

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LOCAL BRANCHES

CHICAGO.—The Branch held its 252nd meeting, October 18th. President Emig presided introducing the plans for the coming meetings. After a short report on some of the activities of the Convention in Minneapolis by the secretary, Professor Gathercoal outlined the proposed changes in the publications of the ASSOCIATION including the new popular JOURNAL, and something of its aims; changes in the present JOURNAL; and an announcement of the National Formulary Bulletin in its new form.

Other topics upon which Professor Gathercoal touched were: The activities of the N. F. Laboratory and the need under the new Food, Drug and Cosmetic Law of establishment of standards, tests and assays through its efforts; the studies on Calamine including the work of Dr. Fantus on new types of preparations of this important material, including the Cuti-color series; and the work of the Committee on Diagnostic Reagents, with the announcement of the publication of this material as a separate book.

Mr. Samuel Shkolnik under the heading, "The Present Status of the Law," gave a very interesting address on various features of the new Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Law and of certain sections of the proposed changes in the Illinois statutes governing various phases of the practice of Pharmacy. Attention was called to the labeling requirements and especially to the section covering habit-forming or sedative medicaments.

Dr. Wirth projected 800 feet of plain and color movie film of scenes taken at the Plant Science Seminar, the Convention and of a fishing trip into northern Minnesota, all of which were greatly enjoyed by the 80 members and guests present.

The Branch held its 253rd meeting November 15th, with a capacity crowd of 140 members and guests. The speaker was Dr. Eugene W. Schoeffel of the Laboratory of the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry of the American Medical Association. His subject was "Modern Methods of Pharmaceutical Analysis." Dr. Schoeffel introduced his address with the statement that it was through the efforts of Professor Puckner and others of the College that the Council was started in 1905. Pointing out that in past years Pharmacy has played a large part in the advancement of Chemistry and Medicine, he stated that advances in modern pharmaceutical analysis were of great importance. This résumé served to introduce the essence of the address, namely, the application of micro-analytical processes.

Dr. Schoeffel exhibited eight hundred feet of 16 millimeter color movie film to illustrate the various techniques of micro-analytical analysis. Determination of melting points by the micro methods; growth of crystals under polarized light and the use of ultraviolet light with aluminum oxide absorption tubes were some of the high lights of the film. In addition, slides were used to aid in the visualization of the processes employed.

Through the courtesy of E. H. Sargent and Company, Dr. Wilson of that firm had an exhibit of various pieces of micro-analytical glassware and other apparatus which was enjoyed by the group present.

RALPH E. TERRY, *Secretary*

CITY OF WASHINGTON.—The first fall meeting of the Washington Branch was held on October 10th, in the AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PHARMACY, with 24 present.

Dr. Warren called attention to the diminishing treasury. Dr. Briggs moved that membership dues of \$1.00 per member be assessed and the motion was passed. The secretary was asked to determine the number of possible Branch members in the District and the amount due the Branch from the parent organization for these members.

Mr. Reznick, reporting for the Publicity Committee, suggested that notice cards be sent regularly to the local newspapers, local pharmacy schools and to other chapters and journals.

Dr. Briggs introduced Lee G. Gramling and Charles O. Wilson, recent additions to the faculty at George Washington University.

Dr. N. B. Hon, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service, spoke on "Pharmacists in Venereal Disease Control," stressing the advantageous position of the pharmacist in assisting in the prevention and control of a scourge much more prevalent than tuberculosis, scarlet fever, ty-

phoid fever or diphtheria. The number of people suffering from syphilis varies from $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ in the northern states to 4% in the south, with an average for the country of about 2%. Statistics show that the number of reported cases increased from 235,000 in 1934 to 450,000 in 1937, with an estimated 518,000 under treatment and as many more unattended.

With the passage of the Venereal Disease Control Act, \$3,000,000 was appropriated for the fiscal year, this money to be distributed to the states and territories as grants-in-aid on the basis of population, extent of the disease and financial need of the state. The treatment, consisting of 30 injections of arsphenamine and 40 of bismuth, is successful in nearly nine cases out of ten if begun in the early stages of the disease but this figure drops to five out of ten, if begun in the later stages.

