

COUNCIL LETTER NO. 11.

PHILADELPHIA, January 23, 1912.

To the Members of the Council:

Under date of January 15, 1912, the Secretary of the Council advised the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and the Treasurer of the Association that Motions Nos. 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24, relating to Budget of Appropriation for 1912 (C. L. No. 9), had each received a majority of affirmative votes.

Your Secretary had previously been advised by the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the correction of two errors in the proposed budget—one, changing the title of "Proceedings" to "Report on the Progress of Pharmacy," and the other, changing the appropriation to the Section on Historical Pharmacy from \$25 to \$50.

The following letter has been received from Chairman Koch, too late for inclusion in Council Letter No. 10:

"TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL—I am informed that motions Nos. 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 have each received a majority of affirmative votes and that the budget has been adopted with these changes. I regret that this is the case, as I do not believe that the merging of several accounts into one is to the advantage of the Association nor to the betterment of our financial methods. These, as we all know, are far from satisfactory. The greater the division of our expenditures under separate headings, the more insight we obtain. I cannot see why anyone should object to carrying a separate account under the headings of stenographers. If this item should be legitimately charged to the Journal account, which I do not by any means concede, then it is always an easy matter to ascertain the cost of the Journal to the Association by adding together the expenditures under the headings of Journal and Stenographers. The opposite, however, cannot be done. If the two accounts are merged, the cost to the Association of its stenographers can only be ascertained by going through the records of the Treasurer. Another advantage in two separate accounts is that in this case the expenditure for stenographers is limited to the amount of the appropriation, while under a merged appropriation there is no limit.

"Until comparatively recently all expenditures for the account of the National Formulary were made without any appropriation whatsoever. An appropriation was finally made. Since the revision of the National Formulary has been going on actively, and has been a source of expense to the Association, it was deemed wise by the Finance Committee to keep the expenditures incurred in revising the National Formulary separate, so that the Association should be able to determine the exact cost of revision. The other

National Formulary account was for the expenses of publication and distribution. It could certainly do no harm to keep these in two accounts separate.

J. A. KOCH.
"Pittsburg, January 20, 1912."

Under date of January 19, 1912, Treasurer Whelpley replies to the Secretary: "Your letter of January 15 at hand. I do not see any other course to be followed than the one you outline."

J. W. ENGLAND,
Secretary of the Council.

Obituaries and Memorials

Persons having information of the death of members of the A. Ph. A. are requested to send the same promptly to J. W. England, 415 N. 33d St., Philadelphia, Pa. Information as to the age, activities in pharmacy, family, etc., should be as complete as possible. When convenient a cabinet photograph should accompany data.

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CLIFFORD RAMSDELL.

Clifford Ramsdell, president of the Ramsdell Drug Company of New York, and a former member of the drug firm of Daggett & Ramsdell, died Saturday, December 30, 1911, from Bright's disease, at his home, 101 E. 75th St. Mr. Ramsdell was born in 1858, and graduated from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in 1882. With V. C. Daggett, Mr. Ramsdell in 1890 founded the drug firm of which he was a former member. He became a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1907.—J. W. E.

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REUBEN D. ROBERTSON.

We are advised by A. H. Bushnell, Commanding Colonel of the Medical Corps, U. S. Army, General Hospital, Fort Bayard, New Mexico, that Reuben D. Robertson, a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association, died at that hospital on December 11, 1911, of pulmonary tuberculosis. Mr. Robertson became a member of the Association in 1911.—J. W. E.

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DEATH OF ELIEL SISTERS.

Information has just been received of the death of two sisters of the late Leo Eliel, Ex-President of the A. Ph. A. One died in October last, and the other on Christmas day.