

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE LOCAL BRANCHES

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### DETROIT.

The Detroit Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association met May 19th, at the Wayne County Medical Society Building. After a very enjoyable banquet, the meeting was called to order by President Scoville.

William A. Hall reported for the Nominating Committee, suggesting the following names for officers for the coming year: For president, F. F. Ingram, Jr.; for vice-president, Prof. J. O. Schlotterbeck; for secretary, O. W. Gorenflo; for treasurer, C. F. Mann; for chairman of the program committee, W. M. Chase.

On motion of Mr. Webster, a vote was taken closing the nomination. The above mentioned officers were then elected by unanimous vote. On request of Mr. Mann, the question of the disposal of the funds left over from the American Pharmaceutical Association meeting in Detroit was discussed.

It was moved by Mr. Hall and supported by Mr. Webster that the Branch note a credit of \$428.51 to be held by the Treasurer subject to action of the Detroit Branch.

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Mason, supported by Mr. Mann, it was voted to pay \$5.00 to the employees of the building.

On motion of Mr. Mann a vote was taken instructing the officers for the coming year to have a notice sent out with the announcement of the next meeting, requesting that a subscription of one dollar be paid by each Branch member yearly.

The regular program was then taken up.

The first speaker was E. A. Patton of the Liquid Carbonic Company. Mr. Patton gave a very interesting and instructive talk on the soda fountain. He finds much loss of busi-

ness and damage to fountains due to neglect, the service of the plumber being often required from the lack of proper cleaning.

M. E. Keyes of the Detroit Creamery Company was the next speaker. Mr. Keyes, having spent many years in the retail drug business, previous to embarking in the ice cream business, was able to give expert advice on the subject of ice cream at the soda fountain.

A vote of thanks was extended to the speakers.

The President-elect then took the chair.

William A. Hall moved that a vote of thanks be extended the retiring officers.

A. A. WHEELER, *Secretary*.

### INDIANAPOLIS.

The June meeting of the Indianapolis Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held at the Chamber of Commerce Building, Monday, June 5th. Frank C. Carter, president, presided. A large percentage of the members were present at this meeting. F. R. Eldred was elected member of the Council for the Indianapolis Branch and C. B. Jordan was elected delegate to the Indiana Pharmaceutical Association.

F. R. Eldred spoke at length on "Some Recent Developments in our Knowledge of Nutrition," pointing out that as a result of the developments during the last few years many of the generally accepted theories bearing on the problem of nutrition would have to be completely revised. In the future, it would be necessary to speak of amino-acid requirements instead of protein requirements, as it had been shown in the case of several of the amino-acids that there was a certain minimum requirement and that any deficiency could not make up by an excess of other

amino-acids. The composition of the various proteins was therefore of primary importance. The study of nutritional deficiency diseases, such as beriberi, pellagra and scurvy, as well as the extensive experiments on animals with diets composed of pure substances, has led to the discovery that in addition to the well-known constituents of food stuffs, certain principles of unknown composition were necessary in order to promote growth or maintain nutrition. These substances were known as food accessories, or vitamins, and, although our knowledge of these substances was still very limited, it seemed to have opened an important and fruitful field for research.

Dr. A. D. Thorburn presented some notes on "Solid Extracts," calling attention to the variation in moisture, ash and acidity of these products. He suggested that some method of standardizing solid extracts be investigated.

It was decided that the Local Branch extend to the American Pharmaceutical Association a cordial invitation to hold its 1917 meeting in Indianapolis.

FRANCES E. BIBBINS, *Secretary*.

#### NASHVILLE.

The regular monthly meeting of the Nashville Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held in joint session with the Nashville Drug Club, June 15, and D. J. Kuhn of the latter organization presiding.

Treasurer D. S. Sanders reported the financial condition of the Club as encouraging. William R. White reviewed a recent contribution by M. I. Wilbert, in which the writer maintained that alcohol tended to in-

crease the poisonous action of phenol, when given as an antidote, and was therefore not the efficient antidote some contend it is. Mr. White urged members to acquaint themselves with antidotes, as such information is highly important in case of accidents.

A resolution was passed commending the action of Spurlock Neal Company, in publishing a full page advertisement in a local daily paper advising the public that the higher prices exacted by the retail drug trade was necessitated by the present market conditions.

The members were advised of the necessity of renewing the various licenses expiring July 1, including also the renewal of Board of Pharmacy registrations.

Dr. J. O. Burge called attention to the forthcoming U. S. Pharmacopœia and National Formulary, both of which become official September 1, and will be ready for distribution some time during July. He also referred to a number of deletions and additions and that sodium salts may in some preparations be used for corresponding potassium salts, citing effervescent solution of magnesium citrate, in which the carbon dioxide may be generated by sodium bicarbonate.

The Nashville Drug Club then elected officers, as follows: President, D. J. Kuhn; vice-presidents, Ira B. Clark and C. C. Young; treasurer, D. S. Sanders, and secretary, E. F. Trolinger.

Dr. E. A. Ruddiman, J. B. Sands and E. F. Trolinger were named delegates to the Tennessee Pharmaceutical Association. A boat-ride up the Cumberland was decided on for about July 17, when the two Associations will hold a joint meeting and an outing.

WILLIAM R. WHITE, *Secretary*.

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#### POLIOMYELITIS GERM SAID TO HAVE BEEN ISOLATED.

The New York City Health Department announced on July 11, that success had been attained in the long effort to isolate the germ of poliomyelitis. No details were given, but it was stated that a further report would be made in a few days.

Just as fear possesses the people, when a disease of this kind is prevalent, so also news items, that may be expressed hopes, find their way into print. The telegraphic report has come that a leading German scientist (name not given), who for years has been studying infantile paralysis in Scandinavian countries, where the disease is periodically epidemic, is said to have discovered a cure, which has been successfully tested. The report states that the discovery has been closely guarded in Germany, that the discoverer consulted with the German Government, and that a submarine, now under way, is carrying some of this cure to the United States.

No details regarding the nature or form of the cure are given.

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