

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LOCAL BRANCHES

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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 Baltimore Branch of the A. Ph. A. has held three interesting and well-attended meetings this year.

The first meeting was held on January 22, at the Hotel Emerson, Dr. Herman Engelhardt presiding. The speaker of the evening was Dr. Charles C. Pitt, Professor of Botany and Materia Medica of the School of Pharmacy of the University of Maryland, who told of his vacation work in Bermuda, illustrating the incidents of the trip by slides. He also showed the location of the laboratories, the local vegetation and flora of Bermuda, and described the work he was able to accomplish.

The February meeting was held on Thursday, the 28th, at the Hotel Emerson, John C. Krantz, Jr., presiding.

Dr. Robert L. Swain, Deputy Drug Commissioner of Maryland, gave some interesting statistics concerning the pharmacists of Maryland in connection with the enforcement of the Pharmacy Law. These statistics included the number of pharmacies in the state and the population served, with analogies of the pharmaceutical service of the United States as a whole, of some of our representative sister states, and of Maryland; as well as a record of the small number of pharmacies owned by assistant pharmacists or persons other than registered pharmacists. This analysis of statistics also showed the number of pharmacists of the state who hold Alcohol Permit I and those who hold Alcohol Permit H only.

A general discussion of these statistics and pending legislative bills followed, participated in by Messrs. Harris, Meyers and Woehner.

The second topic of the evening was "Some Features of Present-Day Pharmaceutical Education" by Dr. E. F. Kelly, who outlined

what has recently been accomplished along this line, and what is being planned.

The March meeting was held on the 27th, at the Hotel Emerson, John C. Krantz, Jr., presiding.

The speaker of the evening was Dr. M. Karasch, Professor of Organic Chemistry of the School of Pharmacy of the University of Maryland, his subject being "Chemistry in the Treatment of Diseases."

The speaker gave numerous illustrations of the triumphs of systematic chemistry in the search for organic compounds for specific diseases. The interesting theory of life as a chemical reaction was elucidated, with special emphasis upon the numerous suggestions that have been announced for the retarding of the chemical reaction of life, thus prolonging our stay upon this planet. The synthesis of few of the potent active principles of animal glands was discussed and the speaker pointed out the immensity of the practically unexplored field in therapeutic activity.

This meeting was well attended by the students of the School of Pharmacy of the University of Maryland, who participated in the discussion which followed the lecture. Dr. Neil E. Gordon, John C. Krantz, Jr., Chas. C. Neal and Dr. Herman Engelhardt also participated in the discussion—he outlined the history of the preparation and use of phenacetine.

The election of officers was held at the January meeting. Mr. F. F. Berg was elected president, but as he has severed his Baltimore connections and taken up residence elsewhere, his resignation was accepted at the March meeting. Mr. John C. Krantz, Jr., was elected vice-president at the January meeting, and the office of president is now being filled by

him. The officers of the Baltimore Branch of the A. Ph. A. for 1924 are as follows: President, John C. Krantz, Jr., 1759 E. Preston St., Baltimore; Secretary-Treasurer, B. Olive Cole, Greene & Lombard Sts., Baltimore; Chairman Committee on Membership, Wilmer H. Schulze; Chairman Committee on Professional Relations, Chas. L. Meyer; Chairman Committee on Science & Practice of Pharmacy, Dr. Daniel Base; Chairman Committee on Education and Legislation, Dr. E. F. Kelly.

The April meeting will be held at the Hotel Emerson on the 30th; Dr. David I. Macht will be the speaker, on "Contributions to the History and Philosophy of Pharmacotherapy."

B. OLIVE COLE, *Secretary-Treasurer*.

CHICAGO.

The 142nd meeting of the Chicago Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held Friday evening, April 11, at the University of Illinois School of Pharmacy Building. President L. E. Warren called the meeting to order and introduced Chief R. E. Doolittle of the Central District, United States Bureau of Chemistry. Mr. Doolittle, who is also president of the Association of Agricultural Chemists, presented to the Branch a most excellent talk on the subject "Food and Drug Frauds." He explained that for the administration of the Federal Food and Drugs Act the country had been divided into three great districts—the Eastern District with headquarters at New York, the Central District with headquarters at Chicago, and the Western District with headquarters at San Francisco. Also, there is located at each important commercial distributing point, an inspector who reports to the headquarters of his district. In the Central District there are probably 150 employees including 50 inspectors.

The speaker further called attention to the important fact that the major part of their activities were constructive and cooperative rather than in the actual apprehension and prosecution of offenders under the Food and Drugs Act. The federal law applies only to interstate commerce but the state and local laws dealing with pure foods and drugs usually work in cooperation with the Federal officials, resulting in a much more efficient enforcement of all of these laws. The central states are to be congratulated upon the very progressive and active enforcement of these pure food and drug laws.

Of the actual cases of law violations, the majority are simply frauds; a few cases concern materials deleterious to health and may represent spoiled food products.

It should be borne in mind that legal standards in connection with foods and drugs are always minimum standards, and that the mere enforcement of the law will not tend to improve food and drug products. Therefore, the constant aim of the department is along the lines of educating and warning manufacturers and dealers in regard to the quality of their products. It is surprising what a difference in profit even a very small amount of adulteration will mean on a product handled in such immense quantities as flour or butter. When one remembers that an honest manufacturer cannot possibly compete in prices with a dishonest one, it becomes very evident that the tendency to dishonesty sweeps the whole trade in an article, unless this tendency can be overcome and the spirit of honesty be inspired. As an illustration, white wheat flour, which in the ordinary course of manufacture would contain about 12 per cent. of water, is found in commerce to almost universally contain 13½ per cent. of moisture. The law permits 13½ per cent. of moisture. The manufacturers of this flour to meet competition must see to it that their flour contains as much moisture as that produced by their competitors. Years ago a commercial butter contained 83–85 per cent. of butter fat and slightly more than 10 per cent. of water. The law was made to read that butter must contain not less than 80 per cent. of butter fat. Most of the commercial butter now contains exactly or very slightly more than 80 per cent. of butter fat. The difference is represented in added water.

Some of the very remarkable results from the educational and constructive methods of the department are seen in connection with tomato products. There was a time when practically all catsups and tomato pulps were made from refuse tomatoes. By educational methods patiently applied together with a few sharply applied primitive measures it can now be said that practically none of the tomato catsups and tomato pulps are prepared from other than high-grade tomatoes.

Another serious feature of the preparation of foods is the possibility of including in the canned food disease-producing organisms such as those resulting in botulinus poisoning, typhoid fever, etc. It is the policy of the De-

partment to trace the source of the food products responsible for any such cases of poisoning or other disease as may come to its attention. Three of the worst offenders have been canned oysters, canned olives, and canned spinach. Canned olives in glass have been more dangerous than the same olives canned in tins because the thickness of the glass prevented the heat employed in the sterilization from penetrating the contents of the bottle. Likewise in the canning of spinach the vegetable is packed so densely in the can that the processes must be carried out at a higher degree of heat or for a longer time to insure the absolute sterility of the product. The ruling of the Department now is that where a shipment of canned goods shows spoilage the whole shipment shall be condemned.

Another item of fraud still occasionally practiced is short weight. This has been noticed particularly with butter prints and certain packaged spices.

It is a matter of interest and of gratitude that the great majority of manufacturers, canners, etc., are always ready to listen to the suggestions of the Department and to comply promptly with them.

In regard to drugs, one of the most serious matters arising in recent years is that in connection with the preparation of tablets containing narcotic drugs. It was found that morphine tablets that were labeled to contain $\frac{1}{4}$ grain each, contained as little as $\frac{1}{40}$ of a grain of morphine or even no morphine at all. It was found that a number of disreputable drug and supply houses were practicing this fraud, though it is believed that the practice has been wholly stopped at this time. Persons who follow such practices meet with full prosecution and the most severe penalties.

Careful study is now being made of the vitamine preparations. It frequently happens that not only must expert study be given to such a problem but the experts must themselves first be developed. It is the maxim of the Department that the Government cannot afford to lose a case.

Mr. Doolittle's talk was well received and provoked a lively discussion which was participated in by Professors Clark, Gathercoal, Day, Messrs. Linke, Warren, and others.

E. N. GATHERCOAL, *Secretary*.

DETROIT.

The April meeting of the Detroit Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association

was held at Ann Arbor, April 11th. A dinner at the Michigan Union preceded the meeting. The members were guests of the Prescott Club of Ann Arbor. After dinner an inspection tour was made of the newly equipped laboratories of the Pharmacy Department of the University of Michigan. Much time was spent by many of the members in reminiscence of their old Alma Mater so dear to their hearts and to the finding of their respective class pictures which proved very interesting to many.

The meeting was called to order by President Crandall. The minutes were read by the Secretary and approved. Chairman Hall, of the membership committee, made a favorable report which added many new members to the branch and dollars to the treasury.

In the absence of Chairman Jones of the program committee, President Crandall announced the May meeting would be given over to the annual Prescription Clinic. He also named a committee on nominations, consisting of Messrs. Webster, Scoville and Stocking to report at the May meeting.

Dr. Edward H. Kraus, Dean of the Pharmacy Department of the University of Michigan, was introduced as the speaker of the evening. His talk on "Some Properties of Crystals" and illustrations was one of the most interesting of the season; the use of the epidioscope in analysis of crystals by projecting them from the microscope on the screen in their own peculiar colors was demonstrated.

Mr. Scoville remarked that no moving picture could have been more perfect or interesting; nature supplied the actors and Dean Kraus and his assistants proved capable operators—the assembly fully agreed. It was shown what wonderful strides have been made by American scientists in this work and the many opportunities in this field.

President Crandall thanked the speaker in behalf of the members for his most interesting and educational talk.

BERNARD A. BIALK, *Secretary*.

NEW ENGLAND.

A meeting of the New England Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy on the evening of April 2, with thirty-seven members and guests in attendance. The speaker was Dean Theodore J. Bradley who gave a talk based on the reports published in the JOURNAL OF THE A. PH. A., on the progress

of the revision of the United States Pharmacopœia.

It was voted that the New England Branch contribute one hundred dollars to the Headquarters Building Fund of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

After the meeting a buffet supper was served.

THEODORE J. BRADLEY, *Acting Secretary.*

NEW YORK.

A special meeting was called by the New York Local Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association for March 3, 1924, to convene in the lecture hall of the New York College of Pharmacy. Seventy-five members and friends were present. The purpose of the meeting was a discussion of the Price Maintenance Bills. President Smith opened the session, calling attention to the fact that the meeting was really to be held under the direction of the Fraternal Relations Committee of the Branch and therefore relinquished the chair to Chairman Lehman of this committee.

Chairman Lehman then introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Chas. Wesley Dunn, who delivered an address on "Price Cutting and How It Can Be Legally Prevented." At the conclusion of the address a considerable discussion followed which terminated in the adoption of the amended motion: "That we endorse the principle of Price Maintenance but are opposed to any bill which includes a government price control clause."

A rising vote of thanks was then extended to the speaker.

Mr. C. A. Lewis followed with a paper on "Price Regulation" which was well received.

Mr. Smith called attention to the Drive about to be conducted for funds for the A. Ph. A. Headquarters Building.

The March, 1924, 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 by President Smith. Eighty members and friends were present.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. Treasurer Gerstner presented his report which was approved **as read.**

Membership Committee: The following two applications were received for membership in the Parent Organization. James I. Trainor, 450 Dunham Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Frederick Alter, 338 Marshall St., Elizabeth, N. J.

Audit Committee: Dr. Diner reported all bills paid.

Professor Army reported that the Remington Honor Medal this year would be presented to Mr. Geo. M. Beringer who has received a majority of the votes of the Committee.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the dinner for the formal award of the Remington Honor Medal should be held on the evening of the April meeting and that Dr. R. P. Fischelis be made Chairman of the Dinner Committee.

SCIENTIFIC SECTION.