According to Dr. Hon, the pharmacist can hinder this program by prescribing or recommending drugs for the treatment of the disease, by buying and selling proprietary preparations or nostrums for this treatment and by refilling prescriptions after the use of the drug is no longer indicated. His first opportunity to assist the program lies in the strategic position he bears with relation to the patient. *Secondly*, he can distribute informational material giving sound advice and real facts about the problem of syphilis. The necessary drugs will either be distributed through the local drug stores for a small service charge or through the local health departments. Dr. Hon summed up the pharmacists' position in the following paragraph: "He will see them often, for they are the most common of America's serious diseases. He can best serve the community, the patient and himself through a broad coöperation with the medical profession and the Health Department."

Dr. R. K. Snyder of the N. F. Laboratory staff, described the history of the laboratory from its inception at the annual meeting in 1935. It was started in Chicago in January 1936 and has functioned for two and a half years under the direction of an advisory committee. Dr. Snyder presented the personnel and outlined the scope of the laboratory activities, the study of pharmaceutical problems and the establishment and improvement of standards for drugs. The members were conducted through the laboratory.

KENNETH L. KELLY, *Secretary*.

FERRIS INSTITUTE STUDENT BRANCH.—The October meeting which was held on Wednesday evening, October 19th, at Ferris Institute, had been postponed one week so that it could be held during Pharmacy Week.

Anton Hogstad, Jr., outlined the history of Pharmacy Week and its purposes. National Pharmacy Week was established by the late Dr. Robert J. Ruth fourteen years ago to encourage greater professional activity among pharmacists and to tell the story of Pharmacy to the public. Dr. Ruth was chairman of the committee on Pharmacy Week for seven years following its founding. He was succeeded by Dr. Hogstad who has been chairman for the past seven years. Dr. Hogstad pointed out that Pharmacy Week differed from other national weeks in that it was not commercialized.

Dr. Joseph P. Trainer, a practicing physician from Big Rapids, spoke on "Everyday Medicine." The difficulties in diagnosing internal hernia were first discussed. X-ray pictures from the files of Dr. Trainer were shown and it was stated that X-ray was probably the best means other than operation, of detecting internal hernia. The second portion of the lecture was devoted to every day fractures. There have been great changes in Medicine during the past twenty years, due to changes in our mode of living. Formerly, nearly all fractures were of the wrist, ankle and shoulder but to-day neck and spinal fractures are the most common. This change in type of fractures demands new and improved apparatus and appliances. Dr. Trainer explained how each of these modern instruments, the wire caliper, drill and wire traction, is used. Following the lecture Dr. Trainer answered questions on Medicine as practiced to-day.

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The Student Branch entered an A. P. H. A. float in the annual Ferris Institute Homecoming parade. The float told the story of the curing of Countess Chinchon, wife of the Viceroy of Peru, of malarial fever. There were three characters, one representing the Countess Chinchon, the second portraying Dr. Juan del Vega administering the bark to the Countess and the third figure a servant who brought the bark to Countess Chinchon's physician. A brief summary of the story of the curing of malarial fever was painted on the side of the float under the title "Kino Kino

the Bark of Barks!" The success of the float was largely due to the splendid work of the President of the Branch, Miss Ida Mary Fox, who designed and supervised the making of the costumes worn by the three characters.

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The members of the A. P. H. A. also took an active part in the building of pharmaceutical displays for National Pharmacy Week and also for the annual Ferris Institute Homecoming. A total of seven displays was set up.

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The College of Pharmacy had charge of an all-college assembly during Pharmacy Week, including a display arranged on the state.

The first speaker was Dr. Simon Benson, former research technician at the University of Chicago and Rush Medical College and now Dean of the Ferris College of Pharmacy and director of research at Ferris Institute. Dean Benson spoke on the research angle of Pharmacy and the disappointments and problems a pharmacy research worker is confronted with. Among examples cited was the one of insulin. The basic discovery was made in 1909 but not until thirteen years later did the useful product insulin come on the market.

