

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.

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#### 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.