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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LOCAL BRANCHES

"All papers presented to the Association and its branches shall become the property of the Association, with the understanding that they are not to be published in any other publications than those of the Association, except by consent of the Committee on Publication."—By-Laws, Chapter X, Art. III.

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.

BALTIMORE.

A well-attended meeting of the Baltimore Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held at the Emerson Hotel on Wednesday evening, April 20, 1921, President J. C. Krantz, Jr., presiding.

Dr. Charles C. Plitt gave a very interesting and instructive talk on the subject "Ferns Indigenous to Baltimore," which address was illustrated with lantern slides.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to expressions of regret at the death of Dr. Henry P. Hynson, who was one of the leaders in the organization of the Baltimore Branch, and who was always interested and ready to assist in planning and carrying on any work helpful to the Branch.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"WHEREAS, Our honored and beloved friend, Dr. Henry P. Hynson, has been removed from our midst by death; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Dr. Henry P. Hynson, the Baltimore Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association has lost one of its most useful and influential members—one who was ever ready to respond to the call of duty and one who

gave to us freely the benefit of his valuable experience and wisdom.

Resolved, That we recognize his devotion and loyalty to his chosen profession, his friends and his community. Especially do we acknowledge the debt of gratitude we owe to him for the intelligence with which he planned and the sagacity with which he executed his many efforts to place American Pharmacy upon a higher and firmer plane.

Resolved, That we respectfully extend to his family our earnest and tender sympathy, and that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Branch and that copies be sent to the family of the deceased and to the JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION."

B. OLIVE COLE,
Secretary-Treasurer.

CHICAGO.

The 118th monthly meeting of the Chicago Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held Friday evening, April 29, at the University of Illinois School of Pharmacy; President C. M. Snow presided.

Upon motion a committee was appointed to report at the next meeting regarding the matter of exhibit by the Chicago Branch at the annual meeting of the Illinois Pharmaceu-

tical Association to be held in Chicago June 21. Messrs. Day, Gray and Gathercoal were appointed members of this committee. A motion was unanimously adopted expressing sympathy and condolence to the family of Henry P. Hynson in their bereavement, due to the recent death of Professor Hynson, and a copy of this resolution was directed to be sent to the family.

Harold N. Bruun presented the objects and aims of the Committee on Commercial Interests of the Illinois Pharmaceutical Association in connection with its coming Chicago meeting, and invited all members of the Chicago Branch to be present at the meeting and to take active part in its proceedings. He stated that at least one whole afternoon would be devoted to the addresses on commercial subjects and that the exhibits would consist largely of such articles as are of especial usefulness in the drug store.

Prof. O. V. R. Smith presented a very interesting lecture on the preparation of pharmaceuticals and biologicals, illustrated by moving pictures prepared at the plant of Parke, Davis & Co. His lecture was much appreciated and a vote of thanks extended.

E. N. GATHERCOAL,
Secretary.

DENVER.

The March meeting of the Denver Branch, A. Ph. A., was held at Baur's on the evening of March 15th, preceded by a dinner as usual. Thirty members were present and five new members were elected.

A vote of confidence in their integrity and honesty of purpose was extended to two members who had recently been prosecuted for the sale of substandard preparations, the evidence tending to show that while the samples, on which the prosecution was based, were substandard, that fact was not known to the men involved.

The status of the pharmacy bill in the Legislature was presented by Messrs. SeCheverell and Mortenson, who believed it had a good show for enactment.

Mr. Wilbur F. Cannon, the present incumbent, was endorsed for the position of Pure Food and Drug Commissioner.

Mr. SeCheverell stated that the law requiring that prescriptions for venereal diseases be reported to the City Health Officer, applies only in the event that the prescrip-

tions bear the doctor's case number. It was agreed that copies of such prescriptions should not be given, unless they be used by others than those for whom the doctor had prescribed.

