

COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. PH. A. COUNCIL LETTER NO. 7.

(Abstract.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 18, 1920.

34. *Results of vote of the A. Ph. A. on the election of officers, etc.*—The following officers have been elected: *President*, Samuel L. Hilton, Washington, D. C.; *First Vice-President*, Chas. E. Caspari, St. Louis, Mo.; *Second Vice-President*, David F. Jones, Watertown, S. D.; *Third Vice-President*, Hugo H. Schaefer, New York City. *Members of the Council*, Henry M. Whelpley, St. Louis, Mo., George M. Beringer, Camden, N. J., John G. Godding, Boston, Mass.

Referendum ballot: The raising of dues to \$7.50 per annum and continuing JOURNAL and Year Book was carried.

35. *Election of the Local Secretary (see Item 32)*—*Result of vote.*—Mr. Geo. W. McDuff, of New Orleans, has received a majority of affirmative votes for Local Secretary and is therefore duly elected to this office for the period 1920-1921.

36. *Election of active members—Result of vote.* Motion No. 33 (Applications Nos. 204 to 244, inclusive, for active membership) has received a majority of affirmative votes.

37. *Election of a Chairman of the Commercial Section of the A. Ph. A. due to the departure of Prof. C. O. Lee for China.*—Under date of October 30, 1920, Secretary Day writes from Chicago, as follows:

"Professor C. O. Lee, Chairman of the Commercial Section of the A. Ph. A., has resigned from the faculty of the Purdue University School of Pharmacy and has gone to China. I have not heard from him directly, but had word through Dean Jordan, of the Purdue School of Pharmacy. Dean Jordan calls attention to the fact that it will be impossible for Professor Lee to serve as Chairman of the Section and that Professor Lee has stated that he desires to be relieved from this duty.

"I have corresponded with Secretary Chas. W. Holzhauser, of the Commercial Section, and Mr. Holzhauser now informs me that after consultation with his associates, Mr. Adam Wirth, of New Orleans, is recommended to the Council for appointment as Chairman of the Section. Will you propose Mr. Wirth's name to the Council for election with this recommendation?"

In compliance with Prof. Day's request, your Secretary takes pleasure in nominating Mr. Adam Wirth, of New Orleans, for Chairman of the Commercial Section. If there are no objections raised, the nominations will be considered closed and you are requested to vote on the election of the Chairman at this time.

38. *Appropriation for the Drug Trade Board of Public Information.*—Under date of Nov. 13, 1920, Secretary Day writes from Chicago, as follows:

"At the fifth session of the Council, held in Washington, May 10 (see JOURNAL OF THE A. PH. A., June 1920, p. 645) on motion of R. P. Fischelis, seconded by F. E. Stewart, an appropriation of \$150 was made for the work of the Drug Trade Board of Public Information for 1921. There had previously been made an appropriation of \$50 for the same purpose (see JOURNAL OF THE A. PH. A., June 1920, page 634, motion No. 51).

"It was evidently the intention of the Council that this appropriation should cover the Association year from meeting to meeting, and it was an oversight to specify for 1921. I move, therefore, a correction of the minutes to strike out the words '1921.' This leaves the appropriation in a position where it can be used without restriction. As a matter of fact, the Drug Trade Board of Public Information has already presented a bill for the annual contribution due from the American Pharmaceutical Association amounting to \$200 and a voucher has already been drawn for that amount. I have consulted with Treasurer Whelpley and Chairman Koch of the Finance Committee. They both agree with me that the intention of the Council was as above stated.

"The motion is seconded by Treasurer H. M. Whelpley."

39. *Election of active members.*—You are requested to vote on the following applications for active membership:

No. 245, Louis Nathan Blaustein, 2300 W. Oxford St., Philadelphia, Pa., S. and S. member; No. 246, Clarence K. Wagner, 350 S. Third St., Lehighton, Pa., S. and S. member; No. 247, William August Wörner, 801 Canal St., New Orleans, La.; No. 248, Ira J. Smith, 187 Indiana Ave., Hammond, Ind., S. and S.

member; No. 249, Clarence Sather, 602 E. Market St., Iowa City, Iowa; No. 250, Frank Neal Britcher, 211 Locust St., Hanover, Pa., S. and S. member; No. 251, Harold Adam Shoemaker, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla., S. and S. member; No. 252, Vivian K. Commons, 2430 University Ave., New York, N. Y.; No. 253, John A. Dorjahn, 152 High St., Blue Island, Ill.; No. 254, Samuel Morris Kreisser, 65 Sagamore St., Lynn, Mass., S. and S. member; No. 255, Oswald Rudolph Carlander, 1029 East 68th St., Seattle, Wash., S. and S. member; No. 256, William J. Macsata, 115 W. 68th St., New York, N. Y.; No. 257, Jerry McQuade, 25 City Hall Place, New York, N. Y.; No. 258, Goldie Esther Snyder, 2905 Center Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.; No. 259, Ralph Alfred Kuhn, Main Street, Irwin, Pa.;

No. 260, Paul Hanson Ross, 231 Grove Ave., Ridgway, Pa.; No. 261, Robert Stephen O'Brien, 545 Wm. Penn Place, Pittsburgh, Pa.; No. 262, Mrs. Helen Edna Nied, 1229 Columbus Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.; No. 263, Roscoe O. Raiter, Cloquet Ave., Cloquet, Minn.; No. 264, Rafael Rivera, P. O. Box No. 20, Caracas, Venezuela, S. A., S. and S. member; No. 265, George Thomas Overstreet, 811 S. Francis St., Terrell, Texas; No. 266, Arthur E. Anderson, 39 Myrtle St., Jamestown, N. Y., S. and S. member; No. 267, Nathan Tischelman, 1 Willett St., New York, N. Y.; No. 268, F. Arthur Patty, 334 East 54th St., Seattle, Wash., S. and S. member; No. 269, Charles Dunsmore Fox, 106 Kirk Ave., Roanoke, Va.

A. G. DUMÉZ,
Secretary.

MORE TRUTH ABOUT SACCHARIN.*

"The proponents of the use of saccharin as a substitute of sugar have doubtless detected in a recent publication¹ an unusual opportunity to promote their efforts in the defense of the chemical. The assertion was there made that the ingestion of saccharin, as shown by animal experiments, produces a large increase in the content of catalase in the blood. Since the function of facilitating oxidations in the body has repeatedly been attributed by the same investigator to this enzyme, it is a ready inference that saccharin has a beneficial action on the body. This has been particularly emphasized for the diabetic. It has been pointed out repeatedly, however, that the alleged function of catalase in the body remains both improbable and unproved. De-

spite the enormous doses of saccharin used, Stehle² of the University of Pennsylvania was unable to duplicate the effects claimed; and now Becht³ of the Northwestern University Medical School has likewise contributed the results of elaborate series of investigations which serve to remove the illusion about saccharin[•] that may have crept abroad. Saccharin is neither a food nor a potent drug. Its usefulness in dictotherapy is limited to the function of taste; to increase its use aside from this restricted scope would be a misfortune as, indeed, it often is a fraud."

² R. L. Stehle, "Some Data concerning the Alleged Relation of Catalase to Animal Oxidations," *J. Biol. Chem.*, 39, 403, 1919.

³ F. C. Becht, "The Influence of Saccharin on the Catalases of the Blood," *J. Pharmacol. & Exper. Therap.*, 16, 155, 1920.

* "Editorial Comment," *Journal A. M. A.*

¹ W. E. Burge, *Science*, 47, 549, 1918.