

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LOCAL BRANCHES

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Reports of the meetings of the Local Branches should be mailed to the Editor on the day following the meeting, if possible. Minutes should be typewritten, with wide spaces between the lines. Care should be taken to give proper names correctly, and manuscript should be signed by the reporter. To maintain its activity and representation each Branch should see that at least three of its meetings during the year are reported in the Journal.

CHICAGO.

The 116th meeting of the Chicago Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held Friday evening, February 18, 1921, at the LaSalle Hotel, with President C. M. Snow in the chair.

Preceding the meeting was a splendid dinner with a large birthday cake, served as a celebration of the fifteenth anniversary of the Branch. The dinner and the meeting were well attended. A telegram of congratulation from Dr. H. M. Whelpley and the St. Louis druggists was read.

At the meeting Secretary Gathercoal presented a history* of the Branch activities and membership for the fifteen years.

Ex-President Caswell A. Mayo presented the principal address of the evening. From the rich experiences he has gained at the thirty annual meetings of the Association that he has attended, Mr. Mayo gave us liberally of reminiscence and anecdote recalled by the pictures as they were presented. He took us from Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1887, to Detroit, Old Point Comfort, Va., New Orleans, into the White Mountains of New Hampshire, out to Denver, Lake Minnetonka, Minn., back east to Baltimore, and in 1900 to Richmond, Va. Many splendid pictures of the trip to Mackinac Island, in 1903, were shown. We also paid a visit to San Francisco with recollections of the great World's Fair in that city, and then east to Atlantic City, where we viewed a group of famous pharmaceutical bathers. Then from city to city, until finally, many beautiful pictures of the last meeting in Washington were presented. He con-

* The sketch follows; it was also accompanied by an interesting tabulation of the membership, which we hope to print in a later issue.

cluded with a number of pictures illustrating some of the odd and beautiful features of New Orleans, where our next meeting will be held in September of this year.

Not enough can be said in compliment of the beauty and appropriateness of the pictures or of the very pleasing manner in which Mr. Mayo discussed them.

E. N. GATHERCOAL,
Secretary.

THE CHICAGO BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, 1906-1921.

By E. N. Gathercoal, Secretary-Treasurer (1913-21).

The beginning of the year 1906 witnessed the inauguration of two projects by the American Pharmaceutical Association that have been very beneficial in upholding and upbuilding its scientific standing and widespread influence among pharmacists.

Prof. C. S. N. Hallberg was the prime mover and backer of these two great constructive projects, *viz.*, the publication of a monthly bulletin or journal for binding the members more closely into a national unity and the gathering of the members resident in each locality into local associations or branches.

Thus, in January of 1906 was issued the first number of the *Bulletin*, the forerunner of our present JOURNAL, and in February 1906 was organized the Chicago Branch, the first of the twenty local branches that now include half of the membership of the Association. Hallberg, devoted to the A. Ph. A., was editor of the *Bulletin*, and was the strong support of the Branch.

Associated with Hallberg in forming the Chicago Branch were 58 members in Chicago and 14 in nearby cities, including such well-known names as Oscar Oldberg (first president), W. B. Day (secretary-treasurer, 1906-1912),

Leo Eliel, A. E. Ebert, F. W. Meissner, C. M. Snow, Wm. Gray, Herman Fry, C. P. Van Schaack, M. A. Miner, C. W. Patterson, Mrs. Amanda Stahl Druehl, C. H. Avery and others among the first officers and committees.

During 1906, 109 new members were received, through an energetic drive by Professors Hallberg and Oldberg. After 1906 the accession of members was much less rapid, though in 1907 there were 37 received, and 31 in 1908. The loss of Professor Hallberg, by death in 1910, and of Professor Oldberg, through ill health and removal to California, caused a deep feeling of depression in the Branch and the interest in new members was carried almost alone by Secretary Day. In 1918, with the annual meeting of the parent Association in Chicago, a real interest by Chicago pharmacists was manifested in the Branch and 68 new members were added, 40 more in 1919, and last year, 1920, was our banner year, with 131 new members.

The total number of new members added to the Branch during these fifteen years is 589, though many more throughout the state of Illinois, and even in surrounding states, have been added to the Association through the efforts of the Branch. With the names of 29 members, who have moved into Chicago territory, we have a grand total of 690 names on the rolls of the Branch. Our membership, December 31, 1920, was 347, thus our total losses during the 15 years have been 343 members, as follows: Thirty-eight by death, 33 by moving away, and 272 by resignation and suspension.

