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SOME RESULTS OF THE SIXTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

While to preserve historical continuity the detailed account of the sixtieth annual convention will be presented in another number of the JOURNAL, some of its more important features may be mentioned here.

The attendance though not up to some former records was fairly satisfactory, considering the distance of the meeting place from the sections where the Association is strongest in membership. The cluster of states immediately surrounding Colorado were well represented, while the Pacific Coast States contributed liberally to the number of delegates present.

The Eastern States, however, were rather slenderly represented, except by members who regard attendance at the annual meeting as a regular part of their yearly program. From Massachusetts, chiefly from around Boston, came a party of 25 or more, which took in the Denver meeting as part of an extensive tour through Yellowstone Park and the Rockies.

One of the most important items of con-

structive work was the creation of a House of Delegates, to assist in expediting the convention's yearly business by the preliminary hearing and discussion of matters which can not be properly heard or efficiently dealt with in the limit of time allotted to the General Sessions.

The House of Delegates is composed of properly accredited delegates from pharmaceutical and allied associations and from schools and colleges of pharmacy, whose credentials have been approved by the Council, together with the general officers of the associations and five members of the Council.

The functions of the House of Delegates are:

To receive and discuss reports and recommendations from its delegates.

To consider and report upon such matters as are referred to it by the Council or by the Association.

To act as a General Committee on Resolutions and to propose and report to the Council a series of resolutions upon the subjects considered by the House.

From the above enumeration of powers it will be seen that the House of Delegates is in the nature of a court of first resort, where matters of association interest can be given preliminary hearing and put into shape for prompt disposal by the Council and General Sessions.

Having been enacted by resolution of the Council, ratified by the General Session, the House of Delegates has only such powers as are conferred upon it by the resolution. It can recommend action to the Council, but it cannot enforce its recommendations, and thus there is no chance of its becoming a Frankenstein monster capable of destroying its creator.

By its undertaking the hearing of the greetings of delegates and others, it will relieve the First General Session of a duty which has long interfered with a prompt disposal of more important business, and by considering and putting into proper shape original resolutions which are too meritorious to reject, but are not in proper form for adoption, it will relieve the general body of a vast amount of detail work that can be better done by a subordinate body. The General Session and Council still retain full power to hear and dispose of any resolution or motion if they prefer to do so.

In short the House of Delegates at present

possesses advisory powers only, though it is the hope of its friends that these will be exercised so discreetly and to such good purpose that the Association will in time materially enlarge the scope of its activities.

Although its organization was not authorized until late in the meeting, the House, nevertheless, was able to demonstrate its usefulness by whipping into shape a body of resolutions which otherwise could not have been given proper consideration. Next year, with a definitely outlined program, the new body will be able to fully establish its utility, or else demonstrate its inability to deal with the work which is referred to it. The fate of the House of Delegates is in its own hands.

Another piece of constructive work was the authorization of a Women's Section or Auxiliary, the temporary officers and committees of which are to be provided by the Council. At its first annual meeting the newly-created body is to adopt its own body of rules and regulations and elect its own officers, and in the future will have control of its own destinies, except as to the place which it is to occupy on the annual program.

By the creation of this Section it is hoped to provide the ladies of the convention with the means of employing their time during Section meetings with other things than trolley rides and euchre parties. The local committee will not therefore feel compelled, as heretofore, to provide such diversions during the working hours of the meeting, so that all excursions, etc., can be deferred until the more serious business of the convention has been disposed of, when all may take part in them.

Perhaps the most gratifying features of the meeting are to be found in the reports of the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Membership Committee,—both showing that the Association has reached a new high-water mark in funds and in growth of membership.

With funds of considerably over \$55,000.00 in the treasury, and with a rapidly growing membership list, the general feeling is that the Association is in the middle of the prosperity high road, with an increasingly easy grade before it.

A less satisfactory feature of the meeting was the excessive entertainment, which, notwithstanding the discussions of the Boston meeting, still materially interfered with serious business.

Denver is so located as to afford opportunity for many short excursions to objects of interest, and the local committee were naturally anxious to have the visitors see their beautiful city to the best advantage. Theoretically these diversions were for the ladies only, but experience proved that, as in former years, the necessity for male escorts was so great as to seriously deplete attendance at the Section meetings.

At future conventions it is hoped that the Women's Section, by providing other work for the ladies, will cause the postponement of these diversions until after the serious business of the convention has been concluded.



ENTERTAINMENTS OF THE A. PH. A. CONVENTION.

The entertainments in honor of the visiting ladies of the American Pharmaceutical Association given by the ladies of the Denver and State Associations were on an elaborate scale and of such a character as to indelibly stamp Denver and its fair hostesses forever on the minds of every visitor.

The local women had organized themselves as the "Silent Partners" and the way they worked together in dispensing hospitality to the strangers within their gates showed them to be very capable partners indeed.

President Godding's reception was held Monday evening in the ball room of the Brown Palace Hotel, and was followed by dancing.

Tuesday morning the ladies and such of the men as could tear themselves away from the Section sessions were taken on a trolley ride to the foot hills, passing through several mining towns in the Clear Creek valley and stopping at Golden, one of the most beautifully situated mountain towns of Colorado, where is located the State School of Mines. As the car rolled along the scene was one for keen enjoyment; on the one hand the mountain streams, on the other the low lands covered with vegetable gardens, alfalfa fields and brilliant wild flowers stretching away to the foot hills backed by the mountain peaks, some snow-capped, some lost in the clouds and others clearly defined against the blue sky, and over all the brilliant sunshine, a picture impressing itself deeply in the memories of those unaccustomed to mountain scenery.

