

# ABSTRACTS OF THE MINUTES OF THE SECTIONS, AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION

(Continued from page 1021, November Journal.)

## SECTION ON COMMERCIAL INTERESTS.

Additions and corrections of the abstracts invited.

The First Session of the Section on Commercial Interests was called to order by Chairman Henry Brown on August 7th, at 2:00 P.M. He welcomed those in attendance and then presented his address: it follows:

### ADDRESS OF THE CHAIRMAN.

BY HENRY BROWN.

The Section on Commercial Interests has rapidly taken an important part of the sessions of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION conventions, the papers presented are typical of the various phases of American pharmacy. This year, I am happy to state, we have excelled in our program, although a few of our eastern authors are unable to attend, we have been fortunate in having a number of papers, to be presented by our western members, who have been very generous with their time and efforts.

The Chairman is extremely grateful to the various contributors and hopes the discussions will be to the point and as brief as possible, due to our lengthy program.

May I thank this large group for their interest in our Section, I feel that they will be amply repaid for their attendance.

The report was accepted.

The report of Secretary R. T. Lakey was read by Vice-Chairman Robert W. Rodman, owing to the absence of the former.

### REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

BY R. T. LAKEY.

"We sent out on official stationery of the Section on Commercial Interests 139 letters asking for contributions of papers to individuals who we thought might be interested in the work of our Section. We secured 17 acceptances, one of which was a paper dealing more with the education of pharmacy students, and this paper was turned over to and accepted by the Committee on Education and Legislation.

"I want to thank our members on the West Coast for the fine coöperation received from them. I was especially desirous to get as many papers as possible from this section so that the visitors from the other parts of the country might hear from them as they are seldom in attendance at our meetings that are held in the East. Also my thanks are extended to Chairman Brown, Vice-Chairman Rodman, John A. J. Funk, and Deans Mickelsen and Ziefle for advice and help.

"I trust that the program will prove interesting and I keenly regret my unavoidable absence. The expenses incurred amounted to \$5.11 for postage."

The report was accepted.

The first paper called for was, "What Determines Net Profit."—Not submitted.

The next paper "The Pharmacist Studies Law" was read by Charles G. Ajax. (Printed in the October JOURNAL, pages 863-865.)

"Merchandising Your Profession" by Ralph A. Beegle was submitted. (No discussion.)

"The California Fair Trade Act" by Ira Darling was presented and discussed. (It is printed in the November JOURNAL, pages 981-987.)

"The Place of Commercial Subjects in the Pharmacy Curriculum" by Neal B. Brown was submitted. (It is printed in the November JOURNAL, pages 987-990; no discussion.)

"How to Help the Pharmacist Commercially" by E. C. Brokmeyer, is published in the October JOURNAL, pages 861-865.—No discussion.

Titles of the following papers were read, but no papers submitted: "The Fair Trade Acts

and Their Effects," by Paul C. Olsen. "Dogs, Cats, Birds, and Babies" by Alice-Esther Garvin.—Not submitted.

"Prescription Pricing" by Frank A. Delgado was submitted. No discussion.

#### SECOND SESSION.

The Second Session of the Section on Commercial Interests was called to order by Chairman Henry Brown, August 8th, at 9:00 A.M.

Reading of papers was continued. "Local Biological Sale Survey" by Clarence M. Brown.—To be submitted.

"Discussion of the Lilly Digests," by J. F. McCloskey.—To be submitted.

"The Futility of Cutting Prices and a Comparative Price Survey of Two States," by George M. Archambault.—Read by Henry F. Hein. (No discussion.)

"The Visible Prescription Department," by George W. Fiero.—Printed in the November JOURNAL, pages 973-974. (No discussion.)

"A Course in the Study of Drug Store Sundries," by Haakon Bang.

"A Scientific Study of the Merchandising Value of Windows," by F. A. Geue.—Read but not submitted.

The Committee on Nominations submitted a report, presenting the following nominees: *Chairman*, R. W. Rodman, New York; *Vice-Chairman*, R. T. Lakey, Detroit; *Secretary*, H. F. Hein, San Antonio, Tex.; *Delegate to the House of Delegates*, Henry Brown, Pennsylvania. On motion duly seconded and a vote the nominees were duly elected and installed; the Section was then adjourned.

NOTE: The Abstracts of the Minutes of the Sections will be concluded in the February JOURNAL.

#### RESEARCH GRANTS.

Recipients of grants from the Committee on Scientific Research of the American Medical Association include Dr. Frank R. Menne, professor of pathology at the University of Oregon Medical School, for a study of cholesteremia in rabbits; Dr. Lloyd H. Ziegler and Dr. Arthur Knudson, of the Albany Medical College, Albany, N. Y., for completion of their work on activity after recovery from rickets, and F. A. and E. L. Gibbs toward the completion of a study of the regions in the cat's brain which have an especially low convulsion threshold. The work is to be done in the department of physiology of the Harvard Medical School.

#### TESTIMONIAL DINNER.

A testimonial dinner was tendered **Thomas S. Smith**, *Chairman* of the N. A. R. D. Executive Committee, November 7th, at Hotel Dupont, Wilmington, Del. Pharmacists were present from Connecticut, District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, other states, and friends not engaged in pharmacy. Walter Morgan, of Wilmington, presided and was pronounced an ideal toastmaster. The guest of honor was presented with a porch rocking chair and a handsome traveling bag. The evening was a most delightful one and the speeches brief and happy.

#### FEEES OF BOARD OF PHARMACY IN TEXAS.

It was held by the Civil Court of Appeals, Texas, that fees collected by the State Board of Pharmacy cannot be turned over to the Texas Pharmaceutical Association and the clause of the law providing for it is unconstitutional and void. The Court affirmed the case of the Association against C. B. Allison and others, members of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy.

Section 140 of Chapter 107, acts of the Forty-First Legislature, provides that the Association should be given up to \$2.00 of each \$3.00 annual renewal fee of active registered pharmacists and \$1.00 of the \$2.00 assessed against inactive pharmacists. In 1933 the board collected \$14,942.00 of such fees and after paying its expenses had \$9553.00 remaining which the Association sued to recover. It was held by the trial court and sustained by the appellate court that the provision making such allocation is void as violative of Section 51, Article 3, of the Constitution, on the ground that it is public money and cannot be diverted to a private purpose or to a private corporation. All other provisions of the act are upheld, specific mention being made of the validity of the sections imposing the annual renewal fees.