

SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, CHICAGO, ILL., AUGUST 13-17.*

ABSTRACT OF THE MINUTES OF THE FINAL GENERAL SESSION.

The Final General Session of the American Pharmaceutical Association was called to order by President A. R. L. Dohme at 10 o'clock A.M., Saturday, August 17. The minutes of preceding sessions were read by Secretary William B. Day, and approved. (See p. 806, September issue.)

The minutes of the sixth session of the Council were read by Secretary J. W. England, and approved. (To be printed under Council Business.)

Secretary Jeannot Hostmann read the report of the transactions of the House of Delegates, reading first the report of the Committee on Federation of the A. Ph. A. (The report is printed in the September issue of the JOURNAL A. PH. A., p. 812, and as it is necessary to print this again as part of the minutes of the House of Delegates it is omitted here, except the resolutions or recommendations that were changed or amended.)

The resolution relative to the status of delegates to the House of Delegates was changed or defined by giving delegates from associations the privilege of the floor, but no vote unless they are members of the American Pharmaceutical Association at the time they serve.

The resolutions of the Committee on Federation were freely discussed and afterward adopted.

Acting on a motion of H. M. Whelpley and seconded by Otto F. Claus, the following resolution was adopted:

"That the dues of members serving in the Army or Navy may be suspended during the period of the war, provided that such members do not desire to receive the JOURNAL and the YEAR BOOK."

At the first General Session of the Association H. P. Hynson presented for consideration by the Council an amendment to Article III of Chapter VIII of the by-laws as follows:

"And if the number of members of the American Pharmaceutical Association, who are members in good standing of any State Association, shall equal twenty-five per centum of the actual number of members of such State Association, then the reduction shall be five dollars, making the net amount to be paid three dollars." (P. 805, September issue of the JOURNAL.)

The Council asked for a discussion by the House of Delegates on "combination dues" of State Associations and the American Pharmaceutical Association on the basis of 100 percent membership (instead of 25 percent) of the State Associations in the A. Ph. A., the former collecting the combined dues and remitting to the American Pharmaceutical Association its portion of the dues. (See transactions of Fourth Session of the Council.) The House of Delegates considered the subject and recommended to the General Session that the proposition should be discussed by State Associations and their views ascertained before any fixed rules are established. The same agreement was reached in the Final General Session, and therefore Article III, Chapter VIII, of the by-laws was not amended.

ABSTRACT OF DISCUSSION ON REPORT OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

F. J. WULLING: We want to develop the federations that we have into a more ideal one. For the present there are two, which we hope will merge very soon. The House of Delegates will be, when this motion carries, put upon a much better and more consistent basis, as I see it, and will be responsible for a development along the lines indicated. To hasten that development some work must be done with the state associations. The supposition is that the delegates who were here from the state associations will carry on that work. I say that is the supposition. Are we going to be sure they will do that work? Are we sure, I mean, or is it the intention to use any part of our organization to help them? I would like to be certain that the

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matter will not be left just with the delegates, because some of them may forget about it. Some have not been here, and may not come into possession of the information that those have who were here. I would also like to suggest that the American Drug Trade Conference, which is the other line of the development of federation, be helped and stimulated by this Association. I suggest that be done. How, I have no doubt the officers of the Association will be entirely able to determine. I believe the name American Drug Trade Conference is no longer a good title for that body. I think now that it has been enlarged it ought to be called by another name. I do not want to suggest a name,—possibly American Pharmaceutical Conference would be a sufficient title. The point I am making is that we are being watched,—I mean now the body-pharmaceutic is being watched, even investigated by sources outside of itself. We must be certain that we properly represent ourselves. The name Drug Trade does not represent the entire body-pharmaceutic, but only a part of it, and my suggestion is that a new title be chosen that will be more inclusive, and that this Association take some steps toward that end, if that be necessary.

H. V. ARNY: The particular reason of the suggestion that the Federation Committee be continued is that it is clearly, to my mind, the function of this Federation Committee, having brought the work to this step, to continue on the same lines, and particularly the idea of strengthening the federation through the state pharmaceutical associations. I feel that the Committee will be an absolutely useless organization unless it very actively and aggressively continues work along that line. Dean Wulling seems to think that it is important to consider a special committee to take care of this. I think this can be accomplished by continuing the Committee on Federation. As far as changing the name of the Conference is concerned, that is a detail which will have to be solved by the representatives in that body. There is a promise on the part of the members of the Drug Trade Conference that the scope is to be broadened by including the N. A. B. P. and A. C. P. F., and when that is brought about it will mean a reorganized Drug Trade Conference, at which time this question of change of name may be considered.

