

ges, Calif.; Frank C. Groover, Jacksonville, Fla.

Owing to the increasing detail of the treasurer's office, it was decided to elect a New York trust company to take charge of this work but pending completion of arrangements, the present Treasurer, S. E. Strong, Cleveland, Ohio, will be asked to continue in office. Resolutions of thanks to Mr. Strong for his long and valuable services to the association were adopted.

Francis E. Holliday was appointed secretary and Evans E. A. Stone, assistant secretary.

Baltimore was chosen as the next place of meeting.

### Proceedings of the Local Branches

"All papers presented to the Association and its branches shall become the property of the Association, with the understanding that they are not to be published in any other publication than those of the Association, except by consent of the Committee on Publication."—By-Laws, Chapter X, Art. III.

Reports of the meetings of the Local Branches should be mailed to the Editor on the day following the meeting, if possible. Minutes should be *plainly* written, or type-written, with wide spaces between the lines. Care should be taken to give proper names correctly, and manuscript should be signed by the reporter.

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#### NEW YORK.

President J. Leon Lascoff called a special meeting of the New York Branch, A. Ph. A., for September 20, for the purpose of taking suitable action on the demise of the late President, John Roemer. A sketch of the life of the deceased appeared in the September issue of the JOURNAL.

The services were largely attended. Among the speakers were Dr. George Diekman, J. Leon Lascoff, James M. McCullough, of the Westchester County Pharmaceutical Association, and Dr. Henry T. Kelly, of the Westchester County Medical Association.

The principal address of the evening was made by Dr. H. T. Kelly, who said in part:

"The distinguishing characteristics of the man were his comprehensive knowledge, his broad view, his retentive memory, his dignified independence, and his kindness of

heart. He endeared himself to men in every walk of life, and his death is mourned as a friend and benefactor in many a home in the community in which he lived. His ceaseless industry and brilliant talents plainly indicate the power of his brain and evidence the fact that his knowledge was varied and extensive. There was embodied in his person a combination of rich intellectual gifts rarely to be found in one individual. \* \* \*

"His life was one of continuous toil, and his pleasures were wholly centered in his profession. Several evenings each week a little group of physicians would listen to him inculcate principles founded upon his own original observations, and hear the deductions from his inexhaustible store of pharmaceutical, scientific and philosophical knowledge. The impromptu forum which he conducted in the rear room of his pharmacy will always be one of the most hallowed recollections of my life. It was here that we learned *materia medica*. Infinitely more and better *materia medica* than was ever taught at college. There was an earnestness in his conversation, which seemed to carry the weight of conviction with it, and produced an indelible impression upon the memory. All the pharmacists and physicians who came within his sphere of influence benefited by his teachings. \* \* \*

"In a character so complex and diversified, one may be asked what was the dominant feature, what was the supreme quality, the one characteristic which stamped its impress upon the nature of the man. If I were to characterize his dominant moral and mental trait, I would say it was his love of truth. This, with his intense humanity and high sense of honor seemed to be the qualities which stimulated his mind, his heart, his soul, his whole life, with an energy and devotion which death alone could nullify."

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#### DETROIT

The Detroit Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association met Friday evening, Sept. 17th, at the Wayne County Medical Society Building.

The meeting was called to order by President W. L. Scoville. The following gentlemen were appointed to the Membership Committee: F. F. Ingram, Jr., Chairman; E. R. Jones, C. A. Weaver, D. E. Perrin, Grant Stevens.

Mr. W. A. Hall gave a short talk on a method for estimating quickly the amount per dram of any drug in an N. F. or U. S. P. formula, the volume of which is one litre. The scheme is, add one seventh to the amount of the ingredients and divide by twenty.

The paper of the evening was by Mr. W. L. Scoville on Formaldehyzed Capsules. Mr.

Scoville has carried out a series of experiments on this subject over a period of several years. The capsules were treated with solutions of Formaldehyde of various strengths and then placed in acid and alkaline solutions similar to those of the stomach and intestine. The correct procedure for making enteric capsules was shown by this excellent paper.

Much discussion followed, every member present taking an active part.

Mr. Scoville also gave a very interesting description of the Meeting and the Fair at San Francisco.

A. A. WHEELER, Secretary.

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#### PHILADELPHIA.

The first of the 1915-16 winter meetings of the Philadelphia Branch was held Tuesday, September 21st, at the Medico-Chirurgical College.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 by President S. C. Henry.

A communication from the New York Branch with an account of the death of their president, Mr. John Roemer, was read. A motion was read and carried that the secretary convey to the New York Branch our feeling of regret at the loss of such an able man.

Mr. Louis Gershenfeld was proposed and voted to be a member of our branch.

The program of the evening was then taken up.

Mr. Jos. W. England gave a report of the San Francisco meeting of the A. Ph. A. Mr. S. C. Henry reported the N. A. R. D. convention and, in the absence of Mr. Fischelis, Prof. C. H. LaWall gave an interesting account of the convention of the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association.

J. ED. BREWER,  
Secretary.

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#### TO BE USED TOGETHER.

A druggist lately received a hurried call from a small girl, who desired to purchase liniment and some cement.

"Liniment and cement?" repeated the pharmacist, puzzled by the unique order. "Going to use 'em at the same time?"

"Yes," promptly responded the youngster. "Ma she hit pa with a pitcher."—Chicago Ledger.

## The Pharmacist and the Law

### LEGISLATIVE AND LEGAL MATTER FROM THE REPORT OF THE COM- MITTEE ON TRADE INTERESTS OF PENNSYLVANIA PHARMACEUTI- CAL ASSOCIATION.

BY B. E. PRITCHARD, CHAIRMAN.

Mr. John C. Gallagher presented a paper before the New Jersey Association last year a portion of which is worthy of consideration in this report. Mr. Gallagher said:

"Recently there was a trial of a druggist in which one of the charges was that he had not labelled a poison with his name and address. The lawyer for the defendant tried to show by witnesses that it was the custom of the trade not to label with the name and address of the retail druggist, trade or original packages whose contents are poison upon which the name and address of the manufacturer appears together with the word poison. The judge refused to admit the testimony along that line for the reason, as he explained, "that customs are very often illegal and in this case contrary to the text of the law." It will be noted that this case was based upon a sale of a ready for sale package obtained from the manufacturing pharmaceutical house, such, for instance, as morphine and the various tablets and bichloride discs, etc. The poison law of Pennsylvania reads in part, as follows: "No person shall sell at retail any poisons except as herein provided, without affixing to the bottle, box, vessel, or package containing the same a label, printed or plainly written containing the name of the article, the word 'poison' and the name and place of business of the seller. Thus while the incident related took place in another state, yet it is applicable alike to a similar transaction in this state.

At the September, 1914, meeting of the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Examining Board the condition was revealed through the reports of its investigators that cotton seed oil is frequently sold throughout the state upon calls for sweet oil, and the board directed attention of all dealers in this product to such labelling as being unlawful, and in violation of the Federal Food and Drugs Act