

## SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

### PLANT SCIENCE SEMINAR.

The 6th annual Plant Science Seminar convened in Boston, Mass., on August 13, 1928. Dr. J. P. Bill, of the New England Botanical Club; Dr. Francis Lazenby, Superintendent of Harvard University Botanical Gardens; H. C. Lythgoe, Chief Chemist of the Massachusetts Department addressed the members. The feature of the opening session was an address by Dean Theodore J. Bradley in which he paid a high compliment to the botanists and pharmacognosists who had organized the Seminar and were carrying on its work.

Chairman H. W. Youngken, in the annual address, stressed the great progress made by pharmacognosists in recent years. He declared that the advance of the science in America within recent years was in a large measure due to the Seminar which had enabled teachers and workers to confer and exchange ideas and methods. The Chairman recommended that the Seminar go on record as favoring a separate section for pharmacognosy and pharmaceutical botany at the 5th International Botanical Congress at Cambridge, England, in 1930; this recommendation was unanimously approved, the members of the Seminar were invited to attend the Congress.

Because of the intense interest and value of the exchange of herbarium specimens and drugs as suggested by former Chairman E. L. Newcomb, the continuance of this custom at future Seminars was unanimously endorsed.

Pharmacognosists from all over the country were in attendance, and letters, telegrams and cablegrams were received from scientists from all parts of the world. Among those present at the Seminar were the following: F. H. Eby, Paul Q. Card, Wm. J. Stonebach, L. J. Freeman, Arno Viehoveer, of Philadelphia; Charles C. Plitt, Baltimore; Willard W. Eggleston, Washington, D. C.; George H. Needham, R. A. Konnerth, Brooklyn, N. Y.; W. B. Day, E. N. Gathercoal, E. H. Wirth, Chicago; B. V. Christensen, Florida; A. H. Uhl, Valparaiso, Ind.; F. J. Bacon, Cleveland; W. O. Richtmann, Madison, Wis.; E. B. Fischer, Minneapolis, Minn.; George L. Burroughs, University of Miss.; E. L. Newcomb, New York, N. Y.; Charles E. Mollett, Missoula, Montana; O. P. M. Canis, Newark, N. J.; Theodore J. Bradley, H. W. Youngken, Irving P. Gammon, William H. Glover, William A. Acheson, Howard L. Reed, Richard W. St. Clair, Florin

J. Amrhein, Leon A. Thompson, Boston.

A cablegram was received from Prof. F. Eaton, Paris, France, formerly of Connecticut College of Pharmacy. Letters and telegrams were received from L. K. Darbaker, Pittsburgh; John Schwartz, Memphis, Tenn.; L. J. Petry, Arkansas; L. J. Schwartz, West Africa; George L. Keenan, Washington D. C.; C. J. Zufall, Lafayette, Ind.; W. O. Emery, of Washington, D. C.

The additional features of the program were as follows:

"Teaching Methods with Exhibits," E. H. Wirth; "Medicinal Plants of Florida," B. V. Christensen; "More about Digitalis," W. J. Stonebach.

Report on progress of census of commercial and geographical sources of American medicinal plants (Auspices of National Research Council, Committee on Pharmacognosy and Botany) W. W. Stockberger.

"On Abbreviations of the U. S. P. X. and N. F. V.," Charles C. Plitt; "On Preparation of Slides of Squills," Charles C. Plitt; "Drug Testing," Arno Viehoveer; "On Soil Fertilization," Arno Viehoveer; "What a Flower Show May Mean to a Pharmacy Student," Marin S. Dunn; "Pharmacy Week Window Display and the Pharmacognosist," E. L. Newcomb; "The Pharmacy Headquarters Bulletin and the Pharmacognosist," E. L. Newcomb; "Color Nomenclature of the U. S. P.," E. N. Gathercoal; "Studies on Peppermint, Illustrated," F. J. Bacon; "Pharmacographia Americana," W. O. Richtmann.

The demonstrations and discussions were intensely interesting. A large number of herbarium specimens and rare drug samples were exchanged and a new source of supply of *Veratrum* was reported in northern New Jersey. The botanical trips and excursions to Harvard University Botanical Garden, Gray Herbarium, Agassiz Hall, Arnold Arboretum, the coastal regions about Nahant, Mass., and to Lexington and Concord and other historical points were very much enjoyed and very instructive.

The Dean and Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy provided an elaborate luncheon each day in the Alumni Room which was greatly appreciated by all members.

The 1929 Seminar will be held in the West, and the place will be announced in the near future.

### PHARMACY WEEK PHOTOGRAPHS.

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### CONFERENCE OF PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION SECRETARIES.

#### Abstract of the Minutes.

President A. L. I. Winne called the Conference of Pharmaceutical Association Secretaries to order at 4:30 P.M., August 22nd, in Hotel Eastland, Portland, Me. Owing to the absence of Secretary W. H. Lamont, John Culley was elected temporary Secretary.

The first order of business was the reading of the President's address—see pages 906-911, JOUR. A. PH. A. On motion of Wm. B. Day, duly seconded it was determined to place a copy of the address in the hands of all pharmaceutical secretaries.



JOHN CULLEY.

The report of Secretary-Treasurer Lamont showed a balance on hand of \$23.63. A telegram of greeting and thanks was sent to him.

The following charter members were present (the absentees were Messrs. W. H. Lamont, W. D. Adams, W. P. Winter and F. M. Smith): W. E. Bingham, Alabama; W. Bruce Philip, California; Chas. J. Clayton, Colorado; P. J. Garvin, Connecticut; A. C. Taylor, District of Columbia; W. B. Day, Illinois; F. V. McCullough, Indiana; J. W. Gayle, Kentucky; E. F. Kelly, Maryland; R. P. Fischelis, New Jersey; J. G. Beard, North Carolina; J. G. Noh, Pennsylvania; P. R.

Ferrell, acting as proxy for W. P. Winter, Tennessee; John Culley, Utah; A. L. I. Winne, Virginia; J. L. Hayman, West Virginia.

The report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was read by Chairman John Culley. Several additions and corrections were made and then adopted.

President C. W. Johnson, of the A. PH. A., addressed the Conference. He referred to the reference in his presidential address relating to the Conference, and suggested a number of activities which could be discussed and promoted by this body. He pointed out discussions on the modern drug store and salesmanship in its various phases.

J. G. Beard read a paper on "The Advantage of a Monthly Journal for State Pharmaceutical Associations."

A paper by J. G. Noh on the "Drug Store Ownership Law of Pennsylvania" was deferred to the succeeding session held on August 23rd at 8:00 A.M.

At the special session Secretary Noh's paper on "The Mobilization of Pharmaceutical Forces" and the one introduced at the preceding session were discussed. It brought out that an Ownership Law must be promoted as a measure for the benefit and protection of the public—as a public welfare measure.

Secretary Kelly congratulated the members of the Conference and predicted great success as a result of their efforts with helpfulness to the A. PH. A. He asked and offered co-operation in bringing about a growing and stronger contact with state associations. He stated that the Conference was entitled to representation in the House of Delegates and asked them to make full use of the opportunity. He suggested that the Conference be represented at the annual conventions of state associations; that adjacent states should have an interchangeable program. Relative to the annual programs he advised that half be devoted to general topics, including commercial subjects, and the other to scientific pharmacy and professional topics. He said the Conference had opportunities for promoting and aiding national and state legislation, and for aiding the pharmacists in the Army and Navy to gain due recognition.

W. Bruce Philip gave a talk on lawful and unlawful methods employed by drug trade organizations. He pointed out the difference between issuing a price list for information and publishing a list for adherence by members of the organization.

