

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE LOCAL BRANCHES

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### BALTIMORE.

The December meeting of the Baltimore Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held Wednesday evening December 10 at the Hotel Emerson, President C. C. Neal officiating.

The feature of the evening was an address by Lieutenant Dickens, Personnel Officer of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery of the Navy, on "The Position and Duties of the Pharmacist in the Navy" and a discussion by him of the provisions of the Darrow Bill. Lieutenant Dickens spoke in a most interesting manner of the advantages the passage of this bill would offer to pharmacists now in the Hospital Corps of the Navy as well as to those who will enter this department in the future, providing, as it does, one commissioned officer in the Hospital Corps for every two thousand of the enlisted personnel of the Navy and for the ultimate rank of Lieutenant Commander for pharmacists who succeed to this position.

The Lieutenant told of the special training given pharmacists in the navy schools, and spoke in the highest terms of the work done by pharmacists in the Navy during the war. He concluded by answering numerous questions about the Darrow Bill and was given a rising vote of thanks by the Branch for his splendid talk.

Feeling that the Branch should assist in every way possible the progress of this bill, Dr. Henry P. Hynson moved that the Branch go on record as favoring the passage of the Darrow Bill and that the President appoint a committee of four, besides himself, to wait upon the Congressmen and Senators from Maryland and enlist their support for this measure. This was done and the following committee appointed:

C. C. NEAL, *Chairman*,  
H. P. HYNSON,  
E. F. KELLY,  
J. E. HANCOCK,  
LOUIS SCHULZE.

Following this motion, ex-President F. F. Berg, of the St. Louis Branch A. Ph. A. made some valuable suggestions to the membership committee looking to the enlargement of the membership of the organization. These suggestions were discussed and heartily approved before the meeting adjourned.

FRONTIS LENTZ, *Secretary*.

### CHICAGO.

The 106th meeting of the Chicago Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held Tuesday evening, December 16, at the La Salle Hotel. The meeting was preceded by a well attended dinner.

President A. H. Clark presided. Secretary Gathercoal announced that 70 new members (mostly S. and S. members) had been received since the last meeting. A nominating committee, namely, Messrs. C. M. Snow, H. C. Christensen and Wm. Gray was appointed to report at the January meeting.

Roscoe E. Doolittle, District Director of the United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Chemistry, was introduced and gave a very able address on the subject "Methods of Handling Imports of Food and Drug Products." In a simple and most entertaining way Mr. Doolittle discussed the nature and effect of the various laws under which imports are checked as to genuineness and quality. He referred especially to the first enactment, that of 1848, for the control of the quality of imported drugs, and the Tea Act of 1868, both of which are still in use, enforced by the Treasury Department.

In 1893 authority was given the Department of Agriculture to inspect imported foods and drugs. This was supplemented by the Food and Drugs Act of 1906. The outstanding fact is very evident to one familiar with these laws that the restrictions as to purity and quality of imported foods and drugs are much higher than for domestic products.

The speaker then traced the course of a lot of imported drugs from the time the ex-

porter appeared before the American consul in the country of export to the point of actual possession without restrictions by the importer. This was of great interest to the audience.

The address concluded with a discussion of the effects of the war on drug imports, the changed conditions of drug importation since the war, and the rise of Japan as a drug exporting nation.

The address was warmly received and request for publication is to be asked from Dr. Alsberg, the head of the Bureau.

In the interesting discussion that followed many questions were asked of Mr. Doolittle. Professor Day brought out the fact that the American Pharmaceutical Association was organized in 1852, for the express purpose of improving the quality of American drugs.

E. N. GATHERCOAL, *Secretary*.

#### NASHVILLE.

The Nashville Drug Club and the Nashville Branch of the A. Ph. A. held their regular joint session in the Tulane Hotel, Thursday, December 4, D. J. Kuhn presiding.

A delightful luncheon was served to all present in the special dining room at 1:30 o'clock, after which the business session was held.