A recent City Ordinance requires the use of a Skull and Cross-Bones label on all containers of "medicated" alcohol, which, if taken literally, would include such articles as Spirit of Camphor, etc. The intention was to require the poison label only on "denatured alcohol" containing wood alcohol, but, unfortunately, the wording makes it to include non-poisonous alcoholic compounds as well. The legislative committee promised to endeavor to secure the repeal of this ordinance, or such amendment as may be necessary.

The candidacy of Wm. B. Warrington, a South Denver druggist, for a place in the City Council was announced and support was asked from all who reside in his district.

A resolution was adopted, protesting against the increasing list of "alcoholic preparations fit for beverage use," and the difficulty attendant upon their purchase from wholesalers. The belief was expressed that if the sale of all preparations containing more than one-half of one percent of alcohol and possible to use for beverage, was restricted to pharmacists, there would be no need for further restrictions.

A general sales tax, to take the place of the numerous forms of taxation now prevailing, was discussed, and given unanimous approval, and the secretary instructed to communicate our views and desires to our representatives in Congress.

The proposition of preparing and caring for the N. A. R. D. meeting to be held in Denver the week of September 19, was discussed at length, resulting in an agreement that the officers of the Denver Pharmaceutical Association and of the Branch be constituted a general committee to have full charge of the whole matter, with power to select or appoint such subcommittees as may be deemed necessary. Acting upon this authority a finance committee, with A. W. Clark as chairman, was appointed. Mr. Clark immediately took up the work, and in a few minutes had secured subscriptions amounting to two thousand dollars.

It was suggested that the State Pharma-

ceutical Associations of adjoining states be invited to hold their 1921 meetings in Denver, just before the N. A. R. D. meeting, this plan having already been decided upon by the Colorado Association.

NEBRASKA.

The March meeting of the Nebraska Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held in one of the lecture rooms of the College of Pharmacy. The evening was devoted to a preliminary report by Albert Schneider on the cause of cancer. The investigations to date would indicate that cancer and other tumor formations are caused by a plasmodium which completes its sexual or definitive cycle in species of amoeba, the asexual cycle developing in man and other animals as cancer and other tumor formations.

The meeting was well attended and the paper was fully discussed.

RUFUS A. LYMAN,
Vice-President.

NEW ENGLAND BRANCH AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

A regular meeting of New England Branch A. Ph. A., was held on Tuesday evening, March 26th, at The Massachusetts College of Pharmacy; President Florin J. Amrhein presided.

The regular order of business was disposed of, after which various topics of interest were discussed, one being "The Substitution for Alcohol in Pharmaceutical Preparations."

Florin J. Amrhein presented samples of essences and extracts in which he had replaced the alcohol content with glycerin. A like sample of aromatic elixir was exhibited.

Discussions followed, and the majority seemed in favor of reducing the alcoholic content in preparations. On the other hand, arguments were presented showing the great value of alcohol as a most useful and desirable solvent and, rather than reducing the use of it, means should be sought by which it might be obtained tax-free for legitimate pharmaceutical purposes.

A brief outline of the uses of the various denatured alcohols was then presented.

Prof. Reid Hunt of Harvard Medical School told of the toxicity of the various alcohols and solvents which might partially replace the

use of alcohol. He also spoke on the progress of the work of the new Pharmacopoeia.

A buffet lunch served in the Alumni room followed the meeting.

LESLIE B. BARRETT,
Secretary.

NEW YORK.

The April 1921 meeting of the New York Local Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was called to order in the Lecture Hall of the New York College of Pharmacy Building, Monday, April 14, 1921.

Forty-eight 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.

Audit Committee.—Dr. Diner reported all bills paid.

Education and Legislation.—Mr. Eddy brought in a report which, after some discussion, was accepted with the thanks of the Association.

Member of the Council.—Dr. Hostmann reported upon several motions which have recently been passed by the Council.

Communications.—A letter from the Profession Guild was read and ordered filed.

SCIENTIFIC SESSION.

Dr. Diekman, Chairman of the Committee on Progress of Pharmacy, brought in a report consisting of many abstracts of recent articles. This was ordered received with the thanks of the Association.

