

Proceedings of the Local Branches

CHICAGO.

The November meeting of the Chicago Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held at the School of Pharmacy Building, Tuesday evening, the 17th.

President James H. Wells presided and introduced Mr. Fred A. Miller, Botanist of Eli Lilly & Co., Indianapolis, who addressed the meeting on the subject, "The Cultivation of Medicinal Plants." His address was illustrated with many lantern slides, showing the detailed processes for the practical cultivation of various drug plants, including those yielding Belladonna, Digitalis, Stramonium, Althæa, Larkspur, Cannabis and Conium.

The address was very enthusiastically received by the audience of more than one hundred who voted it not only interesting but very instructive. A number of druggists outside of Chicago were present, including Mr. J. C. Wheatcroft, of Grayville, W. C. Irwin, of Salem, P. L. Gain, of East St. Louis, and Professors G. D. Timmons and E. H. Wisner, of Valparaiso, Indiana.



CINCINNATI.

The regular monthly meeting of the Cincinnati Branch, A. Ph. A., was held at the Cincinnati College of Pharmacy on Tuesday evening, November 10th.

President E. H. Thiesing directed a short business session, during which the minutes of the previous meeting, as read by the Secretary, were approved.

The President then introduced Mr. D. E. Murphy, who presented a very efficient paper, entitled: "The Folly of Not Filling the Demand." He aimed to show that, by the antagonism manifested by the druggist toward the products of the manufacturing pharmacists, who spend large amounts of money, special thought and energy to create a market for them; that the druggist has himself to blame for the coining of such words as "Substitutor" or "Substitution," and not alone that, but he has created an impression upon the public mind, of hesitancy and suspicion, not alone against medicinal products in general, but against the druggist himself.

The paper is full of meat and it led to a discussion, in which Mr. Freericks, Mr. Greyer, and others took part, and there is no doubt, that this subject will be taken up again for discussion at future meetings. Mr. Murphy was tendered a vote of thanks, after which President Thiesing introduced Prof Chas. T. P. Fennel, who chose for his subject: "The Early History of Chemistry." The lecture was profusely illustrated with pictures showing the earliest evolution of mankind, laying particular stress upon the ever recurring presence of Fire, which always attended the first development of man, the first workings of the precious metals, the first application of distillation, and always, the sacrifices of the people's offerings to their gods. The lecturer took his audience from the earliest pre-historic times to the Phœnician, Egyptian and Arabian periods; to the recognition of Fire, Water and Air as elementary bodies; through the field of alchemy up to the more modern development of chemistry. A very pleasing feature was the exhibition of books and manuscripts, some more than 300 years old and bearing the individual writings and signatures of such men as Scheele, Priestley, Lavoissier, Gay-Lussac, and others.

Professor Fennel was given a rising-vote of thanks. The meeting was well attended by members and their friends; the student body of the Cincinnati College of Pharmacy, as well as a number of the faculty and students of the Cincinnati Eclectic Medical College being present.

All voted to have spent an enjoyable and instructive evening.

CHARLES A. APMEYER, Secretary.



NASHVILLE.

The Branch held its regular meeting at Bloomstein's Hall on Church street, Thursday evening, November 19th, with President J. O. Burge in the Chair. Dr. E. A. Ruddiman made a full report of the Detroit meeting of the A. Ph. A., stating that it was the best meeting he had ever attended.

Mr. C. S. Martin, Ex-President of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association, by invitation, addressed the Branch on the subject of "The Effect of Recent National Legislation on the Drug Business." He gave a short history of the enactment of the war stamp tax bill by Congress and congratulated

the druggists of the country on their united efforts in defeating the tax on proprietaries. The Senate, he said, were very insistent on the provision and only receded, after they had been flooded with an avalanche of protests from all over the United States.

He explained the section of the law imposing a tax on toilet articles and cosmetics. Most retail druggists, he said, are manufacturers of some toilet preparation, and he urged them to be ready to comply with the law when it becomes operative December 1st. He reminded them of the tax on cigars and tobacco stands, doing a business over \$200 a year. Also of the tax to be levied on telephone messages over 15 cents, and on telegrams, promissory notes, contracts, deeds, insurance policies, bills of lading, express receipts, etc. He urged them to study the Clayton bill, especially the provision relating to exclusive agencies.

Dr. E. A. Ruddiman and J. B. Sands were appointed as a nominating committee to select the names of candidates for the various offices of the Branch to be voted on by mail. The Branch decided to meet at Bloomstein's Hall on the third Wednesday of each month at 3 p. m. Refreshments were then served.

W. R. WHITE, Secretary.



NEW YORK.

The October Meeting of the New York Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held on the evening of the 19th. Dr. H. V. Army was in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were dispensed with.

Dr. Joseph Weinstein's report showed the Treasury to be in a healthy condition.

T. D. McIlhenie reported progress for Council of the parent association.

Louis Berger, Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Relations, had no special report to make but referred to the work done during last spring and stated that matters generally were progressing satisfactorily.

