

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE LOCAL BRANCHES

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### CHICAGO.

The ninety-sixth monthly meeting of the Chicago Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held at Kuntz-Remmlers restaurant, Friday evening, April 26, at 8.00, with a good attendance.

Dr. Oliver Smith of Parke, Davis & Co., was introduced by Vice-President Clark and presented a well illustrated lecture on the production of diphtheria antitoxin. Dr. Smith also discussed the use of vaccines and sera in the armies of the present war.

He stated that small-pox vaccine, typhoid vaccine and tetanus antitoxin were almost universally used in these armies. The custom has developed of using all three of these prophylactic agents with good results on the individual simultaneously, that is within one day. Three injections of typhoid vaccine of increasing strength at intervals of about a week, are usually made. The result of this prophylactic treatment has been that small-pox is practically unknown, typhoid is reduced to an exceedingly small percentage and tetanus is much lessened. Immense quantities of these sera and vaccines are being used. The British government has called for 1,250,000 ounces of antitetanic serum for 1918. The increase in the number of horses used for antitoxin production at Parke, Davis & Company is from about 250 to 750 and, of guinea pigs in proportion.

The prophylactic use of typhus vaccine has been demonstrated of much value according to figures given by Professor Smith, especially among doctors, nurses and other attendants in hospitals where typhus is found. It is generally conceded, however, that the disease can be controlled by proper sanitary and disinfectant procedures, especially the elimination of the body louse.

A report was made before the Branch by the committee having in charge the exhibit of U. S. P. & N. F. galenicals at the American

Medical Association convention in June. In addition to a large exhibit of galenicals, ten have been selected, including "tasteless" castor oil, several low-alcoholic elixirs and some syrups, for sampling to physicians who may be interested.

Local Secretary Gathercoal and Mr. Buss and Professor Day of the committee on arrangements discussed the preparations made and planned for the entertainment of the A. Ph. A. Convention in August. The program as outlined sounded very good to all present.

E. N. GATHERCOAL,  
*Local Secretary.*

### DETROIT.

The regular meeting of the Detroit Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held at the Wayne County Medical Bldg., April 19. W. L. Scoville reported the death of one of our members, Wilbur F. Jackman, and expressed the loss felt by the branch. F. F. Ingram, Jr., gave a brief talk regarding the memorial portrait of Dr. Schlotterbeck which is being presented to the College of Pharmacy of the University of Michigan by the alumni and asked that all contributions toward the expense be made payable to Dr. A. B. Stevens, but sent to the speaker.

Chas. Barthen, foreman of the Ampoule Department of Parke, Davis & Co., gave a very interesting talk on the method of manufacturing and uses of ampoules. This form of medication was shown to possess all the advantages of hypodermics and to be much simpler for the use of the physician. E. R. Jones, Dean of the Detroit College of Pharmacy, explained the uses of "Hydrogenated Fats as future Ointment Vehicles." Samples of Ointment Zinc Oxide U. S. P., made from a combination of Crisco and wax, were shown in comparison with the product as obtained by the use of Benzoinated Lard. The difficulty of obtaining fats which have been hydrogenated

to the proper degree was discussed, since this is the trouble experienced with the products now on the market.

Hugh Craig, godfather of the Detroit Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association, was welcomed to this city by President Kim-mich on behalf of the local chapter. Mr. Craig is well known in American Pharmaceutical Association branch work having been president of the Chicago Branch for a number of years, resigning when coming to Detroit to become advertising and publicity manager for the Nyal Company. He was also secretary of the New York Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association for half a dozen years previously.

Mr. Craig expressed his interest in the discussion of the use of hydrogenated fats as ointment vehicles. He said he had served his apprenticeship when manual labor was not a lost art among the druggists, and that he was exceedingly proud of this fact in particular. Although he had been campaigning for the Liberty Loan for the previous ten days, Mr. Craig's well-known sonorous voice was in good trim.

W. A. Hall gave a short talk of appreciation of the papers of the evening which expressed the crystallization of year's work by the authors. A motion was made that a vote of thanks be extended to the speakers. Dr. Hoffmann, member of the State Board of Pharmacy, gave a talk on "Dry Laws of Michigan." Since this is a question which is not as thoroughly understood as it should be, an animated discussion followed.

MAY STRAWN,  
*Secretary.*

#### NASHVILLE.

The Nashville Branch A. Ph. A. held its regular monthly meeting with the Nashville Drug Club, Thursday, March 28, President D. J. Kuhn presided.