He proposed the following resolution which was passed:

*Resolved*, That this Conference appoint representatives from the organization actively connected with the drug trade, in each state Congressional district to obtain the support of the Congressmen for the bill to elevate the status of the pharmacists in the Army by establishing a *Distinct Pharmacy Corps* as a part of the Medical Department of the U. S. Army."

P. J. Garvin read a paper on Connecticut Association activities. In his opinion all connected with pharmacy and the drug trade should be eligible but divided into two classes: "Active" and "Associate;" the former comprising registered pharmacists and the latter those who cannot hold elective offices.

There was some discussion on the advisability of membership being obligatory, by law; both sides of the question were represented.

Robert P. Fischelis speaking on Association programs said that papers should be varied but not divided into sections.

A. L. I. Winne suggested that instead of using the designation "Scientific Section," "Section on Practical Pharmacy" should be employed.

J. G. Beard expressed preference for a mail vote for officers, because it developed interest of non-attending members who would attend succeeding meetings; that it was productive of greater interest at the annual meetings.

The Conference asked for more time for their meetings at the next convention.

The Committee on Nominations presented its report as follows: For *President*, John Culley, Utah; *First Vice-President*, W. Bruce Philip, California; *Second Vice-President*, W. E. Bingham, Alabama; *Secretary-Treasurer*, J. G. Noh, Pennsylvania. Members of the *Executive Committee*: A. L. I. Winne, *Chairman*, Virginia; J. G. Beard, North Carolina; P. J. Garvin, Connecticut; William B. Day, Illinois; C. J. Clayton, Colorado. They were unanimously elected.

C. J. Clayton moved a vote of thanks for the retiring President, A. L. I. Winne, for his services in promoting the organization and activities of the Conference.

Presidents of state and other pharmaceutical associations are to be addressed, suggesting to them that the Secretaries of the respective organizations become members of the Conference. (We are indebted to Temporary Secretary John Culley for the report from which these notes were prepared.)

#### THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETAIL DRUGGISTS.

The National Association of Retail Druggists held a successful convention in San Francisco—the 30th annual meeting of this organization. Among the high lights of the convention program were the addresses of Representative Clyde Kelly and Dr. J. H. Beal. The former pledged his best efforts to secure the passage of the Capper-Kelly Fair Trade Bill at the next session of Congress. The subject of the address of Dr. Beal was "The Pharmacist as a Citizen."

W. A. Oren in his presidential address reviewed the sweeping changes that have taken place in the drug activities, and the work of the N. A. R. D., its aims and its purposes. He stressed the importance of the work accomplished by Secretary Samuel C. Henry and the Washington Bureau and made due acknowledgment of the Executive and other Committees that had been directing the work of the Association.

Resolutions on the following subjects were presented: "Resale Price Maintenance;" "Endorsing the Capper-Kelly Fair Trade Bill;" "Commending Investigation of Chain Store Methods by Congress;" "Opposing Subsidized Advertising;" "Endorsing Drug Store Ownership by Registered Pharmacists Only;" "Urging that Boards of Pharmacy be Separate and Distinct from Boards of Other Groups;" "Condemning the Diversion of Prescription Business from Drug Stores Owned and Controlled by Qualified Registered Pharmacists;" "Endorsing a Bill in Congress to Establish as a Branch of the Army Medical Corps a *Pharmacy Corps*;" and "Enlisting the Support of Congressmen for this Measure;" "Continuance of Efforts to Have Registered Pharmacists Employed in Departments of Government Laboratories, Etc.," wherein the knowledge and experiences of pharmacists are necessary; "Urging Repeal of Liquor Dealers Stamp Tax;" "Approving the Pay Telephone System;" "Endorsing and Aiding Pharmacy Week."

By resolution thanks were extended to Commissioner James M. Doran and coöperation pledged for his endeavors.

The increasing effectiveness of the N. A. R. D. field force was commended, also coöperation in having all sessions of the annual convention open on time, and the effort to raise funds for Near East Relief. Endorsement was given to the formation of Veteran

Associations, and a general resolution of thanks was voted all those who contributed to the success of the San Francisco meeting.

