

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LOCAL BRANCHES

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Reports of the meetings of the Local Branches should be mailed to the Editor on the day following the meeting, if possible. Minutes should be typewritten, with wide spaces between the lines. Care should be taken to give proper names correctly, and manuscript should be signed by the reporter.

CHICAGO.

The one hundred and fourth monthly meeting of the Chicago Branch American Pharmaceutical Association was held at the LaSalle Hotel, Friday evening, October 24, 1919, at eight o'clock. The meeting was preceded by a dinner, which was well attended.

The first speaker of the evening, Julius H. Riemenschneider, presented a pleasing review of the Rochester meeting of the National Association of Retail Druggists. He said that 1000 delegates and visitors were registered at the meeting, that the druggists of Rochester entertained lavishly in their beautiful city, and that the business meetings were well attended and very profitable.

Splendid talks were given by C. A. Mayo on the Edmonds' Bill, Attorney Brokmeyer on the absolutely essential need of publicity, and Wayne B. Wheeler, Attorney for the Anti-Saloon League, on the sale of intoxicants by the druggist. The Association adopted a resolution urging druggists to discontinue entirely the sale of liquors, even on prescriptions. Very recently, Mr. Riemenschneider said, word has come from the Government that druggists will be permitted to sell preparations containing alcohol of *strictly U. S. P. and N. F. Standard*, but right here is where the Government will "get" the unscrupulous among pharmacists. Mr. H. P. Hynson, of Baltimore, was a strong advocate for the A. Ph. A., and a resolution on closer coöperation between the N. A. R. D. and A. Ph. A. was enthusiastically adopted.

Professor C. M. Snow presented most admirably the "doings" of the A. Ph. A. meeting at New York. His praise of Local Secretary Schaefer and his committee was endorsed by all present who had been at the New York meeting. In Professor Snow's review he mentioned especially that for the first time in years all three of the nominees for the next president are retail druggists, Charles

H. Packard of Boston, Fred. W. Nitardy, now of Brooklyn, and L. A. Seltzer of Detroit.

W. B. Day, Secretary of the Illinois Pharmaceutical Association, reported the June meeting of this Association. Over 500 were registered and the business sessions were well attended. Illinois now boasts the largest membership, 1600, among the state pharmaceutical associations, especially those with voluntary membership. New members this year totalled 400. The President's address was excellent, and Secretary Samuel C. Henry of the N. A. R. D. gave an able address on the narcotic situation. A resolution against liquor selling was adopted.

The question of publishing extracts of pharmaceutical literature in up-to-date monthly form, which was raised by the chairman of the Scientific Section at the recent New York meeting and which received much discussion before the Council of the Association, has now been brought to the attention of the Local Branches by the recent action of the New York Branch, as follows:

"BE IT THEREFORE *Resolved*, that the New York Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association respectfully urge upon the Executive Committee and the Council a speedy submission of the problem to the entire membership of the Association in the shape of a special post-card referendum, said post-card ballot to give to each member the opportunity to vote on one of the following options:

(a) Raising A. Ph. A. dues to \$7.50 a year and instituting a monthly abstract journal to replace the present Year Book.

(b) Raise A. Ph. A. dues to \$6.00 a year and continue the present Year Book.

(c) Keep the A. Ph. A. dues at \$5.00 a year and abolish the Year Book.

(d) Keep the A. Ph. A. dues at \$5.00 a year, abolish the JOURNAL as well as the Year Book, and publish bound copies of the combined Proceedings and Progress of Pharmacy, same as prior to 1912.

DETROIT.

After full discussion before the Chicago Branch the following motions were adopted:

1. A referendum vote should be taken from the members of the A. Ph. A. on the question of publication of pharmaceutical literature in a monthly abstract journal or in an annual volume.

2. The options or questions to be placed on the referendum ballot as suggested by the New York Branch are not approved, for they are too complicated and could not result in a decisive vote.

3. The referendum should consist of but two questions only:

(a) Do you favor our Association publishing abstracts of pharmaceutical literature in monthly form in an abstract journal? or

(b) Do you favor our Association publishing abstracts of pharmaceutical literature in annual form as is now being done in the Year Book?

The list of the arguments advanced in favor of these motions was as follows:

(a) As long as the question is up and there seems to be a real difference of opinion among a considerable portion of the membership, it should be settled, preferably by ballot.

