

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOARDS OF PHARMACY

SYNOPSIS OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOARDS OF PHARMACY HELD IN TORONTO,
CANADA, AUGUST 22-23, 1932.

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The twenty-ninth annual convention of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy was the first meeting ever held outside the boundaries of the United States and proved to be a tremendous success. The meeting was well attended, the final roll call showing 33 states represented by 69 delegates, which well approaches the peak records both in the number of states represented and the number of delegates in attendance. Three honorary members were also in attendance, Charles Avery, former member of the Illinois Board, Bernard M. Keene, former member of the Indiana Board, and John Muir, former member of the Michigan Board and past-president of the N. A. B. P.

The Credentials Committee was composed of F. H. King of Ohio, chairman; C. Thurston Gilbert of Connecticut; P. H. Costello of North Dakota. The following delegates were present:

Alabama, W. E. Bingham, L. C. Lewis; **Arkansas**, Herbert Parker; **Colorado**, Charles J. Clayton (proxy); **Connecticut**, H. M. Lerou, Louis Montanaro, Hugh P. Beirne, George Blackall, Charles Gustafson, Jr., C. Thurston Gilbert; **Delaware**, James W. Wise, John O. Bosley, George W. Rhodes; **District of Columbia**, Augustus C. Taylor; **Florida**, N. H. Hunter, W. M. Hankins; **Georgia**, C. H. Evans; **Illinois**, Wm. S. Denton; **Indiana**, Russell B. Rothrock, Oscar E. Russell, John A. J. Funk; **Iowa**, J. W. Slocum, Walter F. Meads, George Judisch; **Kansas**, Roy M. Riley, A. H. King, Percy Walker, Frank Milne, Joseph Paradowsky; **Kentucky**, J. W. Gayle, George D. Duncan, George Wilhelmi; **Maine**, Charles S. Pierce, George O. Tuttle, Alfred P. Manson; **Maryland**, Robert L. Swain, George A. Bunting, Harry R. Rudy; **Massachusetts**, John R. Sawyer; **Michigan**, Clare F. Allan, J. W. Howard Hurd, Duncan Weaver, Earl E. Durham, M. N. Henry; **Minnesota**, J. W. Dargavel, George T. Kermott; **New Jersey**, Robert P. Fischelis; **New York**, George C. Diekmann, J. Leon Lascoff, F. C. A. Schaefer, Charles Gauger, George W. Mather; **North Carolina**, E. V. Zoeller, I. W. Rose; **North Dakota**, P. H. Costello; **Ohio**, F. H. King, M. N. Ford; **Oklahoma**, C. M. Brewer, W. D. Patterson; **Pennsylvania**, L. L. Walton; **Porto Rico**, H. C. Christensen (proxy); **Rhode Island**, Herve J. Brunelle; **South Dakota**, Rowland Jones, Fred L. Vilas; **Tennessee**, W. Gay Clark; **Texas**, Frank A. Walter; **Vermont**, Wm. B. Shangraw; **Virginia**, A. L. I. Winne; **Wisconsin**, H. G. Ruenzel, G. V. Kradwell. Four boards were represented 100%: Connecticut, Kansas, Maine and Michigan.

The sessions were presided over by President A. L. I. Winne of Virginia. One of the most interesting features of the convention was the participation of Canadian delegates and the opportunity of becoming acquainted with our neighbors to the North, both in the business sessions and socially.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.

Vice-President Slocum of Iowa occupied the Chair during the delivery of the presidential address. (The address of President Winne is published in the September JOURNAL, pages 934-952.)

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee reported a decrease in the cash balance of the Association amounting to \$3143.19 at the close of the fiscal year. The retiring chairman, H. M. Lerou of Connecticut, read the report.

In the interest of economy, no mid-year meeting had been held, all the business being transacted at the annual meeting held in Toronto before the opening of the convention.

The Committee approved of the establishment of a Council on Pharmaceutical Education, in accordance with the proposed constitution and by-laws which had been submitted, but deferred

definite action in order to discuss the matter with the executive groups of the other associations participating.

A definite policy with regard to district meetings was formulated, in view of the increasing expense of this activity and the shrinkage in income. A motion was approved that an amount not to exceed \$25.00 be made available to each chairman for holding a district meeting and against this amount the Secretary's office is to charge the cost of all materials used in sending out the call, program, and in getting out the report, postage, etc., but excluding time on regular pay roll.

A comparison of the cost of reciprocity in medicine and in pharmacy revealed the fact that the cost of reciprocity in pharmacy is considerably less in spite of the national fee. This is due to the fact that in medicine many of the states have jumped the reciprocal license fees to \$75 and \$100, whereas in pharmacy the average state fee is \$25.00, in many cases much lower. The N. A. B. P. has worked for years for uniformity in the examination and the reciprocity fee charged by the states. In 1917, a uniform fee of \$15.00 was adopted. In view of the fact that many boards have found it necessary to raise their examination and reciprocal fees to \$25.00, the Executive Committee recommended that the fee for registration, whether by examination or by reciprocity, be made \$25.00 when any change in law is contemplated, in order to maintain uniformity.

