

be held at St. Petersburg in 1915, under the presidency of Prof. P. Walden, who delivered a lecture before the Section on Pharmaceutical Chemistry, as reported above:

I. *Resolved*, Section VIII-b (Pharmaceutical Chemistry) of the Eighth International Congress of Applied Chemistry having received and discussed the report of the International Commission on "*Variation in the Activity of Toxic Drugs*," resolves that it is desirable that this inquiry be continued and that the International Commission be reformed, to consist of the following eight members: Austria, Prof. Wilhelm Mitlacher; France, Prof. E. Bourquelot; Germany, Prof. H. Thoms; Great Britain, Francis Ransom; Netherlands, Prof. L. Van Itallie; Russia, W. Ferrein, Mag. Ph.; Switzerland, Prof. A. Tschirch; United States, Dr. R. H. True, and the following three secretaries: G. P. Forrester, F. C. S., European continent; Peter McEwan, F. C. S., Great Britain; Otto Raubenheimer, Ph. G., United States.

It is further resolved that this commission be authorized to enlist the co-operation of other persons actively interested in promulgating international uniformity of standards for potent drugs and improvement in their cultivation and collection.

II. *Resolved*, That the International Commission of Congress of Applied Chemistry be requested to approve the organization of an International Committee under Prof. Joseph P. Remington and composed of chemical experts approved by this Commission, whose duty shall be to collect information from every available source on *chemical products and essential oils used in pharmacy* and to investigate the tests now in use, to prove the identity and purity of said products and oils, also consider standards and tests with the view of establishing uniformity in the same throughout the world and to report to the Ninth International Congress the result of its work.

THE N. A. R. D. CONVENTION.

The 14th annual convention of the N. A. R. D. at Milwaukee, August 12-15, was abundantly successfully from many points of view.

The attendance was large and the enthusiasm was at concert pitch from the first to the last stroke of the presiding officer's gavel.

Officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows:

President—Mr. Henry W. Merritt, Plains, Pa.

First Vice-President—S. A. Eckstein, Milwaukee, Wis.

Second Vice-President—H. W. Rietzke, St. Paul, Minn.

Third Vice-President—H. S. Keables, Pella, Ia.

Secretary—Thomas H. Potts, of the United States of America.

Treasurer—Grant W. Stevens, Detroit, Mich.

Executive Committee—J. Arthur Bean, Boston, Mass (3 years); Charles H. Huhn, Minneapolis, Minn. (3 years); H. C. Shuptrine, Savannah, Ga. (2 years); H. B. Guilford, Rochester, N. Y. (2 years); A. E. Zuber, Chicago, Ill. (1 year); Samuel C. Henry, Philadelphia, Pa. (1 year).

The crowded condition of the *Journal's* columns prevents the reproduction of more than very brief extracts from the voluminous reports of officers and committees, but the utterances quoted are significant and may be regarded as reflecting N. A. R. D. sentiment upon the subjects concerned.

From the Address of President H. C. Shuptrine.

U. S. P. AND N. F. PROPAGANDA.

The U. S. P. and N. F. Propaganda I am more an advocate of than ever before. I am thoroughly convinced that there is no branch of our work which is of more real worth than this. I, for a long time, contended it was a work the N. A. R. D. could not carry on to the betterment of either the organization or the individual druggist. It seemed to me that to handle the proposition through the National Office and extend it over the entire country would be a matter of utter impossibility but, gentlemen, it is not so. If in my home town the success can be made that we have made, then I unhesitatingly say that there is not a community anywhere immune to the cause. Many dollars have been made because of the propaganda movement and there are many more in store for us. But—the National Office can not do it all. As a matter of fact, it can do only a small part of it. It blazes the way, clears the forest of its thick and puzzling growth, leaving for us as fertile and clean soil as ever a seed of work was sown. Let us each take it upon ourselves to do the work, make it a special effort to see that the work is carried to the physicians, and the outcome will then surpass our most sanguine expectations.

The furtherance of this movement by the individual druggist isn't a work to be classed as one for the good of the N. A. R. D. As I see it, it is a work of selfishness pure and simple. We do not go into this movement because we love the N. A. R. D., nor do we do it because we each love the other druggist, but we have busied ourselves because of the good we each derive as individuals. We feel

indebted to the N. A. R. D. for showing us the way and giving us the invaluable assistance it has, as, if it had not been for the National Organization, we could never have moved an inch and could never hope to move another peg in all the time to come.

AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Disseminating the truest principles of Pharmacy is the one aim of the N. A. R. D. and it has accomplished its purpose during all these years to the satisfaction of all concerned. We realize that while our results clearly manifest what we can do, but with the hearty support of our allied associations much more we can do and very much more easily. We look first to the American Pharmaceutical Association. The A. Ph. A. stands alone in the promulgation of the highest pharmaceutical ethics. The A. Ph. A. stands alone when it comes to forwarding the profoundest professional reforms and in the mention of the greatest educational organizations, the old, old schools, this grand old organization illumines in mighty brilliance the very first page of organized pharmacy in this country and its influence has been wielded through every vein of its history.

We are grateful for our affiliation with the A. Ph. A., we are thankful for the counsel that is ours at its hands, and I hope that from today on there will be even a closer working of the two organizations. When it comes to the commercial, our end; when it comes to influences which have direct effect on the druggist as a retailer or a merchant; when it comes to making standards druggists should adopt in maintaining the dignity of our calling, I do not think there are any higher canons than those set forth in the Constitution of the National Association of Retail Druggists. In commercialism we can be as honest, as square in our dealings with our fellow man, maintain just as high a sphere in the universe of business as we could if we were solely connected with professionalism.

The A. Ph. A. looks after the ethical and professional interests—interests which are just as necessary to our progress—with the same zeal the N. A. R. D. looks after the commercial, but is it not possible for the two to interweave their respective interests which would help each other to do its work to even greater ends? I suggest that proper resolutions be drawn and sent to our sister organization showing our continued willingness to cooperate in every way we can and stay with in true N. A. R. D.-ism to make yet greater promotions in American Pharmacy.

GRANTING OF PATENTS AND TRADE-MARK REGISTRATION ON MEDICINES.

Relative to the action of the Section on Pharmacology and Therapeutics of the American Medical Association at its last Convention, the decided stand it took on the granting of patents and trade-mark registration on substances and compounds used in medicines, I think the National Association of Retail Druggists in this Convention,

should unqualifiedly recommend and stand for the granting of patents and trade-mark registration on medical substances.

If there is any good reason why the pharmacist should not be permitted this protection the American Medical Association has failed to show or relate it. I think that it is an established fact that in many of the patented preparations in medicine there are aids to the physician without which he would be where he was before their introduction. As to patent medicines, or trade-marked specialties, the ingenious pharmacist with enterprise and brains, and with all the honesty that ever a physician or anybody else could have, who manufactures and places upon the market a patent medicine that will do what is claimed for it, must be classed with that man who would stoop to stultify anything and everything for the sake of a dollar. A pharmacist must not be progressive: a pharmacist must not possess, or if he should possess, he must not use his brains to not only his but the advantage of millions of people who can't afford to pay a doctor his fee of two dollars every time he wants a dose of paregoric or wants a cough syrup, a liniment or anything else within the scope of household remedies!

From the Report of Secretary Thos. H. Potts:

THE PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Carr in his report should convince the most skeptical that Greater NOTES is the most progressive and up-to-date Pharmaceutical Journal published in this country, excepting none. The subject matter more especially the editorials, are constantly improving and we sincerely hope the success of the Journal meets with your approval.

Advertising matter is on the increase and advertisers are commencing to observe that advertising in NOTES brings remunerative returns. The Advertising Committee has used its best efforts to keep the advertising pages of NOTES clean and free from obnoxious advertising matter. Both Mr. Carr and his assistant editor, Mr. Bruder, are deserving of the maximum of commendation for their earnest endeavors to make NOTES not only the equal but the superior of any other Pharmaceutical Journal.

From the Report of the Legislative Committee:

THE RICHARDSON BILL.

In progressive efforts that may be called reconstructive our greatest work, the greatest work of the year, was in connection with the bill generally referred to as "The Richardson Bill," a bill to amend the Food and Drugs Act, introduced by Representative Richardson of Alabama.

THE LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE.