Tuesday evening was given to a complimen-

tary concert and picture show in the Trinity M. E. Church. The program of vocal, violin and orchestra music was well selected and the artists were warmly applauded, but probably the most interest centered in the piano playing of a little 12-year-old girl, whose name did not appear in the program. At the close of the concert, Mr. E. G. Fine, a druggist of Boulder, Colo., showed a number of travelogue pictures which he had prepared from photographs taken in the Colorado mountains. Mr. Fine's descriptions were very interesting and he held his audience in rapt attention for the balance of the evening.

Wednesday morning the ladies were taken in automobiles on a "seeing-Denver trip," after which none were inclined to criticise the Denver people for boosting their home city.

In the afternoon of the same day special cars were provided to take the ladies to a matinee at Lakeside, where Belasco's play, "The Easiest Way," was presented by the Fealy-Durkin Stock Company.

On Thursday the autos were again pressed into service and a trip was made to Wilmore's Dahlia Farm, the finest of its kind in this country. Here were spread out in long beds dahlias from the common yard variety to those of immense size, beautiful gradations of color and unusual and wonderful structure, among which the visitors were allowed to roam at will. Blossoms were generously distributed among the ladies and a pleasant half hour was spent with the flowers. One particularly fine "fluffy ruffles" variety was named by the proprietor in honor of Dr. Rusby. On the return trip a stop was made at Inspiration Point, from which there is a fine view of the mountains and a panoramic view of the city.

In the afternoon of Thursday a six-hand euchre party was given in the parlors of the Brown Palace Hotel.

At 8 o'clock the ladies were given a toast banquet at the Albany Hotel. Two hundred ladies were seated at the prettily appointed tables. Mrs. R. H. McKenzie was charming as toastmistress, introducing the speakers with many witty and complimentary remarks suited to the occasion. The following toasts were responded to:

"From the Seats of the Mighty," Mrs. Shaffroth, wife of the Governor.

"Incompatibles," Mrs. Godding of Boston.

"Druggists' Sundries," Mrs. Grenfel, State Superintendent of Schools.

"The Corner Drug Store," Mrs. Storer.

"Bread Pills," Mrs. Robinson, a prominent political worker.

"Strangers Within Our Gates," Mrs. C. M. Ford, President of the Silent Partners.

The favors were dainty souvenir spoons bearing the picture of the Welcome Arch in the bowl.

This completed the program of entertainments planned especially for the ladies, although many private affairs were given during the week in honor of the visitors. The JOURNAL is pleased to officially convey the thanks of the ladies of the Association to the ladies of Denver and of the Colorado Pharmaceutical Association for their very generous hospitality.

On Friday the business sessions were discontinued so that the members might join in the trip to Glacier Lake, the road to which leads through the famous "Switzerland Trail of America." From 8 o'clock till noon the train carried the sightseers through picturesque canons, along mountain streams, the banks of which were dotted here and there with clumps of wild flowers, sighting occasionally a miner's claim, through mining villages nestled at the foot of the mountains; gradually rising higher and higher up the steep slopes and around the short turns; beyond, the higher peaks holding aloft their snowy heads; around us, the vegetation growing scantier with each ascending mile.

At last we arrive at beautiful Glacier Lake and leave the train with orders to form the "bread line" to the baggage car which is plentifully supplied with box luncheons and iced drinks. Mountain air is conducive to hunger and it was not long until the long line had been served and hunger appeased.

After lunch a photograph was taken of the entire party (about 500 people), then the return trip was commenced, with a repetition of the enjoyment of the going trip.

The train was scheduled for a stop at Boulder and the party was met at the train by a brass band, automobiles and special cars for a trip through the city. A visit was made to the campus of the State University, then on to the Chautauqua grounds, where the visitors were served with refreshments on the lawn and enjoyed a wonderful view of the city and mountains and plains beyond. The citizens

and druggists of Boulder made the two-hour stop very pleasant, and the thanks of the Association were voiced at the station by Mr. Walker of Texas.

Only a literary genius could so press our language into service as to adequately describe these mountains and the wonderful impression their ever-varying scenery makes on the mind of the traveler, but we believe none in the A. Ph. A. party failed to appreciate all the beauties of Colorado, and we know they all were appreciative of the lavish entertainment provided by the local druggists.

ANNA G. BAGLEY.

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BALTIMORE, MD., Aug. 11, 1912.

To the Editor:

In reading over the JOURNAL I saw mention of Dr. Charles Caspari, Jr., for Chief of the Bureau of Chemistry. He is THE man for the place.

Dr. Caspari taught me for three years at the University of Maryland, and I have never met a man with the knowledge, resourcefulness and fairness he possesses.

Could not resist the temptation to say a few words for him. Yours truly,

LAWRENCE S. WILLIAMS.

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., of the deceased should be as complete as possible. When convenient a cabinet photograph should accompany data.

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EDWARD S. KELLEY.

Edward S. Kelley passed away July 13, 1912, in Worcester, Mass., after a short illness of pneumonia. He was born in Franklin, N. H., December 4, 1847, and came to Boston when a young man and learned the drug business, in which he continued all his life. He was a member of the Class of 1870 of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and was for seven years with T. Metcalf & Co. In 1870 he opened on Boylston street the first drug store in the then newly developed Back Bay district and remained in this loca-