EDWARD DORSEY: I would like some light on the matter of bringing our State Association members into affiliation with the A. Ph. A. When we go before our State Association we can not pledge this Association to a specific action at this time. We can not represent one hundred percent membership in our State Association. The matter must be taken up individually. Propaganda work is very necessary. There are some state associations that were not able to meet for the reason of having no delegates at this meeting, or at least not all the delegates were here; some have gone away; some state associations did not hold meetings last year; maybe some will not hold meetings next year. I would suggest that as a number of associations issue bulletins that reach every one of their members, these be asked to help in the propaganda. I will be glad to look after the publicity in Kansas. It seems to me it should be the duty of the Secretary of the A. Ph. A. to get up a very comprehensive statement and ask that it be published in the various state journals. Some do not have a state journal but they have officially adopted some journal; one or the other is true in nearly every state. If such publicity is given it would be very much easier for those that are members of the A. Ph. A. to further the adoption of the plan. If we had a plan outlined that would go into detail relative to questions that might be asked on the subject it would be helpful. I think this body should make it specific so that if we do not succeed in getting in 100 percent of our state association members,—what their position will be, will be made very plain. I would suggest to the Secretary of the A. Ph. A. that he write up this plan in detail, and that it be published in pharmaceutical and drug journals, bulletins, proceedings, and every possible means for publicity, so that all druggists will get the information and without misunderstanding. Then we can go before the state association and present the matter.

CHARLES H. LAWALL: Mr. Chairman, it is not in order at this time to make a motion because there is a motion before the House, but I think when the proper time comes it will be entirely in order to make a motion that the Secretary be authorized to take the matter up for consideration by the Council with the idea of evolving some kind of definite plan which can be laid before the membership of the various state associations. Now in my mind I am of the opinion that this educational work of bringing into line the membership of the state associations can best be accomplished by combining the publicity afforded by the bulletins issued by many of the state associations, with a subsequent call for expressions of opinion by means of

a vote when the annual bill for dues is sent out. After giving proper publicity to all members, when bills are sent out to the associations they might have annexed to them a postcard with the request that they vote yes or no as to whether they would accept membership in the American Pharmaceutical Association on such basis. In that way we can get an expression of opinion which might on the first set of replies show that, say, seventy-five percent were in favor of such affiliation. When that time comes we could put into effect some sliding scale or establish some satisfactory *pro rata* basis.

EDWARD DORSEY: I would like to make one more suggestion. If our Secretary could arrange to plan a propaganda for each month, and present some argument or phase of the question for each month, we would be glad in Kansas to see that it is published in our Bulletin. We would be glad to get it. But it should come monthly, because we do not want to leave the matter for hasty consideration. In the issue before the annual state meeting we want the strongest argument, so there will be a clear understanding by every member of the association.

W. B. DAY: I think Mr. Dorsey has put forth some excellent suggestions here. I had in mind, of course, that the Federation Committee would work this matter out. I was a member of the Federation Committee—I do not know whether I shall be of the next committee, but I will be very glad to cooperate with the members in any way I can. I might say for Mr. Dorsey's benefit, or others who may not have understood the situation quite clearly, that when this matter was first brought up we discussed not affiliation, but merely the rebating of a portion of our dues to members of state associations, provided the total of such members would amount to at least twenty-five percent of the membership of the association. But that would not be actual affiliation with that association, you see; it would be merely putting our membership on a basis of granting a rebate of our dues to members who were already paying dues in state associations. This plan now reported by Secretary Hostmann from the House of Delegates, which I most heartily favor, is of course, somewhat of an experiment. It means that the state associations will be asked to thoroughly affiliate with the A. Ph. A. by taking in their whole membership. It means, therefore, that such state associations as enter into this plan would amend their constitution or by-laws, by-laws presumably, so as to increase their dues by three dollars a year, and then turn in that three-dollar increase in a lump sum to the American Pharmaceutical Association, taking the whole membership in. If that is done—I am secretary of a state association—I know it will be a lot of work. Only about fifteen percent of the members are members of the A. Ph. A. If that is done some members will drop out rather than remain in under increased dues. We would expect to lose some. On the other hand, it is thought that a man will see the great advantage of having the publications of the A. Ph. A. and an opportunity to take part in its affairs. I believe ultimately the state associations would experience greater prosperity than would be possible in the old way. Nearly all, as Mr. Dorsey said, of the state associations publish some kind of a periodical, a leaflet or little journal of one kind or another, a little booklet perhaps, in addition to their annual proceedings, and we will attempt to keep in touch with the state associations through these periodicals either monthly or quarterly, as the case may be, preferably monthly if it can be arranged. I do not expect to see all state associations fall in line this coming year by any means. I think if we get one or two to go in we will be doing very well. We will have demonstrated that the experiment is moving toward success—we will have made a great start. Now if this does not work and we do not get in any state associations, we can go back to some other basis, work by different lines. This is an experiment. We have not provided at present any way of handling the proposition except by state association membership joining *in toto*, joining as a unit.

