

UNDERSTANDING THE NARCOTIC LAW.

The *Druggists' Circular* for November submits questions and answers relating to Narcotic Laws by Hugh O'Connor, former chief deputy, Narcotic Division, First California Internal Revenue District. The questions are all appli-

cable, and the answers are concise, but definite. MEDICAL EDUCATION—PROGRESS OF TWENTY-TWO YEARS.

Interesting statistics regarding medical education in the United States are published in the December number of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION HEAD-QUARTERS BUILDING FUND.

	Previously reported	\$6,741.90
No.		
156.	Dr. Willis G. Gregory, Buffalo, N. Y.	25.00
157	P. P. Vane, Washington, D. C. (Paid)	5.00
158.	E. J. Backus, Chicago, Ill. (Paid \$10.00)	25.00
159.	Dr. Frank B. Cain, Cincinnati, Ohio (Paid \$10.00)	100.00
160.	F. Wm. Stockhaus, Cleveland, Ohio (Paid)	5.00
161.	Chas. W. Ballard, Phar.D., New York, N. Y. (Paid)	25.00
	Total	\$6,926.90

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DRUG TRADE BUREAU OF PUBLIC INFORMATION.

The annual meeting of the Drug Trade Bureau of Public Information was held at the Hotel Washington, Washington, D. C., on Wednesday, December 6. The chairman of the Bureau, Dr. R. P. Fischelis, presided and Mr. C. H. Waterbury acted as secretary. The meeting was attended by delegates from all the national associations represented in the Board, as follows:

For the American Pharmaceutical Association, Robert P. Fischelis. For the National Association of Retail Druggists, Samuel C. Henry. For the American Pharmaceutical Mfrs. Association, Harry Noonan. For the American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties, E. F. Cook. For the National Association Boards of Pharmacy, H. C. Christensen. For the Proprietary Association, Harry Blair. For the National Wholesale Druggists' Association, C. H. Waterbury. For the American Drug Manufacturers' Association, A. Homer Smith.

In addition to these delegates the following were present and were extended the privilege of the floor: Dr. James H. Beal, Ambrose Hunsberger and J. F. Finneran.

The report of the chairman showed that a total of eleven (11) bulletins had been sent out during the preceding year and a very gratifying amount of publicity had been received in the newspapers of the country. He recommended that for the coming year provisions be made to issue at least 26 bulletins, and that the list of newspapers receiving these bulletins be increased from approximately 500 to approximately 1000. He also recommended that the work of issuing bulletins be simplified by the expenditure of sufficient funds to provide stencils and other mechanical equipment. All of these recommendations were adopted.

The secretary reported a comfortable balance on hand. A budget totaling about \$1800 for the work of the ensuing year was unanimously approved. The fiscal year of the organization was changed to extend from Dec. 1 to November 30, instead of from July 1 to June 30, as was the case.

It was further decided to hold the annual meeting immediately following the meeting of the National Drug Trade Conference at Washington, each year.

A general discussion of various publicity features confronting the different national associations represented in the Board which brought out much information for the future guidance of the chairman was participated in by all present.

The election of officers resulted in the reelection of Dr. R. P. Fischelis as president and director of the News Service and C. H. Waterbury as secretary-treasurer.

MEETING OF NATIONAL DRUG TRADE CONFERENCE.

The following delegates to the National Drug Trade Conference were present at the meeting in Washington, D. C., December 5, 1922: American Pharmaceutical Association—

J. C. Wallace, J. H. Beal and A. R. L. Dohme; National Wholesale Druggists' Association—W. L. Crounse, C. W. Whittlesey and A. H. Van Gorder; American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association—Harry Noonan, J. H. Foy and Carroll Dunham Smith; The Proprietary Association—H. B. Thompson, Joseph F. Hindes and Frank A. Blair; National Association Boards of Pharmacy—H. C. Christensen and W. T. Kerfoot, Jr.; American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties—E. F. Kelly, E. Fullerton Cook and W. F. Rudd; American Drug Manufacturers' Association—Horace W. Bigelow, J. C. Roberts and A. Homer Smith; National Association Retail Druggists—J. F. Finneran, Ambrose Hunsberger and Samuel C. Henry.

The privileges of the floor were extended to E. C. Brokmeyer, Robert P. Fischelis, C. H. Waterbury, F. E. Holliday, A. L. I. Winne, Samuel L. Hilton, J. Fred Windolph, A. G. DuMez and E. T. Stephenson.

PROPOSED MODEL FOR STATE NARCOTIC LAW.

The draft of the proposed model for State Narcotic Law* was read, and the following motion was carried: that—"this draft be referred to the respective organization members of this conference for their careful consideration and that they report back the bill with their recommendation to the National Drug Trade Conference, and also that they be advised not to actively advocate new state legislation upon narcotic drugs until sufficient time has been given for the accumulation of more accurate data regarding narcotic addiction, and the methods of appropriate narcotic drug control."

