

## 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to the Association and Branches shall become the property of the Association with the understanding that they are not to be published in any other publication prior to their publication in those of the Association, except with the consent of the Council."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 shall 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.

### UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The twenty-seventh meeting of the University of North Carolina Branch of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION was held in Pharmacy Hall, Thursday evening, February 4, 1926. Dr. P. M. Giesy, chief of the research division of E. R. Squibb and Sons, the speaker of the evening, was introduced by Dr. J. M. Bell, head of the department of chemistry.

In a historical sketch Dr. Giesy gave a complete résumé of the research work which had been done on vitamins. Beginning with the early work of Chamberlain and Vedder and Funk and Suzuki, he related the progress which had been made in this field up to the present time.

He spoke interestingly on the location of vitamins in various food-stuffs and particularly of the fat soluble vitamins A and D which cod-liver oil supplies so abundantly. He gave an account of the methods used in insuring a cod-liver oil which was more palatable and high in vitamin content. He also discussed the use of cod-liver oil as a valuable adjunct to the diet of poultry and its use by breeders of foxes for their pelts.

The lecture was profusely illustrated by charts, photographs and graphs, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the members of the local branch.

A vote of thanks was given Dr. Giesy.

### PHILADELPHIA.

The March meeting of the Philadelphia Branch of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION was held Friday, March 5, 1926, at the P. A. R. D. building; President Smith presided.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved. The application to the parent body, of Wm. Randolph McCreary, 1043 Reece St., Bryn Mawr, Pa., was read and the applicant was accepted as a branch member, subject to approval by the parent body.

A report of the Auditing Committee, stating that the Treasurer's books had been audited and found to be correct, was accepted.

Mr. McNearly reported progress on the work of the special membership campaign committee and presented four applications for branch membership as follows:

Harry Seidman, G. H. Lennox, W. H. Ricker and F. R. Keller.

The report and the four applications were accepted.

The President then introduced Robert P. Fischelis, long a member and active worker of the Branch, who was our guest and speaker for the evening. Dr. Fischelis presented a splendid paper on the work being done by the Drug Trade Bureau of Public Information, of which he is chairman, and he had the walls covered with copies of hundreds of newspaper articles collected from all parts of the country.

Dr. Fischelis gave a résumé of the progress of the bureau during its five years of existence, telling of its early struggles and how it finally began to function.

The bureau was organized about five years ago and supported at first by eight leading national drug trade organizations, later by only six. The bureau functions through the newspapers of the country, developing and influencing public opinion by publishing articles of pharmaceutical interest.

During the past year fifty bulletins were sent out from the chairman's office and this "copy" was printed in hundreds of newspapers

throughout the country. Practically every article printed, including many editorials, were all for the good and welfare of pharmacy, only a few being of questionable or detrimental character. Dr. Fischelis had the walls lined with "evidence" in the form of clippings from papers throughout the country, and it was interesting to see the results of this work. The work of this bureau is of vital importance to pharmacy as we all know that public opinion can easily be moulded by paper propaganda and it certainly is time for pharmacy to make itself known and more fully appreciated.

Dr. Fischelis pointed out the great opportunity for state and local associations to do their own local work of this type and urged that this be considered wherever possible.

At the close of the address there was prolonged applause and considerable discussion followed. A rising vote of thanks was given for this most enlightening presentation.

A motion was passed that the Secretary write to the parent organization heartily endorsing this work and urging the parent body to continue with its full support to the bureau.

J. W. E. Harrison then reported for the Nominating Committee as follows:

*President*, Wm. L. Cliffe.

*First Vice-President*, Raymond Hendrickson.

*Second Vice-President*, Quintus Hoch.

*Secretary-Treasurer*, Adley B. Nichols.

*Council Representative*, Ambrose Hunsberger.

The report was accepted, and as there were no further nominations the President asked Mr. Harrison to cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees.

In the absence of Mr. Cliffe the chair was turned over to Mr. Hendrickson who in turn called the other newly-elected officers to the platform.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered to Mortimer Smith, the retiring president, for the splendid work he had carried on during the past year.

The usual dinner was held at the Longacre Hotel preceding the meeting.

ADLEY B. NICHOLS, *Secretary*.

#### UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON.

The February meeting was held Thursday evening, February 26, at Bagley Hall. The preliminary business meeting was dispensed with and the chairman introduced Mr. H. V. Williamson, inspector in charge of the narcotic division, as the speaker of the evening. Mr.

Williamson divided his talk into two parts; first dealing with the Narcotic Act as a revenue measure, and secondly relating some experiences in connection with the enforcement of the act. The members, consisting of pharmacy students and druggists, were favored with a clear and concise explanation of the rules applying to the druggist in conducting his business under the act, and of the simple technical errors one is likely to introduce unless the rules are well understood. As a retailer Mr. Williamson said, "Never sell narcotics (except in one ounce aqueous solution) on an official blank. Never sell original packages on a prescription without first destroying the revenue stamp on the package, and then see that the package is properly labeled as a narcotic prescription." This rule appears simple, and any deviation from this rule comes under "don't" for the retailer.

