

ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

THE COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, 1936-1937.

Office of the Secretary, 2215 Constitution Ave., Washington, D. C.

November 25, 1936.

LETTER NO. 5.

To the Members of the Council:

32. *Election of Members.* Motion No. 5 (Council Letter No. 4, page 1040) has been carried and applicants numbered 44 to 60, inclusive, are declared elected.

33. *Use of Text of N. F. VI.* The following communication has been received from Chairman DuMez of the Committee on Publications:

"I have looked over the manuscript of the revised manual on Biological Assaying by Dr. Munch and recommend that permission be granted the publishers to use the portions of the text of the N. F. desired for comment. I also recommend that the book be required to carry the usual statement and that the usual fee of \$5.00 be charged for this privilege."

(*Motion No. 6*) It is moved by DuMez that the J. B. Lippincott Company be given permission to use portions of the text of the N. F. VI in the forthcoming revision of a manual on Biological Assaying with the customary acknowledgment and the usual fee of \$5.00.

34. *Storage of Records of the Board of Trustees, U. S. P. Convention.* The Board has forwarded to the ASSOCIATION for storage in its building and as a part of the U. S. P. records, the Financial Report 1900-1910; Reports of the Spanish Edition, 1909-1911; Correspondence with Chairman James H. Beal, 1909-1919; and Minutes of the Board, 1900-1920.

35. *Meeting of the Council.* The National Drug Trade Conference will hold its annual meeting in Washington on Tuesday, December 8, 1936. The officers of the Council and President Beal have decided that Monday, December 7th, will be the most satisfactory date for the meeting of the Council (see Item 14, Council Letter No. 1). Chairman Hilton has therefore called the meeting of the Council for Monday, December 7, 1936, at the AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PHARMACY, beginning at 9:30 A.M. It is hoped that the business to be presented can be transacted during the morning and afternoon sessions. If necessary, an evening session will be held.

An order of business is being made up and a copy will be sent to the members of the Council during the next week.

36. *Complimentary and Review Copies of the R. B. II.* The Second Edition of the Recipe Book has been issued and is now being distributed. Ten thousand copies were printed and two thousand copies were bound. The type is being held.

The following letter has been received from Chairman DuMez of the Committee on Publications:

"In response to your letter of November 14th, it is stated that I am in accord with your suggestion that complimentary copies of the Recipe Book II be sent to the Recipe Book committee, to the members of the Council, and to others who have rendered special services, to the Federal and other officials whose names appear in the accompanying list and to the medical, pharmaceutical and other publications listed on the accompanying pages. I would also suggest that you send complimentary copy to the leading pharmaceutical journals of Mexico."

Chairman Lascoff approves the list for complimentary copies. The list referred to calls for approximately 60 complimentary copies and 60 review copies.

(*Motion No. 7*) It is moved by DuMez that complimentary and review copies of the Recipe Book II be sent to those persons and publications mentioned on the lists referred to above. It is important that the review copies be sent out as promptly as possible and therefore a vote is called for on this motion at this time. If there is objection or any additional information is desired, the vote will be considered as tentative.

37. *Applicants for Membership.* The following applications, properly endorsed and accompanied with the first year's dues, have been received:

No. 61, Alphonse John Meyer, 4015 Three Mile Drive, Detroit, Mich.; No. 62, Alfrieda Zinser, Methodist Hospital, Sioux City, Iowa; No. 63, Charles Reynolds Rhodes, Arcade Building, Hyndman, Penna.; No. 64, William de Neergaard, 454 Fifth Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.; No. 65, Rudolph Durnwirth, 374 North Ave., New Rochelle, N. Y.; No. 66, Isidore Wilson, 77 W. 181st St., New York, N. Y.; No. 67, Gilbert Clyde Harris, 1015 W. Fifth St., Charlotte, N. C.; No. 68, Joseph A. Shibel, Gardner State Hospital, East Gardner, Mass.; No. 69, Nellie Perry Watts, 427 S. 45th St., Philadelphia, Pa.; No. 70, Perry Matsuura, 2107 Pine St., San Francisco, Calif.; No. 71, Harry K. Iwamoto, No. 2 Cottage Row, San Francisco, Calif.

(*Motion No. 8*) Vote on applications for membership in the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

E. F. KELLY, *Secretary*.

EDISON MEMORIAL.

