

Vicinity of Winona," by Prof. P. C. Myers of the Winona High School. This paper was illustrated with autochrome lantern slides. Something over forty medicinal plants were reviewed and about one-half that number illustrated with the lantern.

The College of Pharmacy exhibited about 250 of its more important medicinal plants. This exhibit aroused the interest of everyone present. The remarks concerning it were all in the superlative.

The next meeting will be held either in Minneapolis or St. Paul sometime during the winter.

F. J. WULLING, Secretary.



NASHVILLE BRANCH.

On Thursday, June 13, the regular monthly meeting of the Nashville Branch was held in Furman Hall, J. O. Burge presiding.

The election of officers was postponed until the next meeting in September. A resolution was passed recommending the passage by Congress of a bill entitled An Act to Promote the Efficiency of the Medical Department of the United States Army, being House Bill No. 22263 and Senate Bill No. 5725, which seeks to increase the rank and pay of pharmacists in the United States Army.

On motion of R. L. Eves, seconded by Dr. J. R. McDaniel, the President of the Branch was instructed to invite the American Pharmaceutical Association to meet in Nashville in 1913.

A committee was appointed to confer with the Tennessee Pharmaceutical Association at their next annual meeting July 9, at Chattanooga, in regard to its meeting here next year jointly with A. Ph. A., in case the A. Ph. A. decides to meet here.

The reports of Secretary W. R. White and Treasurer C. C. Young were received and approved.

"The Study and Identification of Crude Drugs" was the subject for discussion. A very large and rare collection of crude drugs were exhibited by Prof. E. A. Ruddiman, belonging to the Pharmacy Department of Vanderbilt University, which were extremely interesting and instructive.

The same subject, however, will be continued at the next meeting in September.

WILLIAM R. WHITE, Secretary.

Council Business

COUNCIL LETTER NO. 21.

PHILADELPHIA, June 24, 1912.

Members of the Council:

Motions 40 (New Record Book), No. 41 (Journalizing the Report on the Progress of Pharmacy), and No. 43 (Election of Applicants for Membership from Nos. 215 to 235 inclusive) have each received a majority of affirmative votes.

Motion No. 42 (Tentative Program for 1912 Annual Meeting) has brought forth requests for changes by the chairmen of Sections, and these changes will be made, and the program printed in an early issue of the JOURNAL.

With reference to *Motion No. 39 (Temporary Secretary of Scientific Section)*, the following has been received from George M. Beringer:

"In my desire to have the work of the Association proceed uninterrupted, I made a motion a short time ago that Professor F. P. Stroup be named as Secretary Pro Tem. of the Scientific Section, as Secretary Prof. C. H. LaWall found that he would not be able to attend the Denver meeting. In making this motion I overlooked the fact that the Section had already selected an associate who was in line of succession to carry on the work in the absence of any of its officers.

To correct this error I now desire to withdraw the name of Prof. F. P. Stroup as nominee for Secretary Pro Tem. and substitute the name of F. R. Eldred. This is done with the approval of Prof. Stroup and with a desire to straighten out the inadvertent error and so to avoid any misunderstanding."

Do you approve of substitution of name of F. R. Eldred for F. P. Stroup in *Motion No. 39*? This will be known as *Motion No. 44 (Temporary Secretary of Scientific Section)*.

The following communication has been sent by the Chairman of the Committee on Publication to the Members of this Committee:

PHILADELPHIA, June 14, 1912.

Committee on Publication:

GENTLEMEN—The Committee on Publication is charged with the duty of issuing for the Association its annual volume or Year Book.

The manuscript copy of the Report on the

Progress of Pharmacy (which constitutes the larger part of the Year Book) for the eighteen months ending December 31, 1911, is now in the hands of the General Secretary and under the best of conditions the book cannot be printed and distributed before the Annual Meeting in August.