In the interim, the Executive Committee of the N. A. R. D. at its winter meeting had passed a resolution authorizing the Chairman of this Legislative Committee to call a Legis-

lative Conference in Washington at such time as might seem best to him and his fellow members. The Secretary of this Association being instructed to extend invitations to the National Associations of the wholesalers, proprietors, pharmaceutical manufacturers and the A. Ph. A. to send legislative representatives to the proposed conference.

While the date of such Conference was still undecided, the unexpected call for the hearings on the Richardson bill went out. This changed all our plans, for the date set for the hearings, April 23-26, did not allow us enough time to assemble our Committee in Washington, much less to arrange a formal Conference.

After much wiring between your Chairman, Secretary Potts, and the members of the Committee, we managed to secure the presence of a majority of our Committee at the Hotel Ralieggh, Washington, on April 27.

Additionally there were present Fred A. Hubbard of Newton, Mass., and Christopher Koch of Philadelphia of the A. Ph. A., while John C. Wallace of New Castle, Pa., and the chairman of your Committee are members of the Legislative Committees of both the N. A. R. D. and the A. Ph. A. Additionally Professor F. C. Nixon of Leominster, Mass., a member of the Committee of Revision of the U. S. P., was present as a representative of the Massachusetts Pharmaceutical Association, and rendered very valuable assistance.

The Washington meeting to which reference has just been made has been freely spoken of as "a Legislative Conference." It was the original intention to make it broadly such. As has been stated, invitations had been extended to all National Associations within the trade. At the time of the hearings there were in the city prominent members of all the Associations. Manufacturers of pharmaceutical specialties, as such, held no discussions with us. On the night of April 28 we received large delegations from the wholesalers and proprietors. Their spokesmen, all very able men, stated their opinions and desires upon the legislative matters proposed in the Richardson bill. After such expressions had been received, those who only had truly been in conference, in discussion, representatives of the N. A. R. D. and the A. Ph. A., retired from the room, and in a few moments returned, and their spokesman stated, with expressions of regret personal to all, that we did not see our way clear to joining our guests in their chief points of opposition to the Richardson bill.

Thus it will be seen that the original intention of a general Inter-Association Legislative Conference was not realized. At his appearance before the House Committee, Mr. Freericks spoke for retailers. True, he spoke for the A. Ph. A. conferees, and, although their great and worthy Association does not restrict its membership to retailers, there was, there is no assumption that the opinions expressed by us at the hotel, and by the utter-

ances of Mr. Freericks at the Capitol were uttered otherwise than in behalf of retail druggists—exclusively so. And, in the afterthought your Committee finds satisfaction in the outcome.

LINES OF CLEAVAGE.

No class of business men can afford to ignore new lines of cleavage that may come in either class or mass. To state that intra-class divisions are less evident than they were would be to utter an untruth, for, on the reverse, divisional lines were never so sharply drawn as they are now. As evidence of this, we may note that during the year the manufacturers of what are generally known as "Pharmaceuticals" have seen fit to separate themselves from the "Proprietors" and form an Association of their own, finding, no doubt, that among other things, the trend of legislation made it advisable.

It is not our thought that the future should show less of good will between the different divisions within the class than in the past, for, on some great legislative problems we feel that we shall stand closer together than ever before. However, from our point of view, general economic conditions not only make it wise, but imperative, that each division of the trade shall act with absolute independence in deciding what its legislative aims shall be. If differing needs demand different Associations, then surely, effectiveness will be increased if each Association take the initiative and keep the lead in all legislative matters peculiar to it; each Association giving to the other moral support when it may do so without entering into entangling alliances. Even though the object be the same, it will assure effectiveness if many arrows are aimed at one mark, rather than many archers aiming one arrow.

STATUS OF THE N. A. R. D.

While it has been conclusively proven that intra-associations of our members can successfully manufacture in cooperation and fully as successfully purchase and distribute jobbing quantities, our members so combined have never for a moment ceased to be retailers. Thus, the N. A. R. D. represents all the interests of retailers, but it does not claim, does not wish to represent any other interests.

It is truly a NATIONAL Association of Retail Druggists. This being so, there is no retail druggist or Association of retail druggists beneath our flag but that may, if it will, have fair representation and free voice in and through our Legislative Committee.