Letters were read from Eugene Brokmeyer, giving an account of the Ashley suit, the Edmonds Bill, the Cleveland patent medicine situation and the reorganization of the War Industries Board. He called attention to the classification of rose water and glycerin as a cosmetic, under which the preparation is subject to taxation, and also advised that hydrogen peroxide was not subject to the Explosives License Act.

D. S. Sanders discussed the importance of proper book-keeping, and advised against long credits; he explained his method of handling

cash and personal accounts. D. J. Kuhn, in discussing the subject, stated that he had found no better method than the National Cash Register System. S. C. Davis was in favor of having druggists prepare their soda syrups from fresh fruits when in season and also stated that syrup of pineapple and other syrups were successfully prepared in his store. He discussed the preparation of syrup made by both methods in general use, and pointed out the advantages and disadvantages of one against the other. Mr. Coffey called attention to the increasing scarcity of castor oil, quinine, belladonna and other extensively used drugs.

The April meeting of the Nashville Branch A. Ph. A. was held in conjunction with that of the Nashville Drug Club, Thursday, April 18, when J. O. Burge presided. Harry Eskew, Tennessee Pure Food Drug Commissioner, addressed the meeting on the subject of sanitary service at the soda fountain. He stated that it was the intention of the department to prosecute all violators of the applying law. Dr. E. A. Ruddiman of Vanderbilt University brought attention to the scarcity of drug clerks and expressed his opinion that women should be encouraged to study pharmacy, and that they had proven their ability in laboratory and prescription work. D. S. Sanders spoke of the future of pharmacy and insisted that pharmacists should exact higher fees for dispensing. He compared the charges made for work at the prescription counter with that of other activities. W. R. White spoke of the work of pharmacists in the Army and Navy and said that drug journals should be sent to them, that this was easily possible, if druggists would send the publications they subscribed for to them after they have finished reading.

The Edmonds Bill was freely discussed and unanimously indorsed. The treasurer of the Nashville Branch A. Ph. A. was instructed to invest the surplus of the Branch in Thrift Stamps.

WILLIAM R. WHITE,  
*Secretary.*

#### NEW YORK.

The April, 1918, meeting of the New York Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was called to order by Acting President Turner in the Lecture Hall of the New York College of Pharmacy Building on Monday evening, April 8, at 8.30 o'clock.

One-hundred and forty members and friends were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were

read by the Secretary and adopted as correct. The Secretary read a letter from President McCartney in which he offered his resignation owing to the fact that he had entered the services of his country and would, therefore, be unable to be officially connected with any organization. It was moved, seconded and carried that the resignation be accepted and that the Secretary write a letter to Captain McCartney voicing the regret of the Branch at his resignation and congratulating him upon his appointment.

The Treasurer submitted his report which showed a balance of \$225.60 on hand. This report was ordered filed.

*Membership Committee:* The Membership Committee reported that it was about ready to get down to work and that the following applications have been received.

For Membership in the Parent Organization: Edmund D. Pintéi, 100 Sanford Ave., Jersey City, N. J.; Charles J. Chapman, 62 Maiden Lane, New York City.

For Membership in the Local Branch: Lewis E. Warren, 113 West 18th St., New York City; Winfield Scott Hubbard, 113 West 18th St., New York City, and Fred Schaefer, 190 Nassau Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

*Committee on Legislation and Education:* Mr. Lehman gave a detailed report on his trip to Washington in favor of the Edmonds Bill which report was ordered accepted.

*Fraternal Relations:* Chairman Lascoff reported that he had appointed Clarence O. Bigelow, Mr. Timmermann and Mr. Walter for his committee and that the work was progressing favorably, which report was ordered filed.

*Member of the Council:* Professor Hostmann had no report to bring in.

*New Business:* Chairman Schaefer of the Special Committee on "PHARMACY HONOR MEDAL" brought in a detailed report with recommendations of the Committee. It was moved, seconded and carried that the report be accepted and that the Committee be empowered to obtain the moral support and consent of the Parent Organization to their proposition through the member of the Council and to take steps towards raising the \$1000.00 Fund.

A symposium was now presented on "What we have done towards winning the war."

The Speakers were: Dr. Lovis, R. S. Stofer, S. B. Penick, Saunders Norvell and Professor H. V. Army. General discussion followed

which was concluded by a vote of thanks offered the speakers.

Under regular procedure the meeting was declared adjourned.

HUGO H. SCHAEFER,  
*Secretary.*

#### PHILADELPHIA.

The regular monthly meeting of the Philadelphia Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held, Monday evening, April the 22nd, at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, with the new President, W. W. McNeary in the chair.