The second speaker was Anton Hogstad, Jr., who outlined the history of Pharmacy Week and gave a brief history of Pharmacy and the contributions Pharmacy has given to mankind. Among the great pharmacists mentioned were Scheele, the discoverer of oxygen, benzoic acid and hydrocyanic acid, Serturmer, who first isolated morphine and Pellelier and Caventou, who discovered cinchonine.

LESLIE KILFT, *Secretary.*

GREATER ST. LOUIS.—The Branch met on November 14th, at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy.

Dr. Ball, Associate Professor of Chemistry of Washington University, discussed "Hydrogen ion Concentration." After reviewing the early efforts to measure p_{H} , Dr. Ball described the present-day methods in use such as the colorimetric method, glass and calomel electrode, mentioning their limitations. Types of apparatus used in the measurement of p_{H} were distributed to the members for their inspection.

After the lecture a letter recently received from Dr. Ernest Little, Chairman of the Committee on Local and Student Branches, was read requesting any suggestions for more interesting meetings. This letter was referred to Chairman Thorpe.

A letter concerning the formation of the Catholic Hospital Pharmacists' Guild in E. St. Louis, and their affiliation with the Greater St. Louis Branch, was then read. This affiliation was heartily and unanimously agreed upon by the members. The hospital organization will have their own officers and program, but each member is eligible to attend and take part in the program of the Local Branch.

FRANK L. MERCER, *Secretary.*

LOUISVILLE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY STUDENT BRANCH.—The October meeting was called to order by President Heichelbech at 11:15 on the 4th, and was distinguished by the presence of Dr. Curry, our Faculty Advisor.

After reports of the secretary and treasurer the following resolutions were discussed and passed unanimously:

WHEREAS, any meeting becomes dull and unattractive if a proper order and an interesting program is not maintained.

Resolved, that members of the following groups be invited to speak for 45 minutes at our monthly meetings, a period of one hour and a half on the third Tuesday of each month, the hour to be at the convenience of the speaker:

Member of U. S. P. Revision Committee—Suggested Dr. V. Simpson
 Member of State Board of Pharmacy—Suggested Mr. Markendorf
 A Hospital Pharmacist
 Member of Nursing Profession

Member of Dental Profession
 Member of Veterinary Profession
 Member of Police Department of Safety and First Aid
 Representative of Parke, Davis & Co., on Hormones
 Representative of Eli Lilly & Co. on Drug Extracts
 Representative of Lederle Laboratories on Biologicals
 Representative of Abbott Laboratories on Vitamins
 Representatives on "Socialized Medicine," pro and con.

This list was given to the Program Committee for contact and action.

Resolved, that the secretary shall notify and invite to our monthly meetings, all members in the city and surrounding locality and, further, that these meetings be made known by publicity in *K. Ph. A. Journal*, local papers and other publications.

Resolved, that an associate faculty advisor be appointed to act in accord with Dr. Curry, our present advisor. Immediate action was taken on this resolution and by unanimous consent Prof. E. P. Slone was selected to act in this capacity.

Resolved, that great attention be directed to obtaining new members, especially from the lower classes, so that the Branch will be carried on in succeeding years.

The outstanding announcement of this meeting was the grant of a definite meeting time each month, to the entire student body which is to be utilized for class meetings, other extra-curricular activities and as a period in which members of the student body may get together to meet and know each other, promoting unity in professional ideals.

