

SECTION ON HISTORICAL PHARMACY, AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES.

The meeting of the Historical Section of the American Pharmaceutical Association was called to order at 9.40 A.M., September 8, 1916, in Hotel Chalfonte by Chairman Charles Holzhauser, who spoke in part as follows: There seems to have been some slip up last year regarding the election of the chairman of the Section. I was not at the meeting of the Section last year, but when I got home, I found that I had been made chairman of it. I wanted to resign, but was persuaded to keep the office and do the best I could with the assistance of the secretary. He agreed to take care of everything, and make a report to the Section, but he has married and is now on his wedding trip. We have no report from him, but we have a number of papers that have been contributed. So far as I am individually concerned, my contribution in the matter of historical pharmacy is confined to a very small compass.

When I went into business, I do not think that there was such a thing as a Pharmacopoeia in the whole town, or that anyone in the drug trade knew anything about it. The Dispensary was the only thing we had to go by. Trade conditions were totally different from what they are to-day. I had the job of going downstairs and getting potash, which we bought by the tierce; and the boy had to break it up. I got the potash in my hair, on my face and inside my collar; and my hands had the skin off all the time. That was before we had concentrated lye, soda and potash put up in tin cans.

We are passing through another period now. We are seeing a change in the drug business; and what that change will result in, no one knows. Old timers, like myself, find themselves out of touch with present conditions, not only in the matter of profits, but also in the way of doing things. In my day, everything was made in the store. We had no pharmaceutical manufacturing houses, and tinctures were the great things used in prescriptions. It was before the days of fluidextracts; and I sometimes wonder whether it would not be a good thing for us to go back to the use of tinctures, much more than we are using them to-day. The repeats in prescriptions are those that partake of the old style of prescribing, and the best evidence of a prescription's answering the purpose for which it was given is having the patient come back to have it renewed repeatedly.

I remember that in those days malaria was rampant. We have no chills and fever now. We used to put up scores of prescriptions for it then. Cholera infantum, during the summer, was exceedingly prevalent. Mothers would bring their infants and wait for the prescription to be put up; we sometimes had to hurry for fear the child would die before we got the prescription ready.

The time is not distant when the men in the drug business will be divided into two classes, the pharmacists and the druggists, in the United States, as in Europe. The great effort that has been made in recent years to develop the professional side of pharmacy will bear fruit and result in an ethical pharmacy. The commercial side will be taken care of by those that run the drug store.

Mr. F. T. Gordon, of Philadelphia, has kindly consented to act as secretary in place of Mr. G. G. Marshall.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Historian's Report is next in order.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT.

The work of the Historian is largely that of curator. Since the last meeting of the Association, the office of the JOURNAL has been moved to Philadelphia and is now located in the rooms of the Philadelphia Drug Exchange in the Bourse Building.

Temporarily and perhaps for several years there is here ample room for contributions that are made to the Historical Section. The building is practically fire-proof and a watchman is constantly on duty. Under these circumstances the contributions made are as safe from fire as is possible without keeping them in a vault.

The Historian has in his office a large filing case for photographs and records, fifteen sectional bookcases and one sheet-iron cabinet, which he is glad to utilize for the Historical Section.

On behalf of the Association request has been made for space in the Historical Society Building of Philadelphia and also in the Ridgway Library Building on South Broad Street. President Howard B. French, of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, has given the assurance and authorized the Historian to say to the Association that space will be found for 1200 volumes or more, if necessary. So with these accommodations the Historian is now in position to say, that whatever may be contributed will be safely filed and convenient for reference. While it would, perhaps, be better, if all this matter could be kept in the JOURNAL office, the library accommodations afforded will be safe and convenient, as well as sufficient for present needs.

Treasurer H. M. Whelpley has sent out slips, as enclosures in his correspondence, asking that members send photographs and brief biographical sketches to the Historian. Comparatively few have complied; some have sent photographs but no sketch. The list up to August 1, 1916, follows; titles are omitted:

PHOTOGRAPHS AND SKETCHES.

