

THE SECTIONS OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION

SECTION ON EDUCATION AND LEGISLATION.

EDITOR'S NOTE: It is necessary to defer to a succeeding issue—the publication of the minutes of *joint sessions* of the Section on Education and Legislation with the Conferences of Law Enforcement Officials and of Pharmaceutical Association Secretaries—and also the minutes of the Conference of Law Enforcement Officials.

ABSTRACT OF THE MINUTES OF THE SESSIONS HELD IN MADISON—CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1196,
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The First Session of the Section on Education and Legislation was called to order by Chairman W. Henry Rivard, Wednesday, August 30th, at 2:25 P.M. He outlined the program and stated that if time permitted, at the end of the session, he would express some thoughts relative to education and legislation.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

BY CHARLES W. BALLARD.

"Before soliciting papers for the meetings of this Section, Chairman Rivard and the Secretary agreed that it might be desirable to concentrate on a few topics which would be of interest to those attending. These topics included: a better control of the experience required for licensing, the rôle of pharmacy in hospitals, the National Pharmaceutical Syllabus, the liquor and beer situation in its relations to pharmacy. Letters requesting papers and opinions on these topics were sent early in May to nearly 200 members. The responses were not as numerous as in previous years but, as the same condition prevails in other sections, we may conclude that it is a by-product of the general economic situation and not due to lack of interest. It so happens that all of the papers received, deal with educational topics and thus pave the way for the departure from the procedure of previous years as regards the arrangement of program. Legislation affecting pharmacy has become so involved that it is probable that more satisfactory results may be had by our joining with other organizations in the legislative phase of our activities.

"I wish to express my appreciation to those who have responded to our call for papers. They are doing their share toward maintaining the usefulness of our Section, if not indeed in preserving its existence. I have been requested by the authors of several papers to read them in their absence and I will be glad to do so if time permits and the Chair so orders. While those in attendance rightfully have the first opportunity, the disposing of papers with the "read by title" phrase is not adequate recognition of the time and effort spent in their preparation.

"Secretary Kelly has suggested that this Section hold a joint conference on legislation passed, pending and proposed, with the Conferences of Law Enforcement Officials and the Pharmaceutical Association Secretaries. This conference to be held on August 31st at 8:00 P.M. has aroused considerable interest and offers a common meeting ground for the discussion of such topics from several angles.

"Needless to say that throughout the preparations for this meeting I have had the usual coöperation of Secretary Kelly and Editor Eberle. Their interest is best attested by the file of letters which have passed between us."

On motion duly seconded and carried the report was received.

The following letter to Secretary Ballard was read:

I have just learned, to my great disappointment, that it will be impossible for me to attend the Madison meeting of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION. I had intended to present extemporaneously a talk about the new Syllabus, and hence I do not have in the short time remaining opportunity to prepare a paper for your program. This is a very keen disappointment to me as I wanted to show your section something of the mechanics, the labor and the disappointments that go into the preparation of a Syllabus.

I trust that when my paper is called for that you will be good enough to say substantially what I have just told you and to offer for me to the members an expression of disappointment and apology.

August 24.

(Signed) J. G. BEARD.

Chairman Rivard appointed the following Committee on Nominations: C. Leonard O'Connell, Florin J. Amrhein, John A. J. Funk.

The Chairman declared the presentation of papers in order. The first paper entitled "An Opportunity and a Challenge to Pharmacy Educators," by Henry J. Goeckel—read by Florin J. Amrhein. Motion carried to receive the paper. (It is published in the November JOURNAL, pages 1130-1133.) (Unless otherwise stated, papers read and presented were accepted.)

A paper by A. B. Lemon, "What Constitutes Good Teaching," owing to the absence of the author, was read in abstract by the Secretary. (No discussion.)

C. W. Ballard presented a paper on "The New York State Pharmacy Syllabus." It was discussed by C. Leonard O'Connell, Rudolph Raabe, Hugo H. Schaefer, George W. Mather, W. H. Rivard, H. Evert Kendig. (Discussion will accompany the paper when published.)

Hugo H. Schaefer read a paper by Fred. B. Kilmer on "Pharmacy and Hospitals." C. W. Ballard commented on the paper.

C. Leonard O'Connell read a paper on "The Hospital Pharmacist and His or Her Duties," by Sister M. Oswald. It was discussed by H. A. Whitney and H. Evert Kendig.

