

E. F. KELLY, First Vice-President: I shall be glad to heartily support Chairman Hilton in making his administration a decided success. I am very optimistic about the future of the House of Delegates. I believe in this matter of federation and that the House of Delegates will justify its existence very fully. I thank you.

(The Second Vice-President, E. L. Newcomb, was not present in the convention hall.)

SECRETARY HOSTMANN. I want to assure you that I have the House of Delegates very very close to my heart. I might call attention to the fact that this is the first year that we do not have to tinker with our by-laws. Our by-laws after nine years are finally in what appear to be a workable shape. I think there are some present who would like to see the day when this House of Delegates will be an entirely different body from what it is. Sentiment is gradually crystallizing toward the view that our Association must become, if it wants to accomplish anything, a delegate body, pure and simple; that is what it should be, and the House of Delegates that we now have is simply leading up to that idea. I am sure every thinking member must realize that. If that is ever accomplished, I do not think we will need any clubbing plan like the one that we are going to work on. The clubbing plan is simply a go-between, just as this House of Delegates is an intermediary between the old organization or form of organization of the A. Ph. A. and the coming organization, which must be a delegate body. It cannot be any thing else, if we want to accomplish anything. The day will come when we will not have 15 or 16 associations in a large city. There may be district organizations, but they will be just as the branches, or as the county units of the A. M. A. are to-day. There probably will be local associations, just the same as you have local medical associations, practitioners' clubs, and so on, but they are simply for local purposes. I hope there are a great many of us present who will live to see the day when the work begun by the pioneers in this House of Delegates will finally result in placing organized American Pharmacy where it belongs, and where it is going to be before we get through. I thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: If there is no further business, a motion to adjourn is in order, with the proviso for a meeting subject to the call of the Chair.

A motion was made accordingly, seconded and carried.

In attendance at the first session were 28 delegates, representing 22 State associations and 35 delegates representing non-voting associations; at the second session, 19 voting and 37 non-voting delegates were present.

SOME LABELS FOR GODFREY'S CORDIAL, BATEMAN'S DROPS AND TURLINGTON'S BALSAM REQUIRE IMMEDIATE REVISION, AND PROMPT ACTION IS NECESSARY TO AVOID PROSECUTION.

The Pure Food and Drugs Department has advised the drug trade that some of the labels or wrappers of Godfrey's Cordial, Bateman's Drops and Turlington's Balsam are not in conformity with the law and therefore such preparations are misbranded. While the Bureau cannot give assurance that stocks in the hands of jobbers or retailers bearing objectionable labeling will not be interfered with, the opinion seems to prevail that if the labels and wrappers around these preparations are immediately discontinued, and the Bureau of Chemistry advised of that fact, no further action will be taken. Failure to act promptly, however, will submit offenders to prosecution without further notice, as the Bureau has already gathered the necessary evidence as to the misbranding of the preparations referred to.

There is no question but that the literature accompanying the preparations referred to is in violation of the law, but the manufacturers and dealers have given little attention to this printed matter. This, however, does not excuse them.

We are not informed as to the extent to which the old style of labeling and wrapping has been continued, and this is of course simply to advise those who have neglected compliance in regard to these preparations.

There is another point of value in this connection, and that is, the Bureau of Chemistry will very likely be guided in future action relative to other preparations by the net results of this experiment in reforming abuses without resorting to the drastic methods which the law makes available to the authorities.