Chairman of the Council, S. L. Hilton, Secretary E. F. Kelly, James H. Beal and H. C. Christensen, as representatives of the A. P. H. A., met with the Executive Committee of the N. A. R. D.

The names of the officers of the N. A. R. D. are given on page 946 of the September JOURNAL.

#### NATIONAL WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.

Quoting the *Oil Paint and Drug Reporter*—"This year's meeting of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association, its fifty-fourth, was not unusual in any of its business phases. There was an appearance of a greater seriousness of mind among the wholesalers who were gathered here, but the matters which may have been expected to be contributory in this regard did not come before the convention.

"The association voted to increase its dues, with a purpose of providing large funds for the carrying on of its educational work in connection with the Druggists' Research Bureau. Additional funds are desired also for an extension of the association's work in cost accounting. This latter phase of more recent N. W. D. A. activities was applied during the past year to a study of the proprietary department of the wholesale druggist. A joint report by the committees on proprietaries and accounting, which was presented at this year's meeting, proved to be a new departure in the manner of its treatment of the proprietary question. The result and the possibilities indicated thereby received a deal of favorable comment."

Endorsement was given for the establishment of a Pharmacy Corps as a branch of the Army Medical Corps.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are: *President*, C. Mahlon Kline, Philadelphia; *First Vice-President*, Lee M. Hutchins, Grand Rapids, Mich.; *Second Vice-President*, J. B. Riley, Macon, Ga.; *Third Vice-President*, William J. Mooney, Jr., Indianapolis; *Fourth Vice-President*, J. T. Coulson, Dallas, Texas; *Fifth Vice-President*, Sherwood Coffin, San Francisco. French Lick Springs was selected for the 1929 meeting.

E. L. Newcomb represented the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, and telegrams

conveying greetings were sent by President D. F. Jones and Secretary E. F. Kelly.

#### OFFICERS OF NORTH DAKOTA PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

North Dakota Pharmaceutical Association elected the following officers for the ensuing year: *President*, F. A. Maser, Glen Ullin; *Vice-Presidents*, J. C. Dills, LaMoure and A. P. Lenhart, Bismarck; *Secretary*, W. F. Sudro, Fargo; *Treasurer*, P. H. Costello, Cooperstown.

Grand Forks was selected for the 1929 meeting.

#### OFFICERS OF SOUTH DAKOTA PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

South Dakota Pharmaceutical Association voted to come into the June list for its annual convention. The following are the officers of the ensuing year: *President*, Floyd W. Brown, Lead; *Vice-President*, J. J. McKay, Pierre; *Secretary*, W. P. Loesch, Oldham and *Treasurer*, F. S. Bockhoven, Clark.—Mr. Brown is the Local Secretary of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

#### PHI DELTA CHI.

The Phi Delta Chi Fraternity assembled around the festive board during the convention of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION at Portland, Me., on Wednesday evening, August 22nd. Thirty-eight members participated and the toastmaster of the evening was Edward Spease, the Grand President of the Fraternity.

#### CONFERENCE ON SURGERY.

Delegates from foreign countries attended the 36th Annual Meeting of Military Surgeons in Baltimore, October 4th to 6th, among them from the following countries: Poland, Jan Ciechanowski, Minister to the United States; England, Rear Admiral H. C. Whiteside, Royal Navy; Japan, Surgeon-Captain Ken Hosomi, Japanese Army; Peru, Commander-Surgeon Alberto Ballon Esteves; Greece, Dr. P. Koryllos; Italy, Colonel G. Cantamessa; Guatemala, Dr. Salvador Pacheco Marroquin.

#### CHINA IS DISCOURAGING THE USE OF OPIUM.

Opium users and opium establishments are being registered in China on payment of fees. The difficulties of enforcing prohibition is recognized, hence the greater efforts are directed to prevent accession to the ranks of habitués.