

Section on Historical Pharmacy

Papers Presented at the Sixtieth Annual Convention

MINUTES OF THE SECTION ON HISTORICAL INTERESTS.

FIRST SESSION—Thursday Evening, August 22, 1912.

The first session of the Section on Historical Interests was called to order at 8:40 o'clock p. m. in room 801 of the hotel by Caswell A. Mayo, who stated that he had been appointed by the Council to act as Chairman in the absence of Mr. Raubenheimer, and that Frederick T. Gordon had been likewise appointed to act as Secretary.

Acting Chairman Mayo then read the address of Chairman Raubenheimer (See October JOURNAL, p. 1145), and called for action therein, stating that there were ten recommendations contained in it and it would probably be in order that these be referred to a committee for consideration and report at the next session.

C. J. Clayton moved that such committee be appointed, which motion was seconded by F. C. Godbold, and carried.

The Chair appointed Messrs. C. J. Clayton, F. W. Meissner and F. C. Godbold as a committee to report at the next session, on the recommendations contained in the Chairman's address.

As the next order of business, Acting Chairman Mayo read the report of the Historian, also the resignation of Doctor Kremers as Historian, and stated that unless there was some objection the report would be received and take the usual course. It was so ordered.

The Chair stated that the recommendation in the Historian's address that his successor be made an officer of the Council and be given remuneration, or its equivalent in the matter of his expenses in attending the meeting, would, unless there was objection, be referred to the Committee on Chairman's Address. After a brief discussion by Messrs. L. E. Sayre, F. T. Gordon, F. W. Meissner and the Chair, on motion of Mr. Meissner the recommendations of the Historian were referred to the Council without recommendation, also the resignation of the Historian, with the regrets of the Section that this should be necessary on his part.

The Chair next called upon Secretary Gordon to read a paper entitled "Reminiscences of Pharmacy in the Rockies," by Mr. John Best.

Mr. Gordon proceeded to read the paper which he stated he himself had written upon information given him by Mr. Best, and that Mr. Best would probably desire to look it over before it was published.

The Chair stated that if there were no remarks upon the paper it would take the usual course and be referred for publication.

As the next order of business the Chair called upon C. J. Clayton for a paper

entitled "A Contribution to the History of the Colorado Pharmaceutical Association."

Mr. Clayton read his paper.

The Chair said if there was no discussion the paper would be referred to take the usual course.

The Chairman next called upon Prof. L. E. Sayre for his paper on "The Early History of Pharmacy in Kansas." Prof. Sayre presented his paper in abstract, which, upon the invitation of the Chair, was discussed by Messrs. Sayre and Meissner.

The Chair stated that if there were no further comments on the paper it would take the usual course and be referred for publication.

The next paper called for was one entitled "The Naval Apothecary Since the Civil War," by F. T. Gordon, and was read by the author.

There was no discussion of this paper and it was referred for publication.

The Chair stated that the next item on the program was a symposium on the telephone, consisting of the following series of papers:

"The Druggist and the Telephone—A Contribution to the History of the Introduction and Use of the Telephone in the Drug Store, A Symposium," D. J. Reese, Philadelphia, Pa.; F. C. Godbold, New Orleans, La.; W. H. Lamont, St. Louis, Mo.; C. A. Mayo, New York, N. Y.; C. E. Marshall, Boston, Mass.; B. E. Pritchard, Pittsburgh, Pa.; J. O. Burge, Nashville, Tenn.; Joseph Jacobs, Atlanta, Ga.

There being no discussion, the papers were referred to take the usual course.

Upon invitation of the Chair, General Secretary Beal exhibited to the members two contributions to the Historical Section presented by Mr. Bodemann, one being a diploma from the Harvey Medical College, conferring the honorary degree of Doctor of Medicine on Albert E. Ebert, also the student's portfolio used by the late Leo Eliel.

Mr. Beal also exhibited some interesting documents from the archives of the Association as follows: An album containing numerous photographs of early members of the association, also an album presented to the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1872, by Henry B. Brady, President of the British Pharmaceutical Conference, containing the photographs of 208 prominent members of that society. Other exhibits shown by Mr. Beal were a bound volume containing the proceedings of the first four meetings of the A. Ph. A. in the handwriting of the Secretaries of those meetings, and a bound volume of the applications for membership from the beginning of the Association to 1868.

As the next order of business the Chair called for nominations for Chairman of the Section for the ensuing year and Hugo Kantrowitz nominated F. C. Godbold, of New Orleans.

There being no further nominations for Chairman, the Chair called for nominations for Secretary. Mr. Meissner nominated F. T. Gordon; this nomination was seconded by L. E. Sayre. There being no further nominations, the Chair said that as there had been only one nomination for each of the offices of the

Section a motion would be in order that the Chair be instructed to cast one ballot for the nominees.

On motion of Hugo Kantrowitz, duly seconded, the Chair cast the ballot of the Section as follows: For F. C. Godbold, as Chairman, and F. T. Gordon, as Secretary.

The Chair announced that there were a number of papers on the program which had not yet been read, and on account of the lateness of the hour, unless there was objection, they would be read by title only. There being no objection, the following were read by title:

"The Evolution of Laws Relating to the Sale and Use of Poisons," by M. I. Wilbert. (See November JOURNAL, p. 1259.)

"Phyto-Chemistry in America, III," by William Theodore Wenzell and Nellie Wakeman.

"The History of Kummerfield's Lotion," by Otto Raubenheimer. (See November JOURNAL, p. 1261.)

"Some Old-Time Brooklyn Drug Stores," by Thos. D. McElhenie.

"History of the Voodoo Cult of the Negroes," by Felix von Oefele.

"History of the American Pharmaceutical Association; The First Decade, 1852 to 1861," by W. C. Alpers.

"Some of the Early Drug Stores in Vermont," by Collins Blakely.

The following contributions were also received and acknowledged by a rising vote of thanks to the contributors:

"The Constitution and By-Laws of the Diastase Club of Chicago," presented by F. B. Hays.

"Anglo-Saxon Leechcraft," Henry S. Wellcome.

"Historical Paper on the College of Pharmacy of the University of Minnesota," F. J. Wulling.

"An Interview With Mr. S. W. Melendy on Early Minnesota Pharmacy," F. J. Wulling.

"Chronology of Pharmacy from 3500 B. C. to 1912 A. D.," John F. Llewellyn.

"Shakespeare on Music as Medicine," Hermann Schelenz.

"The Value of and the Necessity for Instruction in Pharmacy and Chemistry in High Schools," Hermann Schelenz.

"Abyssinian Superstitions in Gynecology," Felix von Oefele.

"Alonzo Robbins, First President of the Pennsylvania State Pharmaceutical Examining Board, 1887-1895" (with photograph), Joseph Lemberger.

"The Sixtieth Anniversary of the New Yorker Deutscher Apotheker Verein, and Their 'Bier Zeitung,'" by Hugo Kantrowitz, New York.

The Chairman announced that this concluded the business, unless there were some of the members present who had new business to present.

Mr. Godbold came into the room at this point, and stated that it would be impossible for him to attend the next meeting of the Association, and asked permission to resign as Chairman, whereupon the Chairman stated that as it was a great disadvantage for the Section to be conducted where the Chairman was absent, he supposed the Section would have to accept Mr. Godbold's resignation, and that nominations to fill the vacancy thus occasioned were in order.

Mr. Whelpley nominated Mr. J. G. Godding for Chairman of the ensuing year, which nomination was seconded by Mr. Beal. There being no further nominations, Mr. Godding was unanimously elected Chairman of the Section for the ensuing year. Upon motion of Mr. R. Lehman, seconded by Mr. Kantrowitz, Acting Chairman Mayo cast the vote of the Section.

Mr. Beal inquired if the paper by Mr. W. A. Alpers on "The History of the A. Ph. A." had come before the Section.

The Chair responded that it had, and that he had commented on the fact that it was a most admirable paper of 35 pages length, covering the history of the first decade of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

Mr. Beal said that the paper was prepared at his earnest request by Mr. Alpers, who had kindly undertaken the preparation of a succinct and condensed history of the American Pharmaceutical Association; that this paper covered the first decade, except the year 1861, when no meeting was held. He stated that some portions of the early proceedings he (Mr. Beal) did not have and could not furnish them and that Mr. Alpers must have found them in some other library; that Mr. Alpers had analyzed and condensed and given the essence of every paper, every report and every resolution of the first decade. Mr. Beal stated that he himself had discovered from the history some things he did not know, and gave as an example that he had learned that a Pharmaceutical Syllabus was prepared and approved by the American Pharmaceutical Association during the first decade of its existence; that the preparation of this history meant an enormous amount of work, and that he would be glad if this Section would adopt a special vote of thanks to Mr. Alpers for what he had done.

On motion of Mr. Kantrowitz, seconded by Mr. Godbold, a rising vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Alpers in accordance with Mr. Beal's suggestion, and the Secretary of the Section was instructed to acquaint Mr. Alpers of this action.

Mr. Beal also moved that the Section tender a special vote of thanks to Wilhelm Bodemann for the presentation of the diploma of Doctor Albert Ebert and the student's portfolio of Leo Eliel, and that the Secretary of the Section be requested to acquaint Mr. Bodemann of the action of the Section.

This motion was seconded by H. M. Whelpley, and being put to a vote was unanimously carried.

On motion of Mr. Kantrowitz, seconded by Mr. Lehman, the Section adjourned to 8 o'clock Friday evening.

SECOND SESSION—Friday Evening, August, 23, 1912.

The second session of the Section on Historical Pharmacy was called to order by Acting Chairman Mayo at 8:45 p. m. in the ball-room of the hotel.

On motion of Prof J. P. Remington, the reading of the minutes of the first session was dispensed with.

The Chair stated that, as the report of the Committee on Chairman's Address was not yet ready, the Section would now have an illustrated lecture on "The Indian Doctor—His Drugs and His Utensils," by Henry M. Whelpley, of St. Louis.

Dr. Whelpley gave an interesting insight into what he termed "the medicine of

the uncivilized world," by his copious explanatory remarks on the many lantern-slide pictures illustrative of his subject projected upon the screen.

On motion of Charles E. Caspari, of St. Louis, a rising vote of thanks was tendered Dr. Whelpley for his very instructive lecture.

The report of the Committee on the Chairman's Address was then presented as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

1. We approve of the recommendation that the papers of this Section should be published in the Journal of this Association.

2. We approve of the recommendation that the Historian should be asked to prepare an index of the material accumulated during the existence of this Section; that a reasonable sum should be appropriated for clerical work, and that said index should be kept up to date by the addition of contributions for each year in alphabetical order.

3-4. We approve the recommendation that the incoming officers should enter into communication with local branches and state pharmaceutical associations with a view to selection of historians or historical committees by these bodies for the purpose of collecting material bearing upon the history of associations, branches, colleges, etc.

5. We do not approve of the recommendation that colleges of pharmacy be asked to add pharmaceutical history to their curricula.

6. We approve of the recommendation that the correspondence of the President and other officers of the Association be transferred to the Historian for preservation in the archives as suggested by President Eberle at the Boston meeting.

7. We approve of the recommendation that, if possible, provision should be made so that the pharmaceutical members of the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry of the American Medical Association may transfer their bulletins of this Council to the archives of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

8. We approve of the recommendation that veteran druggists' associations be formed in the larger cities.

9. We approve of the recommendation that two sessions of this Section should be held, one in the evening, and that at the evening session an illustrated historical lecture be given.

10. This committee does not fully understand what is meant by recommendation No. 10, and therefore neither approves nor disapproves it, believing that every member of the American Pharmaceutical Association is interested in the Historical Section.

C. J. CLAYTON.

F. W. MEISSNER.

F. C. GODBOLD.

The report was received and approved, after which the Section, on motion, adjourned *sine die*.