

THE CONFERENCE OF PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION
SECRETARIES.ABSTRACT OF THE MINUTES OF THE SESSIONS HELD IN WASHINGTON, D. C., WEDNESDAY, MAY
9TH, THURSDAY, MAY 10TH, AND FRIDAY, MAY 11TH.

The First Session of the Conference of Pharmaceutical Association Secretaries was convened May 9th, at 2:00 P.M., by President Robert C. Wilson. The following responded to roll call: W. E. Bingham, Alabama; Charles Clayton, Colorado; Albert Dougherty, Delaware; Robert Wilson, Georgia; William B. Day, Illinois; F. V. McCullough, Indiana; J. W. Slocum, Iowa; John F. McCloskey, Louisiana; Roy C. Reese, Kansas; Prescott Loveland, New Jersey; George Mathers, New York; J. B. Pilchard, Pennsylvania; James J. Gill, Rhode Island; J. M. Plaxco, South Carolina; Walter Adams, Texas; A. L. I. Winne, Virginia; J. Lester Hayman, West Virginia; Ralph W. Clark, Wisconsin.

The members were requested to stand in silence in memory of Edgar D. Oslin, of Arkansas. Due to the absence of Secretary-Treasurer Carl G. A. Harring, Roy C. Reese was elected temporary Secretary. The report of Secretary-Treasurer Carl G. A. Harring was read and accepted with thanks. It follows:

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

BY CARL G. A. HARRING.

Fellow Secretaries:

The pleasant task of maintaining contact between the members of our Guild has been mine for another year, and although the responses to my efforts have not, at times, been as enthusiastic as I had hoped they might be, the fact remains that we are still acting in unison and with more interest than previously. At our last conference in Madison, I was charged with the duty of preparing and mailing questionnaires upon topics of the day, every quarter—this duty I have tried to fulfil but owing to the fact that the time between meetings has been contracted by three months, only two questionnaires were sent out. The replies to these questionnaires were not as numerous as your secretary had dared to hope; while questions of vital importance were discussed, the universal interest that we had hoped to create was still missing.

If we could lay down a course of action to be followed by all secretaries, if we could induce each and every one of them to participate in this work, and impress upon our state associations that this work is going forward and must be the rallying point for those who have the good of pharmacy at heart, then we would be doing something, and starting the ball rolling in the right direction. Too many secretaries are so occupied with their own affairs that the affairs of the state association must suffer, hence, when national associations endeavor to organize some concerted movement they are handicapped by the lack of practical working contacts.

If every state association had a competent individual as its secretary and paid him a salary that would allow him to give all his time to the association and, if these secretaries as part of their duty were to keep in contact by short monthly bulletins, I feel certain that pharmacy would benefit to an amazing extent. It is my sincere hope that during the coming season the questionnaire or bulletin system will voluntarily enlarge, even at the sacrifice of some time on the part of secretaries, and that *your* secretary will be kept busy answering questions.

The exchange of Pharmaceutical Journals has been of great practical value and your secretary wishes to extend his thanks to those secretaries who are thoughtful enough to send him every number of their publication.

It is indeed unfortunate that many secretaries do not find it worth while to affiliate with our Conference. Your secretary has taken pains to send all communications to every secretary in the United States, and would have appreciated the courtesy of an acknowledgment. It is my firm belief that where a secretary is indifferent to a movement such as this conference, there you will find a state association that shows spasmodic signs of life, but accomplishes very little in the long run.

Your secretary would recommend that the questionnaire and bulletin system be continued, in the hope that more interest will be evinced and that more of a spirit of coöperation may be developed. There can be no question but that the conference plan is sound—it is up to us as individuals to make it an outstanding success.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

BY CARL G. A. HARRING.

Jan. 1, 1933, on hand.....	\$359.46	Jan. 15th, Printing minutes.....	\$ 10.66
Received dues from 30 members.....	150.00	Envelopes and stamps.....	3.96
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	\$509.46	Mailing.....	1.65
Less expenditures.....	277.57	June 1st, Mimeographing.....	1.50
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Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1933.....	\$231.89	June 20th, Mimeographing.....	1.75
		Mailing.....	1.50
		July 5th, Mimeographing.....	4.50
		Stamps.....	1.50
		Aug. 16th, Mimeographing.....	3.00
		Aug. 24th, Mimeographing.....	4.75
		Sept. 15th, Mimeographing.....	2.25
		Stamps.....	2.00
		Donation to Century of Progress.....	50.00
		Donation to American Institute of	
		Pharmacy.....	100.00
		Honorarium to Secretary.....	50.00
		Oct. 15th, JOUR. A. PH. A.....	25.00
		Nov. 1st, Stamps.....	3.30
		Dec. 10th, Mimeographing.....	1.75
		Stamps.....	1.50
		Dec. 30th, Mimeographing and Mail-	
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During 1934, 18 members have paid dues amounting to \$90 and about \$21 have been expended, which would leave on hand at this time \$300.

The address of President Robert C. Wilson was read. It follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN.

BY R. C. WILSON.

Fellow Secretaries:

I do not propose to burden you with an extensive address but am using this opportunity simply for a few remarks on some matters in which we are vitally interested. I will not attempt a review of the various matters which have transpired during the year, but on the other hand while certain of these events are fresh in our minds I want to discuss one or two of them with you, which may have to do with our future welfare.

1. I believe that this Conference should be enlarged in so far as membership is concerned to include all other officers in addition to the secretaries; thus, by opening up the membership in this way would be very helpful by increasing the number attending this group and tend to bring together in a more general way the leaders in pharmacy throughout America, and would stimulate a much broader interest in the work of this Conference.

I, therefore, recommend for your consideration and action, if you deem advisable, that the name of this Conference be changed to read, "The Conference of State Pharmaceutical Association Officers," and include elected or appointed officials of any or all of our State and Territorial associations.

2. American Pharmacy, as I see it, has been subject to many calls within the past and sensing that a crisis confronted us, or we thought it did, we have responded or attempted to respond to each of these calls, many of which were leading in diverse directions and getting us nowhere. Events of the recent past should impress upon us the importance of being able to present a united front, particularly in so far as our national objectives are concerned. We should be subject to one call, which should be promulgated by a properly constituted authority with the ability for real leadership.