

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.

BALTIMORE.

The regular monthly meeting of the Baltimore Branch was held April 21, President C. C. Neal presiding. As this will likely be the last meeting of the Branch until Fall, it was decided not to elect the secretary for the present to succeed the late Dr. Frontis Lentz.

Dr. J. F. Hancock, by request, presented the membership campaign plan advocated by Dr. E. L. Newcomb. The plan and its probable effect upon the A. Ph. A. was very generally discussed and upon motion of Mr. J. B. Thomas the Branch went on record as advocating a very serious study of the plan at the coming meeting of the A. Ph. A.

Council Representative, E. F. Kelly, then briefly outlined for the benefit of the members the several important questions recently considered by the Executive Committee of the Council and which it is hoped will be finally acted upon at the coming meeting of the A. Ph. A.

Dr. Hermann Engelhardt, member of the N. F. Revision Committee, discussed the plans for the coming revision of the National Formulary.

E. F. KELLY,
Secretary, pro-tem.

CHICAGO.

The 110th regular meeting of the Chicago Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held at the Hotel LaSalle, Friday evening, April 23, at 8.00 o'clock, with a good attendance of members and friends.

President Clark presided. The Membership Committee reported twenty-six new members, and stated that at least as many more were expected before the annual meeting of the Association in May.

A donation of \$115.29 for the expenses of the Branch, from the Entertainment Committee of the Chicago Convention (1918) of the A. Ph. A., was received with thanks.

The report of the committee on the Newcomb plan for increasing the membership of the A. Ph. A. and N. A. R. D. was received and the following motion was offered and unanimously adopted:

Moved, That the Chicago Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association, assembled in regular monthly meeting, indorse the plan submitted by Dr. E. L. Newcomb, proposing an extensive campaign to increase the membership of the A. Ph. A., the N. A. R. D. and the State Associations, and that the Executive Committees of the associations concerned be asked to give the plan their earnest consideration.

It was suggested that, as the financial liability to be assumed by the associations might deter or prohibit the adoption of the plan, an advertising company or agency might be invited to serve as the Advertising Bureau in coöperation with the Central Committee and to underwrite financially the whole plan. In the discussion on this motion Secretary Day stated that the raising of the money to put the plan in operation appears to be the nub of the matter, and questioned whether the A. Ph. A. would be in a position to appropriate \$15,000 for this purpose.

Dr. Fantus suggested that in order to hold such an increased membership great changes in the JOURNAL would be required so as to make it of a more popular character. He suggested that a scientific JOURNAL be published by the Association to care for the great mass of highly technical scientific papers, and that only those of a popular character be included in the regular JOURNAL.

Professor Wisner stated that he believed such a large and sudden increase in the membership as suggested might be considered an unhealthy growth, and that the Association would be better off in the long run by depending upon a normal healthy growth, aiming

especially to bring in the young men and women from our colleges of pharmacy.

Mr. William Gray raised the question as to how much the Association wants to grow. Shall we be contented to restrict our membership to those largely, or exclusively, interested in purely scientific pharmacy, or shall we aim to popularize the Association and seek the mass of American druggists?

Mr. H. N. Bruun said, "Let us make sure as to what we have to offer the retail pharmacist and whether our offering really appeals to him or satisfies his needs." Mrs. H. E. Carpenter, of Valparaiso, Ind., emphatically called upon the Association to strike while the iron is hot stating that now is the favorable time to get after an increased membership. Make the public realize that pharmacy is an essential and indispensable profession.

Mr. Sidney Schmidt called upon the Association to impress public officials and the general public with the real value to the public of highly trained professional pharmacists. He pointed out how the N. A. R. D., with its steadily enlarging membership, already was able to exert a powerful influence in legislative matters.

Secretary Gathercoal offered the following resolution, which was approved by the Branch:

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, The Executive Committee of the Council, in session at St. Louis, January 31, recommended to the Council that the annual dues be increased from \$5.00 to \$7.50, and

Whereas, It is the sense of this meeting of the Chicago Branch, in regular monthly session, that such general increase would be detrimental to the best interests of the Association; therefore,

Be it Resolved, That we recommend to the Council that no increase be made in the general dues but that the giving of the Year Book annually to each member be discontinued and that the Year Book be offered for sale to the members of the Association at \$2.50 per volume, which is at a discount of \$1.50 upon the regular price of \$4.00 now established to non-members, and that our Council representative be requested to present this recommendation to the Council in its sessions at Washington, or that the dues remain at \$5.00 without the Year Book and be increased to \$7.50 with the Year Book.