Three papers listed did not reach Secretary Ballard in time for presentation.

Secretary Ballard said that there had been considerable difficulty in securing papers for the Section. Some discussion followed relative to subjects for papers of the next meeting—hospitals and their relation to pharmacy seemed to develop interest; also the proper designation for "pharmacy" and "drug store." It is hoped to have these subjects for discussion in papers next year. Reference was made to President Philip's discussion of these terms in his remarks.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was called for. It was made by C. Leonard O'Connell and designated the following officers: *Chairman*, George C. Schicks, New Jersey; *Vice-Chairman*, Oscar E. Russell, Indiana; *Secretary*, Charles W. Ballard, New York; *Delegate to the House of Delegates*, W. Henry Rivard, Rhode Island.

Rudolph Raabe presided during the discussion of the report. There being no further nominations it was moved that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the officers named. It was so ordered. The officers-elect expressed their appreciation and were duly installed.

The Section then adjourned.

THE CONFERENCE OF PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION SECRETARIES.

ABSTRACT OF THE MINUTES HELD IN MADISON, WIS., WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30TH, AND FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 1ST.

(It may become necessary to print addresses and reports apart from the minutes of the sessions.)

The First Session of the Conference of Pharmaceutical Association Secretaries was convened August 30th, at 2:00 P.M., by President J. Lester Hayman who welcomed the secretaries to the Seventh Annual Meeting.

Secretary Carl G. A. Harring called the roll.

Former President Charles Clayton presided during the reading of the President's address.

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE OF PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION SECRETARIES.

BY J. LESTER HAYMAN.

Fellow Secretaries:

Some one has said, that "it is the aim that makes the man." It is equally true, I believe, that it is the aim that makes the Association. It is the aim and purpose of every organization represented here to be of as much service to its individual members and to the profession which it

represents as it possibly can, of that I am quite sure. Were it not for the fact that you are eager to learn the beneficial things that others of us are doing, and how they are being accomplished that you may return to your office and attempt to put into practice that which is applicable to your own needs and desires, these chairs would indeed be empty.

The aim and primary purpose of this Conference is, I believe, to foster an exchange of ideas, experiences and observations; to coördinate the work of the various organizations as much as is possible by coöperating with one another and with our National organizations in problems which extend beyond our own narrow borders; to serve and help one another as much as we possibly can for the benefit of all. In the six years of our existence, which has of necessity been an experimental stage, much has been learned and much benefit has been derived by those who have been privileged to attend our conferences. However, placing for ourselves high standards, and wishing to reach them without any further effort on our part, is not sufficient.

I believe this exchange of ideas, experiences and observations can best be carried out during our meetings by the round table method, and for that reason the program this year is made up of topics determined by questionnaire method as being most suitable and most beneficial. I personally have no other suggestions to offer in conducting the meetings, but should the results this year prove satisfactory, I would recommend that this procedure be carried out henceforth as a regular duty of the president.

I believe that we all realize that this Conference is very beneficial to its members. I know it is needed and is doing and can do much good. I believe its presence should be felt more keenly in the interim between meetings, and if I may, I should like to mention several things which in my opinion would be beneficial. At least, I trust they will provoke discussion.

The accomplishments of this Conference, in a measure dependent upon the number of secretaries in attendance at the sessions. Secretary Beard during his presidency took upon himself the obligation to write a personal letter to the president of each state association, pointing out the benefits of these meetings and urging him to use his influence in seeing that his secretary was in attendance. This letter I know was responsible for the attendance that year of several secretaries who would otherwise not have been present. This year, it was my intention to do likewise, and several of the letters were sent but Fate intervened and the task was not completed. However, since presidents come and presidents go, while the secretaries remain (at least for a while), and since each state association president should be enlightened as to his duty in this matter, I would recommend that this task be imposed as a regular duty upon our president.