Director Swain of the Department of Education reported to the Committee that he was making a recommendation that six bulletins be approved for publication during the fiscal year from July 1, 1932 to June 30, 1933, but that the number published be left entirely to the discretion of the Executive Committee. This suggestion met with unanimous approval of the members of the Committee, as it will not financially obligate the Association to issue bulletins unless the funds are available from income.

The matter of re-routing the official application was given consideration, and the Secretary's office was instructed to draw up a sample form, submit it to an Advisory Committee and the Executive Committee, the blank to become official immediately and a new supply to be printed.

A budget totaling \$17,325.00 was adopted, which is \$4307.70 less than the budget of the previous year, in an attempt to balance income and expense, using the income of the past year as a basis. The Committee complimented the personnel of the Secretary's office on accepting a voluntary 10% cut in salaries effective last May and the salaries in the new budget are figured on this basis.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Treasurer Gayle reported total funds on hand in his accounts of \$6610.28, detailed figures to be published in the proceedings.

REPORT OF SECRETARY.

Secretary Christensen delivered his report on the activities of the central office. A detailed financial statement was submitted showing \$1885.50 cash in the Secretary's accounts as of June 30, 1932. The number of applications issued during the fiscal year was 491 as against 851 the previous year, a decrease of 360. The report in full will be published in the proceedings and reviews the year's work of the central office.

ANNUAL BANQUET.

The N. A. B. P. banquet on Monday evening stands out as a very memorable occasion. The guest of honor and speaker was Dr. R. B. J. Stanbury, Secretary of the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association, and his most interesting address, interspersed with stories, was enthusiastically received by the audience. The N. A. B. P. was further honored by having at its banquet the British Pharmaceutical Society delegates and many of the Canadian representatives. Two hundred would seem to be a fair estimate of the number in attendance—by far the largest banquet ever held, this being the fifth annual one. A great share of the credit for its success belongs to the toastmaster and capable chairman of the committee, W. M. Hankins of Florida, and his efficient co-workers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Chairman Robert L. Swain of the *Legislative Committee* read the report of his committee. So many legislatures held extra sessions during the "off year" that the Committee had to wade through a great deal of material. A great many of the bills were sales tax and revenue measures. Detailed reports by states will be published in the proceedings.

Secretary Christensen who is also chairman of the *Advisory Examination Committee* reported on the activities of this committee in supplying sample sets of examination questions and general information to new members with regard to the minimum standard examination. No new questions of policy had come up throughout the year.

Chairman James W. Wise of the *Committee on National Legislation* delivered one of the most interesting and comprehensive reports that the N. A. B. P. has ever had the pleasure of listening to on this subject. The report included comment on other Federal activities, not strictly legislative, and will be published in the proceedings.

Chairman Ruenzel of the *Grievance Committee* could find no grievances.

Chairman Acheson of the *Prerequisite Committee* reported failure of the Massachusetts prerequisite bill (the only one presented during the year) but that another effort will be made next year.

Chairman Fred D. Pierce of New Hampshire gave a résumé in the *Publicity Committee* report of the mention received by the N. A. B. P. in various publications throughout the year, pharmaceutical and otherwise.

Chairman George W. Mather of the *Pharmacy Ownership Law Committee* reported pharmacy ownership laws in effect in Delaware, Michigan, South Dakota, Illinois and New York. He then explained the attacks made upon the constitutionality of the New York law, and expressed the belief that the courts would uphold the law when the final decision is rendered.

Chairman Swain, for the N. A. B. P., on the *Syllabus Committee* stated that the material for the new syllabus is ready for publication and that it should be out in book form by the first of the year, if not sooner.

REPORTS OF VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Vice-President Gilbert of District No. 1 reported a very successful district meeting at Boston on March 8th-9th. The particular accomplishment of the meeting was the discussion of the four-year course, with the result that the Connecticut College of Pharmacy, which had been reluctant to adopt this as the minimum curriculum, did so soon after the meeting.

Vice-President Fischelis of District No. 2 reviewed the work of a two-day session held in New York, March 15th and 16th, at which all the boards and the colleges were represented. He explained the work of special committees who are doing research on the scope of examinations, etc., between meetings and then render a report. For example, a suggested list of 500 drugs to be included in the *Materia Medica* examination was published this year, with the request that board members limit themselves to this list in examinations.

Vice-President Allan of District No. 3 reported a very successful meeting in Cleveland, with 60 in attendance. All the boards were represented, and all the colleges with the exception of Purdue. Dean Bradley of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy was guest speaker. In addition to the program, a trip to the pharmacies of the various hospitals in Cleveland, supervised by the Western Reserve University Pharmacy Department, also the botanical garden of the University, proved very interesting.

