

I wish to thank our secretary, the chairman of the Executive Committee, our vice-president, committee chairmen and the other officers and members of the Association for the really fine, helpful support and coöperation which has been accorded me during the past year. Without such coöperation but little of value could have been accomplished. With it, the past year has proved to be a most happy and prosperous one, at least so far as your president is concerned.

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
BOARDS OF PHARMACY.

BY CHARLES HALL EVANS, PRESIDENT.

Mr. Chairman, Members of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy and Guests:

In selecting "The City of Roses" as the meeting place for the thirty-second annual convention of the *National Association of Boards of Pharmacy*, we have chosen a section rich in historical tradition and one noted for its scenic beauty.

Only a short distance away is the Pacific Ocean. Mount Hood with its snow fields and glaciers, vast stands of forest, jewel-studded lakes, the beautiful Columbia River Highway, Bonneville Dam and Multnomah Falls are but a few of the many wonderful sights within easy reach of this beautiful city.

In coming to Portland, we are meeting for the first time in the history of the Association in the Great Pacific Northwest; in fact, it is the first time in twenty years that we have held a meeting west of the Rockies, the San Francisco meeting of 1915 being the last.

We who live in the densely populated sections of the country where most of the conventions are held can attend the meetings every year with little effort and expense. These meetings mean something to us beyond the formal program and the business transacted. There is the opportunity of getting acquainted with brother examiners from other states, who have the same interest and the same problems as we have, and a bond of common understanding results. It is on this spirit of mutual coöperation that confidence between boards rests; it is the very foundation of the Association itself.

I want to remind you that our Western friends have been denied this privilege because of certain economic and geographic barriers. We have broken the isolation this year by coming out here for the convention and they have responded most whole-heartedly by attending the sessions we have planned. At the most, we have only a few days together, so let us make the best possible use of them by getting acquainted immediately.



CHARLES HALL EVANS.

To our Western colleagues, I want to say that your problems are our problems and while a formal program is necessary to cover the business of the Association, you are most welcome to interrupt at any time and ask questions.

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES.

Economic conditions the past few years have made it necessary for us to outline and adhere rather strictly to a budget for operations, and we had to cut operations sometimes in certain directions when we did not want to do so. But the policy has been a sound one, as our financial condition to-day indicates. We held our 1934 convention before the close of the fiscal year but I am glad to inform you that when the books were closed as of June 30, 1934, we showed a gain of some \$400.00, instead of drawing on cash reserves as we had been doing for the three previous years.

The budget for this year was outlined on the basis of \$15,000.00 income from dues and reciprocal applications, with an estimate of 500 applications to be issued. However, at the time this address is being written, I am informed that more than 600 applications have been issued which indicates that the financial reports this year will be even better than last. As the details will be given in the reports of the secretary and the treasurer, as well as the Executive Committee, I shall omit them here.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

Since the Washington convention, Districts Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 have held meetings, and I am informed that District No. 7 will hold a session here in Portland on Wednesday. This is a splendid record, and I want to thank the vice-presidents for the whole-hearted coöperation they have given me.

Also, I want to thank you for the invitations to attend these district meetings; I wish I could have been present at every one of them. I did attend the Sixth District meeting at New Orleans. Mac Childs, the acting chairman, had worked out an excellent program and the meeting was well attended.

One of the greatest benefits that we derive from our district meetings is the friendly fellowship which develops between the board and college members of the group. We get to know our neighbors more intimately and we find that our problems in reciprocity and in examinations are more easily met when thorough understanding exists.

While I would not minimize the great good accomplished at these meetings, yet there is a grave danger when measures are sponsored which break away from the ideal of national uniformity which is the primary purpose of the Association. We must remember that a condition that may prove ideal in a particular district may not work out well in other districts, or nationally. We must give consideration to the make-up of the various districts, the distances covered, the population, the number of colleges of pharmacy, and other factors that make each district different from the others.

Each district has a certain amount of business to transact which is of local import only, which has no effect on national policies. On matters of national import, great care should be exercised by those in charge of the program to see that the time is not spent in discussing new and untried ideas which may be suitable

for the particular district concerned but which would not receive the majority support necessary to make them effective nationally. Such discussions really harm the cause of uniformity.

We must make progress, we cannot stand still. Times and conditions are rapidly changing, yet we should be ever mindful of the cardinal objectives of this Association as laid down in our Constitution.

Before we leave the basic principles, as yet unfinished, let us see to it that all the districts have caught step with the march before we proceed with new objectives, that may retard progress on the goals nearly attained.

RECIPROCITY.

Article 2 of our Constitution states the object of this organization to be the promotion of "inter-state reciprocity in pharmaceutical licensure, based upon a uniform minimum standard of pharmaceutical education and uniform legislation, and to improve the standards of pharmaceutical education and licensure by cooperating with State, National and International agencies and associations having similar objects."