The minutes having been approved, the Early Closing Orders of the Fuel Administration were presented for discussion. D. S. Sanders pointed out that the sale of drugs alone was not sufficient to justify druggists in keeping their stores open after 4 P.M., and he thought all should close if not allowed to sell other articles. On motion D. S. Sanders, Chas. Jennings, C. C. Young, E. J. Schott and D. J. Kuhn were appointed as a committee to present their views to M. R. Hill, the local Fuel Administrator.

The renewal of alcohol bonds before January 1 was commented on by Messrs. Martin, Sanders and White, and the necessity of keeping permits posted in a conspicuous place was emphasized.

C. S. Martin discussed the drastic provisions of the new State Insecticide Law, which he said, if enforced, would drive many of the standard brands out of the State and work a great hardship on druggists. On motion D. S. Sanders, C. C. Young and D. J. Kuhn were appointed as a committee to confer with the Commissioner of Agriculture in regard to its enforcement.

The responsibility resting upon druggists who sell alcoholic preparations which might be used for beverages was strongly impressed on all by Mr. Martin. He stated that the provisions of the law allowing the sale of any preparations containing over one-half of 1 percent were granted on an appeal by the druggists and that they were in honor bound to obey the law and each druggist will be held individually responsible for their misuse.

A letter received from Secretary S. C. Henry, of the N. A. R. D., stated that Aspirin tablets which contained no proprietary right or therapeutic claims would not be subject to the tax stamp, and that all soaps, both medicated and unmedicated, should not be stamped.

President Kuhn cautioned all about the seriousness of violating the stamp tax law. He said the revenue officers were beginning a crusade against violators and that the penalties were severe.

The luncheon proved so successful in bringing out the members that it was decided to have another one at the January meeting.

WILLIAM R. WHITE, *Secretary*.

The Section on Practical Pharmacy of the A. Ph. A. desires to make an analysis of the Prescription Files of the drug stores of the country, to be reported at the next meeting of the Association in May. This information will be of great value to the Revision Committee of the U. S. P. and N. F.

Any druggist who is willing to report on 1000 prescriptions will please write to William R. White, 314 Hancock St., Nashville, Tenn., for a report sheet.

#### NEW YORK.

The November 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, November 10 at 8:15 P.M.

Forty-five members were present.

Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was received with the thanks of the Association and ordered filed.

There were no committee reports.

The Secretary was instructed to write a letter to the Treasurer of the Association and to the Member of the Council asking for information as to what will be the arrange-

ments regarding the Membership Committee as far as the plan of the War Veterans Section is concerned. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Branch shall carry on its books the members of the War Veterans Section for one year without payment of dues.

Reports of the delegates to the various conventions were now read:

Dr. Hostmann reported on the New Jersey Convention. A report by Prof. Curt P. Wimmer covering the Connecticut State Convention was read by the Secretary in the absence of Dr. Wimmer. Mr. Robert S. Lehman brought in a report covering the New York State Pharmaceutical Association.

The question of Compulsory Health Insurance was brought up and it was moved, seconded and carried that the officers be instructed to arrange for a mass meeting to formulate plans for an organization composed of pharmacists, dentists and druggists from the metropolitan district to oppose Compulsory Health Insurance.

Dr. W. C. Anderson read a very interesting paper outlining the work, past and present, of the New York Pharmaceutical Convention; considerable discussion followed.

After a rising vote of thanks was tendered the speaker the meeting was declared adjourned.

HUGO H. SCHAEFER, *Secretary*.

The December 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, December 8.

The meeting was opened at 7:30 P.M. in order to make room for the Mass Meeting which was to follow: Owing to the shortage of time no reports were brought in by the chairman of the various committees.

One new member, however, was proposed.

Mr. Elias Diamandi Zograf, 21 East 37th St., New York City.

The Secretary was ordered to take the usual course with regard to this application.

Upon suggestion of Mr. Eddy it was moved, seconded and carried that a \$5.00 bond be bought from the National Tuberculosis Association. President Lehman appointed the following nomination committee to report at the next meeting:

HUGO KANTROWITZ,  
JOSEPH L. MAYER,  
HERMAN WALTER.