DELEGATION OF POWER TO PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE.

It was resolved, "that during the coming year the president of the conference be authorized to name representatives to speak for the conference in appearances before legislative or departmental bodies, or upon other appropriate occasions in matters of emergency not controversial among constituent members."

RESOLUTIONS ON NARCOTICS AND ALCOHOL.

Resolutions from the American Pharmaceutical Association¹ were read, and the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the President be authorized to appoint a committee, said committee to include the President, to present oral argu-

ments and submit briefs to the proper authorities on grievances and other important matters where such course, in the opinion of the committee, is necessary or advisable.

A resolution was passed endorsing the separation of functions of Prohibition Enforcement.¹ The Ernst-Wood¹ Prohibition Enforcement Bill was opposed and resolutions were adopted protesting against its enactment.

ADVISORY TRADE COMMITTEE TO COÖPERATE WITH THE PROHIBITION COMMISSIONER.

WHEREAS, on numerous occasions during the past year drastic and unnecessary regulations imposing unreasonable restrictions upon the industries employing alcohol as a raw material have been issued by the prohibition commissioner and upon appeals to the commissioner of internal revenue have been postponed, amended or revoked; and

WHEREAS, great confusion throughout the alcohol-using industries has been occasioned by these incidents which have also served to detract from the respect which law-abiding citizens should feel for the rulings of federal bureaus; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Internal Revenue be requested to appoint an advisory trade committee from the membership of the national associations in trades employing alcohol, to be nominated by the several associations, for purposes of consultation respecting the advisability and necessity of proposed regulations of importance to the alcohol-using trades, such consultation to take place in advance of the promulgation of the respective regulations to the end that the regulations issued shall be both reasonable and necessary and when promulgated shall remain permanently in force.

Standardization of Treasury Department Rulings was advocated, and resolutions adopted for submission to the Secretary of the Treasury and the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

RESOLUTIONS ON STANDARDS FOR WHISKY AND BRANDY.

Resolved, That the National Drug Trade Conference recommends that the committee of revision of the Pharmacopœia of the United States of America seriously consider the advisability of adopting appropriate pharmacopœial standards for whisky and brandy for strictly medicinal use.

* JOUR. A. PH. A., December 1922, p. 1067.

¹ *Ibid.*, December 1922, p. 866.

¹ JOUR. A. PH. A., November 1922, p. 978.

The Revision Committee is reminded of the fact that the members of the drug trade were made the official source of medicinal spirits in spite of the expressed protests of their national organizations, that the drug trade is confined by law to limited sources of supply, and is at present without any legal standards by means of which the proper quality of the spirits can be estimated and enforced.

It is also the opinion of this conference that the adoption of such legal standards as will bring these medicinal compounds within the scope of the Pure Food and Drugs Act will materially aid in the intelligent enforcement of the federal prohibition act by enabling the government to utilize the services of the experienced and highly efficient Bureau of Chemistry of the United States Department of Agriculture.

The Conference approved the protests made against the provisions T. D. 3398 by the industries using alcohol. Action taken vigorously protests and opposes any effort which now or hereafter may be made by the prohibition unit to exact any condition of forfeiture or liquidated damages in any form of bond which may be required to support permits.

RESOLUTIONS ON "AS IS" STANDARD FOR DRUGS.¹

"As is" standard for drugs was condemned as detrimental to the public health and in violation of the Federal Food and Drugs Act as approved June 30, 1906, as amended. Medicinals of standard quality should be so sold; those of inferior quality should be sold only to those who can utilize them; those that cannot be brought up to a proper standard should be destroyed.

Levy of special taxes by the Government on medicines and toilet articles in excess of the rate of taxation on other items.

The following modifications of existing narcotic regulations were recommended; these provisions follow: That—

1. The signature of the patient on the back of narcotic prescriptions will not be required.

2. Retail druggists be permitted to supply narcotics in original packages to physicians on official order forms without being compelled to register as wholesale dealers in narcotics.

3. Retail druggists be permitted to refill prescriptions containing codeine and the salts of codeine.

It was voted that an assessment of \$50.00 be levied on each association of the Conference, if

it should prove necessary to do so. Affiliation with the United States Chamber of Commerce was continued. Samuel L. Hilton was named councilor. President S. C. Henry was tendered a vote of thanks for the able and energetic manner in which he has handled the affairs of the Conference.

The following officers were elected:

President, Samuel C. Henry.

Vice-President, H. C. Christensen.

Secretary-Treasurer, A. Homer Smith.

Members of the Executive Committee:

President, S. C. Henry, of National Association of Retail Druggists; *Secretary*, A. Homer Smith, of American Drug Manufacturers' Association; American Pharmaceutical Association, J. H. Beal; National Wholesale Druggists' Association, C. Mahlon Kline; American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association, A. S. Burdick; The Proprietary Association, H. B. Thompson; National Association Boards of Pharmacy, W. T. Kerfoot, Jr.; American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties, E. F. Kelly.

