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Office of the Secretary, 192 Roseville Ave., Newark, N. J.

LETTER NO. 3.

December 2, 1924.

To the Members of the Council:

20. *Publicity for Chairman Ruth's Address:* Motion No. 6 (see item 9, Letter No. 2, page 1166) has been carried. This also disposes of motion No. 3 (see item 3, page 1064, Letter No. 1) for which it was a substitute.

21. *Certificate for Ebert Prize:* Motion No. 7 (see item 10, Letter No. 2, page 1166) has been carried. In this connection Dr. Pittenger writes as follows:

"In voting in the affirmative on Dr. Army's motion No. 7, it is perhaps best for me to make an honest confession to Dr. Army, the Council and the Committee on Property and Funds; and that is, at the time I forwarded my suggestion to the Council I was not aware of Dr. Army's recommendation.

"As you know, I was extremely busy at the Buffalo Convention in view of the fact I was Secretary of the Scientific Section which made it impossible for me to attend all of the sessions of the Association.

"As I had some business to attend to in Toronto during the week of the Convention, the only possible time I had available was on the day of the 1st General Session. I therefore am sorry to state that I did not hear Dr. Army's excellent address, which I had the pleasure of reading in the September issue of the JOURNAL, since forwarding my letter to the Council.

"I therefore want Dr. Army and the Committee interested to know that my suggestion was not offered in opposition to Dr. Army's recommendation.

"I heartily approve of Dr. Army's suggestion of a gold medal and feel that it would be more desirable than the certificate.

"Since reading Dr. Army's recommendation I am wondering whether perhaps it would not be possible to do both. I suggest this for the following reasons:

"Dr. Army's proposition is to give the winner the option of the present cash prize, or the Gold Medal. This would mean that

the young student or worker who needed money to carry on his research work, should he choose the money, would have nothing to indicate that he won the Ebert prize.

"Also it would be impossible to present medals to former prize-winners.

"Would it therefore not be possible to adopt both suggestions by presenting the certificate with the medal. The certificate might state, for example, 'The Ebert Prize for the year . . . has been awarded to John Smith, etc.'

"The certificate could then be issued with either the Gold Medal or the check, and as stated in my former communication, I would be glad to have certificates made for all the living Ebert prize-winners.

"This is simply a suggestion to the Committee, and I wish to again assure you that if it is thought desirable to adopt only one of the suggestions I prefer the one recommended by Dr. Army.

Very truly yours,
PAUL S. PITTINGER."

22. *Appropriation for Headquarters Campaign:* Motion No. 8 (see item 12, Letter No. 2, page 1166) has been carried.

23. *Formation of Executive Committee of the Council:* Motion No. 9 (see item 13, Letter No. 2, page 1166) has been carried. Chairman Beal nominated the following five members of the Council to serve on the executive committee in addition to President Holton, Secretary Day, Chairman Beal, Secretary Fischelis and Treasurer Kelly: Messrs. Hilton, LaWall, DuMez, Army and Whelpley.

(*Motion No. 13.*) *It is moved by Fischelis that the nominations to the Executive Committee be confirmed by the Council.*

24. *Meeting of Executive Committee of Council:* Chairman Beal suggests Friday and Saturday, February 13 and 14, 1925, for a meeting of the Executive Committee at Washington, D. C.

(*Motion No. 14.*) *It is moved by Fischelis that the Executive Committee of the Council be authorized to hold a meeting at Washington, D. C., February 13 and 14, 1925.*

25. *Approval of Councilor's Action at Wash-*

ington. Motion No. 10 (see item 14, Letter No. 2, page 1167) has been carried.

26. *F. O. Bowman Replaces J. G. Beard on Board of Canvassers:* President Holton's appointment of F. O. Bowman in place of J. G. Beard on the Board of Canvassers and the appointment of Dean Howell as Chairman of the Board has been approved.

27. *Election of New Members:* Motion No. 11 (see item 18, Letter No. 2, page 1168) has been carried and applicants numbered 24 to 59 inclusive are declared elected. Motion No. 12 (see item 19, Letter No. 2, page 1168) has been carried and applicants numbered H-74 to H-158 inclusive are declared elected.

28. *Appropriation for Historical Section:* The following letter has been received from Clyde L. Eddy, Chairman of the Committee on the History of American Pharmacy of the Historical Section, A. Ph. A.:

"At the Asheville meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association, the sum of One Hundred Dollars was appropriated for the use of the Historical Section in preparing a History of American Pharmacy. The work on the history did not progress last year to the point where it was necessary to use any of this appropriation. Now, however, the committee in charge of this work, of which I am chairman, is in need of funds to have copies made of the chapters that have been finished and for other purposes and I request that the sum of One Hundred Dollars be appropriated for the use of this committee.

Sincerely yours,

CLYDE L. EDDY, *Chairman,*
Committee on the History of American
Pharmacy, Historical Section."

The request was referred to the Finance Committee and has received the approval of this Committee.

(*Motion No. 15.*) *It is moved by LaWall that \$100 be appropriated for the use of the Committee on History of American Pharmacy.*

29. *Applicants for Life Membership:* Under the provision made by the Board of Directors of the A. Ph. A. at a meeting held in Washington, D. C., December 7, 1923, a contributor to the Building Fund who subscribes \$1000 or more is entitled to life membership. The following applications are submitted under this provision:

L. M. No. 1. E. R. Seabury, 87 Maiden Lane, New York City. To receive life membership for contribution of Seabury & Johnson.

L. M. No. 2. Albert Bond Lambert, 2101 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo. To receive life membership for contribution of Lambert Pharmaceutical Company.

L. M. No. 3. Gustavus A. Pfeiffer, 113 West 18th St., New York City. To receive life membership for contribution of Wm. R. Warner & Company, Inc.

L. M. No. 4. Dr. Martin H. Ittner, 105 Hudson St., Jersey City, N. J. To receive life membership for contribution of Colgate & Company.

(*Motion No. 16.*) *Vote on applications for Life Membership in the American Pharmaceutical Association.*

30. *Applicants for membership:* The following applications accompanied by first year's dues and proper endorsements have been received.

No. 60, Hossein Amin, Chapel Hill, N. C.; No. 61, Chas. W. Bauer, 2454 Harney St., Omaha, Nebr.; No. 62, G. F. Bowman, c/o V. B. Corporation, 916 Forbes St., Pittsburgh, Pa.; No. 63, Carney Washington Bynum, Chapel Hill, N. C.; No. 64, Alexander Clark, 3616 Iron St., Chicago, Ill.; No. 65, W. E. Harper, Smackover, Ark.; No. 66, W. T. Massey, Box 100, Waldo, Ark.; No. 67, Hans Albin Nelson, 506 W. Bell Ave., Peoria, Ill.; No. 68, Walter P. O'Neil, 309 Carr, Chapel Hill, N. C.; No. 69, Sister Mary Berenice Ripperger, St. Mary's Hospital, Clayton and Bellevue, St. Louis, Mo.; No. 70, Logan D. Wallace, 1502 -77 W. Washington St., Chicago, Ill.; No. 71, Hal Marion Winders, Chapel Hill, N. C.

(*Motion No. 17.*) *Vote on applications for active membership in the American Pharmaceutical Association.*

31. *Applicants for membership who have contributed to Building Fund:* The following non-members of the A. Ph. A. have pledged a total of \$25. or more to the building fund and have made a cash payment of \$5. or more. They are therefore entitled to membership in the A. Ph. A.