At 9 o'clock the Special Mass Meeting was called to order by President Lehman.

Over sixty members and friends were present.

Dr. John J. O'Reilly addressed the meeting on the question of Compulsory Health Insurance.

Considerable discussion followed. It was moved, seconded and carried that a vote be taken as to whether the meeting favored the bill or opposed Compulsory Health Insurance. The resulting vote showed all but three present opposed the Compulsory Insurance.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the meeting proceed, forming a permanent organization.

The following officers were elected:

*Chairman*, Dr. Dupin, 565 W. 144th St., City; *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. Arthur J. Hersig, 229 W. 78th St.; *Secretary*, Clyde L. Eddy; *Treasurer*, Dr. Solo.

HUGO H. SCHAEFER, *Secretary*.

#### PHILADELPHIA.

The December meeting of the Philadelphia Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held in the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy Building, December 9, at 8 P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. C. B. Lowe expressed his appreciation of the resolution passed at the November meeting dealing with the classification of pharmacists with retail liquor dealers. The proposed "Welcome Home" celebration to be held by the drug interests of Philadelphia for the returned soldier and sailor pharmacists was discussed by Edward T. Hall. The Branch favored the project and its officers were instructed to give all possible coöperation to make the event a success. A communication from the World Trade Club was read. It dealt with the passing of legislation making the use of the metric system compulsory. Inasmuch as the parent body already is on record favoring such action the Local Branch officers were instructed to sign the endorsement and forward it to the proper authorities. This ended the business program. The scientific program followed.

Dr. Henry Lefmann presented an interesting illustrated lecture on the "Newer Applications of the Use of Polarized Light in Detecting Chemical Compounds." Dr. Lefmann outlined this comparatively new field of chemistry in a comprehensive manner ex-

plaining the various phenomena in language understandable to all. His lecture was followed by an interesting discussion.

Edward T. Hahn gave an up-to-date talk on "Sales and How They are Made." His talk was centered on what he termed the "Rule of Sale." Sales in his mind were divided into four distinct steps, Attention, Interest, Desire and Sale. Each step was considered separately and everyone present surely profited by this rather unique part of the program.

Ivor Griffith followed with "Practical Urinalysis." His extensive experience in this work enabled him to present the subject interestingly and thoroughly.

The meeting was attended by approximately eighty persons and was probably the most profitable meeting this year.

ELMER H. HESSLER, *Secretary*.

#### PITTSBURGH.

After a lapse of several months the Pittsburgh Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association held the initial meeting for the winter season, Tuesday, December 9 at 8 P.M., at the College of Pharmacy, with President L. K. Darbaker presiding. The first subject taken up for consideration and discussion was the question of whether the Year Book be discontinued, and its twin query, shall the dues be increased? in order that every present feature of the parent association's activity be continued without financial loss. Dr. J. A. Koch said, "while the cost of getting out the Year Book is high, yet its value to those members who appreciate the annual volume is great; to discontinue its publication would, in my judgment, be a mistake." He then moved that the proposition to increase the annual dues to \$7.50, be endorsed, and the proposal to have more than one class of members, *viz.*, those who wanted the Year Book at the increased dues, and those who preferred the old rate of dues without the Year Book, as has been advocated by some be disapproved, and that the JOURNAL, the Year Book, as well as all the present publications of the Association, be continued. The motion prevailed. The National Prohibition Law and the relation of pharmacists thereto, was presented for discussion with result that after full discussion the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The purpose of the National Prohibition Law is to confine the sale of

spirituous liquors to medicinal purposes only, and

WHEREAS, Under the said law the pharmacist is obliged to give bond in the sum of one thousand dollars that he will faithfully carry out its provisions in so far as the sale of spirituous liquors is concerned, and

WHEREAS, In the past the Pharmacist has been obliged to take out a license as a retail liquor dealer for the privilege of dispensing spirituous liquors for the use of the sick in compliance with the prescriptions of legitimate physicians, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Pittsburgh Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association hereby places itself on record as being opposed to all reference in the public press to the Pharmacists as retail liquor dealers, inasmuch as the Pharmacist is a public servant in the capacity of supplying medicine, while under the law he is made to appear as a bonded distributor of spirituous liquors as a medicine only, and not for beverage purposes, and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue at Washington, to the Collector of Internal Revenue in the 23rd District of Pennsylvania and to the public press.