The thirty-three who have moved out of the Branch territory are still members of the Association, so that the Association has lost but 310 during the fifteen years. Your secretary has recently completed, with the kindly help of Treasurer Whelpley, the membership history of every name on the Branch rolls. It is interesting to note that of the 72 charter members, 23 have resigned or been suspended, 22 have died, 4 have moved away, and 23 are still members of the Branch. One member, Oliver F. Fuller, joined the Association in 1869, at the annual meeting held in Chicago that year, one member, Chas. E. Matthews, remains of those who joined at the Chicago meeting of 1893, and 52 remain members of the 68 who joined at the Chicago meeting of 1918. The Chicago Branch now constitutes more than one-tenth of the total member-

ship of the Association and is exceeded in numbers, I believe, only by the New York Branch.

The Chicago Branch, since its inception, has held one hundred and fourteen meetings, and has consistently endeavored throughout its history to maintain the high standards set by the parent Association for the advancement of the science and art of pharmacy and the improvement of pharmaceutical practice.

Of the one hundred and fourteen meetings about half have been devoted to scientific subjects, about twelve meetings to pharmaceutical legislation, about twenty-five meetings to pharmaceutical practice and commercial pharmacy, several meetings to pharmacists and pharmacy in connection with the World War and the remainder to social occasions and to general meetings.

A long list of leading American pharmacists have read scientific papers before the Branch. Just a mention of such names as Dr. Henry H. Rusby, Prof. John Uri Lloyd, Dr. James H. Beal, Wilbur L. Scoville, Prof. A. H. Clark, Dr. George Simmons, Joseph Price Remington, Dr. Andrew Winton, Dr. Lyman F. Kebler, Dr. W. W. Stockberger, Dr. Edward Kremers, Dr. George D. Beal, Dr. Carl Alsberg, Dr. Henry Kraemer, Dr. F. J. Wulling, Seward H. Williams, Wm. Gray, Dr. Bernard Fantus and Dr. H. M. Gordin, indicates the character and eminence of the speakers that have appeared before the Branch.

It has been the aim of the officers of the Branch not to offer papers of a highly technical character but, rather, papers and illustrated lectures that could be appreciated by the every-day pharmacists. It has been our desire to attract and retain the interest of the great body of retail pharmacists to the scientific, professional side of pharmacy.

Pharmaceutical legislation has also received much attention and a number of meetings have been devoted to the Harrison narcotic law, the Volstead prohibition law, the Prerequisite amendment of the Illinois pharmacy law and to proposed Compulsory Health Insurance laws. We have been fortunate in having the services of such men as Jas. H. Wells, H. C. Christensen, Samuel C. Henry, James H. Beal, W. B. Day, I. M. Light, John J. Boehm and F. C. Dodds in caring for legislative matters of pharmaceutical interest.

Problems of Practical Pharmacy have been discussed and splendidly elucidated by leaders of such reputation as Dr. Oskar Oldberg, Prof. C. S. N. Hallberg, Leo Eliel, F. W.

Nitardy, W. T. Klenze, I. A. Becker, Dr. Bernard Fantus, Wm. Gray, Prof. C. M. Snow and many others. Especial attention has been given to Pharmacopoeial and National Formulary revision. The commercial side of pharmacy has not been neglected before the Branch as is witnessed by the following very popular meetings: "Building up of a Drug Business" (Jas. W. Morrisson), "Window Trims" (Hugh Craig), "Why Some Druggists Don't Make More Money" (Harry B. Mason), "Photographic Supplies—a Side-line for Druggists," "Candy—How It Is Made and How the Retailer Should Stock It," etc.

Among the general meetings, none ranks higher for attendance, interest and patriotism than the Reunion of Pharmaceutical Ex-Service Men, Nov. 18, 1919, when the Service Roll of Illinois Pharmacists was presented. Of the many splendid illustrated lectures delivered before the Branch, special mention should be made of the following: Dr. H. M. Whelpley in 1916 on "Some Historical Features of the A. Ph. A." "The A. Ph. A. Meeting in Colorado," by Prof. A. H. Clark in 1919. "The Social Side of the A. Ph. A. Meetings," by Dean C. A. Mayo in 1921.