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| Albert Ackerman, Chicago. | C. H. Jongejan, Grand Rapids, Mich. |
| Franklin M. Apple, Philadelphia. | Sophus Joergensen, La Conner, Wash. |
| Walter D. Adams, Forney, Texas. | Frederick B. Kilmer, New Brunswick, N. J. |
| William C. Alpers, Cleveland, Ohio. | Julius A. Koch, Pittsburgh, Pa. |
| H. V. Army, New York. | J. M. Lindley, Des Moines, Ia. |
| Francisco Varada Adan, Camagiiey, Cuba. | P. H. Lindley, Havana, Kans. |
| Wilhelm Bodemann, Chicago. | L. A. Rudolph S. Lundgren, Youngstown, O. |
| Irwin Betzel, Corvallis, Ore. | Albert B. Lyons, Detroit, Mich. |
| P. W. Babcock, Lewiston, Me. | N. H. Martin, New Castle-on-Tyne, England. |
| Joseph Caruso, Brooklyn, N. Y. | Ferd. A. Mueller, Indianapolis, Ind. |
| Antonio Caparo y Fernandez, Cienfuegos, Cuba. | John C. Otis, Cincinnati, Ohio. |
| H. C. Christensen, Chicago. | August F. Pence, Cleveland, Ohio. |
| J. S. Chism, Wichita, Kans. | Mrs. Bertha Leon De Groffe Peacock, Phila. |
| Theodore Campbell, Philadelphia. | Josiah Comegys Peacock, Philadelphia. |
| C. Lewis Diehl, Louisville, Ky. | Frank Richardson, Cambridge, N. Y. |
| William F. Dedrick, Kingston, N. Y. | Mrs. Josie Wanous Stuart, Minneapolis, Minn. |
| Aaron L. Feller, New York. | Louis Schulze, Baltimore, Md. |
| Henry M. Faser, Oxford, Miss. | Samuel P. Sadtler, Philadelphia. |
| S. W. Fairchild, New York. | Frank C. Stutzlen, Elizabeth, N. J. |
| C. E. Foote, Jackson, Mich. | William J. Schieffelin, New York, N. Y. |
| H. C. Groves, Addesleigh, St. Albans, L. I. | J. Hungerford Smith, Rochester, N. Y. |
| William Horlick, Racine, Wis. | Israel Schwartz, New York, N. Y. |
| David Hooper, President British Pharmaceutical Conference. | Otto A. Wall, St. Louis, Mo. |
| John F. Hancock, Baltimore, Md. | W. H. Wyszuski, Chicago. |
| Miss Alice Henkel, Washington, D. C. | Homer C. Washburn, Boulder, Col. |
| Gustave Horstmann, Mount Vernou, N. Y. | Joseph Weinstein, New York, N. Y. |
| Bolivar Jurado, Ancon, C. Z. | E. E. Wyckoff, Brooklyn, N. Y. |
| | Frederick J. Wulling, Minneapolis, Minn. |

PHOTOGRAPHS.

Jose P. Alacan, Havana, Cuba.
 Francisco Faquechel, Havana, Cuba.
 C. S. Alexander, Weatherford, Texas.
 C. W. Ballard, New York, N. Y.
 Abraham Blank, New York; N. Y.
 Frank R. Eldred, Indianapolis.
 Robert A. Lehmann, New York, N. Y.

Alexander B. J. Moore, Montreal.
 Joseph L. Mayer, New York.
 E. L. Newcomb, Minneapolis, Minn.
 Harold Neretin, New York, N. Y.
 Otto Raubenheimer, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 L. E. Sayre, Lawrence, Kans.
 Mrs. Minnie M. Whitney, Kansas City, Mo.

The object of having these sketches and photographs need not be further explained than to say, that such records should be on file for the use of the Association. Not only do occasions arise when some of these are needed, but future generations will be interested in them.

We should have a collection of the badges used at the Annual Meetings of the Association, as well as those used by State Associations and related organizations. Also the programs of the meetings and functions, part of the Annual Conventions, should be obtained for the files.