The second part of the talk, though of lesser immediate value, was of popular interest. The display of confiscated equipment used by narcotic addicts was of a great variety. Opium pipes, handsomely carved, to those made from door knobs and gas tubing, were shown. Home-made "hypos" needles and hypo compacts, and other accessories, each presented with an interesting anecdote, followed in order. Kewpie dolls and post cards contributed their share as vehicles for the narcotic distributors. The talk was concluded with the aid of a large number of lantern slides, showing facial characteristics of the effects of the several kinds of narcotics used and of views of dens and other quarters of those either participating in the use of or the distribution of narcotics. A hearty vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Williamson for his talk. The meeting adjourned after which a closer view of the "display" was participated in. This led to questions on the part of the observers, and replies by Mr. Williamson or by his two agents who accompanied him resulted in an hour of post meeting.

H. A. LANGENHAN, *Secretary*.

The New York Branch, AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, at its February meeting held a symposium on retail salesmanship. Turner F. Currens discussed the subject in a comprehensive paper, and short talks were made by others, as follows:

"How to Sell Sick-Room Supplies," by Mrs. May O'C. Davis; "How to Increase the Prescription Business," J. Leon Lascoff; "How to Advertise First-Aid Week," Herman

Walter and "What Is the Principal Cause of Price Cutting?" Robert S. Lehmann.

At a recent meeting of Pittsburgh Branch, A. Ph. A., Prof. Louis Saalbach gave a comprehensive review of U. S. P. X, comparing that edition with its predecessor. He prefers the inclusion of molecular weights in the individual monographs, and comments on the addition of new chemical compounds. The paper gives brief consideration to most of the changes and additions in an instructive way. He also discusses the designations of titles

of some of the preparations, as for example Cinchona, the preparations of which may differ in appearance, because both red and yellow cinchona are permissible, if they comply with the standard of strength. The title of Compound Cathartic Pills was changed so as not to indicate the action or purpose, but the title of Smallpox Vaccine evidently does not follow the same lines of reasoning. As indicated the paper presents quite a complete summary of changes, etc., with which the pharmacist must become acquainted.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

### ABSTRACTS FROM LETTERS OF LIFE MEMBERS, A. PH. A.

**J. F. Geisler.**—"I beg to acknowledge the receipt of Certificate of my election to Life Membership in the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, and hope that I may be of use in furthering the interests and purposes of the ASSOCIATION for many years to come. It is interesting to look over the work of the ASSOCIATION of the past seventy-five years and note the self-sacrifice of many of the old members and the good work they did in the interest of science and Pharmacy in particular."

**William C. Kirk.**—"I regret that in the past I could not have been of as great a service to the ASSOCIATION as the latter has been to me."

**S. Nevin.**—"I shall always feel proud of the ownership of the certificate, and am going to hang it in a prominent place in my office."

**Carl Weeks.**—"Membership certificate has been received. It will be framed and hung in a position of honor."

**C. Mahlon Kline.**—"I have received the certificate of life membership in the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION which I am having framed and which will decorate my office. I have always held the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION in the highest regard and it gives me a feeling of great satisfaction to know that I am to be a member of the ASSOCIATION for the rest of my life."

**John Thomas Moore.**—"While records may show that I have taken little active part in annual meetings as evidenced by attendance, I wish to say that absences were due to uncontrollable circumstances.

"I welcome the receipt of the JOURNAL every month. The YEAR BOOKS are more or less in daily use. While I am physically debarred from active work, I am more than glad to mentally appreciate the progress that accompanies and elevates the Science and Art of Pharmacy as shown and recorded in the ASSOCIATION'S literature.

"I put the certificate of acknowledged years of fraternity by the side of the original certificate showing membership. The certificate notification was in the nature of an accolade, for which I think it only right to express gratitude. I hope that I may enjoy many years of the promising future of the ASSOCIATION in common with those of regular sustaining membership."

**Charles G. Merrell.**—"I have been a member of this ASSOCIATION for a good many years and have appreciated the work that has been done, and hope that with the activities that are now taking place, the A. Ph. A. may fully come into its own and occupy even a more prominent place in pharmacy than it has in the past."

**H. H. Rusby.**—"The reflections that the certificate suggests are very gratifying, in spite of the many unpleasant incidents that are brought to mind. *Per opera ad astra* was the motto of my class, and the principle rings more truly as I near the end than at any previous time. It is a great joy to realize that I have done my bit in developing this great ASSOCIATION. The best part of it is to see the large army of young people who seem to inherit the worthy spirit that actuated their predecessors. We should overlook rash, impulsive and injudicious acts, in view of a sound basis."