new life and happiness into his ordinary *modus vivendi*." Dr. Miller follows the lines indicated by him; he is seldom absent from local, state and national pharmaceutical association meetings, and finds time for other conventions and meetings devoted to science and culture.

Charles A. Weidemann, like the subject of the preceding sketch, graduated in both pharmacy and medicine, and in the same institutions; he also joined the American Pharmaceutical Association during the same year. Prior to graduation he had experience both in the wholesale and retail drug business, and during the Civil War in hospital service. After graduation, in 1867, he established a retail drug store at 22nd and Green Sts., and remained in the business until 1902, since which time he has continued in the practice of medicine. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, and since 1900 recording secretary. He has been a member of the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association since its organization in 1878.

The unselfish devotion of these members to the cause of pharmacy makes it unnecessary to measure lines and number words; the purpose of the writing is to mark mile-stones in the history of these individuals and the American Pharmaceutical Association, while adding a slight tribute to those of others which have heretofore been worthily and fittingly bestowed upon them during their years of activity and association.

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