The action of the 1919 meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association in extending an invitation to all returned soldiers and sailors who are identified with pharmacy to become affiliated with the Association, without payment of dues for the first year, was heartily endorsed, and the secretary instructed to secure additional application blanks. Dr. Koch agreed to give this invitation wide publicity for the reason that it will give a large number of pharmacists an insight into the valuable work of the Association, and thus cause them to continue in affiliation. A motion then prevailed that a committee consisting of five members with A. E. Baier as Chairman, he being a present A. Ph. A. member and a returned soldier, to secure the names of all returned soldiers and sailors who have seen service and are identified with pharmacy and secure their application for membership.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following nominees: *President*, Leasure

K. Darbaker; *Vice-President*, A. E. Baier; *Secretary*, B. E. Pritchard; *Treasurer*, P. Henry Utech. The report was accepted and the Secretary empowered to cast the ballot for their election.

After the regular business was concluded, Jacob Winters, a student of the College of Pharmacy and a returned soldier, entertained the meeting with a series of interesting views of high spots in and about Paris, as well as many snap shot pictures taken by his own camera of scenes on the battlefield, No Man's Land and in the trenches. The courtesy was greatly appreciated.

President Darbaker announced his intention of holding regular meetings hereafter and requested the cooperation of everybody interested in making the proceedings interesting and instructive.

B. E. PRITCHARD, *Secretary*.

#### ST. LOUIS.

The October meeting of the St. Louis Branch A. Ph. A. was called to order at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, October 12 at 8:15 P.M. Vice-President B. H. St. John officiated.

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted without amendment.

Motion was made by Mr. Noble and seconded by Mr. Vogler that the President be empowered to appoint a committee to formulate a set of laws for the guidance and regulation of this branch, which, however, must not conflict with the by-laws and regulations of the parent organization. The motion was adopted and the President accordingly appointed. Dr. H. M. Whelpley, *Chairman*, and Mr. L. G. Blakeslee associate member of the Committee on By-Laws.

The following applications for membership were turned over to the Secretary to be sent to the American Pharmaceutical Association for approval: M. Ebbert Webber, 5630 Pershing Ave., and Albert Milton Allen, 4930 Fountain Ave.

L. G. Blakeslee gave a short talk on some of the difficulties encountered in the present methods of guaiacol carbonate. He terminated his talk by leaving open for discussion; the question as to whether the granular precipitate which is found after standing for some time in some of the American-made guaiacol carbonate is the therapeutically active ingredient or whether the remaining liquid is

the active part of this preparation. The discussion which followed was not conclusive enough to decide which of the two portions is the active ingredient.

The second paper of the evening was read by H. A. Vogler and dealt with the "Manufacture of Toxic Gases at Edgewood Arsenal." He outlined the present methods of manufacture and yields of the more important gases used in the recent World War. Mr. Vogler also mentioned the living conditions surrounding the plant and the many dangers connected with the manufacture of these gases.

Before adjournment, Thursday, November 20, was selected as the date for the next meeting.

LESLIE E. PRICHARD, *Secretary*.

The November meeting of the St. Louis Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held in the Matera Medica Lecture Hall of the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, Thursday evening, November 20, 1919.

The first part of the meeting was devoted to an address by Dr. Gaston DuBois of the Monsanto Chemical Co. on Saccharin. The speaker outlined the many aspects from which saccharin is viewed which included the federal, chemical, commercial and public view-points.