Dr. Diekman brought in a report abstracting various articles consisting of the following: Mistura Anaesthetica; Pomatum Antipyrini; Pomatum Prophylatum; Phosphol; Sufragell; Hexatone; Jekarolin; Oleum Chenopodium and detection of its substitutes; Investigations of adulterations of spices; Distinguishing between various aloes; Reagent for sulphur; New use for sodium cacodylate; Test for diethyl phthalate.

The speaker of the evening, Dr. J. Leon Lascoff, presented a most interesting paper on the work of the Committee on the Recipe Book. His talk was illustrated with numerous slides and samples. The discussion was participated in by a number, including the Editor of the JOURNAL A. PH. A., E. G. Eberle.

After a rising vote of thanks extended to the speaker the meeting was declared adjourned.

HUGO H. SCHAEFER, *Secretary.*

THE REMINGTON HONOR MEDAL AWARD.

The formal award of the Remington Honor Medal was made the occasion of a Testimonial Dinner to the Medalist, George M. Beringer of Camden, N. J. The dinner, held at the Robert Treat Hotel, Newark, was under the direction of the New York Branch A. Ph. A., by which the memorial was founded and the presentation of the medal is a most interesting pharmaceutical event. Dr. Robert P. Fischelis was Chairman of the Dinner Committee, who arranged an excellent menu. New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania pharmacists were well represented and Ex-President and Mrs. Samuel L. Hilton came from Washington to pay tribute to the guest of honor. Mrs. Beringer graced the occasion by her presence. Telegrams and letters of regret because of inability to attend were received from various sections; among these were messages from the absent medalists—James H. Beal and John

Uri Lloyd; all of them expressed congratulations and esteem.

After the dinner had been served, President-elect Charles W. Holton of the A. Ph. A. welcomed the guests and then introduced President Henry B. Smith of the New York Branch A. Ph. A. as the toast-master of the evening. He addressed himself to the guest of honor in words of high regard and introduced the speakers who responded to the toasts assigned them:

President H. V. Army of the American Pharmaceutical Association spoke of the medalist's record as an organization worker, not only within associations but also his accomplishments in committee work and research in particular—as a pharmacist who has the courage of his convictions, who sometimes voiced minority views and brought the majority to his conclusions.

President Daniel H. Hills of the New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association dwelt upon the work Mr. Beringer had accomplished for pharmacists by his successful efforts in legislative matters; he stood in the front rank of pharmacists but was not unmindful of the druggists' needs; he always could be counted on for support within the ranks of retail pharmacists, even though his interests were now largely wholesale and manufacturing.

Dean Charles H. LaWall gave an estimate of the contributions to pharmaceutical science by the medalist—in a sense this work was incidental to that which of necessity occupied the time of Mr. Beringer, but when the volume is considered it almost seems as if the reverse were true—he is an indefatigable worker, conscientious, exact and exacting. The speaker cited his work as Chairman of the Committee on Unofficial Standards as momentous and that on the United States Pharmacopœia and National Formulary as an example of his persistent and painstaking efforts and valuable contributions to pharmaceutical science. The speaker gave a like estimate of his labors at the College of Pharmacy.

Editor E. G. Eberle spoke of George M. Beringer as possessing essential qualities of a journalist—clearness, conciseness and exactness of expression; his knowledge of pharmacy and of the drug business in its various departments enabled him to write with authority; in all, he is ever loyal to pharmacy and a courageous contender for the rights of pharmacists. The speaker briefly referred to his success as editor of the *American Journal of Pharmacy*.

The text of Hon. Edwin G. C. Bleakly, former City Solicitor of Camden, was "See'st thou a man diligent in business he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men." He spoke of George M. Beringer as a citizen; summing up what constituted a good citizen, he pronounced him of that type. Evidently as a citizen Mr. Beringer is known by work he has accomplished, for the speaker closed his remarks with the quotation:

"The heights by great men reached and kept,
Were not attained by sudden flight,
But they, while their companions slept,
Were toiling upwards in the night."

Dr. Jacob Diner before presenting the medal commented on the remarks of previous speakers and that of President Army in particular in happy repartee—that "whenever Beringer, Army and Diner meet there is certainty of disagreement"—he contended that the disagreement was limited to Army and Diner.