In the discussion of this resolution Professor Day pointed out that he realizes that no member of the Association personally wishes an

increase of the dues, but the fact remains that "we need the money" to keep the Association from running behind. He agreed that such an increase might almost defeat itself at first by the loss of members that might ensue, and that the suggestion contained in the resolution for limiting the distribution of the Year Book to those who were willing to pay an additional \$2.50 might be just as satisfactory to the Association from a financial standpoint. Other members spoke in favor of the resolution and the general expression of opinion seems to be that this proposition was the most feasible one to solve the financial problems of the Association.

General Secretary Day inquired as to who were planning to attend the Washington meetings, and found that at least sixteen members of the Branch would be in Washington for the meetings.

E. N. GATHERCOAL, *Secretary*.

DETROIT.

The meeting of the Detroit Branch, A. Ph. A., was called to order by President Jones at 8 P.M., Friday, April 9, in the Y. M. C. A. Technical School Building.

A motion was made by Mr. Chase and duly seconded that the May meeting be postponed one week. The reason being due to conflicting dates of the Detroit Branch and the National meeting in Washington. Carried.

The May meeting being the last meeting of the year, President Jones appointed Messrs. Scoville, Mann and Schettler to act as a nominating committee for officers of the ensuing year.

The paper of the evening was read by Professor Jones on "Dyes and their Application." He gave a very interesting and educational lecture on all the different phases, explaining in minute detail the basic dye, acid dye, direct dye, and mordanting. This was accompanied by actual demonstration showing examples of dyes coloring wool and silk and not cotton, and *vice versa*. Another very interesting demonstration was the different coloring obtained by the addition of phenol, resorcinol and beta naphthol to a dye.

The art of dyeing textiles and different methods used was shown by demonstration.

At the close of the paper a general discussion followed in which Mr. Schettler spoke on the different dyes which were being used in the practice of medicine.

C. B. WASHBURN, *Temporary Secretary*.

NEBRASKA.

The April meeting (26th) of the Nebraska Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held in the library of the College of Pharmacy of the University of Nebraska. The meeting was called to order by Dr. R. A. Lyman, who explained the aims and purposes of the organization. The following officers were elected:

President, A. V. Pease, of Fairbury; *First Vice-President*, Chas. Sherman, of Omaha; *Second Vice-President*, D. J. Fink, of Holdrege; *Third Vice-President*, L. W. McConnell, of McCook; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Albert Schneider, of Lincoln.

The officers-elect of the Branch were appointed a program committee and also the Executive Committee, with power to appoint other committees as may be desirable. A. V. Pease, Chas. Sherman and E. O. Haschenburger were appointed the membership committee. Dr. Rufus A. Lyman was appointed the delegate to the Council of the A. Ph. A. The regular meetings of the Branch will be monthly on the second Tuesday of each month, excepting that there will be no meeting in May and that the June meeting will be held in Omaha at the time of the meeting of the State Pharmaceutical Association. The monthly meetings will be held in Pharmacy Hall on the University Campus.

Brief addresses were made by Miss Elsie Day, Messrs. Pease, Haschenburger and others, and letters of regret from those who could not be present were read by Dr. Lyman, after which the following papers were presented by Dr. Albert Schneider:

A Preliminary Report on a Simplified Method for Determining the Phenol Coefficient of Disinfectants.

A Report on the Examination of Canned Olives and the Recent Poisoned Olive Scare.

A verbal report on the examination of hog remedies and cattle and condition powders in the Food and Drug Laboratory of the College of Pharmacy.

The reports elicited considerable discussion, after which the meeting was adjourned.

ALBERT SCHNEIDER, *Secretary*.

NORTHWESTERN.

On Wednesday, April 7, the Northwest Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association and the Minnesota State Pharmaceutical Association, met in joint session at the West Hotel, Minneapolis, to hear ad-

resses by Major A. V. Dalrymple, U. S. Prohibition Enforcement Officer for the Central Division, and Mr. J. G. Steenson, Federal Prohibition Enforcement Officer for the State of Minnesota. The meeting was preceded by a banquet.

Major Dalrymple stated that the Prohibition Law is constitutional. He laid stress on the point that liquor must not be kept in a residence connecting with a store where there is a private entrance from the store into the residence. Such liquor is technically liable to seizure and the owner is liable to prosecution. He mentioned that in Chicago about 40% of the saloon men have gone into the drug business with the idea of continuing to sell liquor to the public under the guise of medicines. He called upon the druggists and physicians present to help him in the enforcement of the law and gave it as his opinion that a man who will violate this law is no better than one who will issue spurious coin. Such a man is un-American and is nothing but a breeder of Bolshevism in this country.