Vice-President Slocum of District No. 4 reported a meeting which he felt was not as successful as it should have been, due to the inability to get a good attendance on account of the lack of traveling expense budgets for both boards and colleges.

Vice-President Latimer of District No. 6 was not present but Secretary Parker of the Arkansas Board reported for him. A very successful meeting had been held in St. Louis just prior to the St. Louis Survey meeting. Certain misunderstandings with regard to the resolution recommending the adoption of the four-year course, which originated in District No. 6, were ironed out.

Secretary Christensen read a report for Chairman John Clemmer of District No. 7 reporting a very successful meeting at New Orleans in March.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Director Swain read an interesting report on the activities of the Department during the fiscal year. Four bulletins, Nos. 13, 14, 15 and 16 had been published. Although six bulletins were suggested for the coming year, Director Swain stated that none would be issued except with the approval and permission of the Executive Committee, in view of the present financial situation of the Association. The Executive Committee report, it will be remembered, recommended that none be published until the funds are available out of income.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE.

Chairman Taylor of the new standing Committee on Resolutions elected last year reported that an index and also copies of all resolutions previously adopted had been tabulated with the assistance of the Secretary's office. The index will be published in the 1932 proceedings so as to be available to all members. The Committee found few contradictions or duplications, considering that no check against same had been made. Some of the apparent contradictions were changes of policy in view of changing conditions—a sign of progress. The resolutions adopted by the Association are printed on page 952 of the September JOURNAL.

TRIBUTES.

Tributes to those departed during the year were called for by the president. Nineteen names were on the roll, and very fitting words were spoken in their memory by colleagues.

AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION—ELECTION.

By amendment of the constitution, a new elective office was created, that of *honorary president* of the N. A. B. P. W. E. Bingham, secretary of the Alabama Board, beloved for many years by his N. A. B. P. friends, was elected the first honorary president.

The following other officers were elected: *President*, Clare F. Allan, Michigan; *District Vice-Presidents*, Districts No. 1, C. Thurston Gilbert, Connecticut; 2, Robert P. Fischelis, New Jersey; 3, G. V. Kradwell, Wisconsin; 4, J. W. Slocum, Iowa; 5, W. L. Lyle, Virginia; 6, Booker T. Latimer, Arkansas; 7, C. H. Evans, Georgia; 8, Jos. P. Murray, Colorado; 9, Arthur Lee Phelps, Arizona. *Treasurer*, J. W. Gayle, Kentucky; *Secretary*, H. C. Christensen, Illinois; *Member, Executive Committee*, A. L. I. Winne, Virginia; *Member, Syllabus Committee*, Robert L. Swain, Maryland; *Member, Resolutions Committee*, A. H. King, Kansas.

After the installation of the officers, the meeting closed with a rising and enthusiastic vote of thanks to our Canadian hosts, who had made the twenty-ninth annual convention such a memorable occasion.

JOINT SESSION WITH COLLEGES.

As usual, the joint session with the colleges was held on Tuesday morning. The program included a report of the Fairchild Scholarship Committee; a paper by Dr. R. L. Greene of Notre Dame University on "A Plan for Attaining the Exclusive Use of the Metric System in Pharmacy through the Coöperation of Medical Schools and Manufacturers of Medicinal and Chemical Products;" the report of the Committee on the Study of Pharmacy, L. L. Walton, chairman, including the proposed constitution and by-laws for establishment of the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education; an interesting paper by Dean Edward Spease of Western Reserve University with suggestions for district meetings. A. J. Wilkinson, chairman of the Council of the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association, had prepared an explanation of the method of registering pharmacists in Canada, and H. C. Christensen explained the system in use in the United States. The program closed with a discussion of the one-year experience requirement, and as there were decided opinions both for and against, the debate was very spirited. The college association at a separate meeting held later concurred with the N. A. B. P. one-year experience recommendation by adopting a similar resolution. Secretary Linstead of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain was invited to address the meeting, and he gave some very valuable information with regard to the English system of training pharmacists.

OFFICERS OF NORTH CAROLINA
ASSOCIATION.

J. C. Hood, of Kinston, was elected *President* of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association for 1933-1934, other officers are: R. A. McDuffie, of Greensboro, *First Vice-President*; E. F. Rimmer, of Charlotte,

Second Vice-President; B. Bissette, of Wilson, *Third Vice-President*, and J. G. Beard, of Chapel Hill, was reelected *Secretary-Treasurer*. I. W. Rose, of Chapel Hill; Clyde Eubanks, of Chapel Hill; W. W. Horne, of Fayetteville, and C. C. Fordham, Sr., of Greensboro, are members of the Executive Committee.