This short history of the Branch cannot be concluded without an encomium for the man who succeeded Professor Hallberg as the mainstay of the Branch. Professor W. B. Day has constantly striven since the organization of the Branch to forward its best interests, to keep its best features before the retail druggists of Chicago, to give the A. Ph. A. the best that he has had in him, not alone in thought but in action.

Finally, the Chicago Branch aims for future growth and usefulness. Many important problems in the discovery, preparation and dispensing of medicines remain unsolved. The Branch should encourage its members to do their share in this research work. Higher education of pharmacists has not yet been fully attained. The Branch must constantly preach in its field the advantages to pharmacy of such higher education. General publicity, emphasizing in the community the professional standing of the pharmacist, is constantly necessary. The Branch must do its part in maintaining this publicity. We aim to support the parent Association in all its worthy endeavors and to cooperate with the Drug Trade Conference, and the American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy and with our sister organization,

the National Retail Druggists' Association, in all of their undertakings for the betterment of pharmacy.

CINCINNATI.

The Cincinnati Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association held its regular meeting at The Lloyd Library, Friday, January 28, 1921, President Voss presiding. In the absence of our worthy secretary, Charles Apmeyer, who is confined to his home on account of sickness, Louis Werner officiated in his stead.

The feature of the evening was an illustrated lecture by F. M. Callendar, on the "Standardization of Drugs," which proved a splendid discourse on the advancement of scientific pharmacy in America, and an admirable endorsement for higher education.

The lantern slides were excellent, and exhibited the cultivation, gathering, and preparation of crude drugs. It also demonstrated how unscrupulous dealers replace drugs with old shoes, stones, shells, and a variety of foreign materials for fraudulent purposes.

The laboratory equipment necessary for standardization of medicinal preparations revealed a colossal collection of the most intricate and delicate instruments and apparatus, and brought to view the estimable value of the skilled operator. The lecture was highly educational, and worthy of the highest praise.

Discussions followed by Messrs. Kyser, Murphy, Werner and Mrs. Wetterstroem. A rising vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Callendar in appreciation of his efforts.

A gratifying report was made by Dr. J. T. Lloyd, regarding the condition of his father, Prof. John Uri Lloyd, who is recovering from an attack of pneumonia. The Branch was overjoyed upon receiving such encouraging information, and extended its hearty good wishes to Professor Lloyd.

Frank Freericks spoke upon the necessity of pharmacists making a united effort in combating the encroachment upon their rights due to prohibition legislation. He laid great stress upon the enormous expense heaped upon them, from which no real benefit is derived, and places an unnecessary burden upon the suffering public. The bond proposition was compared with a huge extortion. A committee was appointed to find some means of action by which the public could be made aware of this condition, and report at the next meeting.

D. E. Murphy, Chairman of the Program Committee, announced that cards will soon be issued for the annual banquet.

LOUIS WERNER,
Secretary, pro tem.

DETROIT.

The Detroit Branch, A. Ph. A., held the 5th monthly meeting of the 1920-21 season on the evening of Friday, February 11th, in the parlor of the Wayne County Medical Society Building. An informal dinner preceded the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 8 P. M., President Chase being in the chair.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to write a letter of sympathy and send flowers to Mr. Moore, our able chairman of the Program Committee, who has been ill for the past two months. Dr. Kraus, Acting Dean of the Michigan University School of Pharmacy, was present and made a few remarks, congratulating the Branch for the harmony existing between it and the university.

Prof. Stocking presented the first paper of the evening on the "Viscosity of Oils and Its Relationship to Their Emulsions," taking an entirely new phase of the subject, the result of original research by the author.

H. L. Guffin next presented a paper treating with the practical problems of a drug store entitled "Drug Store Management," the subject treated under seven headings, as follows:

1. Keeping Store Clean.
2. Buying and Stock-keeping.
3. Handling of Customers.
4. Handling of Clerks or Employees.
5. Prescription Department.
6. Keeping the Law.
7. Accounting.

Much interest was displayed in the general discussion that followed the reading of this paper.

A vote of thanks was extended to the two speakers, who afforded us one of the most successful meetings of the year.

CROSBY B. WASHBURN,
Secretary.

NEW ENGLAND.

A meeting of the New England Branch was held on Wednesday evening, February 16th, at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, President William H. Glover presiding. After the transaction of regular business, the

following officers were elected for the ensuing year: *President*, Florin J. Amrhein; *Vice-President*, Leon A. Thompson; and *Secretary-Treasurer*, Leslie B. Barrett.