After disposing of business matters, the reading of the minutes, committee reports, etc., the scientific program was opened by Dr. Mitchell Bernstein who read a very interesting paper on "Materia Medica and its relation to Pharmacy." Dr. Bernstein pointed out clearly the precise line of demarcation between the parts of materia medica which should be taught to pharmacists and the branches of the subject which should be left untouched. It is an extremely difficult proposition, so the doctor stated, to know just how much of the subject should be taught pharmacy students and just where to stop. A little knowledge in any subject is acknowledged a dangerous thing, particularly in this subject, and again it is impracticable and unnecessary to take up the subject from every viewpoint. It was agreed upon, however that a consideration of the therapeutic properties, origin, physical properties, doses etc., was quite essential for the student. The speaker did not think that it was necessary or wise, however, to go into minute details regarding the therapeutic value and uses of the drug, that this might have a tendency to make counter prescribers out of pharmacists.

Dr. Bernstein's paper was fully discussed by Dr. Frank White, Dr. Lowe and Messrs. Gershenfeld, Griffith, Fischelis and Cook. Professor Cook then presented a résumé of the articles on Drug Conservation, which have appeared in some of the journals. At the close of his talk, he suggested that the Branch go on record as advocating a campaign of propaganda among the physicians to urge them to prescribe less glycerin, sugar, tinctures, etc., and also to express a willingness to cooperate with the authorities in any conservation program, which they deem necessary to institute. Ambrose Hunsberger, who read the original paper here, on the question of conservation,

and who heads the special committee in charge of this matter, reiterated his former suggestions which concurred with the suggestions offered by Prof. E. F. Cook. Dr. Julius Sturmer also discussed the matter and pointed out the necessity for a conservation of clerks by working out the departmental plan in the drug store, which is perfectly practicable in the city store of fair size. In this way unqualified help could easily handle the sundries, patents, cigars, etc., and the drug work left for the qualified help. Other speakers who participated in this discussion were Messrs. Fischelis, Gershenfeld and Eberle and Dr. F. E. Stewart. Acting on the several speakers' suggestions the following resolutions and recommendations were unqualifiedly endorsed by the Branch.

**RESOLVED—First:** That we hereby pledge unreserved support to our Government in any proper plan which may be decided upon as necessary for the conservation of glycerin, sugar, alcohol and other drug supplies.

**Second:** That we do not believe any radical changes in the formulas of the United States Pharmacopoeia or National Formulary will be desirable or necessary as a feature of this conservation program, but that far more effective measures can be devised. Any extensive changes in the formulas of these books would cause complications in the drug standards,

as established by the Pure Food and Drugs Act, would take much time to prove, and would cause endless confusion and unexpected incompatibilities in prescription filling.

**Third:** That we recommend that effective conservation be accomplished by a Government ruling which will permit the use of only a portion of the amount of these materials required in a former year, say in 1916, and that this ruling apply equally to all users, thus enormously increasing the amount of material conserved and dividing the inconvenience among all users.

**Fourth:** That we further recommend the appointment of a joint committee of physicians and pharmacists from the National Association to conduct a campaign of information among physicians, urging the prescribing of smaller quantities of medicines containing these ingredients and also more frequent prescribing of such forms of medication as powders, capsules, tablets, pills and infusions and decoctions.

The meeting was well attended and four new members were elected. It is intended that a campaign for new members shall be instituted in the very near future and the cooperation of the present members is solicited.

IVOR GRIFFITH,  
*Secretary.*

## COUNCIL BUSINESS

### A. PH. A. COUNCIL LETTER NO. 13.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., April 11, 1918.

To the Members of the Council:

*Motion No. 20 (Request of Smithsonian Institute for Journals) and No. 21 (Election of Members; applications Nos. 85 to 114 inclusive)* have each received a majority of affirmative votes.

In Council Letter No. 11 (February 6, 1918) a tentative program for the Sixty-sixth Annual Meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association, to be held at Chicago during the week of August 12 to 17th inclusive, was submitted by the Committee on Program and suggestions invited.

The program as finally revised is now submitted, as follows:

#### MONDAY.

- 9.30 A.M. National Association Boards of Pharmacy.  
2.00 P.M. National Association Boards of Pharmacy.  
American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties.

- 8.00 P.M. National Association Boards of Pharmacy.  
American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties.

#### TUESDAY.

- 9.30 A.M. National Association Boards of Pharmacy.  
American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties.  
2.00 P.M. Joint Session of National Association Boards of Pharmacy and American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties.  
7.00 P.M. Council Meeting.  
8.00 P.M. First General Session of Association.

#### WEDNESDAY.

- 9.30 A.M. Scientific Section, first session.  
Section on Education and Legislation, first session.  
Women's Section, first session.  
12.30 P.M. Alumni Luncheons.