ANNUAL MEETING OF BALTIMORE DRUG EXCHANGE.

The annual meeting of the Baltimore Drug Exchange was held December 7. Reports of the officers were made, and trade conditions of the year discussed. It was generally conceded that conditions were improving; much of the discussion centered on flavoring preparations, lack of uniformity in containers and labels.

A. Homer Smith, secretary of the American Drug Manufacturers' Association, spoke of alcohol and narcotics as offering two of the biggest problems confronting the drug trade to-day, and told about efforts to combat the enactment of ill-advised and mischievous legislation by Congress. He also told how much of this legislation originated, showing that it frequently emanated from some underling without the slightest understanding of the questions which such bills involved.

The officers of the Baltimore Drug Exchange are: *President*, Willoughby M. McCormick; *Vice-presidents*, John C. Muth and H. H. Robinson; *Secretary*, W. L. Lowry; *Treasurer*, James Owens; *Executive Board*, John C. Muth, H. H. Robinson, G. Frank Bailey, William A. Sailer and Parker Cook.

NEW YORK DRUG-CHEMICAL SQUARE CLUB HOLDS ITS ANNUAL MEETING.

The Drug and Chemical Square Club of New York held its annual meeting December

¹ JOUR. A. PH. A., December 1922, p. 1082.

5 in the Empire Room of the Waldorf-Astoria. There were present approximately 500. The Stars and Stripes were officially presented to the club by Thos. G. Breen. The flag bearing the official insignia of the club was officially presented by Norvin H. Rieser. A very inspiring tableau was presented when the flags were brought into the room by thirty U. S. Army officers in full dress, with Colonel Penn, the commanding officer of Governors Island, in

charge. The colors were presented and at the same time the "Star Spangled Banner" was sung by Miss Kennerly.

The following officers were elected to serve for the year 1923: President, Thos. R. Freebody (reelected); *Vice-presidents*, B. H. Badanes and Geo. W. Raymond; *Secretary*, W. B. Moore (reelected); *Treasurer*, I. Lazaroff (reelected); *Trustee for three years*, Ed Plaut.

OBITUARY.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN QUACKINBUSH.

Benjamin F. Quackinbush, proprietor of a drug store at 703 Greenwich Street, New York, died at his home at East Orange, N. J., December 28, aged sixty-seven years. The store in which the deceased had been at work since 1870 as clerk and proprietor, was established February 22, 1817.

The business has always been in the same block, but has been housed in three different buildings during the 105 years of its existence.

The founder of this historical establishment which at one time did a considerable amount of wholesale business, was also one of the founders of the College of Pharmacy of the City of New York. During his business career he had four partners, all kinsmen; first, his eldest son, Samuel H. Quackinbush; next, his son David, and a son-in-law, John H. Kendall. In 1875 the sons withdrew from the business and at the age of seventy-eight Mr. Quackinbush became the sole proprietor, remaining in charge until his death at the age of ninety. Benjamin F. Quackinbush was his grandson.

The deceased affiliated with the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1886. Data for this sketch have been taken from the *Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter*.

WILLIAM STEPHEN DISBROW.

We have been advised of the death of Dr. William Stephen Disbrow, member of the American Pharmaceutical Association, on December 26. Mr. Edward A. Sayre, who communicated the information, speaks of the deceased as a druggist who studied medicine and chemistry, and made a brilliant success in his undertakings. Dr. Disbrow joined the Association in 1915.

Professor Disbrow only recently retired from active service at the New Jersey College

of Pharmacy, after nearly thirty years of service as professor of microscopy and pharmacognosy. He was elected emeritus professor of the latter subjects. On December 6, a dinner was given in his honor by the trustees, faculty and alumni association of the institution which he had served so many years. President William O. Kuebler, of the college, presided at this function, and spoke in glowing terms of the record Dr. Disbrow had made. He was followed by Dean R. P. Fischelis, George Linnett, Prof. Adolph F. Marquier, Dr. P. E. Hommel, Dr. Edward J. Ill, and Editor Charles W. Parsons, all of whom added words of praise. A number of presentations were also made.

In addition to his work at the college Dr. Disbrow has been a prominent practicing physician and was for many years president of the Newark Board of Health. He was also instrumental in organizing the Newark Museum Association, which has, largely through his efforts, an unusually large collection of U. S. P. and N. F. drugs in the Newark Public Library, and, also, quite complete collections of precious stones, minerals and other objects of scientific interest.

MRS. CLARA J. ROSENGARTEN.

Mrs. Clara J. Rosengarten, wife of the late Harry B. Rosengarten, died at her home in Philadelphia, aged 78 years. Her husband, who died in February 1921, was president of the Powers-Weightman-Rosengarten Company. