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(*Motion No. 12.*) *Vote on applications of contributors to building fund, for membership in the American Pharmaceutical Association.*

ROBERT P. FISCHER,
Secretary of the Council.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LOCAL BRANCHES

"All papers presented to the Association and Branches shall become the property of the Association with the understanding that they are not to be published in any other publication prior to their publication in those of the Association, except with the consent of the Council."—Part of Chapter VI, Article VI of the By-Laws.

Article IV of Chapter VII reads: "Each local branch having not less than 50 dues-paid members of the Association, holding not less than six meetings annually with an attendance of not less than 9 members at each meeting, and the proceedings of which shall have been submitted to the JOURNAL for publication, may elect one representative to the House of Delegates."

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.

BALTIMORE.

The first meeting of the Baltimore Branch of the A. Ph. A. for 1924-1925 was held at the Emerson Hotel on October 29, Dr. John C. Krantz, Jr., presiding.

Dr. I. M. Kolthoff of Holland, who had been invited to speak before the Branch, sent a letter explaining that a previous engagement prevented his being present.

Dr. Hermann Engelhardt spoke concerning the recent death of Mr. Joseph C. Roberts, who for fourteen years was superintendent of the Laboratories of Sharp and Dohme, and who was a member of the A. Ph. A. since 1910. Tributes to the memory of Mr. Roberts were paid by the members present.

The meeting was then mainly devoted to the reports of the national meetings of the A. Ph. A. in Buffalo and the N. A. R. D. in Washington, D. C.

Dr. Hermann Engelhardt gave a résumé of the papers presented at the Scientific Section of the A. Ph. A., giving in detail the important points brought out by the authors in the presentation of the different subjects.

Dr. Channing W. Harrison also made references to the interesting papers presented to the Scientific Section of the A. Ph. A., especially stressing the points brought out by Dr. A. R. Bliss in his paper on the Two Oils of Chenopodium.

Dr. Engelhardt and B. Olive Cole were the delegates of the Branch to the House of Dele-

gates of the A. Ph. A. Miss Cole gave an outline of the proceedings of the House of Delegates, giving especially the report of the Committee on Resolutions, which committee dealt not only with resolutions presented to the House, but also with the recommendations contained in President Army's address to the Convention.

Mr. Krantz, who had been asked to comment on the proceedings of the Section on Practical Pharmacy and Dispensing, gave a brief summary of recent researches on Solution of Chlorinated Soda, making special reference to the di-sodium hydrogen phosphate formula proposed for the next revision of the Pharmacopœia. The Lewis and Langmuir theory of atomic structure was reviewed with special reference to the electronic structure of the chlorine atom. It was shown that the statement "available chlorine" in chlorinated soda solutions or organic chlorine compounds refers to a positively charged chlorine atom, which due to its unstable character is easily transposed into molecular chlorine, thus linking atomic structure with these practical pharmaceutical problems.

Charles L. Meyer gave a report on the meeting of the N. A. R. D. in Washington, pointing out the many things accomplished at that meeting and the benefits derived from the successful drug show in connection therewith.

Dr. E. C. White, research chemist of Messrs. Hynson, Westcott & Dunning, and Associate

in Urology at the Johns Hopkins Medical School, will address the next meeting of the Branch. His subject will be "Organic Mercurials."

B. OLIVE COLE, *Secretary-Treasurer*.

DETROIT.

The October meeting of Detroit Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held on the 10th of the month at Wayne County Medical Society. A large and enthusiastic gathering greeted the new officers at a dinner which preceded the business session.

President Chostner suggested that pharmacy be given publicity in radio talks. After some discussion it was moved to appoint a committee to look into the possibilities. A discussion followed relative to ways and means for securing new members.

President Chostner appointed R. T. Lakey, Walter H. Chase and Leonard A. Seltzer members of the Publicity Committee, and William A. Hall, E. P. Stout, Ernest R. Crandall, Crosby Washburne, George M. Schettler and Charles H. Stocking as members of the Committee on Membership.

The speakers of the evening were J. H. Webster and Wilbur L. Scoville. The former gave an account of the Washington meeting of the N. A. R. D.; he referred to the address of President Coolidge as one of the big events in the history of the Association. He considered the address of Dr. James H. Beal a most interesting and instructive part of the program and quoted from it to impress that the number of those employed by the Government had increased so that, taking into consideration employees of the public in states, etc., every eleven not so employed were supporting one public servant. Mr. Webster also referred to the interesting talk by Mr. Gamble, of Omaha, now a banker, but formerly engaged in the drug business.