While the subject of reciprocity has been discussed fully every year, yet as stated in Article 2 just read, it is the corner-stone of the N. A. B. P.

Reciprocity boiled down is essentially the application of common sense. With the constantly changing personnel of our boards of pharmacy, reciprocity has been in "hot water" in some states due to a desire on the part of the inexperienced members to adhere strictly to the letter of the law rather than to use the discretionary powers vested in the board of pharmacy under that law. An educational program undertaken by the older and more experienced members of the board to instruct these new members in such matters would overcome the friction and save the Secretary's office much unnecessary correspondence.

LEGISLATION.

Chairman Mac Childs of the Legislative Committee will cover this phase of our activities in his usual efficient manner. I shall not make other comment than to say that we welcome Arizona and New Mexico to the list of states requiring college graduation for entrance to the board examination and congratulate them. Several other states tried and failed; we can only urge them to try again at the next session. Iowa also is to be congratulated on having increased its two-year college attendance requirement to college graduation. Also a few of the states cut experience requirements to one year, in view of the four-year course. Thus the steady march of progress toward a uniform goal goes on.

Let us as an Association, and especially the bordering neighbor states, lend every possible assistance to the five remaining states without any provision for compulsory college education: Delaware, Massachusetts, Nevada, Tennessee and Vermont, so that they may attain this goal by the year 1940 as set out in the recommendation of President Gilbert last year.

CONVENTION ATTENDANCE.

A vigorous effort on the part of the N. A. B. P. should be made to increase the average yearly attendance at the conventions. There are probably other reasons

for non-attendance but "lack of funds" seems to be the main cause. Out of 49 member boards, only 30 send delegates regularly.

In those states where funds are not available for traveling expenses from the board or the state treasury, the state pharmaceutical associations should be called upon for help. The initiative for such a move rests with the older board members who understand the importance of such representation, it is up to them to stress it at the state association meetings. Certainly, the pharmacists of each state are entitled to at least one delegate to represent their interests at a meeting where rules which affect the reciprocal privileges of every pharmacist are made.

In most states, the governor makes his appointments to the board of pharmacy from a list submitted by the state pharmaceutical association. Fitness as an examiner should be the first consideration, of course. However, there are usually many contenders for the honor of serving on the board; here again the ex-board members can be of service by urging the selection of those who are willing and able financially to make certain sacrifices that should go with the honor, namely, willingness to attend the N. A. B. P. conventions at their own expense when necessary. I am including a recommendation covering these points at the conclusion of this address.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS AND HIGHER STANDARDS.

In 1936, the first four-year classes will be presenting themselves for board examinations. As an organization, the N. A. B. P. has done much to promulgate these higher standards. With a better class of student now entering the profession, the next step would seem to be improvement of our own board examinations. As the examiner is a political appointee with full power to act, only diplomatic persuasion can be used; assistance, usually, cannot be rendered unless it is requested.

The system of having the recommendations for the appointments come from the pharmaceutical association has released the governor from responsibility to a great extent and placed it with the profession itself. Have we taken this duty too lightly in the past? It is true that we have had honest, conscientious men, but have they always been the most capable or the ones best fitted to undertake examination work? Has it not become more or less a habit to award the state board appointments to those who have been most active in state association work? Are such persons always the best examiners? True, they do deserve glory for having given the time and effort it takes from selfish interests to further the interests of the state group as a whole. But such men often have devoted much time and thought to the legislative and commercial angles, such as fair trade practice bills, working with manufacturers to better conditions, and have had little time left for the study to fit themselves for specialized examination work. In each state, if you search, you will find men with a particular bent for the professional angle, who keep abreast of the developments in modern chemistry and medicine, because they are interested in these things. They may not have done a great deal of committee work in the state association, or they may not have held office, but they are peculiarly fitted for board examination work. Isn't it to our own interest to give them an opportunity to render service instead of trying to fit a square peg in a round hole?

All that I say is not meant in any spirit of criticism of members now serving on the boards or of those who have served in the past. We have now and have had in

the past many exceptionally capable men; but how much more we could accomplish if *all* board members were of this type. Under the four-year course requirement, the candidates who come to us will be better-grounded in the fundamental sciences and our board members must be able to meet them on the same plane or criticism will result. Already, there is evidence of such a critical trend.

I believe that this is a situation which should be brought to the attention of the state pharmaceutical associations by the N. A. B. P. and with this in mind, I have formulated a recommendation at the conclusion of this paper. If adopted, a copy is to be transmitted to each state association by our secretary.

IN MEMORIAM.