R. N. SMITH, *Secretary*.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY STUDENT BRANCH.—A meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. Friday, October 7th, by Chairman Leo Babin, with twenty-one members present and forty invited guests, including new students of Pharmacy, who were welcomed by Chairman Ernst of the Membership Committee and to whom the objects of the Branch were made known. Following this was a report from each of the officers of the Branch. After a discussion on the definite date for the meetings, it was decided that regular monthly meetings will be held the first Thursday of each month and will be open to the public. At each meeting two outstanding pharmacists will give talks or read papers of especial interest; a paper will be presented by a student member; a faculty member or an alumnus will lead a brief discussion on some timely topic; and there will be a demonstration by a student member or recent graduate. The guest speakers will, at first, be local men, but later attempts will be made to secure others. To climax the year's activities, the Branch is looking forward to holding a banquet or supper dance with city pharmacists as guests. The Branch also plans to promote two radio skits and have two or three radio talks on Pharmacy.

The meeting was concluded by a spirited discussion of "National A. Ph. A. Affairs," by the Branch's Faculty Director, Dean John F. McCloskey. A volunteer committee was organized to promote the "Fourteenth Observance of Pharmacy Week in New Orleans."

In announcing the committee appointments for the year, President Babin said, "The task of making appointments, in an organization is by no means an easy one. The ability, plus the willingness of a member to serve a particular function must be well known by the one making such appointments; of this, I must admit, I am a bit lacking; however, I have made a serious effort to place members on committees where they are best suited. Because of their interest shown in the activities of this Student Branch 'Associate Members' have been appointed to serve as 'assistants' on various committees until January 1st, and on that date, they shall be granted the privilege of becoming members; thereby enabling them to enjoy all rights of membership."

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The regular monthly meeting of the Branch was held Thursday, October 27th, at 7:30 P.M., with John F. Thompson, Vice-President, presiding. Several guest pharmacists and friends of members were also present. The minutes were read and adopted.

As the first guest speaker of the evening the Very Reverend Harold A. Gaudin, S.J., president of the University, gave a short but impressive talk on "The Branch and Its Relationship with the University."

Dean J. F. McCloskey's speech, "The Pharmacist's Place in Socialized Medicine," furnished a most interesting topic especially to guests of that evening.

Mr. Paul Poche, Senior Student Member of the Branch, presented a paper entitled, "Plasters."

The second guest speaker was Mr. Ernest Haydel, a graduate of Loyola University, who discussed "Professional Pharmacy," strongly urging coöperation between physicians and pharmacists.

Dean Emeritus, John J. Grasser, gave a welcoming and encouraging speech to the incoming pharmacy students, contrasting old-time Pharmacy with the new.

The volunteer committee of the Branch to promote the observance of Pharmacy Week reported a very successful program.

Window Displays.—1. Blanchard & Robertson Pharmacy, arranged by Miss Roche, and Messrs. Poche, Muller and Gauthier. Subject: "The Crude Drugs of Pharmacy."

2. McCune's Pharmacy, arranged by Miss Centanni and Messrs. Vinci, Ernst and Thompson. Subject: "Chemicals in Pharmacy."

3. Royal Pharmacy, arranged by Miss Strain and Messrs. Ernst, Thompson and Montalbano. Subject: "Old Time Pharmacy."

4. Katz and Bestoff, arranged by Misses Centanni and Strain. Subject: "The Glandular Products in Pharmacy."

5. Cire's Pharmacy, arranged by Messrs. Simmons, Schaefer and Cary. Subject: "Old Equipment of Pharmacy."

A small sign in each of these windows indicated to the public that the display was the work of this Branch and the interest was very encouraging. Through coöperation with local pharmacists it is hoped that next year at least ten or more such displays will be arranged in selected sections of the city.

Radio Program.—1. On Monday, October 17th, Louis Wilson, Charter Member of the Branch and now Professor in the Pharmacy Department, subject, "The Story of Insulin."

2. On Wednesday, October 19th, Dean J. F. McCloskey, Faculty Advisor of the Branch, subject, "The Geography of Drugs."

3. On Friday, October 21st, Leo Babin, president of the Branch, subject, "The Origin and Significance of the Red and Green Show Globes of the Pharmacists."

Radio Announcements.—The radio committee, headed by Miss Rosalie Centanni wrote up several snappy announcements pertaining to National Pharmacy Week and these were read periodically over the air during the week.

The splendid work of this special committee was highly commended and indicated how such an organization as the Branch can make itself helpful to the profession.