W. L. Scoville gave an account of the Convention of the American Pharmaceutical Association, in Buffalo, dwelling upon some of the papers read before the sections, the progress of the Headquarters Fund, of the A. PH. A., Book of Formulas, the History of American Pharmacy, etc.

The speakers were thanked by President Chostner. A motion carried to appoint a committee to prepare resolutions in memory of Charles F. Mann. The following were appointed: Harry B. Mason, Leonard A. Seltzer, and William A. Hall.

The November meeting of Detroit Branch, A. Ph. A., was held on the 21st, at the Wayne County Medical Society. The usual dinner preceded the meeting which was called to order by President Chostner.

Minutes of the October session were read and approved. Resolutions in memory of Charles F. Mann were presented by William A. Hall, and it was ordered that a copy be sent to the widow and members of the family.

IN MEMORY OF CHARLES F. MANN.

The Detroit Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association would pay testimony to the great loss it has suffered in the death of Charles F. Mann. Men of his type are rare indeed. On the one hand he was modest, amiable, and utterly without display and ostentation. On the other, he had great ruggedness of character and could be depended upon to fight strenuously for the right when real issues were involved. He could be as unyielding as steel when espousing a cause which enlisted his interest, but he could also be gentleness itself in the circle of his friends.

Charles F. Mann labored all his life for pharmacy and pharmacists. At one time or another he was a dominating figure in such bodies as the Detroit Retail Druggists' Association, Michigan State Pharmaceutical Association, and the National Association of Retail Druggists. To these societies he gave generously of his time and brain, and was in turn rewarded with positions of trust and leadership. Of the National Association of Retail Druggists he was one of the founders, and in the several capacities of treasurer, president, and chairman of the executive committee he exercised a potent influence on American Pharmacy for many years.

But while strong in the councils of pharmacy, he was no less helpful in giving aid and suggestion to those less fortunate than himself. As chairman of the Prescott Memorial Fund he rendered invaluable assistance to many students for a considerable number of years. Everywhere he gave liberally in the interests of his fellowmen. No task was ever too arduous for him to undertake, no act of patriotism or loyalty too great for him to perform. He respected, and observed the ideals of truth, honor and service. Never did he consciously do a small or mean thing. Never did he knowingly do a selfish act. Never did he sacrifice the principle of right on the altar of

compromise, expediency, or personal interest.

He was a man and what more need be said.

HARRY B. MASON, LEONARD A. SELTZER

WILLIAM A. HALL, *Chairman.*

BERNARD A. BIALK, *Secretary.*

The speaker of the evening was A. J. Filer, and his subject: "Exploitation of Proprietary Medicine." He began the discussion of his subject by saying that there were many druggists who at some time in their business career considered the advisability of putting a remedial agent or other article on the market; some have done so successfully, others did not succeed. The speaker named the essentials of success, in part, as follows: Merit of the article, package, trademark, perseverance, capital, and advertising. A general discussion followed. A vote of thanks was given the speaker.

BERNARD A. BIALK, *Secretary.*

NEW YORK.

The November meeting of the New York Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held in the Lecture Hall of the New York College of Pharmacy on Monday the 10th; President Smith in the chair.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer, Mr. Gerstner, reported \$363.69 in the treasury.

Education and Legislation: Chairman Clyde L. Eddy brought in an interesting report.

Communications: A letter was received by the Secretary from the New York Pharmaceutical Conference asking for a contribution to their Trade Fund. It was moved, seconded and carried that the sum of \$25.00 be contributed for this work.

Dr. Jacob Diner was announced as the speaker of the evening on "Pharmaceutical Education Requirements." A discussion followed in which Messrs. Wimmer, Rusby, Eddy, Fischelis, Hostmann, Wolf and Currens participated.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the speaker.

HUGO H. SCHAEFER, *Secretary.*

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The twenty-first meeting of the University of North Carolina Branch of the A. Ph. A. was held in Phillips Hall on the evening of November 24. The Branch was very fortunate to have as speaker for this meeting Dr. E. F. Kelly, of Baltimore—a native "Tar Heel." In introducing the speaker Dean E. V. Howell, of the University School of Pharmacy, wel-

comed Dean Kelly back to North Carolina for his first visit in a number of years, and also paid high tribute to his contributions to pharmacy.

Dr. Kelly's subject was "Self-Determination for Pharmacists." He stated that pharmacy ought to make its status more definite to the public. He feared that there is an overlapping in some respects, particularly as regards the commercial phases, and this condition, he thought, might tend to bring about friction with other groups. Continuing further, Dr. Kelly said that the greatest duty of pharmacists at present is to cooperate with the physicians and dentists and others toward the betterment of public health conditions. He expressed the belief that the confusion in the drug business in some states resulting from prohibition would be entirely cleared up in the course of a few years, just as the narcotic situation automatically cleared up some fifteen years ago. He said the pharmaceutical profession would find some way to ban the "mushroom" drug stores where their chief business is to dispense bootleg liquor.