(b) The question of increasing the dues of the Association is entirely foreign to the question of how the abstracts shall be published. If the cost of publishing an abstract journal increases the expense of the Association, let that be an argument in favor of the Year Book, and if the advocates of such a journal can demonstrate that the cost would not exceed or be less than the present cost of the Year Book, so much more an argument in their favor. If the need of increasing the dues of the Association is considered imperative by the Executive Committee of the Council, then the dues must be increased and a referendum thereon is useless. In any event, the By-Laws must be amended before the dues can be increased and such amendment can only be made at the annual meeting.

(c) To be effective a referendum should contain no more than a pro and con of one question, that can be answered "Yes" or "No" without qualification of any kind. A referendum such as proposed by the New York Branch with four diverse questions and two great policies to be considered could not be decisive; furthermore, there should be no idea presented in the referendum of discontinuing any of the present service features of the Association unless something better take the place of the discontinued feature.

E. N. GATHERCOAL, *Secretary*.

The first meeting of the 1919-'20 season of the Detroit Branch A. Ph. A. was called to order at 8.30 P.M. October 17, by President E. R. Jones.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The President then called Vice-President W. H. Brome to the chair while he read an address, presenting three resolutions, which was attentively received.

The first resolution: That hereafter our meetings commence at 8.15 P.M. to be followed by a buffet lunch in the judgment of the officers, except where the particular case demands a dinner at 6.30 precede. Supported. Carried.

The second recommendation: That the Branch get behind Mr. Seltzer's candidacy for the Presidency of the A. Ph. A. was amended by asking the Secretary to write each member of the A. Ph. A. in Michigan, urging Mr. Seltzer's election. Supported. Carried.

The third recommendation: That the Branch endeavor to get a prerequisite law passed by the next legislature, was amended by adding that a committee be appointed, consisting of President, Secretary and Chairman of Program Committee, to undertake the necessary work in conjunction with a similar committee from the D. R. D. A. to consider the appointment of the committee to do the work. Carried.

Mr. Chase made an appeal for ideas on topics that would be interesting to the Branch, and spoke regarding the World War Veterans Branch of the A. Ph. A. and the free membership accorded veterans of the war for one year.

Mr. Chase presented a motion that the meeting date be changed to the second Friday of every month. This motion is tabled until our next meeting according to our By-Laws.

Mr. Seltzer moved that our November meeting be held on the second Friday. Carried.

Mr. O. A. Farwell was then introduced, who read a paper on "A New Preservation for Biological Specimens." A saturated solution of chloretone, being the new vehicle employed, has proved to be most satisfactory and equal in all respects to alcohol.

The President then introduced Dr. Byington of the State Public Health Service, who spoke on the new Michigan Venereal Disease Law. He explained the purpose and the workings of the law quite clearly. An interesting discussion then followed.

Mr. Webster suggested that the druggists be supplied with instructive literature to give to those who ask for venereal remedies.

F. F. INGRAM, JR., *Secretary*.

NEW YORK.

The October, 1919 meeting of the New York Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was called to order in the lecture hall of the New York College of Pharmacy Building, on Monday evening, October 13th, at 8.15 P.M.

Thirty-five members were present.

Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Member of the Council.—Prof. Jeannot Hostmann brought in no report.

Fraternal Relations.—Dr. Leon Lascoff brought in no report.

Audit Committee.—Dr. Jacob Diner reported all bills paid.

Education and Legislation.—Mr. E. J. Kennedy brought in no report.

Communications.—A letter was read from Mr. Sigmund Kopald regarding the proposed revision of Schedule C. of the Pharmacy Law. This letter was ordered filed. A letter was read from Mr. Louis Berger, Secretary of the New York Pharmaceutical Conference, requesting our delegates to the Conference to be instructed as to what action should be taken with regard to the demands of the drug clerks. After some discussion it was moved, seconded and carried that since the Local Branch is not a representative body of pharmacists the Branch delegates to the Conference shall not take any definite stand regarding the clerk question and that Mr. Berger be so informed by the Secretary. A letter was read from Chairman Robert P. Fischelis of the War Veterans Section of the A. Ph. A. requesting that action should be taken to get as many war veterans as possible into the new Section of the A. Ph. A. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Secretary of the Branch be instructed to send applications to each and every member of the Branch with the notice of the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS.

