

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to the Association and Branches shall become the property of the Association with the understanding that they are not to be published in any other publication prior to their publication in those of the Association, except with the consent of the Council."—Part of Chapter VI, Article VI of the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 III of Chapter VII reads: "The objects and aims of local branches of this Association shall be the same as set forth in ARTICLE I of the Constitution of this body, and the acts of local branches shall in no way commit or bind this Association, and can only serve as recommendations to it. And no local branch shall enact any article of Constitution or By-Law to conflict with the Constitution or By-Laws of this Association."

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.

BALTIMORE.

On March 5 and 6, 1928, a joint meeting of the Colleges of Pharmacy and the Boards of Pharmacy of New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland and the District of Columbia (comprising District No. 2 of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy) was held at the Emerson Hotel. The officers and members of the Baltimore Branch of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION realized that this joint meeting afforded an opportunity to entertain prominent pharmacists and pharmaceutical educators, and accordingly arranged an enjoyable dinner meeting at the Emerson Hotel, 6:30 P.M., Monday evening, March 5, 1928. Over 100 guests and members of the Branch attended.

President R. E. L. Williamson, of the Retail Druggists' Association of Baltimore, acted as toastmaster for the occasion. The visitors were cordially welcomed by President L. M. Kantner, by Mayor Broening of Baltimore, by Councilmanic Pharmacist S. Y. Harris, by Secretary R. L. Swain of the Maryland Board of Pharmacy, by Dean A. G. DuMez of the School of Pharmacy of the University of Maryland and by Vice-President L. N. Richardson of District No. 2 of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.

Dr. H. A. B. Dunning spoke of the wonderful site that has recently been acquired in Washington for the erection of the Headquarters Building of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

The following visiting representatives brought

greetings, interspersed with delightful reminiscences and timely witticisms: Prof. Louis Saalbach of Pittsburgh, Chairman of District No. 2 for the Schools of Pharmacy; President A. C. Taylor of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy; Secretary H. C. Christensen of Chicago, of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy; Dean C. H. LaWall of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy; Dean Willis G. Gregory of the School of Pharmacy, University of Buffalo; Dean Jacob Diner of Fordham University; Prof. E. Fullerton Cook, Chairman of the Revision Committee of the U. S. P.; Dr. Sullivan, Commissioner of Higher Education of the State of New York; Dr. J. W. Sturmer, Dean of Science, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy; Dean Wm. C. Anderson, Brooklyn College of Pharmacy; Secretary R. P. Fischelis of the New Jersey Board of Pharmacy; and Dean John B. Minehart of the School of Pharmacy, Temple University.

The musical program was presented by Messrs. Nathan Snyder, Violinist, Julius Flescher, Harry Stine, J. S. Blum and I. Saslaw, graduates of the School of Pharmacy of the University of Maryland.

It was indeed a privilege and a pleasure for the Baltimore Branch to entertain and honor the distinguished visitors.

B. OLIVE COLE, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

CHICAGO.

The 173rd meeting of the Chicago Branch of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION

was held Tuesday evening, March 20th, at the Illinois School of Pharmacy, President Gathercoal presiding.

The speaker of the evening was Dr. Paul N. Leech, Director of the Chemical Laboratory maintained by the American Medical Association. He told of the function and purpose of the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry, its desire to relieve the rather chaotic condition among the proprietary remedies, with the standardization and adopting of a universal product and name for similar or identical products. This work is of particular value to the pharmacist because it creates a greater demand for the official drugs or standardized products which can be used in prescriptions with a greater profit to the pharmacist.

He referred to the tendency in the production of biologic products to control the product by licensing the manufacturer through the supervision of a committee.

Dr. Leech told of the advances made in drugs, explaining the chemical structure of the newer compounds. Thyroxin, the active constituent of thyroid, has been found by Harington to have a different chemical formula than that ascribed to it by Kendall. He told of the work done in obtaining insulin in crystalline form, and the proven value of ultraviolet light.

Ethylene gas is now extensively used in general anesthesia and has also found a new use in ripening fruit. Green oranges and tomatoes are quickly ripened when subjected to ethylene gas. The color of the ripe fruit appears and sugar inversion is accomplished by this method.

Ephedrine was discussed, and the four possible chemical isomers were illustrated with the aid of lantern slides.

The application of the principles of physics has been used in preparing the solution of hexylresorcinol for an antiseptic, the strength of the solution being based on its ability to lower surface tension. The formula and germicidal value of mercurochrome were discussed. The germicidal value is, probably, mainly due to the action of the dye rather than to the mercury it contains. The work in isolating two active principles from pituitary extract was considered by the speaker to be one of the greatest advances in medicine during the past year.