MARCIA HEIMAN, *Secretary.*

MICHIGAN.—The Silver Anniversary Year began with a near-record attendance at the meeting held at the Wayne County Medical Society Building, Tuesday, October 18th. The usual splendid Wayne County Medical Society Dinner preceded the meeting, which was called to order by President Ira Smith of the Detroit Institute of Technology. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Walter M. Chase, of Parke, Davis & Co., presented a paper entitled "In the Bag—for Ninety Years." Mr. Chase displayed the old historic saddle bag carried by Dr. Ezra Smith Parke, father of Dr. Parke, the originator of Parke, Davis & Co., which contained not only documents and state certificates permitting Dr. Parke to practice Medicine and Surgery in the state of Michigan, but also many crude drugs, some in bulk and some in individual doses. Of particular interest to pharmacists was the crude manner in which Dr. Parke packaged the medicine which he dispensed to his patients more than a hundred years ago. (See paper, page 1262.)

H. A. K. Whitney, Chief Pharmacist University Hospital, U. of M. and president of the Michigan Board of Pharmacy, reported on the activities of the Hospital Pharmacy Section of the A. P. H. A. at the recent meeting in Minneapolis. Much interest was displayed in the activities of the Section which has only been in existence two years, and the program brought out many interesting phases of Hospital Pharmacy to the men and women in this group.

R. L. McCabe, member of the Michigan Board of Pharmacy, reported on the activities of the N. A. B. P. Thirty-eight states were represented by seventy-eight board members. Many problems were discussed. President R. L. Swain particularly recommended that the Board of Pharmacy examinations include more practical Pharmacy, including prescriptions and the art of compounding.

Charles H. Stocking, Professor of Pharmacy U. of M., for Prof. J. L. Powers, reported that all member colleges of pharmacy of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy were represented at the Convention. From the standpoint of the state of Michigan it was of interest that the College of Pharmacy, Ferris Institute, Big Rapids, was reported favorably by the Accrediting Committee and on recommendation was accepted into the ASSOCIATION.

L. A. Seltzer reported on the activities of the U. S. P. Revision Committee, which is divided into thirteen sub-committees, only two of which are composed of pharmacists. He stated, "All these groups affected by the Pharmacopœia, potentially conflicting as they are are maintained in harmonious relationship by the masterful conception of scope, by the thorough understanding and actual anticipation in the problems involved, and by the tact and diplomacy based on an unbroken record of good faith on the part of the General Chairman of the Committee of Revision. His fund of scientific knowledge, his broad technical training and his wide experience provide an equipment the influence of which is the explanation of the U. S. P. being in the van of the Pharmacopœias of the world."

Mr. Seltzer outlined the very important work being carried on by the following Advisory Boards which have as their members the outstanding specialists in each of the fields covered: on Vitamins, on Anti-Anemia Products, on Hormones and on Sterile Products.

The committee has designated Mr. Seltzer to carry on research work to develop on a more suitable basis, ointments and vehicles not affected by heat and cold.

Lewis W. Rowe spoke on the activities of the Scientific Section of the A. PH. A. The program presented was a most extensive one, eighty-four papers being listed for three regular Sessions and the Joint Session with the Section on Practical Pharmacy and Dispensing. This year it was found necessary to establish a Sub-Section which presented twenty-five or thirty papers on Pharmacognosy alone. Much interest was shown in the cultivation of ephedrin in South Dakota. The stability of ergot and digitalis have been found not to be as variable as had been previously supposed.

R. T. Lakey, Dean of the College of Pharmacy, Wayne University, spoke on the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act and the Wheeler-Lea Bill. He emphasized that the pharmacist has two types of responsibility under the law, one legal and the other moral. By assuming moral responsibility the pharmacist has a golden opportunity to further legislation which will prove advantageous. He urged coöperation from the retail industry to support and to help formulate an effective state food and drug law based on the national acts.