Dr. Mayer read a paper on "Balancing Oxidation and Reduction Reactions." An interesting discussion followed. Dr. Rehfuss then read his paper on "The Teaching of Commercial Pharmacy and Jurisprudence in the Colleges of Pharmacy and Examinations Therein by Boards of Pharmacy," which was discussed by Dr. Jacob Diner and Dr. R. P. Fischelis.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the speakers.

HUGO H. SCHAEFER, *Secretary.*

NORTHERN OHIO.

The Northern Ohio Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association held its first meeting of the 1921-1922 season, January 21, at Western Reserve University, President O. E. Muhlhahn presiding.

After the transaction of regular business, the following officers were reelected for the year:

President, O. E. Muhlhan.

Vice-President, Prof. Edw. Spease.

Secretary-Treasurer, W. F. Hagemeister.

Dr. E. E. Stanford gave a very interesting lecture on various drugs, illustrated by lantern slides, prepared by him. A vote of thanks was extended the lecturer.

WALTER F. HAGEMEISTER,
Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA.

The April meeting of the Philadelphia Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association, held April 12th at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, was distinctly unique in the wide variety of papers presented and also in the exceptionally large attendance. President J. W. England presided and after the usual routine business had been transacted, he presented as the first speaker of the evening Dr. Thos. S. Jackson, Assistant Commissioner of Health of Pennsylvania, who gave an interesting talk on the Dominican Republic. Dr. Jackson, previous to his return, had charge of the Medical and Sanitary activities of the U. S. Naval Administration of the Dominican Republic. Dr. Jackson gave us a general idea of the very comprehensive scheme of roads, hospitals and public buildings planned by the Naval Administration. It seems that excellent plans had been laid for the control of leprosy, smallpox and the fevers; these were in partial application at the time of his return. Dr. Jackson had many other interesting statistics and opinions on the political and social aspects of the country which he presented.

"The Volatility of Ethyl Nitrite from Spirit Nitrous Ether" was the subject of a paper delivered by Mr. John Roberts. Some most amazing facts had been gathered by him and from his statements spirit of nitrous ether would be a boon to the manufacturer of home-made "hooch," which again presents some very perplexing problems to the now over-burdened pharmacist.

A botanical trip through the various valleys and by-roads surrounding Philadelphia was then conducted by Prof. M. S. Dunn. Many were present who renewed their acquaintance with forgotten spring flowers; all thoroughly enjoyed the interesting ramble. Herbarium sheets were passed among the members, illustrating much of the spring foliage discussed.

The contributors were all thanked for the excellent instructive manner in which they had entertained the members.

JOS. W. E. HARRISSON,
Secretary.

PITTSBURGH.

At a meeting of the Pittsburgh Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association, March 29th, the following officers were elected: *President*, Henry L. Lohmeyer; *Vice-President*, Edward C. Nied; *Secretary*, B. E. Pritchard; *Treasurer*, P. Henry Utech.

The feature of the evening was an illustrated lecture on "The Collection and Standardization of Vegetable Drugs," by Dr. W. M. Bryan, who illustrated his talk with numerous slides showing views of foreign cities which are familiarly known as world drug markets, and how the native brokers buy and sell their commodities. Tables were presented showing wide variations existing in plants of the same kind, but gathered in different localities and at different seasons. These variations show an alkaloidal content of, at times, but one-fifth of that demanded by the U. S. P., while others contained as much as four times the official standard, thus proving that proper standardization is absolutely essential to the marketing of pharmaceutical preparations. The speaker then exhibited numerous pictures, showing how various animals are employed during standardizing biological products.

President I. K. Darbaker followed with a supplemental demonstration in the use of the frog for standardizing official preparations of digitalis.

A vote of thankful appreciation was given Dr. Bryan for his very instructive lecture.

LOUIS SAALBACH,
Secretary, pro tem.

(Reports of other Branches will be concluded in next issue. Delay due to Printers' strike.)