JEANNOT HOSTMANN: Mr. Chairman, I think you will all agree with me that what we are trying to do here is about the biggest thing that we have ever undertaken, and it is wise to go just a little bit slowly. We have a very good Committee on Federation and I know that there was, in spite of all the work they had to do on the big idea of federation, considerable time devoted, particularly by the Chairman, to this idea of state association federation. I think it would not be just the right thing if we tried to direct or commit ourselves to any particular policy this year. We ought to leave that almost entirely in the hands of that Committee on Federation in conjunction with the officers of the Association, and try to work out some definite plan or several definite plans which can be presented next year. In the meantime the propaganda can be spread among the state associations. I would not like to see the proposition put

forth in such a way that it might, in some state associations, cause a lot of trouble, and as the General Secretary has brought out, even if it was successful and accepted by a number of state associations, it would mean a whole lot of work, changing the constitution, by-laws, and so forth, and I suggest we go about these changes a little bit slowly, and stand behind the Committee on Federation in conjunction with the officers of the House, who are now a continuous body and who really can do something during the year in formulating some plan or plans and bring them forth next year.

F. J. WULLING: We are discussing two questions as though they were one. They are related but they are not the same. The first is the question of increasing the membership by inviting the state associations to cooperate with us, preferably by one hundred percent membership. The second one is the question of stimulating this idea of federation. Now it seems to me the matter is quite simple. The membership question could very probably be handled by the Membership Committee of the Association and the House of Delegates. The question of federation can be handled by the Committee on Federation through cooperation with the members and the officers of the House of Delegates and the general officers. Those are the two separate questions.

H. V. ARNY: I want to supplement particularly what Professor Day said, and point out as an admirable plan of choosing members of the Federation Committee last year, was putting on as ex-officio members, the president and the secretary of the Association. This should be a fundamental practice in making up the Federation Committee. If that is borne in mind there will be no doubt about the Committee being able to handle the problems entrusted to it.

I am not very favorably inclined to Professor Wulling's idea. I want to emphasize that this is not a plan to increase the membership of the A. Ph. A. It is the idea of a *quid pro quo* federation between the state associations and the A. Ph. A. The membership propaganda is incidental. The thing which should be impressed upon the members is, will it not be worth while to raise the membership three dollars and become a member of this greater association; to receive in addition to federation two publications which can not be bought for four or five dollars a year? It is a bargain. This question about one hundred percent—one of my friends sitting by me said we will get ninety percent—that is a detail to be worked out. Every member of a state association is a separate problem for the association secretary to deal with; there are state association men who are back in their dues. We all know some adjustment of that must be made. There will also be a little hitch on life members of state associations coming into the American Pharmaceutical Association. Do not let us bring up those little details. They can be solved. The main point is to figure out whether state associations representing practically one hundred percent, with the discounts you speak of, would not be worth while. Another point brought out, there is no cause for settling this problem next year. Some states are by law so affiliated they can not be brought in. In most states it will mean that necessary amendment of by-laws will have to lay over a year. The delegates from the state associations should talk the matter over in the next state meeting, and in the meantime the subject should be presented in the monthly bulletins or otherwise. I believe one of the strongest points we have is that the Secretary must get in touch with the president of each association to see that he makes this important subject a feature of his annual address. We are making progress; to tie ourselves down to a hard and fast rule would be a mistake.

EDWARD DORSEY: My idea is exactly like that of Dr. Arny; this is not a question of increasing the membership of the A. Ph. A.—I believe in doing that—but by this federation plan the members are getting more for their money, something worth while. We can only do that in a personal way. We want good, strong, representative men to get up and tell the members why they should adopt the federation plan. My idea is to get this propaganda to the state bulletins. The detail is a matter of form; we can work that out; but let us get the propaganda started.

JEANNOT HOSTMANN: Increased membership should be incidental. I am sure none of you want to make the House of Delegates an appendage to the Membership Committee of this Association. The real object of federation should be the immediate arousal of interest of the state associations in the House of Delegates. One hundred percent attendance of delegates is more important at this time than one hundred percent membership. We have a big proposition facing us, let us go slowly and avoid taking any hasty false steps.

Secretary Jeannot Hostmann stated that the matter which had now so freely been discussed was also a subject for consideration before the House of Delegates, and would be included in the minutes, reprints of which would be sent to the delegates and to the officers of State Pharmaceutical Associations. To the question whether one hundred percent membership from State Associations in the American Pharmaceutical Association was necessary for representation in the House of Delegates, the reply was made: "That this was optional; the members thereby secured the benefits of membership in the American Pharmaceutical Association. That provision was made in the by-laws for three delegates from each State Association; they need not necessarily be members of the American Pharmaceutical Association, they have the privilege of the floor but not of vote unless they are members."

The motion made by W. C. Anderson and seconded by H. V. Army, to adopt the report of the House of Delegates, was put to a vote and carried.

Communications, conveying greetings, were read from Mrs. Minnie M. Whitney, President of the Missouri Pharmaceutical Association, and Secretary E. A. Henderson, of the California Pharmaceutical Association.

Chairman J. W. England of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

Your Committee recommends the following changes in the By-laws of the Association: Amend Chapter X, Article I, to omit the words "Committee on Resolutions" and to include a "Committee on Research," making the Article as amended read:

ARTICLE I. There shall be appointed or elected standing committees as follows: A Committee on United States Pharmacopoeia, a Committee on Transportation and a Committee on Research, each to consist of ten members; a Committee on Pharmaceutical Syllabus to consist of seven members; a Committee on Time and Place of Meeting, a Committee on Ebert Prize, and a Committee on General Prizes, each to consist of three members; and a Committee on Programs.

Amend Article IX, "The Committee on Resolutions," etc., by omitting same.

Amend Article X by changing the number of the Article to IX.

Amend Chapter X by adding Article X to read as follows:

"The Committee on Pharmaceutical Research shall be elected by the Council, two members to serve for a term of five years, two for a term of four years, two for a term of three years, two for a term of two years, two for a term of one year, and after the expiration of the one-year term two members shall be elected annually for a term of five years, the Committee on Pharmaceutical Research shall endeavor to promote research along pharmaceutical lines and shall advise the Council as to the use of the research funds of the Association.

Your Committee would offer also certain amendments to the By-laws of the Association recommended by the House of Delegates, as follows:

Amend Chapter XI to read:

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

ARTICLE I. There shall be and hereby is created a House of Delegates to have and to exercise such functions as may be hereafter specified by the Association.

Change present Chapter XI to Chapter XII.

Change present Chapter XII to Chapter XIII.

Change present Chapter XIII to Chapter XIV.

The amendments were separately read. H. V. Army moved to adopt and Jeannot Hostmann seconded the motion, and after voting thereon the amendments were carried.

Charles H. LaWall asked whether the Chairman of the House of Delegates was constituted a member of the Council. Chairman J. W. England advised that this would require another amendment and could not be acted upon until

next year. It was further stated, however, that the officers of the House of Delegates for this year were already members of the Council, either by election or as representatives from branches.

W. C. Anderson reported for the Committee on Resolutions that only one resolution had been referred to the committee and he moved its adoption; the motion was seconded by Jeannot Hostmann. The report follows:

"WHEREAS, Botanical names are essentially foreign in origin and form and should be dealt with according to the rules of the language to which they pertain;

Resolved, That in the opinion of the American Pharmaceutical Association the Joint Committee on Nomenclature should drop the final 'i' of specific botanical names which retained them in accordance with such rules."

Carried.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Before relinquishing his office and prior to the installation of the officers for the ensuing year, President A. R. L. Dohme spoke in part as follows:

"I am sure we all have appreciated during this meeting that we were considering and confronted with a very important and serious matter concerning the future welfare of pharmacy—the great question of federation. While those who have been most encouraged and most enthusiastic in its favor may have some occasion to regret that an adoption of it in some definite form or another was not possible at this time, I feel that they can congratulate themselves that a distinct step in advance was made and that we have practically paved the way for the beginning of this work in a real constructive way. In so far as we have done this I think the Association is to be congratulated, and, the officers of this Association for next year who are about to be installed will have in their hands the consummation of that great question which we all hope will ultimately be settled for the benefit and advantage of pharmacy, namely, the federation of pharmacy.

"On behalf of myself I wish to take this occasion to say that I have greatly appreciated and am extremely grateful for the splendid coöperation which I have received during the last year from all the members, the committees and officers of this Association. Without their help and encouraging support the enthusiasm for the subject of federation would not have been possible. I have found practically from all sides an encouragement and favorable reception of this great idea, launched many years ago by some of our members and from time to time again brought to their attention, particularly by my predecessor in office last year, Dean Wulling. Therefore I believe we can look forward to 1919 for a real constructive year and some real accomplishment for pharmacy, particularly as we hope during that year to get the state associations more or less integrally and enthusiastically connected with our Association. The state associations of this country have about twenty-eight to thirty thousand members, and they are as much interested in the problems in which we are concerned as is possible; their interests are practically our own. In addition to being specially interested only in their local matters as they are now at their meetings, by this coöperation through our House of Delegates their horizon is increased to a more national one, and in so far as it does this, their influence in the affairs of the nation as it pertains to pharmacy is greatly increased.

Proceeding with the installation, President Dohme addressed the President-elect as follows:

"I deem this one of the happiest moments of my life, after having for one year endeavored to honestly and consistently serve this Association for the welfare of pharmacy, that I am able on this occasion to turn over the 'Ship of State' in its present interesting and hopeful condition to a man of ideals such as you possess and a man with the courage of his convictions such as you possess, and a man who I am sure will direct the 'Ship' into channels which will open up great fields of beautiful progress and successful advancement during the year to come. I hand over to you, sir, with great pleasure, this gavel as the presiding officer and place upon you this pin as the insignia of the office of the President of the American Pharmaceutical Association. My hearty congratulations."

President Charles H. LaWall responded:

"Members of the American Pharmaceutical Association, to say that this is a moment of pride is expressing it very mildly. I am indeed sensible of the honor which has been conferred upon me. As a pilot of the 'Ship of State' of the American Pharmaceutical Association I shall try to avoid the rocks which beset the passage of every vessel going through such seas as we are now confronting. I shall not be like the pilot who said that he knew every rock in a certain channel and upon being given the wheel immediately ran the ship aground, and when reproached for that event by the captain saying 'I thought you said you knew every rock in the channel,' 'well,' he replied, 'I did, and that is one of them.' I hope I shall not have to tell you after I have run the ship aground that that was one of the rocks I knew about. I shall use every effort in attaining the ideals for which we are striving and in trying to bring about the consummation or at least furthering the promotion of the plan begun, and I ask for your help and counsel."

President Charles H. LaWall then proceeded with the installation of the following officers: Theodore J. Bradley, *Second Vice-President*; William B. Day, *General Secretary*; Henry M. Whelpley, *Treasurer*; E. G. Eberle, *Editor*; H. V. Arny, *Reporter on the Progress of Pharmacy*; Hugo H. Schaefer, *Local Secretary*; A. R. L. Dohme and Charles E. Caspari, *Members of the Council*. *First and Third Vice-Presidents*, respectively, F. W. Nitardy and Francis Hemm, were absent, and Honorary President O. F. Fuller was not present. The officers installed expressed their appreciation of the honors conferred and added a few words pertaining to their respective offices.

J. W. England moved a vote of thanks to the retiring officers and to all who had contributed to the success, entertainments and hospitalities of the convention. The motion was seconded by H. V. Arny and adopted by a rising vote and the Sixty-Sixth Annual Convention of the American Pharmaceutical Association was adjourned.

GLASSWARE CONSERVATION.

The Conservation Division of the War Industries Board is seeking coöperation of druggists in conserving containers. Such conservation is possible not only by discontinuing many sizes and shapes of bottles but also through uniformity and size of packing boxes. In normal times it is a convenience and desirable to have variety in style and package, but when the Government is aided by discontinuing their multiplicity for the period of the war every druggist will gladly coöperate, especially when the consideration of conference with them is shown.

Related conservation has saved many tons in transportation, cost in manufacture, of fuel and labor, by compactness, needless trimming, avoiding change from the manufacture of one style to that of another, etc. The proposition is, if the manufacturers of bottles can devote their time to fewer styles, and particularly bottles that require least manipulation and material, and that can be most compactly boxed and stored, there will be a great saving all along the line. It is largely a problem of the manufacturers, but retailers can coöperate, and they will.