

greater cultural value, and yet the young men and women who are graduated by the school and thereby stamped with its approval have the right to expect that they shall also be able to qualify for the practice of pharmacy by passing the state examination. This condition will continue so long as the examination given by the board of pharmacy is the standard whereby the qualification for practice is finally determined. It therefore becomes necessary for the schools to consider the nature and scope of these board examinations in shaping their courses.

Whatever standards are established for schools of pharmacy, their reputation will be fixed and their usefulness judged by their fruits—their alumni. So let us not bind them too closely by material standards, of buildings, of equipment of libraries—important as these are, but let us also consider the use that is made of these advantages, the place which the school of pharmacy occupies in its community, the *esprit de corps* of its faculty and students, and the professional standing of its alumni.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LOCAL BRANCHES

"All papers presented to the Association and its branches shall become the property of the Association, with the understanding that they are not to be published in any other publication than those of the Association, except by consent of the Committee on Publication."—By-Laws, Chapter X, Art. III.

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. To maintain its activity and representation each branch should see that at least three of its meetings during the year are reported in the JOURNAL.

NORTHERN OHIO BRANCH.

A special meeting of the Northern Ohio Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held August 18, 1922. Chairman Eugene R. Selzer stated that the purpose of the called meeting was to consider the matter of making a donation to the Headquarters Fund of the A. Ph. A. Otto Muhlan moved that the sum of five hundred dollars be donated and presented while the Association was in session in Cleveland. The motion was seconded by W. H. Hagemester, put to a vote and carried unanimously. This being the special purpose for which the meeting was called, the session was adjourned.

EUGENE R. SELZER, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL BRANCHES.*

BY IVOR GRIFFITH, CHAIRMAN.

Frankness is the mouthpiece of honesty, and if frankness will make any amends for apathetic activity and for mediocre results,

* The report was received and approved at the Cleveland meeting, A. Ph. A.

this committee headed by its chairman and spokesman will submit a report that will at least stand on honest legs.

In point of accomplishment our record is not particularly scintillating. In keeping with the original function of the committee it is its business to aim at the establishment of new branches and to sustain the old. Establishing new branches is a physical impossibility under existing conditions, and sustaining the old is like feeding oxygen to a case of double pneumonia.

We endeavored at the outset of the year's program to discover just what branches were actually living up to their obligations in point of called meetings and other activities. Oddly enough we failed to obtain any encouragement or information from the major number of listed local organizations. From a few we received notices of marked activities and of a full understanding of their responsibilities. Others entirely disregarded our communications. Eight of the local branches seem to be functioning properly; the others flare up occasionally and show signs of life only to

simmer down again to a state of benevolent indifference.

An effort was made by communication with existing Branch officers to determine where the difficulties originated, and wherein the Local Branch idea might be bettered, but no co-operation was forthcoming except from a few of the officers.

The only information which came to me, and which seemed to be of value was that some success resulted from giving a social aspect to the Branch meetings. A few Branches gain a good attendance by convening after the fashion of the Chemical Society Branches, namely, with a combined dinner and meeting. It nevertheless seems paradoxical that science and professional progress need sugar coating to meet the tastes of some people, but if this condition exists then sugar coating is in order.

Gaining the support of the retail druggist is a problem that has dulled the ardor of many a Local Branch enthusiast and this committee frankly outlines its opinion in stating that the permanent enlistment of the interest of the average retail druggist cannot be secured under the present plan of conducting Local Branch meetings. Your committee respectfully acknowledges its inability to suggest means whereby the Branches can be constructively conducted and continue to interest the retail druggist.

It is held that the contemplated reorganization of the Association will alter the issue somewhat in regard to Local Branches. A premium is placed upon the sustained conduct of Branch meetings and Local Branches will not be eligible for representation in the new House unless certain conditions of membership and attendance are met. Such a plan is valuable providing the new Judicial Committee searches well into the credentials of delegates coming from Local Branches. Under the present system there are Local Branches which have long ago automatically extinguished themselves, but which seem to function in Council representation. This condition should not obtain under the new system.

The committee consistently opposed the elimination of the Local Branches under the proposed plan of reorganization and feels that the Council acted wisely and generously in perpetuating the Branches. It is quite conceivable that added interest and renewed vigor may come to the Branch idea through the adoption of the new plan of association conduct.

The Committee on Local Branches is composed of the following: L. Saalbach, R. W. Terry, C. W. Johnson, B. H. Eichold, Francis Hemm, E. S. Thatcher, F. E. Bibbins, Ivor Griffith.

BRIEF ABSTRACTS OF PAPERS READ BEFORE SCIENTIFIC SECTION, A. PH. A., CLEVELAND MEETING.

A GARDEN OF HERBS.

By C. A. Mayo.

A brief general discussion of the author's results in growing plants, predominantly of a medicinal character, on a city garden plot. "Even for the pharmacist of limited means and restricted leisure there is a possibility of great pleasure in the making of such a garden, and if he is fortunately located near woods he will find much interesting material among the indigenous drugs.

A BACK-YARD PHARMACEUTICAL GARDEN.

By E. E. Stanford.

The botanical garden of Western Reserve University School of Pharmacy was started in 1921 on a plot of about one-fifth acre immediately surrounding the school building. About 80 species of medicinal plants have thus far been cultivated. Special attention is being paid to the *Labiatae*. A collection of

indigenous medicinals is being built up. The work of planting, transplanting, and caring for the garden is done by students as a part of the laboratory courses in botany and pharmacognosy.

THE MEDICINAL AND POISONOUS PLANT INVESTIGATIONS GARDENS—THEIR RELATION TO THE SCHOOL OF PHARMACY, STATE COLLEGE AND TO THE COMMUNITY.

By Anton Hogstad, Jr.

Since the time of the introduction of the Medicinal and Poisonous Plant Investigations Gardens at the South Dakota State College, they have played an important part in the growth of the School of Pharmacy. The paper deals with the interest that has been created throughout the state in this project with the resulting benefits to the School of Pharmacy. The daily benefits to be derived from such a project are also discussed.