Attempts have been made in the past for the interchange of ideas during the year as well as during the meetings. Some members have been faithful in seeing that each secretary received a copy of their monthly or weekly bulletins. This to me has been most helpful and I should like to see it enlarged upon. In this respect I can heartily sanction Secretary Philip when he said, "let us send that inside information, as our letters to collect dues, our S. O. S. for member's help and letters to our political friends, copies of our blanks, forms and other bits of information that we give out at present to members only." This, indeed, is asking very little but it may be worth its weight in gold (perhaps I should say diamonds) to some other secretary. Is it not one of our aims to help one another? It has been stated that attempts have been made to carry this plan into operation in the past. It is well known that our efficient secretary has sent out questionnaires in the past. Have they failed in their purpose or have they been too few? If they have failed, wherein have they failed? Is it because we do not have the time or sufficient interest to answer them? Are our finances not sufficiently large to permit sending them? Are we not interested in what our brother secretary does or may be able to do? Or, is it because we are like many of our members in our respective organizations who when approached to do something for the good of the order meekly consent and then just as promptly forget? Should secretaries be only as human as their members? I believe it would be work well done, if the secretary of this Conference could send to each member monthly or at least quarterly a mimeographed sheet asking the accomplishments of the period of the various associations and other questions deemed worth while. A periodic questionnaire, if you please. This method has been very much criticized, I realize, but until something better is offered, let's use it. Even secretaries when left to themselves will not reveal the information desired unless asked, at least so it seems.

A mere glance at a calendar of pharmaceutical conventions and their dates reveal that many neighboring states hold their conventions on the same or overlapping dates. The disad-

vantages are too well known to enumerate. How to avoid it is indeed a problem. Would it be possible to divide the country into districts, the states in each district to so arrange their meeting dates so that they do not conflict? I offer no plan as to details but merely the suggestion for what it may be worth. I do believe it beneficial and much worth while for adjoining states to occasionally hold joint conventions and believe the plan should be encouraged whenever possible.

There is one thing that is always uppermost in the thoughts of secretaries such as are assembled here to-day, and that is *Convention Speakers*. I know of no better service that this Conference could give, than to act as an exchange for information in regards to the procuring of good, capable convention material. The Conference in order to procure this material needs necessarily to depend upon its members for this information. I believe it should be one of the prime duties of each member to send to the secretary of this Conference, each year, immediately following his convention, information both favorable and unfavorable concerning his convention-speaking program. This service alone would, I am quite sure, be worth to many of us the yearly fee paid into the treasury, and I heartily recommend that some plan along this line be worked out and put into operation.

We are at this moment entering a new era for the independent business man and for the organizations such as are here represented. Our Government has promised that in the "New Deal" the little fellow shall not be down-trodden but that he shall once again become renescent. We are given to understand that the dealings with the Government with the individual will be through the trade and professional organizations, thus making it imperative that our organizations represent as nearly 100% of our calling as possible. It is our task to bring the wayward brethren into the fold. Under this new régime our responsibilities become greater, our labors will be increased, our coöperation must be more generous. As secretaries we must be alive to any occasion, patient in our hard work, ever watchful of our opportunities, rigidly honest and hope for the best. What to-morrow will bring only time will tell, may our work of to-day be well done!

In closing I wish you to know that I sincerely appreciate the honor you bestowed upon me last year during my absence in electing me to act as your president, your mistake is one that I shall always cherish.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that the address be received and held over for later discussion.

Secretary-Treasurer Carl G. A. Harring rendered his report. It follows.

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

BY CARL G. A. HARRING.

Brother Secretaries:

Inasmuch as time at these conferences is too valuable to be wasted on verbose reports, your secretary will endeavor to make his report short and to the point.

The minutes of last year's meeting were distributed to all secretaries as soon as received from the press and our members have had ample opportunity to familiarize themselves with many good suggestions that were brought out at that meeting. It would be interesting to know how many secretaries have presented the resolution adopted at our last conference anent closer coöperation with local associations to their respective conventions. I may say that your Secretary presented this resolution to the Massachusetts Convention where it was unanimously adopted, and as a result all local associations in our state will be asked to invite one or more of our state officers to an early meeting of their organization where emphasis will be laid on the imperative necessity of close to one hundred per cent membership in the State Association.

The original plan of our Conference, to distribute material of interest through the Secretary to all of our members may well be declared inoperative as no material has been received during the year for distribution, but this condition is offset to a large extent by the fact that nearly all secretaries now exchange publications of their association and these publications have grown in numbers to such a degree that the various secretaries are able to draw a fairly comprehensive picture of what is going on in the world of organized Pharmacy. Your Secretary nevertheless feels that it would be a great step forward if every secretary would submit a résumé of activities pertaining to