"An Eternal Light" is to be erected as a memorial to Thomas A. Edison at Menlo Park, N. J. It will rise 135 feet in the air, with a giant electric bulb on its summit. In this connection it is of interest to refer to Sir Joseph Swan, British pharmacist, in connection with the work of Edison.—See page 1244, November JOURNAL, 1931, and December issue, 1931, page 1253. See "A Memoir of Sir Joseph Wilson Swan," London, 1929, 183 pages.



Photograph of A. Ph. A. Recipe Book II Display.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.*

CORRECT COLOR NAMES FOR PHARMACEUTICALS.

Under this title the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION had an exhibit at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at Atlantic City during the week of December 28th. The exhibit illustrated the unique work being done at the National Bureau of Standards in Washington under a research grant of the A. Ph. A. Committee on National Formulary and was in charge of Dr. Deane B. Judd of the Bureau.

The purpose of the work is to standardize the color terms used to describe official drugs and pharmaceuticals and to establish simple, easily understood and usable color names on a scientific basis which will give them legal standing and make them valuable for all types of analytical work. It is also expected that the work will lead to greater uniformity in the color of prepared drugs and medicines and will eliminate to a great extent, at least, the difficulties resulting from variations in color.

* From *Bulletin* No. 9, AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

"The question of color nomenclature is complicated by the fact that there are 100,000,000 distinguishable colors, of which some 10,000,000 are producible by dyes and pigments, and for which in the new system there are 500 color names. Each name, therefore, refers to a range of color rather than to a single color," according to Dr. Judd.

"The new system of color designation," he explains, "consists of literally joining the two ends of the spectrum to make a complete circle forming the equator of the color solid, allocating the chief hues and then charting off the remaining hues in much the same manner as points on the compass are marked. Reference to a particular color name, therefore, can be immediately checked with the color solid and reproduced identically."

The new system of color nomenclature is based on recommendations of the Inter-Society Color Council. It is designed to provide exact, scientific descriptions of colors for pharmaceutical workers, including both manufacturing and retail pharmacists in their task of compounding drugs and medicines for the prevention and treatment of disease, and promises to replace the present haphazard method of color naming.

The necessity for greater accuracy in determining and naming colors in pharmacy has become more apparent as the standards for drugs have become more definite. Dr. E. N. Gathercoal, chairman of the National Formulary Committee, organized a Color Convention in Washington, D. C., about six years ago which was attended by scientific and industrial color authorities. The group organized the Inter-Society Color Council with Dr. Gathercoal as the first chairman, and the problem of designating the color of drugs was the first to be considered. Although the current study is confined to drugs and medicines, the system is sufficiently standardized as to have a profound effect upon the many sciences, arts and industries concerned with determining and naming colors.

(N2) SUB-SECTION ON PHARMACY.

The Association also arranged the following program for the meeting of this Sub-section which is a division of the Section on Medical Sciences for Monday, December 28th, at 10 A.M. in the Vernon Room of Haddon Hall, Atlantic City:

1. "Some Observations on the Bioassay of Digitalis Preparations," Marvin Thompson, University of Maryland, School of Pharmacy.
2. "The Quantitative Determination of Small Quantities of Chloride and Sulfate Ions in Aqueous Solution by Electrical Conductivity," Richard E. Houghton and Arthur Osol, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science.
3. "The Metabolism of Adrenalectomized Rats," C. Jelleff Carr and Frances Beck, University of Maryland, School of Medicine.
4. "The Pharmacognosy of the Parathyroids," Heber Youngken, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy.
5. "Studies on a Liver Preparation Which Protects against Certain Liver Poisoning," J. C. Forbes, Medical College of Virginia.
6. "The Pharmacy of Antacids," Alfred Barol, Philadelphia, Pa.
7. "The Detection of Cannabis Sativa," J. C. Munch, H. W. Mantz and H. J. Pratt, Temple University.
8. "Further Studies on the Sugar Alcohols," J. C. Krantz, Jr., C. Jelleff Carr and Frances Beck, University of Maryland, School of Medicine.
9. "Berries of the Matrimony Vine (*Lycium halmifolium* Mill.)," Arno Viehovever, J. F. Oakley and Joe Coletta, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science.

Dr. John C. Krantz, Jr., Baltimore, Md., was chairman for this session and Dr. Arthur Osol, Philadelphia, Pa., the local secretary.

Through the Sub-section on Pharmacy and the annual exhibit, the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION is bringing the basic scientific work being done in Pharmacy to the attention of the more than 16,000 leading scientists who are members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Best Wishes for Health and Prosperity, 1937