John H. Webster, past-president of the National Association of Retail Druggists, reported on the activities of the recent Convention in Chicago. The large attendance indicates that the druggists of the nation have been awakened to the necessity of mass action to bring about better conditions in the retail drug industry. R. G. Leland, Director, Bureau of Medical Economics, American Medical Association, presented a paper on the evils of socialized medicine, which created much discussion and resulted in the selection of a committee to bring about a more co-operative condition between physicians and pharmacists. The drug show was the largest and best in the history of the N. A. R. D., with about 150 exhibits.

Under new business H. A. K. Whitney presented a letter written by the A. C. Barnes Company asking for support of the Michigan Board of Pharmacy for their new plant in marketing argyrol in this territory. After considerable discussion condemning the action of the A. C. Barnes Co., Mr. Webster presented the following resolution which on motion of R. L. McCabe was unanimously adopted by the Michigan Branch, A. PH. A.

Resolved: That the members of the Michigan Branch of the A. PH. A. are unequivocally opposed to the new method adopted by the A. C. Barnes Co. in packaging and marketing argyrol because it infringes upon the professional functions of the pharmacists and requires an unwarranted inventory in order to dispense various strengths of the product.

BERNARD L. BIALK, *Secretary.*

NEW YORK BRANCH.—The first meeting for the fall season, was held on Monday evening, October 10th at the Columbia University, College of Pharmacy, 115 West 68th Street, New York City. President Canis presided and welcomed the members and visitors, of whom about 150 were present. The minutes of the May meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Lehman, chairman of the Committee on Education and Legislation gave an extensive report.

Dr. J. Leon Lascoff, President of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION was introduced. He greeted all present and expressed the hope that he would meet them at all future meetings at which he expected to be a regular attendant.

A letter from the New York Pharmaceutical Council stated that dues for delegates were in order. On motion regularly made and seconded, it was voted to direct the treasurer to pay the amount due.

A letter from Mr. Frank Berman was read. This contained a resolution to be offered to the New York City Council to the effect that the Departments of Health, Hospitals, Correction and Purchase have one Deputy Commissioner, a pharmacist registered in New York State, selected from a list submitted or approved by the New York Pharmaceutical Council. On motion regularly made and seconded the letter was referred to the New York Pharmaceutical Council. An amendment to the motion stipulated that a report of the Council's action be made at the November meeting.

Announcement was made that the Remington Honor Medal would be presented to Dr. Henry C. Christensen at a dinner to be held in his honor at the Hotel Pennsylvania on the evening of November 30th.

The Scientific Section of the meeting was devoted to the subject of Vitamin B₁. The speakers, who were introduced by Dr. David Mason, chairman of the Program Committee, included:

Dr. C. R. Addinall of Merck and Co., who gave a rather complete outline of the history of the vitamin. He also discussed the preparation of the synthetic product, together with its pharmacy and incompatibilities. His talk was illustrated with lantern slides; Dr. Martin G. Vorhaus, a well-known practicing physician, who discussed the pharmacology and clinical applications of the vitamin; Dr. Elias L. Stern, who has long been identified with intra-spinal medication, discussed the use of the vitamin by that mode of introduction. Exhibits of preparations of the vitamin provided by Squibb, Burroughs Wellcome, Merck, Winthrop, Upjohn and Parke-Davis added to the interest of the meeting.

After the discussion Dr. Mason expressed his thanks to Miss Sylvia Samuels for her aid in arranging the programs.

The Scientific Section of the November meeting will be a "Symposium on Prescription Writing." Dr. Walter Bastedo, Dr. C. P. Wimmer and Mr. Frederick D. Lascoff will be the speakers.

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The regular meeting was called to order by President Canis at 8:30 P.M., November 14th, at Columbia University, College of Pharmacy. About 125 members and visitors were present. Minutes of the October meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer Currens reported a balance of \$287.77 and Dr. Bilhuber reported that he had audited the books and found them to be correct.