R. P. Fischelis was elected to membership and at that time the Secretary called attention to the fact that 36 new members had been added to the roll in the past nine months.

Dr. G. C. Diekman reported on the Progress of Pharmacy, covering the determination of Camphor in ointments, the assays of certain volatile oils and Cinchona, Weinber-

ger's Whooping Cough Mixture, the decomposition of Linseed Oil by microorganisms, and the estimation of free Sulphuric Acid in Copper Sulphate. The report was discussed by Messrs. McIlhenie, Raubenheimer and Army.

Dr. William C. Anderson, Chairman of the Committee on Legislation, discussed the present status of the Harrison Bill, called attention to the Stevens Bill, the Stamp Tax, and also stated that Attorney-General Parsons of the State of New York had rendered an opinion that the amended section 182 of the Sanitary Code of the City of New York was in conflict with the Boylan State Law. He stated that the Boylan Law was working out satisfactorily. The report was discussed by Messrs. Murray, Raubenheimer, Fried and Weinstein.

The speakers of the evening were Messrs. Caswell A. Mayo, William C. Anderson, William Mansfield and Jeannot Hostmann. They reported on the association meetings of the past summer.

Caswell A. Mayo, President of the parent association, reported on the recent meeting of the A. Ph. A. and strongly urged all members to make it a practice to attend the yearly meetings. He pointed out that, aside from the valuable information and benefit gained by hearing the opinions of the members of the profession, friendships were made which continued throughout life. He stated that each year the meeting was conducted in a more businesslike manner. He praised the local committee whose work was efficient. Mr. Mayo stated that the papers presented before the Scientific Section were not of transcending importance this year. He has recommended to Dr. Herman Engelhardt, the newly-elected Chairman of the Scientific Section, that the work and study for this year should be concentrated on specific subjects. He recommended that all members of the association should feel that they are on the membership committee and laid stress upon the desirability of increasing the membership of the A. Ph. A.

Mr. Mayo stated that the meetings of the Section on Commercial Pharmacy were very interesting and well attended.

Dr. Weinstein's request for a report on the Diastase Club met with applause, as did also the report, which was interesting and amusing.

Dr. William C. Anderson made the report

on the Philadelphia Meeting of the N. A. R. D., calling attention to the price protection work being done. He stated that the membership had been increased and that the treasury had a good balance on hand.

Extensive reports were made by the Legislation Committee, as well as the Committees on Pharmacy Laws, Telephone, and Propaganda.

The discussions were interesting, stated the speaker, and the entertainment was characteristic of hospitable Philadelphia.

Dr. Anderson dwelt upon the importance of the vast amount of work being done by the Legislation Committee, and stated that all retail druggists should join the N. A. R. D. and support them in the good work they are doing.

Dr. William Mansfield reported that the New York Pharmaceutical Association Meeting was fairly well attended.

The real interest was the President's address in which important recommendations were made.

An unprecedented increase in membership was made during the year due to the efforts of Messrs. Riefflin and Smith.

Dr. Mansfield called attention to the scarcity of scientific papers.

Dr. Jeannot Hostmann followed with an interesting account of the New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association Meeting held at Lake Hopatcong. He indicated that about 260 were present and stated that President Holzhauer's annual report dealt largely with legislative matters. He stated that the association had a membership of about 850. Some twenty papers were read and all, with the exception of two or three, were written by retail druggists. It was the speaker's opinion that Raubenheimer's paper on "Dont's in Pharmacy," and Gallagher's paper on "Poison Laws" were of particular interest. He also stated that the entertainment given by the Commercial Travellers was unusually good. The reports were discussed and commented upon by Messrs. Raubenheimer, Diner, Army and Roemer.

The meeting then adjourned.

FRANK L. McCARTNEY, Secretary.



PHILADELPHIA.

The regular monthly meeting of the Philadelphia Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held on Tuesday even-

ing, November 10, at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. President E. Fullerton Cook presided. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The committee, appointed at the October meeting to audit the treasurer's accounts, reported them to be correct.

Under the heading of "new business," Prof. C. H. Lawall introduced a resolution protesting against the opinion of the Chief of the Bureau of Chemistry of the Department of Agriculture, in which he states that the word "dram" unqualified, means 1/16 of an avoirdupois ounce. The resolution was passed and copies were ordered to be sent to the Chief of the Bureau of Chemistry of the Department of Agriculture and to the various pharmaceutical journals for publication. The full text of the resolution is as follows:

"The Philadelphia Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association do hereby

Resolve: That we emphatically disagree with the opinion of the Chief of the Bureau of Chemistry of the United States Department of Agriculture as expressed in General Information Opinion No. 66, issued July, 1914, in which he states that the word "Dram" unqualified, means 1/16 of an avoirdupois ounce.

This is contrary to all pharmaceutical teaching and usage, and as the use of the word would largely be applied to medicinal products the impression created by the use, thus authorized, of the word would be misleading and might lead to serious results. The word dram, unqualified, should be held to mean 1/8 of an apothecaries (or Troy) ounce, which is 60 grains."