Each year it is the duty of the President to report the deaths of those from our ranks, both active and past members, who have passed on to their final reward. The list includes:

W. E. Bingham, Alabama
F. T. Hafelfinger, District of Columbia
Alex F. Peterson, Montana.

At a later session we shall allow their colleagues to pay a more fitting tribute to their memory but at this time, I think it appropriate that we stand for a moment with bowed heads in silent tribute to the memory of these departed friends.

In the passing of Dr. Bingham, the N. A. B. P. has lost one of her oldest and best loved friends as well as her first Honorary President. Only those who have been associated with him in the work these many years can understand how much he has meant to us.

CONCLUSION.

I appreciate deeply the honor that has been accorded me as the first Georgian to be elected to the presidency of this great organization. If you will refer to your map, you will see that I have traveled from the next to the last state on the southeastern boundary of the United States to the next to the last state in the northwestern part to attend this meeting. I am sure that a trip like this must inspire in every one who takes it a greater love of country, especially in those from eastern, central and southern states where space is more limited.

I want to thank the committees, the vice-presidents and the other officers for their splendid coöperation during my term of office.

Secretary Christensen has forwarded me copies of the most important correspondence of his office, and I have become acquainted with the great amount of work attached to the central office. I want to commend Secretary Christensen and the entire personnel of his office for the very efficient manner in which the work of the Association is carried on.

As I step back into the ranks, I want each one of you to know that I am ready and willing at all times to answer any call for the promotion of pharmacy.

There are many vital issues at stake in these times. There is a clarion call for leadership from the ranks of the pharmacists of the nation. Aside from the Pharmacy Corps legislation, the Pure Food and Drugs Act and the professional and commercial pharmacy question, there are many issues of a strictly commercial or

economic nature that will require the coöperation of all pharmacists everywhere and unified leadership.

May we as board members and enforcement officers accept the challenge and institute in our own stores and communities an educational program that will place pharmacy where she belongs and give her rightful professional recognition!

Recommendations:

Resolved, That in the interest of bringing about closer coöperation between states, every board of pharmacy should be represented at the annual N. A. B. P. conventions. Where the state treasury allows no such budget, the state pharmaceutical association should make some provision for sending a board delegate to represent the interests of the pharmacists of that state. Where neither the state treasury nor the pharmaceutical association can assume this expense, some consideration should be given to the willingness of board members personally to make such a sacrifice when the appointment lists are made up, but not overlooking the fact that fitness as an examiner should be the first consideration.

Resolved, That the N. A. B. P. ask the coöperation of state pharmaceutical associations by requesting that the first consideration in submitting lists of appointees to the governor for appointment to the board should be the fitness of such persons as examiners, rather than activity in state association affairs, the object being to improve the quality of state board examinations in the future.

REPORT OF THE FAIRCHILD SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

The Fairchild Scholarship Committee of this year is composed of Robert P. Fischelis, Ernest Little, C. H. Evans and E. G. Eberle, *Chairman*.

The University of Michigan, among others, presented no candidates for the examination and the Director of the School of Pharmacy, Howard B. Lewis, with the assistance of members of the Pharmacy faculty, consented to prepare the questions for the examination and grade the answers.

Twenty-one candidates participated in the examination representing twelve schools. The examinations were given under three subjects: Pharmacy, Chemistry and Materia Medica. The highest average was made in Pharmacy, next in Materia Medica, lowest, Chemistry. The lowest average was made in Chemistry, next in Pharmacy, next in Materia Medica. Candidates of the same school did not have closely related records. The candidate making the highest average tied with another for second place in Chemistry, was first in Materia Medica and first in Pharmacy. The second in rank was sixth in Chemistry, third in Materia Medica and sixth in Pharmacy. The one ranking lowest in general average was lowest in Chemistry, was next to the lowest in Materia Medica and next to the lowest in Pharmacy. The one lowest in Materia Medica rated next to the lowest in Chemistry and twelfth highest in Pharmacy. No further effort has been made to draw deductions.



FERDINAND ZIENTY.

The candidate making the highest average in the Examination for 1935 is Ferdinand Zienty of Chicago, Ill. His standing was high both in High School and Junior College and he was commended as "an energetic young man of fine character."

The winner of the Fairchild Scholarship for this year was graduated from the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy with high honors, receiving "A" in every subject except one, Physiology, in which he was graded "B." He graduated from the 4-year course; the last year's subjects included Food Analysis and Microscopy of Foods. The first-year course is administered as a pre-pharmacy year of 30 semester hours of work in liberal arts and science in an accredited college and including certain specified subjects such as English, General and Organic Chemistry, and Mathematics (Algebra and Trigonometry).

Mr. Zienty was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science by the University of Illinois. He intends to continue his studies in Pharmacy.

The Committee desires to thank Director Howard B. Lewis and members of the faculty of the University of Michigan, School of Pharmacy, for their coöperation.

(Signed) ROBERT P. FISCHELIS, C. H. EVANS,
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