After the election of officers the members were joined by the members of the Boston Association of Retail Druggists, and a paper was presented by Florin J. Amrhein on "The Advisability of Uniform Standards for Essences and Extracts." This paper brought forth much discussion and criticism of the present dual standards. Next Mr. Glover spoke briefly on syrups of orange and lemon made from the tincture. He was followed by Professor La Pierre, who discussed several N. F. preparations. C. Fred Wright presented a report on legislation of interest to pharmacists proposed in Massachusetts.

Concluding the program, a buffet lunch was served in the Alumni Room, which was appreciated by all. There were fifty in attendance and indications promise an increased activity in the Branch.

FLORIN J. AMRHEIN,
Secretary.

NEW YORK.

The February 1921 meeting of the New York Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was called to order in the Lecture Hall of the New York College of Pharmacy Bldg., 115 West 68th St., N. Y. City, on Monday, February 14, 1921.

Ninety members and friends were present. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report.—The Treasurer's report was received and ordered filed.

Membership Committee.—The following applications were received for membership: Parent Organization, Reginald Miller, 55 East 32nd St., Brooklyn, N. Y. Local Branch, Abraham Dorb, 3181 Broadway, N. Y. City.

Fraternal Relations.—Mr. Smith brought in no report.

Audit Committee.—Dr. Diner submitted and read a report outlining a list of the moneys received and moneys expended during the year 1920. The report was ordered filed, with the thanks of the Association.

Education and Legislation.—Chairman Eddy brought in a lengthy report which, after being discussed by Dr. Diner, was ordered filed.

Member of the Council.—Dr. Hostmann reported progress.

Communications.—A letter was read by the Secretary from the President of the Senior

Class of the Brooklyn College of Pharmacy asking for approval by our Branch for a drive to collect a fund in honor of the late Prof. Joseph Kahn, the interest of which is to be expended towards paying for the annual medal to be awarded at that college. It was moved, seconded and carried that the plan be approved and endorsed as requested in the letter.

New Business.—Mr. Lehman discussed the work of the Professional Guild at some length.

Progress of Pharmacy.—Dr. Diekman brought in a lengthy report consisting of abstracts of various current scientific articles. The report was ordered received with the thanks of the Association.

The papers of the evening were now presented:

Dr. Curt P. Wimmer discussed the subject of "Perfumes and Perfumery," followed by Dr. Roddie Minor, who discussed the practical phase of this subject. Discussion was followed by Drs. Diner and Mayer. A rising vote of thanks was extended to the speakers.

HUGO H. SCHAEFFER,
Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA.

The monthly meeting of the Philadelphia Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, Tuesday evening, February 8, 1921, President Goodhart occupying the chair.

New members having been elected and the minutes of the previous meeting approved, President Goodhart appointed the Nominating Committee, C. H. LaWall, chairman, and Prof. H. Youngken and Ambrose Hunsberger as members, the committee to report at the March meeting.

A communication was read from the World Metric Standardization Council urging the endorsement of the Metric Standards Bill (H. R. 14520), now in the House of Representatives. The endorsement of the bill was carried and the secretary was instructed to communicate with the members of the House.

Dr. Heber Youngken presented a paper on "Some Ideas for Improvement of Conditions in Pharmacy." Dr. Minehart, Dr. H. C. Wood and E. G. Eberle discussed the many phases of the paper.

Dr. W. W. McNeary then read a paper on the "Solubility of Volatile Oils in Water." He presented some very interesting facts. Dr.

Wood and Dr. LaWall emphasized the fact that there apparently was nothing available in the literature in regard to this very important subject. Mr. McNeary and many other members were convinced that there was more oil used in the present methods than was necessary.

Both contributors were thanked for their papers.

JOS. W. E. HARRISSON,
Secretary.

PITTSBURGH.

The meeting of the Pittsburgh Branch of the A. Ph. A., January 25th, was unusually well attended and the proceedings thoroughly enjoyed. A number of the students of the College of Pharmacy, where the meetings are held, were present. A communication was presented from P. Henry Utech, of Meadville, Pa., member of the National Formulary Committee of the A. Ph. A., in which he offered to attend one of our meetings for the purpose of opening a discussion on "Making the National Formulary V, covering the additions, deletions and suggestive changes." In his letter Mr. Utech writes:

"I could then acquaint the members present with the outline of the work thus far accomplished, the scope, principles and standards that have been adopted for the work, together with any other ideas or tentative rules that have been adopted and which the Committee are anxious to have an expression of opinion on."