In addition to the students and several members of the Faculty there were present a number of druggists from nearby towns.

Reported by E. V. KYSER.

PHILADELPHIA.

The November meeting of the Philadelphia Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held Tuesday evening, November 10th. It was in many respects the most unique and successful occasion in the history of the Branch in this city and reflects a great deal of credit upon the ingenuity and initiative of the present officers of the organization.

The customary dinner, which has become a regular feature of "Branch Night," was served at the Engineers' Club on Spruce Street and was enjoyed by over fifty members and guests, notable among whom were former Judge Patterson, Assistant District Attorney, Maurer, Drs. Wood and Coroner's Physician Wadsworth, and Howard Kirk, Esq., who were to play such auspicious parts later in the evening's program.

At eight o'clock sharp, in the Auditorium of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, began the now famous "mock trial." With an audience that fairly filled the large auditorium, President Harrison turned over the conduct of the evening's program to the gentlemen of the law who had come there to preside over and participate in the serious business of holding a court of justice; a mock

trial indeed, and yet a most impressive, well-acted, even if unrehearsed, object lesson to all who came to see and listen. In the judgment seat, the Honorable John M. Patterson presided with his wonted grace and dignity. The clerk of the court, Mr. Baldauf, who is clerk in one of the city courts, opened the sessions in the customary formal fashion and District Attorney Maurer introduced, as the first case for trial, a bill of indictment against one Otto Kraus, a druggist of Sixth and Federal Streets in Philadelphia, charging him with the grave incrimination of "involuntary manslaughter." There was then impanelled to serve as jurors the following duodecimate of "impartial and unwitting persons." Ambrose Hunsberger, Bank President; Otto W. Osterlund, Financier; Mrs. Josiah C. Peacock, Tannin Expert; Mrs. M. R. LaWall, Horticulturist; Mrs. W. E. Lee, Womardist; Jos. W. England, Historian; Ellen Cawley, Florist; J. S. Beetem, College Registrar; W. L. Cliffe, Legislator; Raymond Hendrickson, Optimist.

Objection was raised by the respective lawyers to certain other jurors whose names were read, mostly on grounds of personal appearance. However, the twelve, tried and true, were finally placed under oath and throughout the trial behaved in a most dignified way, proud of their authority and determined to look only in the direction of justice.

Here sat the busy court stenographer, Miss Kathryn Myers—and to the one side whispering ominously stood the prosecuting attorney, John H. Maurer—eagle-eyed and agile-worded—and his chemical expert, Professor Charles H. LaWall, veteran of many a forensic tussle. Beside them was their sealed evidence—the ghastly viscera (?) of the poisoned man (about whom we shall now soon learn) and the rest of the poison that occasioned the death of the victim.

Opposite were seated the defending lawyer, Howard Kirk, quick and accustomed to complex commissions—and his vade-mecum in emergency, the eminent Bucks County Chemist, Joseph W. E. Harrison. There also was the nationally known post-mortem artist, Dr. Wadsworth, for years Coroner's Physician in Philadelphia, who according to his own testimony, "has examined *some* thousands of human remains." There were also lined up the witnesses who will be referred to later.

But the saddest figure of the entire group reposed in the care of Officer Wilcox seated in the prisoners' bar. It was Otto Kraus. He, it

was charged, had sold to a Mrs. Areolus, the wife of the original owner of the entrails in the chemical expert's possession, a bottle of citrate of magnesia, which contained bichloride of mercury, and which resulted in the death of the unfortunate Mr. Areolus.

Mrs. Areolus, in the person of Mrs. Ada Capwell, figured as the star witness, and recited in terse fashion the sad story of her husband's sore, untimely end. How he had been long a victim of kidney disease and how upon October 4th he had suffered one of his wonted discomforts and sought without medical aid to relieve his pain and distress "with magnesia." How she had sent her star boarder to Mr. Kraus, the druggist, to secure the bottle of the precious panacea, and a half of which she herself had given to her husband, only to have him suffer worse and pass away directly without even a doctor's helping hand. Her testimony seemed clear and she was steadfast through all the cross-examination.

The star boarder, in the person of Ralph Calvert, then underwent the ordeal and suffered certain mental relapses which only added to the prosecutor's case and further frightened the poor defendant.