Many citations were made of the existing laws, decisions and reversions of the courts in various parts of the country. The speaker concluded his address by stating his personal opinion, which primarily was, "that although saccharin is officially declared to be a drug by the official definition of the word drug, since it appears in the U. S. P., it is, nevertheless, a condiment and is intended to be used for that purpose the same as many other condiments and flavoring substances, such as cloves, cinnamon, salt, nutmeg and sugar are used, which are drugs since they are recognized in the U. S. P. These drugs, just named, are considered harmless in the general sense and are used mainly as flavoring substances and are not taken into the system for their food value and since saccharin is a condiment why is the legitimate use of it not permitted?"

A lengthy discussion followed which pointed out many valuable commercial and scientific uses in which saccharin could be employed. After the discussion a vote of thanks was tendered the speaker.

The second paper of the evening "Some Phases of Modern Pharmacy" by Dr. Francis

Hemm of the St. Louis College of Pharmacy was postponed, at his own suggestion, since the time was becoming short, until the December meeting.

It was moved, seconded and carried that Dr. Hemm be thanked for his courtesy and that he read his paper at the following meeting. By way of comment, Dr. Hemm said, the paper was of more importance to the retail pharmacist than to any other, and that he would discuss and suggest many changes in the next revision of the U. S. P. of material interest to the retail pharmacist.

The reading of the minutes of the October meeting followed, which were approved.

The names of ten new members were read and the members introduced.

The Chairman of the Committee on By-Laws, Dr. H. M. Whelpley, submitted the following set of By-Laws for adoption by the Branch:

#### BY-LAWS OF ST. LOUIS BRANCH, A.P.H.A.

##### PREAMBLE.

In order to more fully realize the benefits of membership in the American Pharmaceutical Association and to more actively pursue and accomplish the objects for which the Association was founded, we, the undersigned members of the American Pharmaceutical Association, hereby constitute ourselves into a local branch of the Association, to be known as the St. Louis Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

This branch hereby accepts for its guidance and declares its adherence to the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Pharmaceutical Association, now in force and however amended in the future.

##### BY-LAWS.

###### Article 1.—*Members.*

Section 1.—This Branch shall consist of active and associate members.

Section 2.—The active members of the Branch shall consist of those members of the American Pharmaceutical Association residing within the jurisdiction of this Branch who signify their intention of adhering strictly to the provisions enumerated in the preamble and in the by-laws of this Branch.

Section 3.—All other members of the American Pharmaceutical Association, residing in this vicinity, and all other persons who are interested in pharmacy who so request it, shall be classed as associate members, but they shall not have the right to vote.

###### Article 2.—*Officers.*

Section 1.—The officers of this Branch shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer. They shall be elected by ballot at the December meeting, each year. Any vacancy, occurring during the year, shall be filled by election at the next regular meeting or at a special meeting of the Branch called for the purpose.

###### Article 3.—*Committees.*

The standing committees of this Branch shall be:

Section 1. On Program.—To consist of three members whose duty shall be to secure and arrange for the presentation of scientific papers at the regular meetings.

Section 2. On Membership.—To consist of three members.

Section 3. On Professional Relations.—To consist of three members.

Section 4. On Education and Legislation.—To consist of five members.

Section 5. Executive.—To consist of the officers of the Branch and chairmen of the four standing committees. The vice-president of the Branch shall be chairman of this committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to formulate the policy for the Branch and plans to carry into effect the objects for which the Branch was organized, and to audit and authorize payment of all bills presented to the Branch. Four members shall constitute a quorum.

###### Article 4.—*Meetings.*

Section 1.—Meetings shall be held on the third Thursday of each month from October to May inclusive. Special meetings may be called by the president, the executive committee or by the secretary on petition of five active members of the Branch. Ten members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings and, unless a count is demanded, a quorum shall be considered present.

###### Article 5.—*Duties of Officers.*

Section 1.—The president shall preside at all meetings of the Branch; appoint all committees; and any other duties naturally incumbent on the office.

