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Professor Dr. Arthur Meyer passed his "three score and ten" March 17 of this year. He was born in Langensalza, Germany, and received his earlier school education in Sondershausen. At the age of 17 years he was apprenticed with an apothecary of Nordhausen. After completing his apprenticeship he studied at the Universities of Strassburg and of Leipzig. During the term of 1879-80, he successfully passed the State pharmaceutical examination and, on recommendation of Professor Flückiger, was appointed assistant at the Strassburg Institute of Pharmacy. Shortly before his promotion he published his first contribution to pharmacognosy—"Vegetable Wax."

However, it was under de Bary that the foundations for Dr. Meyer's future scientific achievements were laid. Under the inspiring influence of the famed teacher and in the fellowship of Stahl, Büsgen and other well-known botanists, who were contemporary students under de Bary, he ardently pursued his studies for three years. Here and then developed his deep interest in plant anatomy and physiology, so brilliantly manifested in later publications.

He received his doctorate degree of the University of Strassburg in 1883, from the faculty of natural sciences. In 1885 he became instructor in botany at the University of Göttingen, and in the following year accepted the professorship of pharmacognosy and pharmaceutical chemistry at Münster, where he remained for five years, resigning to accept the call of the University of Marburg. With the latter institution he has been connected for nearly thirty years as professor of botany and pharmacognosy, and he is also director of the botanical gardens.

Professor Meyer's scientific contributions are numerous and cover a wide range of subjects in pharmacy, microscopy, botany, pharmacognosy, mycology, etc. He is the author of a number of valuable works, and references to them are given in a special edition of the *Apotheker-Zeitung*, No. 11, 1920, issued in commemoration of his seventieth birthday.

"The Cell of Bacteria" is a well-known work. Age has not abated his scientific activities. Only a few months ago he published the first volume of a comprehensive work entitled, "Morphological and Physiological Analysis of the Plant and Animal Cell. The Principles of Our Knowledge of Cell Structure and its Relation to the Function of the Cell." Doctor Meyer was elected an honorary member of the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1910.

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