Therefore we recommend that in future this Association through this Committee shall concern itself with all legislation for retailers, and directly with the legislative interests of no others. And, in full justice to other divisions of the trade, we express the belief that our course will meet with their full approval, and that another course on our part might be presumptive.

From the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations:

Your committee recommends better and more fraternal relations with every organization, association and profession with which this body and its members have any contact or dealings. Starting with the axiom that "he who would have friends, must show himself friendly" we urge that this body and its members seek to cultivate harmony and cooperation with all bodies possible, to this end, we recommend that closer relations be cultivated with such bodies as the American Pharmaceutical Association, the American Medical Association, the National Wholesale Druggists' Association, the Proprietary Association of America, the Dental associations, the Veterinary associations, and the allied trade and commercial associations. It is true that with nearly all of these we have at times some points of opposition and some of them become rather vigorous at times. But it is equally true that with all of them there are many things we have much in common, and we believe that by emphasizing our common aims, and working with them and for them we will reach a better status when it comes to points in controversy.

From the Report of the Resolutions Committee:

Resolved, That price protection, propaganda work and legislation continue to be the prominent issues of this association.

Resolved, That the Committee on U. S. P. and N. F. Propaganda be increased to one member from each state affiliated with the N. A. R. D. and that the Constitution be amended to this effect.

Resolved, That each State Association be accorded membership in the N. A. R. D. by the payment of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) per annum and shall be entitled to two delegates at each annual convention.

Resolved, That local Associations be accorded representation at the annual meetings of the N. A. R. D. as follows: One delegate for each twenty-five dollars or fraction thereof.

WHEREAS, The health of retail pharmacists generally would be improved, their comfort and happiness increased, their lives prolonged by Sunday closing and shorter hours, be it

Resolved, That this Association again calls upon its members to give the matter of Sunday rest and shorter hours the most serious consideration and that the same be put in effect as rapidly and completely as circumstances will permit.

Resolved, That the N. A. R. D. hereby endorses the activity of the National Anti-Coupon Association and extends to that Association its moral support and cooperation.

Resolved, That our legislative Committee with the assistance of our Legal Department undertake to draft a model bill restricting the sale of drugs to registered pharmacists, and that the same be placed in the hands of

affiliated State and Local Associations upon request therefor.

Resolved, That Alypin be added to the list of drugs recommended by our Conference Committee to be specified upon the label of preparations containing the same.

Resolved, That we disapprove and use our efforts to defeat the Owen bill in its present form.

Resolved, That copies of the resolutions of this convention bearing upon the relations between physicians and pharmacists be included in the literature sent to physicians during the year.

Resolved, That it is with much pleasure and satisfaction that we record the closer friendship the year's work has brought between the A. Ph. A. and the N. A. R. D., and court the continuation of mutual activities and the cementing of the most true and firm bonds of fraternity.

Resolved, That we continue our efforts for the advancement of pharmacists in the United States Army.

Resolved, That where physicians are allowed to dispense that the same laws should regulate the practice as does the law concerning the pharmacist, especially in reference to narcotic and habit-forming drugs.

Resolved, That every affiliated association is hereby requested to endorse Senate bill 7017, that each member be instructed to write to his United States Senator and Representative in Congress urging the passage of Senate Bill 7017. And that the best efforts of all concerned be used in support of this bill.

Resolved, That in future this Association through its Legislative Committee shall concern itself with legislation that affects retailers and directly with the legislative interests of no others.

WHEREAS, The N. A. R. D. at its last annual meeting held at Niagara Falls endorsed the Coupon Agency Plan, and

WHEREAS, The Executive Committee of the N. A. R. D. at its mid-year meeting held in Chicago again endorsed the Coupon Plan as formulated by Attorney Freericks, be it

Resolved, Therefore, that the N. A. R. D. again endorse the Coupon Agency Plan as the best known remedy to stop the indiscriminate cut-rate evil.

WHEREAS, There is a marked tendency on the part of the manufacturing trade to discriminate when it comes to enlarging their list of wholesale distributors, and

WHEREAS, This list is enlarged from time to time when new wholesale firms are established, be it therefore

Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that in enlarging their list of wholesale distributors no discrimination should be made against wholesale houses incorporated under the laws of their respective states the stockholders of which are retail druggists and those the stockholders of which are not,

this convention holding that retail druggists should not thus be barred or penalized for engaging in a perfectly legitimate business in which there is a good profit.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that retailers engaging in the wholesale business should respect manufacturers' terms when the same apply to all wholesalers alike.