It was unanimously decided that Mr. Utech be invited to be present at the next meeting of the Branch, Tuesday, February 15th, and that the occasion be given wide publicity in order that all pharmacists residing in the Pittsburgh territory be cordially invited to be present and given an opportunity to take part in the discussion. President Darbaker named the personnel of a committee to formulate a slate for officers to be presented at the next meeting.

The program, as announced, was then taken up, the subject being "Blood Grouping in Transfusions," by Edward C. Reif, Ph.D., of the College faculty and consulting chemist at St. John's Hospital. The paper was accompanied by demonstrations conducted by Dr. Francis Joyce, pathologist of St. John's Hospital, and Dr. Rochman, pathologist of St. Joseph's Hospital. These demonstrations were fully carried to a conclusion by the use of blood contributed by several present, who consented to being bled for the

purpose. The results, upon completion, were shown under the microscope and proved very enlightening to all who enjoyed the privilege of being present. B. E. PRITCHARD,
Secretary.

At the meeting of the Pittsburgh Branch, A. Ph. A., held February 15th, P. Henry Utech, of Meadville, Pa., member of the Committee on Revision of the National Formulary V, was present by invitation to lead in a discussion on proposed additions and deletions. Mr. Utech said in his opening remarks, "It may interest you to know that the National Formulary had its origin in your own city of Pittsburgh. At a meeting of the A. Ph. A., held in this city in 1885, it appears a committee was appointed on unofficial formulas and undertook to collect such data as available. They began operations immediately and so assiduously did they perform their tasks that the following year, at the Providence meeting of the A. Ph. A., they were able to present a preliminary draft of the National Formulary." Referring to the task that is set before the Revision Committee, Mr. Utech called attention to the fact that "The present N. F. contains 800 titles, each of which must be carefully scrutinized, any changes or improvements in process or product noted, source of information investigated, and abstracted. The results in each case are referred first to sub-committees and later to full committees for approval or rejection. The whole work of revision, stupendous as it is, goes forward with such clock-like precision that but few persons outside the committee

realize the scope or magnitude of the labor it involves."

Mr. Utech invited full and free discussion on all questioned articles or any new preparations intended for admission, stating that suggestions and advice proffered at this juncture will have a tendency to avert unfavorable criticism later on. If the N. F. V. as a practical working formulary fails to measure up to the high standard which the pharmacists of the country have the right to expect, the blame will attach to none other than themselves, because of their failure to participate in this important work. All the proposed deletions were named and the wisdom of their being omitted or retained was fully gone into. A rising vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Utech for his having made the journey from Meadville to be present at this meeting of the Branch for the purpose of giving us the opportunity to have foreknowledge of the character of this official volume.

Owing to the prominence given recently to several of our pharmacists having been fined for infraction of the Food and Drugs Act for dispensing Elixir I. Q. and S. not in accord with the official formula unwittingly, it having been purchased from manufacturing pharmacists, Dr. Blumenschein's talk on this preparation was timely, interesting and enlightening.

The nominating committee presented the following nominees to be elected at the next meeting of the Branch: *President*, Henry L. Lohmeyer; *Vice-President*, Edward C. Nied; *Secretary*, Benj. E. Pritchard; *Treasurer*, P. Henry Utech. B. E. PRITCHARD,
Secretary.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. PH. A. COUNCIL LETTER NO. 13.

(Abstract.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 7, 1921.

58. *Election of active members—Result of vote.* Motion No. 57 (Applications Nos. 341 to 361, inclusive, for active membership) has received a majority of affirmative votes.

59. *Request that the National Formulary Committee be authorized to hold a meeting at some time during the coming summer.* Under date of January 17, 1921, Wilbur L. Scoville, Chairman of the National Formulary Committee, writes from Detroit, as follows:

"It will be necessary for the National Formulary Committee to hold a conference at some time during the coming summer if the National Formulary revision is to keep pace with the U. S. Pharmacopoeia revision. The U. S. P. Revision Committee will probably be called together about the first of July for a conference on U. S. P. work. The National Formulary revision work is now abreast of the U. S. P. revision and a conference at the proper stage of the work is equal to six to twelve months' time of correspondence.

"Both committees plan to have the experimental work on the retained articles finished