A general discussion followed in which numerous new drugs were mentioned. The value of chlorine and its compounds in medicine has been greatly overestimated, according to Dr. Leech. He was given a rising vote of thanks.

The meetings have been unusually successful and have been well attended.

S. W. MORRISON, *Secretary*.

PHILADELPHIA.

The March meeting of the Philadelphia Branch of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION was held Tuesday evening, March 13th, in the dining room of the Touraine Apartments, 16th and Spruce Streets, President Hendrickson presided. This was the occasion of the annual Past-Presidents' meeting and the outstanding social event of the year. Many ladies were present. During the dinner, Miss Jane Hendrickson pleased the gathering with her delightful singing and by her recitation.

The guest speaker of the evening was Prof. Karl Scholz of the University of Pennsylvania—author, lecturer, traveler and economist. Prof. Scholz gave a vivid account of some of his experiences in Russia during the past summer. He pointed out that there are two classes of people in the United States who know about Russia. The one includes those who feel they know a great deal about Russia, because they have read extensively concerning it; the other, those who feel they know nothing about it because they have actually been there. During his stay in Russia, our speaker was kindly received and had opportunity to study the philosophy of Communism. Because of the inability of the average person, unacquainted with conditions in Russia to understand this philosophy, it is only right that premature judgments should be reserved.

There are relatively few communists in proportion to the vast population, and the training which is required before an individual may become a communist is rather severe. The communist may have forsaken the belief in a hereafter in which he reaps the rewards of his labors, but he has supplanted this by trying to get the best out of this life. "I will" are the words which guide him on. Statues of the Czar Alexander 3rd have been destroyed but there is still one remaining in Leningrad to remind the people of their former oppression. In the rural districts the radio is effectively used to spread the communist propaganda. One of the menaces to the future success of Communism is the fear of war which has been implanted in the very fiber of the people. In one small, squalid village where Prof. Scholz stopped, he was asked "to take the greetings of the peasants of Russia to the peasants of America and ask them not to make war upon us."

Another factor hindering the progress of Russia is the lack of modern methods of manufacture. One candy machine such as is used in this country for salt water taffy found its counterpart in the labor of eight peasants. The building of ships can be done in a far shorter time by some of Russia's near neighbors than it may be done under Communism thus far.

An interesting discussion followed the talk and a rising vote of thanks was extended to Prof. Scholz.

Following this discussion, Dr. Krusen, President of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science invited the branch to hold its meetings in the new college building located at 43rd St. and Woodland Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

Since this meeting was the occasion of the annual dinner to the Past-Presidents, who were guests of the branch, we were favored with short addresses by Dean W. A. Pearson of Hahnemann Medical College, I. V. S. Stanislaus of Brooklyn, F. E. Stewart, W. L. Cliffe, E. Fullerton Cook, Ivor Griffith, B. C. Goodhart and J. W. E. Harrison. Charles H. LaWall and Ambrose Hunsberger, also Past-Presidents, were unfortunately called away before the program was completed.

President Hendrickson gave a résumé of the meetings of the past year. J. W. E. Harrison gave the report for the auditing committee and stated that the books showed a satisfactory condition with a balance of \$181.32 in a checking account and \$409.35 in a separate savings account. Accepted.

J. C. Peacock read the following report for the nominating Committee on Nominations:

President, Adley B. Nichols.

First Vice-President, Elmer Michener.

Second Vice-President, C. Louis Seip.

Secretary and Treasurer, Marin S. Dunn.

Delegate to the House of Delegates, W. L. Cliffe, A. PH. A.

(Signed) C. H. LAWALL.
W. L. CLIFFE.
A. HUNSBERGER.

On motion, President Hendrickson instructed Mr. Goodhart to cast the ballot. Carried.

President Nichols took the chair and after a short address welcomed the other officers for the coming year. During his speech, he called attention to the fact that, as a result of the previous meeting at which the Hon. Clyde Kelly addressed the Branch on the Fair Trade Bill, he had obtained from the Federal Trade Com-

mission six copies of the second questionnaire on price maintenance and that these had been distributed to several prominent members of the Branch. Anyone interested in this problem may obtain a questionnaire by writing to the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D. C.

MARIN S. DUNN, *Secretary*.

PITTSBURGH.

The regular meeting of the Pittsburgh Branch of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION was held February 28th in the Lecture Room of the Nurses' Home at St. John's Hospital, N. S. About 40 persons were present. President Frank S. McGinnis presided.

After the reading of the minutes the Chair took up the election of officers for the ensuing year. Nominations for officers had been made at the January meeting and further nominations were called for. There being none, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballots for the nominees as presented by the nominating committee.

The following officers were then duly elected:

President, John G. Rees.

Vice-President, Stephen Wilson.