Up to this year, it was impossible to have these collections for reference but now we can do so, therefore more contributions should be made from now on.

Last year the recommendation was adopted that an effort should be made to have a display of photographs of the preceding meetings. This will be impracticable, as in the rooms of the headquarters hotel permission cannot be obtained to tack these on the walls, and to have them rolled up and distributed will create confusion and interfere with the work of the Section, and possibly cause a loss.

It would be a splendid idea, whenever the Association meets in a City to request the local members to have an historical exhibit of pharmacy. This was undertaken this year by the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, for the interest of the members who visited there, going from or to the Convention. The Association of the State where the Annual Meeting is held might be interested in fitting out a room in the headquarters. In that way we would become acquainted with the past and present of pharmacy in the respective States.

Perhaps of special interest, a photograph of Dr. Hermann Hager is exhibited and is a subject of the program of this Section. We have also a document, the property of the University of Wisconsin, evidencing a concession to an apothecary, issued in 1796, by the officers of the Bishopric of Eichstaedt. Dr. H. M. Whelpley has contributed numerous clippings of historical interest, and also a number of photographs and mementos of previous meetings; some are here on display. We have a photograph of a water-color painting of the Blair Pharmacy, Philadelphia, established in 1828. A coöperative interest has been displayed by Mr. Seward Williams, of Chicago, in publishing an interesting booklet entitled "From Coast to Coast." The object of this publication was to have a record of the journey of the Association members to the "far west," and the present meeting was not forgotten, so the booklet is indeed well named.

The interest in the Historical Section is growing, as evidenced by the interesting program, and now with the opportunity of preserving historical matter, the work of the Section will increase in value and importance.

It is a pleasure to be of service and your instructions will be carried out to the best of my ability.

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. EBERLE.

On motion of Mr. Lemberger, the report of the Historian was received and referred to the Committee on Publication. Mr. Lemberger also made a motion that the Section approve of the recommendation of the Historian that the officers of the Section communicate with local branches and state associations to arrange for an exhibit of historical material at the annual meeting of the A. Ph. A. and that the Local Secretary at such place of meeting be notified of this request; and that a copy of the part of the Historian's report containing this recommendation be sent to the coming Local Secretary of the place at which the next annual meeting is to be held.

The motion of Mr. Lemberger was seconded and carried.

The next item on the program was the nomination of officers for the ensuing year. Mr. A. L. DuBois, of Catskill, New York, was nominated by Mr. Thos. F. Main, of New York City, for the office of Chairman; L. E. Sayre, of Lawrence, Kans., was nominated for Secretary; E. G. Eberle, of Philadelphia, was nominated as Historian. On motion of C. A. Mayo, of New York City, the nominations were closed.

Dr. H. M. Whelpley, of St. Louis, made a motion that the Historian be instructed to correspond with the secretaries of the State Associations, urging them to supply him with their annual badges and programs, and with such other material as might prove of historical interest. The motion was seconded and carried.

THE OFFICIAL BUTTON AND SEAL.

Dr. Whelpley, feeling that the minutes could not be too replete with historical records, stated that the official badge of the Association is a button, the result of an idea originated by Mr. G. M. Beringer, Sr., of Camden, N. J. Mr. Beringer explained that the acting secretary, Mr. Gordon, had brought it to his attention. A series of designs were submitted, and the one in use selected. Mr. Gordon then added the information, that he had made a motion at the Nashville meeting that a button be adopted containing the coat of arms or seal of the Association. Mr. Beringer, Mr. England and the speaker had been appointed a committee to work up the idea, with the result that the present button was recommended. The matter was first acted on by the House of Delegates and then brought before the General Session at the Nashville meeting, the button being officially adopted. Mr. Beringer added that the first official appearance of the button was at the Nashville session, where it was used by him, while President, as a seal for his papers.

PRESENTATION OF HERMANN HAGER PICTURE.