Dr. Diner expressed his pleasure in making the presentation to a retail pharmacist who had worked unceasingly and had produced results for pharmacy that have lasting value. "The medal is awarded as a token of work well done," he said, and expressed the hope that the medalist would be spared for many years to continue in his work for pharmacy.

The speech of acceptance by Mr. Beringer is printed elsewhere in this issue of the JOURNAL. The evening's program was, on motion, included in the minutes of the April meeting of New York Branch A. Ph. A. "A most delightful evening" was voiced by all present.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The seventh meeting of the University of North Carolina Branch of the A. Ph. A. for 1923-24 was held on the evening of April fourth at Davie Hall. At this meeting the Branch voted its approval of the A. Ph. A. Headquarters Building Campaign and pledged \$200 to the fund and also the amount which it will receive during the five-year period from the association as commissions for new members.

The following officers for the year 1924-25 were elected: J. A. Meacham, president; J. L. Thompson, first vice-president; Edward Haupt, second vice-president; J. M. Spoon, secretary and treasurer. E. V. Kyser was elected as the delegate to the House of Delegates.

After the business session Mr. W. R. McDonald delivered a very interesting lecture on "Men Prominent in Medicine and Pharmacy." The address was illustrated with slides loaned by

the H. K. Mulford Co., of Philadelphia.

Since the last meeting the following have affiliated with the Branch: J. F. Carrigan, J. A. Meacham, R. P. McNeely, J. M. Spoon, F. S. Goodrum, S. B. Hall, W. L. Johnson, P. H. Thompson, and M. B. Melvin.

At the next meeting, which will be held on April 30, Dean Wortley F. Rudd, of the Department of Pharmacy at the Medical College of Virginia, will address the Branch on "Pharmacy, Its Obligation and Future in the South."

C. R. WHITEHEAD, *Secretary*.

PHILADELPHIA.

MARCH MEETING.

The March meeting of the Philadelphia Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held Tuesday evening, March 10th at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, President White presiding.

There being no scientific program the regular business of the Branch was entered into. The nominating committee submitted the names of the following for officers of the ensuing year:

President, Jos. W. E. Harrison.

First Vice-president, H. Martin Cameron.

Second Vice-president, Mortimer M. Smith.

Secretary-Treasurer, Adley B. Nichols.

Delegate to the House of Delegates, A. Ph. A., Ambrose Hunsberger.

The secretary was instructed to cast the ballot electing those nominated for the respective offices.

The special committee appointed at the last meeting to re-draft the By-Laws then made a report. The proposed By-Laws, as amended, were read by E. G. Eberle, section by section, discussed and approved and by vote adopted as a whole. They follow these minutes.

After the report of the committees had been received, Retiring President Robert C. White expressed his appreciation of the coöperation he had received during his term of office.

Dr. Samuel L. Hilton of Washington spoke on the proposed Pharmacy Headquarters Building. He urged the support of the Local Branch and the members.

Dr. Robert P. Fischelis and Dr. Leo G. Penn were also present and spoke on the possibilities within the Branch.

The meeting adjourned, after the president had outlined the proposed meeting of the coming month, which it is hoped all of the ex-presidents of the Branch will attend.

Jos. W. E. HARRISON, *Secretary*.

PREAMBLE AND BY-LAWS OF THE PHILADELPHIA BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, The advancement of pharmaceutical knowledge and the elevation of the professional status of pharmacists are objects that are dear to us, in common with all well-disposed pharmacists; and,

WHEREAS, Some of those who are engaged in the practice of pharmacy do not exhibit the proper professional spirit, or a due appreciation of its duties and responsibilities;

THEREFORE, we the undersigned members of the American Pharmaceutical Association, do hereby resolve to constitute ourselves into a local branch, for the purpose of advancing the objects for which the body was founded.

The name of this body shall be "The Philadelphia Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association."

This Branch hereby adopts for its guidance the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Pharmaceutical Association, and its individual members hereby subscribe to them.

BY-LAWS.