At the Boston (1911) Meeting it was estimated that the Report on the Progress of Pharmacy for 1911 would cost \$2500. Later, the salary of the Reporter on the Progress of Pharmacy was increased \$450, making the probable cost about \$3000. Of this amount the expressage and postage was estimated at \$400. The probabilities are, however, that it will be over \$500, as the expressage and postage for the Proceedings was \$503.72 in 1907, \$602.12 in 1908, and \$684.90 in 1909. The Year Book will be smaller than the Proceedings and the expressage and postage should be, of course, somewhat less.

In Council Letter No. 20, Motion 41 (Journalizing the Report on the Progress of Pharmacy), Edward Kremers moved, seconded by A. H. Clark that "the Council reconsider at the Denver, 1912, Meeting the question of publishing the Report on the Progress of Pharmacy as a separate volume, and to add the money thus saved to the JOURNAL, which could just as well publish the abstracts and do this at a much earlier date. The Reporter on the Progress of Pharmacy could be added to the Editorial Staff of the JOURNAL."

This motion has received a majority of affirmative votes of the Council members, and but five negative votes.

The suggestion has been made that the Year Book for 1911 be printed in the last four issues of the JOURNAL for 1912 as a supplement to the regular issues. By so doing, not only could the expenses of binding and distributing in the ordinary form be saved, but the material would be in the hands of the members almost as quickly as if we went ahead according to the original plan. The matter would probably not amount to more than 400 or 500 pages of 8-point composition or about 100 pages additional in each of the last four issues, instead of 400 pages in a separate volume.

Then in 1913, the Report on the Progress of Pharmacy could be issued as a supplement to the JOURNAL in March, June, September and December, with the official data, etc., in the December number.

With reference to the Year Book, Editor Beal writes: "It would save a thousand dollars a year at the very least, and possibly two thousand, to publish the Report in the JOURNAL, and I feel that eventually this will be done. The argument in favor of the Report as a separate volume is mainly due to sentiment, and the question for us to decide is whether this sentiment is worth what it costs? While the cessation of the annual volume would be a detriment in some respects to the membership, the greatly enhanced value of the

JOURNAL, if the additional money were spent upon it, should I think more than offset it."

Dr. H. M. Whelpley writes: "I am inclined to feel that it is best to do away with the Year Book and publish everything in the JOURNAL. It looks to me now as if this would be a matter of great convenience as well as a saving of money. If you think best we might put the matter squarely before the Council. If we publish only one issue of the Year Book, it will indeed be an orphan, or rather without brothers and sisters."

Your Chairman presents this question to you, and asks your immediate consideration of the matter, so that if it is decided to place the matter before the Council it can be done at once.

This Committee has not the power of itself to decide the question. It was directed by the Association to publish the book in the early part of 1912. This, however, has been impossible because of the delay in receiving the manuscript.

Hence, the Committee must go ahead and issue the book unless the Council decide otherwise. The only thing to do, apparently, if a majority of the members of the Committee on Publication wish to journalize the Year Book, is to offer a motion in Council—the Executive body of the Association—stating that since numerous members of the Council have favored the motion of Dr. Kremers, and since it will be impossible to print the book before the Denver (1912) meeting in August, that the General Secretary be requested to withhold the matter from the printer until the subject can be more thoroughly considered at Denver.

Do you vote in favor of having such a motion submitted to the Council?

Very truly yours,

J. W. ENGLAND,

Chairman of Committee on Publication.

In response to this, the Committee, by a vote of seven in the affirmative to one in the negative, agreed to the motion.

Do you, as a member of the Council, favor the motion that the General Secretary of the Association be requested to withhold the matter for the Year Book (Report on the Progress of Pharmacy) for 1911 from the printer until the subject can be more thoroughly considered at the Denver (1912) meeting?

This motion will be regarded as *Motion No. 45 (Postponement of Publication of Year Book (Report on the Progress of Pharmacy) for 1911 until after the Denver (1912) meeting)*.

J. W. ENGLAND,
Secretary of the Council.

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