The next matter on the program was the presentation of a life-sized picture of Hermann Hager, dedicated by the New York Deutscher Apotheker Verein, by Otto Raubenheimer, of Brooklyn, who spoke as follows:

When the New York Deutscher Apotheker Verein decided to present to each college and each association in the United States, that had made Doctor Hager an honorary member, a copy of this picture, the mission of making the presentation was given to me. It has already been fulfilled in connection with the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and the Chicago College of Pharmacy, and is to be fulfilled to-day in connection with this Association by presenting a photograph of Hager to the Historical Section of the American Pharmaceutical Association, which was good enough to elect Hager as an honorary member in 1868.

The biography of Hager¹ has been fully published, and the publications are obtainable, so we do not need to go into details. I have no doubt that this photograph, if properly displayed, will instil the younger generation, and also the pharmacists in general, with more love for their profession, and likewise give them an idea of what can be done in pharmacy, especially as Hager educated himself, passed the State Board examination without having had any college training, and contributed more to the literature of pharmacy than perhaps any other man that

¹ See p. 2, January issue, JOUR. A. PH. A., 1916.

has ever lived. He wrote three volumes that are still considered the best handbook on pharmacy that the world has.

Therefore, I take pleasure in presenting this photograph to the Historical Section of the American Pharmaceutical Association; and I have no doubt that the Historian will take care of it and preserve it in his office, and later in the building of the Association.

A motion was made by C. A. Mayo that the portrait be accepted and preserved, and that the thanks of the Association be sent to the donor. The motion was seconded and carried. The Chairman, on behalf of the Association, then accepted the photograph and thanked the donors.

The following papers were then read, some given only in abstract; the discussions were limited on account of the lengthy program and only one session being provided. They were referred to the Publication Committee:

Reminiscences of an Old New York Pharmacist, by A. L. DuBois.

The Chemical Laboratory: Side Lights in Its Making, by Frederick E. Niece.

Evolution of the Membership Certificate of the American Pharmaceutical Association, with exhibit of the earliest type of the Certificate, by John F. Hancock.

History of the New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association, by E. A. Sayre.

Some Exponents of Pharmacy, by John F. Patton.

Pharmacy in New Jersey in the Sixties, as Recalled by an Apprentice, by L. E. Sayre.

Early Experience in the Drug Trade, by Joseph L. Lemberger.

History of Mercury, by Otto Raubenheimer.

Ten Years of New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association, by J. F. Llewellyn.

Pharmacy and Medicine of Sir Walter Scott, by Arthur Linton.

Happenings in Pharmacy a Century Ago, by Otto Raubenheimer.

Historical Fragments, by Edward Kremers.

Reminiscentiae, by Thos. D. McElhenie.

A History of the Old Firm of Hance Bros. & White, by A. M. Hance.

The Blair Pharmacy, Established 1828, by Robert P. Fischelis and Henry C. Blair.

Speaking for the motion to refer the paper by A. L. DuBois to the Publication Committee, Mr. C. A. Mayo moved a vote of thanks to Mr. DuBois for having set such a good example to those just beginning their careers, and having shown what a stretch of time an active man's career can cover.

In seconding the motion Dr. William C. Anderson called attention that Mr. DuBois had become a Life Member of the American Pharmaceutical Association by virtue of thirty-seven years' membership in it.

Mr. W. L. Cliffe, in speaking on the motion to refer Mr. J. L. Lemberger's paper to the Publication Committee, referred to the long connection of the author and his valuable services to both the American Pharmaceutical Association and Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association.

The paper by Dr. Edward Kremers was reviewed in abstract by E. G. Eberle, and the parchment of a concession to Apothecary Ignaz Biechele was exhibited.²

On motion of Mr. Hancock, duly seconded, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Section for the unanimous election of the officers nominated, who were as follows: *Chairman*, A. L. DuBois, Catskill, N. Y.; *Secretary*, L. E. Sayre, Lawrence, Kan.; *Historian*, E. G. Eberle, Philadelphia.

Adjourned at 2.30.

² See p. 1243, November issue of the JOURNAL, 1916.