Major Dalrymple said he was anxious to have every honest doctor and druggist take out his permit to supply necessary liquor for the sick. In his opinion it is an injustice to brand the druggist as a "retail liquor dealer" and tax him \$25.00 per year. He advocates a change in the name of "retail liquor dealer" and is prepared to do all in his power to take away that stigma. He proposes to use his best efforts to get Congress to impose a graduated tax, starting with say, \$1.00 or \$2.00 per year for the minimum number of prescriptions and increasing the tax according to the number of prescriptions filled.

In the discussion that ensued, it was stated that alcohol can now be medicated in advance and made ready for sale by one of the seven approved official formulas.

Druggists were advised that they might render the greatest service to the Department by seeing that each prescription is dated and cancelled by the prescription clerk at the time the prescription is filled.

Owing to the frequent changes that have taken place in the regulations affecting the enforcement of the Prohibition law, it is possible that here and there a druggist or a physician may have overstepped the bounds. In such cases, Major Dalrymple advises them to make report to the State Federal Office with an explanation of the circumstances, in which case further trouble would be avoided.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Major Dalrymple for his address.

Reporter's Note.—It is very questionable whether the advice of Major Dalrymple that all druggists and doctors should take out a license should be followed. This is altogether a matter of personal opinion and those physi-

cians and druggists who do not wish to be sponged upon by all the local politicians and would-be politicians would, in the writer's opinion, be well advised to leave the liquor business severely alone.

F. A. UPSHER SMITH,
Secretary-Treasurer.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

A PH. A. COUNCIL LETTER NO. 29.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 20, 1920.

To the Members of the Council:

Motion No. 34 (Election of Active Members; applications Nos. 202 to 213, inclusive) and (Motion No. 35, Election of Soldier and Sailor Members; applications Nos. 588 to 636, inclusive), have each received a majority vote.

H. V. Army writes:

"Mr. Beringer's Substitute,

"That the Council of the American Pharmaceutical Association approve the plan proposed by the Executive Committee for the formation of an American Pharmaceutical Research Endowment and that it instruct the Committee on Research of the A. Ph. A. to immediately take up the proposed plan for such an endowment with the various national pharmaceutical, drug and chemical organizations, and that it be considered as a part of the duty of this committee to perfect the organization, if possible, of such a Research Endowment.

"To my motion has been given my careful attention. If the substitute merely means the changing of the phraseology of my motion I have no objection, since Mr. Beringer's mastery of English is known to us all.

"But Mr. Beringer's reference to the Indianapolis meeting leads one to wonder whether his substitute is intended to re-open the proposition which he pressed at that meeting, the presentation by the A. Ph. A. of the net profits accruing from the National Formulary to a National Committee or Board of Trustees yet to be appointed.

"As this project was rejected by the Council at that time (see JOURNAL A. Ph. A., 6, 1917, 1099), I must respectfully decline to voluntarily accept his substitute motion if Mr. Beringer has this project still in mind.

"As to Mr. Beringer's contention that the Research Committee is restricted in its operations, may I point out that with the approval of the Council at the Chicago meeting (see

Journal A. Ph. A., 7, 1918, 909) the committee 'shall endeavor to promote research along pharmaceutical lines' which certainly gives it a broad scope of operations."

In Council Letter No. 25, H. V. Army made the following motion, which was seconded by Jeannot Hostmann. "That the Council refer the matter of an American Research Endowment to the A. Ph. A. committee on Research, with a request that said committee take up the matter immediately as a part of its present aim of securing coöperation through the medium of its proposed National Committee on Pharmaceutical Research."

In Council Letter No. 26, G. M. Beringer offered the following substitute motion, which was seconded by F. E. Stewart: "I will, therefore, move, as a substitute for the recommendation of the Council and amendment thereto, made by Prof. H. V. Army, the following: That the Council of the American Pharmaceutical Association approve the plan proposed by the Executive Committee for the formation of an American Pharmaceutical Research Endowment and that it instruct the Committee on Research of the A. Ph. A. to immediately take up the proposed plan for such an endowment with the various national pharmaceutical, drug and chemical organizations, and that it be considered as a part of the duty of this Committee to perfect the organization, if possible, of such a Research Endowment."

Action is now in order on the substitute motion of Mr. Beringer. Do you favor this motion? It will be regarded as *Motion No. 45 (Substitute Motion for Motion of H. V. Army of Council Letter No. 25)*.

Under date of March 10, Jeannot Hostmann writes:

"I believe that very excellent work is being done by those local branches that hold regular meetings—work that is of great value to the parent body. I believe that it is unfair that some members should be expected to