Mr. F. Schaefer, chairman of the committee on Membership reported progress and called on Dr. Leonard Piccoli, who announced that at a dinner held earlier the nucleus for a new Organization for the Advancement of Professional Pharmacy had been formed, one of the admission requirements for this association to be membership in the A. Ph. A. He then presented the applications of Messrs.: Frankfurter, Gerken, Hakes, Kantor, Rocchio, Solomon and Tobach for membership in the association.

Mr. Lehman reported for the Committee on Education and Legislation.

The secretary stated that he had as yet received no report from the New York Pharmaceutical Council regarding the resolutions forwarded by Mr. Frank Berman. A report would be ready for the next meeting.

By action of the Executive Committee taken at a meeting held earlier in the evening, the treasurer was authorized to change the funds of the Branch to the Clinton Trust Company.

There being no further business the meeting turned to the Scientific Section and Dr. Wimmer was introduced to act as chairman. The section was devoted to a "Symposium on Prescription Writing." Dr. Walter A. Bastedo, President of the U. S. P. XI Pharmacopœial Convention, addressed the meeting on the subject of "Therapeutics and the Physicians Prescription." Dr. Curt P. Wimmer, Associate Dean, Columbia College of Pharmacy, spoke on "The Evolution of the Prescription." This talk was illustrated with lantern slides and an exhibition of old pharmacopœies and prescription books. Professor Frederick D. Lascoff, of the Columbia College of Pharmacy, spoke on the "Pharmacist and the Prescription." This talk was illustrated by demonstrations of the various modern techniques employed in preparing fine products. The discussion which followed was participated in by Dr's. Schaefer, Piccoli, Lascoff, Messrs: Gerstner, Sasmor, Seley and others.

It was announced that the December meeting would be held at the Brooklyn College of Pharmacy, Long Island University, 600 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

HORACE T. F. GIVENS, *Secretary*.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY.—The first meeting of the year was held at Rutgers University College of Pharmacy, October 17th.

President R. W. Rodman reviewed the highlights of the conventions of the A. PH. A., N. A. B. P. and A. A. C. P., at Minneapolis and of the N. A. R. D. in Chicago, stating that the four major topics of interest at the latter were: The Patman Chain Store Tax Bill, the Fair Trade Laws, the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act and Socialized Medicine. He discussed the latter two at length, indicating the many angles of the Act that could greatly affect the future of Pharmacy and suggesting several ways in which the pharmacist could aid in shaping the future trend of the movement toward "socialized medicine."

It was decided to accept the invitation of the New York Branch to join with them in honoring Dr. H. C. Christensen at their meeting on November 30th.

C. L. COX, *Secretary*.

PHILADELPHIA.—The October meeting was held on Tuesday evening, the 11th, at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science.

President Viehoever introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. Donald P. LeGalley, Head of the Department of Physics, P. C. P. and S., who spoke on, "Artificial Radioactivity and Nuclear Transmutations." He spoke of the discovery of artificial radioactivity and traced the developments in this field up to the present, discussed some of the fundamental qualities of the nucleus such as electrons, protons, deuterons, etc.; described several types of electrostatic generators and the cyclotron; demonstrated several artificial radioactive substances; and concluded with a discussion of the application of this work to the fields of Biology, Medicine and Chemistry.

Mr. Simpson of the Membership Committee submitted the following applicants for membership: Associate, Fred Schreiber, Norman Uranson, William Happich; Full, Louis Gershenfeld, George Applin, Joseph A. Nussle, J. B. Fegan and W. J. Stoneback. Election of the above was unanimous.

Dr. Arthur Osol of the Program Committee reported that programs have been arranged for the entire year with only one date remaining tentative.

Mr. Aaron Lichtin of the Committee on Public Relations reported on the work he and Mr. Hunsberger have been carrying on with the Philadelphia County Medical Society which has agreed to have a representative of Pharmacy sit on such of their committee meetings as shall have under discussion problems affecting Pharmacy, and to open certain committee meetings to representatives of Pharmacy whenever Pharmacy has a proposal to submit which is of mutual interest to both professions. Mr. Lichtin suggested that the Committee on Public Relations be called into session to review problems which we have and which should come before the proper committee of the County Medical Society.