Next came the Coroner's Physician, who testified to finding evidence of corrosive poison on the carcass of the one labelled Areolus, No. 929. He also bore up well under very cross questioning.

Then came the chemist who found, in the liquid remaining in the bottle, the equivalent of several grains of bichloride of mercury and a smaller amount in the stomach of the erstwhile. Cross fire at him availed the defense but little, except to have him admit that he found in addition to the bichloride certain indefinite evidence of sodium citrate. A ray of hope for the defense.

Constant quarrels by the objecting opposing lawyers added spice to the clever acting.

Then came the exhibit of the defense. The chemical expert testified as to the customary method of manufacturing citrate of magnesia in the drug store and claimed that it would have been unlikely that the defendant could by neglect have placed in the citrate solution a blue bichloride tablet (the only kind he had in his store). The chemist for the prosecution had found sodium citrate in the liquid, which was ample proof that the customary carbonating tablet (in this instance the soda and not the potassium had been used) had been added by the defendant. Certainly he would not have

added both the carbonating tablet and a bichloride tablet.

Next came the defendant himself, who admitted the sale—but did not recall it with definiteness—indeed he could not recall much of anything with definiteness. He admitted waiting upon the “star boarder” of Mrs. Arcolus mechanically and without any certain recollection of any particular part of the transaction. He insisted, however, that a bottle of citrate of magnesia was always worth more than the quarter usually paid for it.

Cross examination worked this nonchalance and mechanical performance complex to the utmost, in order to make an impression upon the jury.

Upon this, both sides rested the case and it looked rather badly for the defendant. However, from the audience at this juncture came a pale, visibly nervous person who sought the defending lawyer and whispered a few large words to him and exhibited a much larger book.

The Judge granted permission to reopen the case—for a new witness had turned up in the person of one Ivor Griffith, a small shop apothecary who had read about the case and had come, to Mr. Kraus's help, as a willing witness. He electrified the court by testifying that he had sold Mrs. Areolus two days previous to the purchase of the citrate from Mr. Kraus, a bottle of bichloride tablets and had made the entry upon his poison register which he exhibited. The prosecuting attorney made light of his testimony, and ridiculed his poison register which was poorly kept and which was not legally authoritative in that the entries were not made by the persons procuring the toxic substance, a specification which the law clearly demanded. In this statement, which was erroneous, he was, however, not contradicted.

The last witness dismissed, the opposing lawyers presented their final pleas to the jury, the prosecutor angrily demanding his Krausian pound of flesh and the defending masculine Portia ably couching his “summing up” in tender, tearful words that completely thawed the sympathetic hearts of the ladies on the jury who by the time the Honorable Judge had delivered his comprehensive and careful “charge to the Jury” were able to convince the men in the panel that a man of Mr. Kraus's noble mien could never have committed, in error or otherwise, a deed as dastardly as this, and they accordingly pronounced a verdict of “Not Guilty.”

An account such as this can hardly do justice

to the educational value of the occasion, but it is worthy to note that the Judge, at the conclusion of the trial, agreed with certain persons conversing with him that it was the most realistic “mock” trial that he had ever been privileged to conduct.

There had been no rehearsing or coaching of witnesses—everything had been done spontaneously and extemporaneously and there was not a single hitch in the entire program. To conclude the evening, President Harrison introduced to the audience, numbering about three hundred, those who had participated in the affair, and a general vote of thanks was passed in appreciation of the good offices of the gentlemen of the law who had so ably and willingly helped to make the trial a complete success.

It is suggested that other Branches of the Association follow the example of the Philadelphia section in staging this unique occasion, which portrayed so vividly the actual workings of a court of law and brought to the minds of pharmacists who were there the need for eternal care and vigilance in the conduct of their professional duties.—Ivor Griffith.

ADLEY B. NICHOLS, *Secretary*.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON.

The monthly meeting of the University of Washington Branch was held on the evening of November 8th, at Bagley Hall. Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were received. Further business was dispensed with and President Lehman introduced the speaker of the evening, G. B. Davies, of the United States Rubber Co.

Fifty-five members were present and they were given, together with a wealth of interesting detail, valuable information about the following:

1. The buying of Rubber Supplies.
2. Methods of caring for and displaying the same.
3. The instructions to be imparted to the customer upon making a sale. Following the lecture a general discussion was participated in. The questions answered by Mr. Davies were numerous indeed. A rising vote of appreciation was given the speaker. The ballot for the coming A. Ph. A. election was discussed and all members were requested to “vote early.” The fact that Western representation in the administrative bodies was more conspicuous by its absence than presence was commented upon. Following the discussion the meeting adjourned.

HARRIET SNIDOW, *Secretary*.