Section 2.—The vice-president shall be chairman of the Executive Committee and shall perform the duties of the president during his absence.

Section 3.—The secretary shall keep correct minutes of the meetings of the Branch and

of the Executive Committee; carry on all correspondence for the Branch; preserve all records and papers belonging to the Branch; shall send reports of the meetings to the pharmaceutical journals and other publications designated by the Executive Committee. He shall notify each member of the Branch at least one week in advance, when practicable, of the time and place of each meeting.

Section 4.—The treasurer shall collect and take charge of all funds of the Branch and shall sign and issue receipts for the same. He shall pay no money except on vouchers authorized by the Executive Committee. He shall present an accurate statement of his accounts at the December meeting of each year that they may be audited by a special committee appointed by the president for the purpose. He shall be reimbursed for all expenses incident to the duties of his office.

Article 6.—*Order of Business.*

(1) Scientific business; (2) reading of the minutes of the previous stated meeting; (3) introduction of new members; (4) nominations and elections; (5) unfinished or deferred business; (6) new business. Adjournment.

Article 7.—*Amendment of By-Laws.*

“Section 1.—These by-laws may be amended only when the proposed change is presented in writing at a preceding meeting, and by vote of three-fourths of the members present.

After considerable discussion the By-Laws submitted were adopted with the exception of the following paragraph, which was directed to be brought up during the December meeting according to Article 7, Section 1.

“Article 5.—*Annual Dues.*

Section 1.—Each active member shall pay one dollar annually, as dues, to the treasurer. No member who is in arrears for dues for the year just preceding the August meeting shall be entitled to vote or be eligible for any office.”

A motion was made, seconded and carried, that the secretary submit to the members in the form of a return voting card requesting the members to signify which time of day, 4 P.M. or 8 P.M. they think would be more suitable to the retail pharmacists.

The meeting was adjourned under regular procedure until December 18.

LESLIE E. PRICHARD, *Secretary.*

## COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. P. H. A. COUNCIL LETTER NO. 8.

PHILADELPHIA, November 28, 1919.

To the Members of the Council:

*Motion No. 9 (Election of Atlanta Representative of Committee on Transportation), Motion No. 10 (Appropriation of \$500 to War Veterans Section) and Motion No. 11 (Donation of Year Books and Journals to University of Bern),* have each received a majority of affirmative votes.

Leonard A. Seltzer, Secretary of the Committee on National Formulary, advises that:

“As the result of the ballot taken by the new Committee on National Formulary, the following officers were elected: Chairman, Wilbur L. Scoville; Vice-Chairman, George M. Beringer; Secretary, Leonard A. Seltzer.”

*Motion No. 12 (Election of Active Members).* You are requested to vote on the following applications for active membership:

No. 39. Martin J. Noll, 5591 Vernon Ave., St. Louis, Mo., rec. by H. M. Whelpley and J. C. Falk.

No. 40. Albert Milton Allen, 4930 Fountain Ave., St. Louis, Mo., rec. by H. M. Whelpley and B. H. St. John.

No. 41. M. Ebbert Webber, 5630 Pershing Ave., St. Louis, Mo., rec. by B. H. St. John and H. M. Whelpley.

No. 42. Elmer H. Wirth, cr. F. F. Ingram Co., Detroit, Mich., rec. by F. F. Ingram, Jr. and E. J. Starwalt.

No. 43. Fabian Joseph Catalano, 2336 E. 40th St., Cleveland, O., rec. by H. E. Mitchell and Edward Spease.

No. 44. Clio Silverlain Moser, Guka, Miss., rec. by H. M. Faser and Wm. B. Day.

No. 45. Selma Louise Brooks, 130 W. Govan St., Grenada, Miss., rec. by H. M. Faser and Wm. B. Day.

No. 46. Adele Stigler, 339 North Main St., Yazoo City, Miss., rec. by H. M. Faser and Wm. B. Day.

No. 47. Malcolm Hillard McMullan, Mize, Miss., rec. by H. M. Faser and Wm. B. Day.