Dr. Nichols reported for Dr. Cook on the activities of the A. PH. A. convention, pointing out that the convention was one of the best attended in the history of the ASSOCIATION. The interest at the various sectional meetings was extremely encouraging. Dr. Nichols also reported on the activities of the Sub-Section on Hospital Pharmacy.

Dr. Blythe demonstrated an alkaline test paper for the rough determination of pH .

E. H. McLaughlin read a report of Dr. Dunn on the activities of the Plant Science Seminar and the Conference of Teachers of Pharmacognosy and Pharmacology.

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The November meeting was held on Tuesday evening, the first, in the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science.

The speaker of the evening was Dr. Kenneth Hickman of the Distillation Products Division of the Eastman Kodak Co., whose subject was, "Molecular Distillation of Vitamin A." His detailed explanation of the molecular still and the process of molecular distillation was accompanied with lantern slides and specimens of the various fractions obtained from the molecular distillation of cod liver oil.

At the close of Dr. Hickman's address there followed discussion by Dr. E. Fullerton Cook and Dr. Ehrenstein. Dr. Cook emphasized the possible use of the principles of molecular distillation in setting up new standards for cod liver oil in the Pharmacopœia.

An interesting motion picture was shown, showing the operations of the cod fishing industry of Norway and the separation of cod liver oil from the livers.

Mr. Drain, Chairman of the Membership Committee, nominated for Associate membership: Sister Edith of St. Joseph's Hospital, Dr. Isidore Cohen of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, and Mr. P. W. Wilcox, of Sharp & Dohme.

President Viehoever announced that at the December meeting Dr. Marvin Thompson will discuss "The Present Status of Ergot." Dr. Raiziss of the Dermatological Research Laboratories will speak at the January meeting, and Dr. Reichel of Sharp & Dohme at the February meeting.

ARTHUR K. LEBBERKNIGHT, *Secretary*.

PITTSBURGH.—A meeting was held Tuesday evening, November 23rd, at eight o'clock, in the Falk Clinic. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The resignation of Dr. Melvin W. Green was read and accepted. To fill the unexpired term, Dr. E. C. Reif was elected president.

A report was made by the Pittsburgh College of Pharmacy Student Delegate to the Convention of the A. PH. A., Mr. John Nosidlak. The Delegate of the Pittsburgh Branch, Dr. C. Leonard O'Connell, also reported.

Several reels of moving pictures were shown through the courtesy of Meade, Johnson & Co. No meeting will be held in December. The next regular meeting will be held January 17, 1939.

FRANK S. MCGINNIS, *Secretary*.

WESTERN NEW YORK.—The reorganization meeting of the Branch was held at Foster Hall, University of Buffalo campus, Thursday evening, November 17th.

Dr. Warren Allen, director of research education for the Upjohn Co., spoke on "Vitamins." He discussed the better known vitamins, including A, D and the B complex, with reference to their standardization, utilization and sources. He emphasized the point that the sources of the vitamins, particularly in the case of cod liver oil for A and D, were much more than vitamin vehicles, because of the other constituents present. He also pointed out that our present standards measure only specific factors, and that they might not prove to be adequate in the future.

An enthusiastic group of nearly 200 attended the lecture. Following the lecture, the Alumnae of the School of Pharmacy of the University of Buffalo served refreshments. Later the group returned to the lecture hall, where a discussion was held, led by members of the faculty. During the discussion Dr. Copley of the Norwich Pharmacal Co. outlined the method of preparing the capsules containing several vitamins from different sources. An exhibit of commercial vitamin preparations was prepared to aid in the discussion.

At the business meeting it was voted to have the officers previously elected continue until the next regular election.

The next meeting of the Branch will be held on Thursday evening, December 15th, when Dr. Frank B. Kirby, director of education for the Abbott Laboratories, will discuss "Substances Used in the Treatment of Anemias."

LOUIS G. FREEMAN, *Secretary*.