WHEREAS, It is the custom of certain classes of manufacturers to advertise and otherwise announce new and comparatively unknown articles with the use of the term, "For sale by All Good Druggists," "For sale by All Enterprising Druggists," or other terms of the same class, and

WHEREAS, Such mode of announcement is in the nature of an effort to force retailers to purchase new and untried merchandise in order to protect themselves from injury to reputation from the implication that a druggist who does not have the goods is not a "Good or Enterprising Druggist," be it

Resolved, That the National Association of Retail Druggists hereby records its disapproval of such form of expression in advertising, and urges its members to use every honorable means to combat the same.

WHEREAS, At a conference of the Legislative Committee of the N. A. R. D. and the A. Ph. A. held at Washington, certain well-founded objections to the proposed Richardson bill were pointed out and changes therein demanded, resulting finally in the drafting of a bill by said Committee which appears in the Hearings before the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, House of Representatives, Sixty-Second Congress,

WHEREAS, The said bill as drafted by the Conference aims to effectively reach wrongful practices in the sale and distribution of drugs and medicines, preventing fraud upon the public and restricting the manufacture and sale of many dangerous drugs and their compounds to qualified persons, at the same time being eminently fair to all interests concerned; therefore be it

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the changes in the Richardson bill recommended at said Conference as they appear in the hearings referred to herein and as so changed, and we advocate the enactment thereof as a measure which will be of immense benefit to the welfare of the public.

WHEREAS, H. R. Bill No. 25239 introduced by Mr. Harrison of New York, providing for the regulation of inter-state traffic in Habit-Forming Drugs, by methods which, in so far as they apply to the retail drug trade, are almost impossible to comply with, involving an enormous amount of unnecessary red tape which will bring forth much opposition thus endangering the enactment of this much needed proper regulation and legislation; therefore be it

Resolved, That we do not approve the Harrison bill in its present form;

WHEREAS, Baby soothing syrups have been sold over the druggists' counters for many years in good faith by the druggists, and

WHEREAS, Since the advent of the Food and Drugs Act, manufacturers thereof have been compelled to state the name and amounts of narcotics contained in each package, and

WHEREAS, Such knowledge now in possession of the pharmacist is sufficient to show him the pernicious character of such preparations; therefore be it

Resolved, That this N. A. R. D. does hereby condemn the manufacture, distribution and use of any and all baby soothing syrups containing narcotics or hypnotics; and be it further

Resolved, That the members of this Association do hereby agree to discourage the use of such preparations by refusing to act as distributors for them.

Resolved, That the Patent Laws be amended in accordance with the well established views of the Association as outlined in Conventions for several years past.

Resolved, That this Association favors an amendment to the Pure Food and Drugs Act that will protect the public against unwarranted claims for nostrums and will provide that the manufacturing of medicinal preparations be in the hands of licensed pharmacists.

Resolved, That this Association favors inter-state Anti-Narcotic Legislation that will prohibit all illegitimate traffic in narcotics and habit-forming drugs and confine their sales to proper channels and uses to strictly medicinal purposes.

WHEREAS, Section 7, of Regulation 7, of the Food and Drugs Act, permits the sale of U. S. P. and N. F. Preparations of various strengths, providing such strength is designated on the label, and

WHEREAS, Such provision causes much confusion in the enforcement of Pharmacy Laws providing for the use of U. S. P. and N. F. names on the drugs and standard strength alone, be it

Resolved, That this section should be repealed or so amended as to provide that all drugs sold to the public under their official names, or resold to the public under their official names or recognized synonyms, shall be of standard strength.

Resolved, That our resolution adopted at the Pittsburgh meeting in 1910 endorsing all Cooperative Associations and Organizations of retail druggists which benefit the retail druggist is hereby reaffirmed.

Resolved, That we reaffirm our oft-repeated declaration that we are opposed to the sale in retail drug stores of intoxicating liquors for other than medicinal purposes.