Professor Lawall also introduced a resolution protesting to the editors and publishers of Pearson's Magazine, against the publication of the article "Pills and Piracy," by Sloane Gordon, in the November issue of that magazine. The resolution was passed and copies ordered sent to the editor of Pearson's Magazine and to the various pharmaceutical journals for publication. The full text of the resolution is as follows:—

"The Philadelphia Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association do hereby

Resolve: That we protest most energetically to the Editors and Publishers of Pearson's Magazine against the publication of the article "Pills and Piracy" by Sloane Gordon, in the November issue of the Magazine and condemn it as unfair and misleading in that it takes no cognizance of the care and skill exercised and the high educational attainments required to conscientiously practice pharmacy and avoid errors in the preparation and dispensing of physicians' prescriptions. If the underlying principle upon which

the author's article is based be admitted then barbers would only charge for the soap used in a shave and authors would only be permitted to charge for their paper and ink.

We not only ask that such articles be refused in the future but that some editorial expression of error or regret at the publication of the article in question be made in one of the issues of the near future and that this resolution be sent to the Editor of *Pearson's Magazine* and to the various *Pharmaceutical Journals* for publication."

The programme of the evening was then taken up and Dr. C. E. deM. Sajous read a paper dealing with "The Use and Therapeutic Value of the Popular Animal Glands."

Dr. William Jay Schieffelin, of New York, read a paper discussing, "The Use of Standardized Radium Emanations in Medical Practice."

The papers were interestingly discussed by Messrs. W. L. Cliffe, F. E. Stewart and H. C. Wood.

Mr. Franklin M. Apple was unable to present "The Review of Current Pharmaceutical Literature," being called out of town by the illness of his father. (Mr. Apple's paper appears in this issue.)

A vote of thanks as proposed by Prof. F. P. Stroup, was given to the contributors of the programme after which the meeting adjourned.

J. ED. BREWER, Secretary.



WASHINGTON.

The November meeting of the City of Washington Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held on the 18th instant, at the National College of Pharmacy.

After disposing of the routine business and the selection of Messrs. Lewis Flemer, Martin I. Wilbert, and H. C. Butler, as a nominating committee to report at the December meeting, nominations for officers, Mr. W. S. Richardson introduced Dr. Wm. J. Schieffelin, of New York, the principal speaker of the evening, who gave a most interesting and instructive lecture on the physics and chemistry of Radium. A number of instruments used in the estimation of various forces which Radium exerts, were presented and their application fully explained. Dr. Schieffelin volunteered to answer questions on the matter of Radium and was kept long in the evening answering the queries of the members and their guests.

The meeting was the best attended since the organization of the City of Washington Branch.

The program for December, in addition to the election of officers, includes two papers, "Poison Plants of Stock Ranches," by Dr. C. D. Marsh, postponed from the November meeting, and "Chenopodium, or American Wormseed," by Dr. William Salant.

HENRY B. FLOYD, Secretary.



SAINT LOUIS.

The twenty-eighth meeting was held in the Saint Louis College of Pharmacy, Friday evening, November 27, 1914. After the disposal of the routine business, President Buehler announced his appointments on the Committee on Membership—Dr. Charles E. Caspari, William F. Kahre, Victor H. Krummenacher; Committee on Program—Leo R. Suppan, Louis Lieberstein, E. A. Sennewald; Committee on Legislation—Julius C. Hoester, Francis Hemm, J.P. Schoenthaler; Memorial Committee—William Gunn, Gustav Kring, Otto N. Speckart; Honorary Members on the Advisory Board—William Mittelbach, Ambrose Mueller, Adolph Brandenberger.

The Secretary then read a letter from Prof. Charles H. Rogers, Morgantown, West Virginia, in which he complimented the Branch upon the work it has accomplished. The Chair called upon Dr. Whelpley, who detailed the work that Mr. Rogers is doing for the upbuilding of pharmacy and of his efforts in promoting the West Virginia Branch.

Mr. Buehler read a paper on "Restrictions in the Distribution of Poisons." The paper, "The Sale of Poisons," as contributed by Mr. Mittelbach, Booneville, Mo., was read. Both papers were discussed from many viewpoints by Messrs. E. H. Wolff, Charles Gietner, Dr. Rehfeld, J. P. Schoenthaler, Paul Goodale, Prof. J. M. Good, Dr. Whelpley, M. J. Noll, Dr. O. F. Claus, Frederick Wolff, C. H. Bierman, Julius C. Hoester, Dr. O. A. Wall, Sr., and J. W. Mackelden.

The Chair stated that nominations were in order for a delegate in the Council of the parent body to succeed Mr. Ilhardt, whose time had expired. Mr. Jerome A. Wilkerson was elected unanimously to represent the Branch for three years.

The Chair stated that the next meeting will be held, December 18, at 8:30 p. m.

JULIUS C. HOESTER, Secretary.