1. Members—This Branch shall consist of active, associate and contributing members.

2. Active Members—All members of the American Pharmaceutical Association residing in or within a radius of seventy-five miles of the city of Philadelphia, may, on signifying their intention of adhering strictly to the provisions enumerated in the preamble and in the constitution of the American Pharmaceutical Association, be elected to active membership in this Branch.

3. Associate Members—All members of the American Pharmaceutical Association in good standing, residing in the county of Philadelphia, shall be accredited as being associate members of this Branch, but they shall not have the right to vote.

4. Contributing Members—Any person, who is not an active member, and who shall assist the Branch by the contribution of scientific papers, work or research, or add to its financial resources, shall be termed a contributing member, but without the right to vote.

5. Officers—The officers of the Branch shall be a president, two vice-presidents, secretary and treasurer and delegate to the House of Delegates.

6. Committees—At the March meeting of each fiscal year or as soon thereafter as possible the president shall appoint three Standing

Committees, as follows: A Committee on Practical Pharmacy, to consist of three members; a Committee on Professional Relations, to consist of three members, and a Committee on Membership, to consist of seven members.

7. Executive Committee—The officers of the Branch and the Chairmen of the Standing Committees shall constitute the Executive Committee, to transact all the necessary business connected with the regular meetings of the Branch.

8. Meetings—The meetings of the Branch shall be held on the second Tuesday of the month, from October to May, inclusive.

9. Quorum—Nine members of the Branch shall constitute a quorum.

10. Dues—Every active member of the Branch shall annually contribute the sum of one dollar.

11. Fiscal Year—The fiscal year of the Branch shall be from the stated meeting of March of one year to the similar meeting of the following year.

12. Elections—The officers shall be elected, by ballot, at the March meeting, and shall serve one year, or until their successors shall have been elected.

13. Presiding Officer—In the absence of the president or vice-presidents at any stated meeting the members present shall elect a presiding officer pro tempore.

14. Secretary—The secretary shall keep fair and correct minutes of the proceedings of the meetings and send reports of the same to the JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION and such journals and newspapers as he may deem proper. He shall carefully preserve, on file, all reports and papers of every description presented to the Branch, and shall be charged with the necessary business and scientific correspondence. He shall read all papers handed him by the president for that purpose, shall call and record ayes and nays whenever they are required to be called; shall notify the chairman of every standing and special Committee of his appointment giving him a list of his colleagues and stating the business upon which the Committee is to act. He shall notify every member at least one week in advance of the time and place of each meeting.

15. Treasurer—The treasurer shall collect and take charge of the funds of the Branch and shall give receipts for the same. He shall pay no money, except on the order of the secretary, countersigned by the president,

and accompanied by the proper vouchers. He shall present a statement of his accounts at each March meeting of the Branch. He shall receive the amount of his expenses incident to the duties of his office.

16. Order of Business—(1) Reading of the minutes of the previous stated meeting; (2) introduction of newly elected members; (3) unfinished or deferred business; (4) new business; (5) scientific business; (6) nominations and elections; adjournment.

17. Miscellaneous—Every proposition to alter or amend these By-Laws shall be submitted in writing at a stated meeting of the Branch, and may be balloted for at any subsequent stated meeting, when, upon receiving the votes of three-fourths of the members present, it shall become a part of the By-Laws.

18. Rules of Order—On all points not specifically mentioned in the By-Laws governing this section, the By-Laws of the American Pharmaceutical Association shall take precedence over the other decisions on parliamentary rules.

APRIL MEETING.

The April meeting of the Philadelphia Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held Tuesday evening, April 8th, at the Engineers' Club, 1317 Spruce Street.

This, the first meeting of the new year, was very successful. As a special feature, a dinner was held at the Club previous to the meeting, to which all the ex-presidents were invited, as guests of an unnamed member. Nearly thirty of the Branch members were present for the dinner and it was an exceedingly interesting and enjoyable occasion. In fact, the opportunity to get together for a little social time was so thoroughly appreciated by those present that it was decided to hold a dinner previous to each monthly meeting hereafter.