H-169, Edwin C. Barker, 7 East Main, Canisteo, N. Y.; H-160, Edw. Beckenbach, 7319 Lawnview Ave., Cleveland, Ohio; H-161, Ellis P. Carder, 801 Dale Ave. S. E., Roanoke, Va.; H-162, Jacob Fine, 1509 Edgemont Ave., Chicago, Ill.; H-163, Chas. F. Frock, c/o Fayette Drug Co., 21 E. Main St., Uniontown, Pa.; H-164, A. Goldstein, 5071 Broadway, Chicago, Ill.; H-165, Paul C. Gossmann, 665 W. Lincoln Highway, De Kalb, Ill.; H-166, W. H. Itrich, Hebron, N. Dak.; H-167, John

Chas. Lucey, 629 W. Washington St., Martins Ferry, Ohio; H-168, Edw. A. Reel, 125 W. Platt St., Maquoketa, Iowa; H-169, Jessie B. Russell, 876—1st Ave., Salt Lake, Utah; H-170, Frederick S. Selby, 724 Lincolnway, LaPorte, Ind.; H-171, Elliott E. Selzer, Red Bluff, Calif.; H-172, Samuel Shkolnik, 1409 So. Harding Ave., Chicago, Ill.; H-173, James A. Tatem, 535 Park Ave., Norfolk, Va.; H-174, Salvator P. Tomaso, 1246 Sinnott Place, Chicago, Ill.; H-175, Chas. Clifford Ullrich, 9806 Hough

Ave., Cleveland, Ohio; H-176, W. H. Upjohn, c/o The Upjohn Co., Kalamazoo, Mich.; H-177, Robert L. Walker, 503 Olney Road, Norfolk, Va.; H-178, William W. White, 109 Maple Ave., Richmond, Va.; H-179, Walter R. Woolley, 39 W. Main St., Freehold, N. J.

(*Motion No. 18.*) *Vote on applications of contributors to building fund, for membership in the American Pharmaceutical Association.*

ROBERT P. FISCHELIS,
Secretary of the Council.

INTERNATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL FEDERATION.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the above Federation was held in Paris on November 18, Professor L. van Itallie in the chair. Mr. Edmund White (Member of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain), representative of that Society, attended the meeting.

UNIFICATION OF POTENT DRUGS.

It was reported that on the initiative of the Federation the Belgian Government had invited the British and other Governments to appoint delegates to a conference on the unification of potent drugs to be held in Brussels next year.

THE TRAFFIC IN PROPRIETARIES.

It was reported that a questionnaire had been issued to the twenty pharmaceutical organizations, constituent members of the Federation, in the different European countries, requesting information as to the conditions under which the traffic in proprietary medicines is carried on, and it was suggested to them that the subject should be included in the Agenda for the Brussels Conference in 1925. The meeting discussed the question of the sale and control of proprietary medicines. It was explained that in France and Belgium the sale of proprietary medicines is permitted only in pharmacies, whereas in America and England, except as to the sale by retail of proprietary preparations containing scheduled poisons, there is no restriction as to their retail distribution, further than that vendors of articles subject to the medicine stamp duty must be licensed to sell them. It was agreed that it would be necessary to prepare a draft of a scheme to serve as the basis of an international control by law of the traffic in question, for consideration at the forthcoming Conference. The meeting affirmed as a principle that (1) an official or statutory regulation of the preparation and

sale of proprietary medicines is called for in the interests of the public; (2) an international control is desirable, but will be difficult to establish as long as there are such disparities of law and custom between the different countries; (3) it is necessary that there should be disclosure, in some form, of the composition of proprietary medicines in order to suppress quackery and enable a competent authority to discriminate between reputable preparations and worthless or pernicious nostrums; (4) all articles should be classified as proprietary for which it is claimed that they prevent or cure disease or improve health; (5) that all proprietary medicines should be registered in order to veto the sale of such preparations as have no medicinal value; (6) there should be State control of the composition of proprietary medicines, which for that purpose should be submitted to chemical or physiological analysis and tests; (7) all commercial medical products should be subjected to regular control by the state in collaboration with accredited pharmaceutical authorities; (8) the preparation of all proprietary medicines should be restricted exclusively to pharmacists; (9) as any regulation of the price of proprietary medicines is possible only in countries where there is a minimum retail price list, it was decided to appoint a Special Committee to go into the subject and report to the next general meeting of the Federation, and there were elected to serve on this Committee: Sir W. S. Glyn-Jones (England), M. Loisel (France), and M. Daminet (Belgium).