Treasurer, P. Henry Utech.

Secretary, Louis Saalbach.

Delegate to the House of Delegates, Louis Emanuel.

The program of the evening was presented by a group of senior students of the Pittsburgh College of Pharmacy under the direction of Dr. E. C. Reif. The subject was "The Action of a Number of Drugs and Galenical Preparations on the Isolated Heart Muscle of the Turtle."

In opening the program, Dr. Reif briefly outlined the manner in which the subject was to be presented and introduced the various speakers.

J. A. McCartney discussed the anatomy of the turtle. This was followed by a presentation of the two theories regarding the causation of the heart beat, namely the myogenic and the neurogenic, by Charles A. Janda.

The technique involved in the application of the various remedies was taken up by Richard Steele.

The various speakers then took up the action of the several drugs used in the experiments, illustrating their points by the presentation of charts.

The following drugs were considered by the

individuals indicated: Strychnine Sulphate, by Charles Peebles; Atropine, by Lester Moore; Physostigmine, by Richard Steele, Galinsoga, by J. A. McCartney, and the Heart Tonic Group—Digitalis, Strophanthus and Squill, by Charles A. Janda. Mr. Janda also took up the effect of Aconite and Veratrum.

At the conclusion a vote of thanks and appreciation was extended to the various speakers for the painstaking efforts, during which they utilized upwards of a hundred animals.

A similar vote was extended to the hospital for their kindness in permitting the use of their laboratories, equipment and lecture room.

MARCH MEETING.

The regular meeting of the Pittsburgh Branch of the A. P. H. A. was held at the Pittsburgh College of Pharmacy, Tuesday evening, March 20, 1928, with President John G. Rees presiding.

There being no other business to bring before the Branch, the chair presented Dr. J. A. Koch, who entertained the members and visiting guests with a résumé of his recent trip around the Pacific.

During the ninety days that he and Mrs. Koch were out of San Francisco, seventy days were spent upon the water.

Their itinerary included short visits at Hawaii, Samoa, Fiji Islands, Sydney, Brisbane, Macassar, Java, Singapore, Hong Kong, Yokohama, Tokio and other interesting places, returning to San Francisco *via* Honolulu.

Dr. Koch spoke in a general way of the many places visited and also cited many of their peculiar experiences with the strange customs of the peoples of these foreign lands.

He also showed many souvenirs and pictures obtained in the various places visited, and at the conclusion of his two-hour travelogue, assured the audience that the trip was in every way educationally, interestingly and entertainingly worth while.

LOUIS SAALBACH, *Secretary*.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON.

The regular monthly meeting was held February 24th, at Bagley Hall. President Richards presided. After a brief business report the chair introduced Mr. J. Frank Anderson, manager of the fountain and fixture department of Stewart & Holmes Wholesale Drug-gists, Seattle, whose subject for the evening was "When and How to Open a Drug Store." His discourse began with the factors involved in selecting a location, followed by the ratio of rent and area available. From this he continued with lighting and display signs, arrangement of fixtures and finally the arrangement of the stock. The talk aroused the interest of the members who then submitted his statements to cross-examination, at the same time asking for more detail. This meeting was considered one of the most interesting of the season.

The Secretary called attention to the fact that the May dinner was to include the celebration of Dean Johnson's completion of twenty-five years as Dean of the College of Pharmacy, University of Washington. Due to the interruption of mid-quarter week and the extra work of finals for the present quarter there will be no meeting during the month of March.

H. A. LANGENHAN, *Secretary*.

The Skagit Valley Goldenseal Company of Mt. Vernon, Washington, has established a fellowship (\$500.00) in Drug Plant Cultivation in the College of Pharmacy, University of Washington, Seattle. The Company has twenty-eight acres of Goldenseal under cultivation, all under slat shade. Due to the coöperation of Mr. J. A. Boyce, President of the Company, the College of Pharmacy was able to obtain quantities of the fresh and cured drug for phytochemical investigation, this year. Climatic conditions are such that the material may be obtained from the field at any time during the year. This greatly facilitated the investigation of the fresh plant.

DEFINITION OF SPECIALTY IN GREECE.

The Minister of Finance has informed the Department of Customs that for the purposes of taxation the term "specialty" has been defined as follows: Pharmaceutical specialties will be held to include those compound medicaments which are packed in containers bearing the name of the product and its composition, and that the preparations are for direct use and are to be used without undergoing further pharmaceutical or technical process, or admixture with other substances, such specialties being accompanied by a description of their composition, therapeutic indications, as well as directions for use. This definition shall not exclude simple (not compound) medicaments which have a distinctive packing or name, or which are the result of some chemical process, nor those manufactured under patent and which are the specialty of the firm concerned.