The meeting itself was called to order by President Harrison. After the reading and approval of the minutes of the March meeting the secretary reported fourteen applications for membership, twelve of which were applications to the parent body itself. The names are as follows: E. J. Hughes, C. W. Brodwater, R. L. Calvert, C. C. Pines, W. J. Stonebak, Robert Rowen, L. G. Freeman, E. A. Novak, M. J. Beck, N. Belov, A. H. Nowak and J. Bass, for the parent organization, and Robert J. Ruth and Arno Viehoever for the Branch itself. The secretary cast the ballot electing these men to membership.

The president announced the partial com-

pletion of the new membership committee of seven. Professors E. J. Hughes and Ivor Griffith were selected to particularly cover the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science; Professors Leo Penn and Schachterle for the Temple University College of Pharmacy, and J. Roberts for the wholesale and manufacturing druggists. Another member will be selected to aid Mr. Roberts and the seventh will be named for the retail pharmacists.

The secretary read a communication from Mr. George M. Beringer, thanking the Branch for its kind letter of congratulation as recipient of the Remington Honor Medal.

A letter from Dr. R. P. Fischelis, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements for the Beringer testimonial dinner, was also read. The Branch expressed itself as feeling highly honored in having this mark of distinction placed upon one of its members and everyone was urged to attend the dinner at Newark on April 14th.

Dean LaWall gave a very interesting synopsis of the work being done by the A. Ph. A. Building Fund Committee and explained the program which is to be carried out for the main drive.

As there was no new business to come before the society, the President introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. C. W. Brown, of the H. K. Mulford Laboratories, Philadelphia, who spoke on Serums, Vaccines, Antitoxins and General Biologicals.

Dr. Brown's talk was extremely interesting, and as someone later remarked, his manner of making the subject popular as well as scientific was most pleasing. The audience was first carried back to the early discovery of bacteria themselves, when the early workers found that through their special glasses they could see living organisms which man could ordinarily not see. Gradually the story wound its way through the history of vaccines, from the earliest notice of the connection of cowpox with smallpox and from the crude preparation then prepared, to the vaccine now so scientifically regulated and marketed.

The next step of Dr. Brown's talk, Antitoxins, was illustrated by motion pictures which were very entertaining. Here again his listeners were carried along, from the proper selection of the horse on down through the various operations, finally leading out through the shipping room with the finished package, ready to do its duty for humanity.

Dr. Brown also mentioned and described

additional units of the bacteriological household such as serums, antibody solutions, dry vaccines, and others. At the close of this most interesting and helpful talk a rising vote of thanks was given to the speaker.

The president next called upon the various ex-presidents and others of the Branch for a few remarks. The responses which were received were quite as entertaining as the original program had been and the following were among those to speak: W. L. Cliffe, W. W. McNeary, W. A. Pearson, J. W. Sturmer, B. C. Goodhart, E. G. Eberle, Ivor Griffith, Ambrose Hunsberger, C. H. LaWall and R. C. White.

ADLEY B. NICHOLS, *Secretary*.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON.

The monthly meeting of the University of Washington Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held at Bagley Hall March 26. Thirty-five members were present. President Shaw spoke a few minutes upon the desirability of having all students as members of the branch. He also suggested that the members become active in interesting high school seniors in the profession of pharmacy. He then introduced Mr. A. W. Ayer, State Food and Drug Inspector, who reviewed the laws affecting the pharmacists of the state. The first phase of the talk consisted of the application of the Harrison Narcotic Law to retail pharmacists and the relation of the Washington State narcotic law to the Federal Law. Many specific cases of application were given as illustrations. The second phase consisted of the application of the State Food and Drug Law to the practice of retail pharmacy. This was followed by the prohibition law and finally the State Pharmacy Law. After the general talk had been presented many questions were asked of Mr. Ayer, and the talk became a general discussion.

H. A. LANGENHAN, *Secretary*.

Why I Enjoy the Round Table. A symposium by the Chicago Veteran Druggists' Association. The motto of this association is "Cheers for the Living, and Tears for the Dead." This is exemplified in the expressions made by thirty or more members of the veteran organization. Many of these are most interesting and the splendid success in bringing together each week congenial spirits has been well worth while. Wilhelm Bodemann has 99 reasons for the association and his membership therein; "only 3 are needed," he said.