

# SECTION ON PRACTICAL PHARMACY AND DISPENSING, AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE SESSIONS.\*

The first session of the Section on Practical Pharmacy and Dispensing was called to order by Chairman W. H. Glover in the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Wednesday, August 29, 1917, at 2.00 P.M.

Owing to the absence of the Secretary, Louis Saalbach, of Pittsburgh, Pa., was elected to serve in that capacity. The first order of business was the reading of the Chairman's Address, which follows:

### THE CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

FELLOW MEMBERS: We meet again to exchange ideas and to acquire information from those who have made special study of problems connected with manufacturing and dispensing pharmacy.

While undergoing many changes, our calling is slowly but surely advancing. The increased responsibilities placed on us by narcotic and other laws are showing the public that the pharmacist is a professional man as well as a tradesman. I do not think it possible for the average pharmacist to conduct a strictly professional or so-called "ethical" drug store, especially when the public expect to find drug stores on prominent corners, in sections where rents are high. Nevertheless, my own experience, in a manufacturing city, has shown me that a lucrative prescription business can be built up and kept as the core of the store, so that the side-lines remain subordinate to it.

Although we frequently hear that the prescription business is a thing of the past, I am convinced that the pharmacist who has the spirit of his profession and will go after such business can get it; but this is real work, and there is little hope for the man who sits down and spends his time complaining because the things he wants do not come to him of themselves.

I believe the physician will be the druggist's best friend, if the druggist cultivates him and seeks to understand his point of view. Let him see that you are interested in your work and in his, and that you like to make fresh batches of his favorite recipes for pills, capsules, emulsions, suppositories, and so on. Be persistent in propaganda work on U. S. P. and N. F. preparations. We know that there are many valuable preparations in these two books, but the physicians need to be shown their merits, in the same way that he is shown the merits of similar proprietary preparations by detail men who are necessarily clever in their work. An occasional sample of a nice lot of some elixir or other preparation will often convert a physician to what becomes a permanent habit of prescribing that preparation.

We hope that a part of the time at one of the sessions of this Section will be devoted to the discussion of some of those preparations which are troublesome to prepare of satisfactory quality. Such informal discussions are very profitable, as they bring out the results of the experiences of many of us who are not in the habit of writing formal papers.

The pharmacist is not escaping his share of the inconvenience and suffering due to the great world war, and we hope that the trying times through which we are passing will soon be over.

The address was referred for publication.

The report of the Committee on National Formulary was presented by the Vice-Chairman, Wilbur L. Scoville (see Committee Reports).

A paper entitled "The Original Package" by L. E. Sayre was read and after discussion referred for publication (see p. 958, November issue).

The report of the Committee on U. S. Pharmacopoeia was presented by Chairman L. D. Havenhill (to be printed).

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\* Papers and discussions thereon are printed apart from the minutes, also reports of committees; only mention of these will therefore be made in the minutes of the sections.

A paper by H. V. Army on "The Tyranny of the Teaspoon" was read, discussed and referred for publication (see p. 1056).

W. L. Scoville presented the report on the A. Ph. A. Recipe Book; the recommendations therein were indorsed and referred to the Council for action.

(See proceedings of the 5th session of the Council.)

The following papers were then read, discussed and referred for publication:

"A Study of Some Percentage Solutions," by Theodore J. Bradley (see p. 955, November issue).

"Liquors of the U. S. P. and N. F.," by Edward Kremers.

Following the discussion of the papers, the first session of the Section was adjourned.

The second session of the Section on Practical Pharmacy and Dispensing was convened Thursday, August 30, at 9.30 A.M. The minutes of the first session were read and approved.

A paper by Albro Newton on "Creating Impressions" was read and referred for publication.

Then followed a "Prescription Clinic" conducted by Charles H. LaWall and Ivor Griffith. (This will be printed in a later issue of the JOURNAL.)

A paper by Mrs. St. Claire Ransford-Gay on "Carrel-Dakin Solution" was read and discussed.

Nominations of officers for the ensuing year being called for, the following names were presented:

*Chairman*, J. C. Peacock, of Philadelphia.

*Secretary*, R. W. Terry, of Grove Port, Ohio.

*Associates*, Edward Spease, of Cleveland, and I. A. Becker, of Chicago.

The second session of the Section was then adjourned.

The third session of the Section on Practical Pharmacy and Dispensing was called to order by Chairman W. H. Glover, Friday, August 31, at 2.00 P.M.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The following papers were read, discussed and referred for publication:

"Elixir of Iron, Quinine and Strychnine Phosphate," by W. H. Glover.

"Manna as an Excipient for Soft Mass Pills," by William Maske, Jr.

"Disintegration of Pills," by William Maske, Jr.

Then followed a general discussion of U. S. P. and N. F. preparations, especially relating to advantages and disadvantages incurred by changes in formulas and manipulations.

There being no further nominees, the officers nominated at the preceding session were elected and installed.

The final meeting of the Section was then adjourned.

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