PHARMACEUTICAL EDUCATION.

There was submitted the sketch of a plan of international pharmaceutical education to provide for some approximation as to standards and scope of scientific and technical instruction and examination, but it was agreed that although in some countries the system is similar to that proposed in the provisional plan, in

others it is so different from it that, for the present, little can be done in this direction.

CHEMICAL NOMENCLATURE.

The Committee received the reports from various countries on this subject, and the statement on them by the Bureau, from which it appeared that in respect to botanical names some progress has been made, or promised, to approximate these to the scientific names, but it seemed to be necessary to retain different commercial names which have a firmly established international currency. Continued efforts are being made to devise Latin names in conformity with the canons of chemical nomenclature. It was suggested that the compilers of national Pharmacopœias should insert the international along with the national name of each drug, etc., to which the former is applicable.

THE SUPPLY OF DRUGS AND MEDICINES TO THE PUBLIC IN RURAL AREAS.

It was agreed that in principle there should be a complete separation between the practice of medicine and that of pharmacy, but that in exceptional circumstances the physician might be allowed to dispense and supply medicines. In order to ensure an adequate supply of drugs and medicines to the public in rural parts, or in thinly-populated districts, it was suggested that the Government should subsidize pharmacies which cannot otherwise be made to pay.

THE SALE OF DANGEROUS DRUGS.

As the outcome of the discussion on this subject, the Secretary was instructed to send a letter, of which a copy is subjoined, to the Conference on the Opium Traffic then in session at Geneva:

"Freely recognizing the high principles that constitute the basis of the Conference, and the obligation of pharmacists to coöperate for this purpose, the Executive Committee of the Federation would welcome regulations that would relieve the pharmacist of administrative functions and responsibilities that are most

harassing and detrimental to the business interests of the practice of pharmacy, but are quite ineffective in preventing abuse. The Committee submit that the sale of habit-forming drugs should be regulated in precisely the same way as other poisons, with the exception that the dispensing of dangerous drugs should only be allowed in fixed quantities, upon a medical prescription. The sale by wholesale should be permitted only to pharmacists, or to persons specially licensed, and the sale by retail should be restricted exclusively to pharmacists, and by them solely to persons living in their respective neighborhoods. The Committee does not consider it necessary to legislate in addition to the provisions of Articles 14 b. and 14 c. of the Opium Convention. The Committee is of opinion that it will be necessary to compile an international list of proprietary medicines containing dangerous drugs, with a specification of the percentage of such drugs in them. All regulations applicable to the sale of dangerous drugs in pharmacies should be framed in collaboration with accredited pharmaceutical authorities, and all medical prescriptions should be made out in such a manner as to facilitate the identification of their genuineness."

NEXT MEETING OF THE FEDERATION.

It was decided that the next meeting of the International Pharmaceutical Federation should be held in a country not hitherto visited, such as Switzerland.

[We are indebted to Dr. J. J. Hofman, the indefatigable Secretary of the Federation, for a copy of the translation of the above report, which was admirably done by Miss C. Hofer, assistant in the University Pharmaceutical Laboratory, Kloveniersburgwal, Amsterdam.—EDITOR.]

While the JOURNAL A. PH. A. has been accorded the same favor indicated in foregoing paragraph, we have taken the liberty of reprinting the report from *The Pharmaceutical Journal and Pharmacist* of Dec. 20.—EDITOR.

ILLUSTRATED PHARMACEUTICAL CALENDAR.

A German pharmaceutical calendar for 1925, prepared by Apotheker Fritz Ferchl and published by *Süddeutsche Apotheker-Zeitung*, 57 Tübingerstrasse, Stuttgart, is illustrated by reproductions of historical pharmacies, pharmaceutical documents, pots, utensils and portraits

of distinguished pharmacists. The illustrations are on the upper portion of the tear-off leaves, the lower part gives the dates and space for memoranda. The views of the historical pharmacies are good and reproductions interesting; among the latter are the chemical signs employed by Scheele, a prescription written by Schiller, etc.