After a discussion of the action taken by the Council with regard to the Year Book, raising of dues, etc., the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, The question of the fate of the Year Book brought up at the New York

meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association, through the proposition to convert it into a monthly abstract journal, has developed into several propositions including one to abolish it altogether, and

WHEREAS, This question will never be satisfactorily settled until a clear-cut referendum be had including all propositions and arranged to bring the largest possible response from our membership, and

WHEREAS, Efforts in this direction made at the meeting of the A. Ph. A. Council held on August 29th have been postponed by reference of the problem to the newly created Executive Committee;

Be It Therefore Resolved, That the New York Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association respectfully urge upon the Executive Committee and the Council a speedy submission of the problem to the entire membership of the Association in the shape of a special post-card referendum, said post-card ballot to give to each member the opportunity to vote on one of the following options:

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And Be It Further Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent the Secretary of the A. Ph. A., the Secretary of the Council of the A. Ph. A. and the Secretary of each Local Branch of the A. Ph. A.

The second half of the meeting was devoted to the reading of a paper on Commercial Health Insurance by Dr. J. J. O'Reilly. This paper was followed by considerable discussion at the conclusion of which it was moved, seconded and carried that a committee be appointed to attend the joint meeting of the New York Medical and Pharmaceutical organizations to be held on October 16th at the Chemists' Club. The committee appointed consisted of Dr. Geo. Hohman, Mr. Robert S. Lehman, Dr. Joseph L. Mayer.

After considerable discussion a vote of thanks was tendered the speaker.

Under regular procedure the meeting was declared adjourned.

HUGO H. SCHAEFER, *Secretary*.

PHILADELPHIA.

The October meeting of the Philadelphia Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held Tuesday evening, October 14, 1919 at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.

Being the first meeting of the 1919-1920 season the business matters consisted largely of discussion of plans for well attended, interesting and enthusiastic meetings for this season. A number of very helpful suggestions were made and it was agreed that the meetings shall be held always the second Tuesday of each month at 8 P.M. in the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.

The Membership Committee submitted a report that an intensive membership campaign had been started with members of the parent body who were not members of the Branch.

The World War Veterans Section was discussed at length and the local branch agreed that all pharmacists entitled to membership in the parent body under the special arrangements in force would also be members of the local branch without charge for the first year's dues.

The President appointed Josiah C. Peacock, W. L. Cliffe and F. G. Eberle a committee to draft and forward to Mrs. Frank M. Apple resolutions of sympathy on account of the death of Mr. Apple, a long time and faithful member of the Local Branch.

The entertainment of the evening consisted of very able reports of the various conventions held this summer, as follows:

The American Pharmaceutical Association, by F. G. Eberle.

The National Association of Retail Druggists, by Ambrose Hunsberger.

The Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association, by Prof. Julius Sturmer.

The Pennsylvania State Medical Association, by F. E. Stewart.

The evening's program was concluded with refreshments served by a local caterer.

ELMER H. HESSLER, *Secretary*.

ST. LOUIS.

The monthly meeting of the St. Louis Branch was held at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, Thursday, September 18th.

Major F. L. McCartney, a pharmacist in charge of purchasing medical supplies, during

the war, delivered the address of the evening. Major McCartney, who is connected with the New York Branch of the Association, gave in detail the methods used by the Government in supplying the enormous demand for medical and surgical supplies during the big drive in Europe. All bids and awards were made publicly, which prevented any possibility of one firm being favored in preference to another. In a great many instances, especially during the early months of his appointment, price was a secondary factor, whereas time of delivery was considered first.

Although the demand was exceedingly large, the Government experienced little trouble due to shortage. This Major McCartney attributed to the hearty cooperation of the manufacturing pharmacists and the retail druggists economizing on the supplies needed by the Government. The shortages of medical supplies experienced by the various camps was due, in a majority of cases, to delay in ordering and misjudging the amount of supplies needed for a certain period.

A rigid watch was kept on the quality of drugs offered, and those that did not answer the requirement were rejected, and suggestions offered to remedy the error in the method of manufacture. Major McCartney concluded by answering many questions asked by the members.

Dr. H. M. Whelpley told many interesting details about the meeting in New York and the pleasure experienced through personal contact with his many friends and associates there. Dr. Whelpley attributes the life and success of the Association to the cordiality and friendship among the members as well as to the interest in pharmaceutical affairs.

Mr. J. M. Noble gave a report on the Scientific Section in which most of his time was spent while attending the New York meeting. He incidentally remarked that the number of young men at the convention was an agreeable surprise.

Vice-President St. John officiated in the absence of President Berg, who last month accepted a position with Burrough Brothers in Baltimore.

One application for membership was reported to have been turned over to the Treasurer. Leslie Prichard was appointed to succeed President Berg as Chairman of the Membership Committee. Before adjournment, October 16th was selected for the next meeting.

LESLIE E. PRICHARD, *Secretary*.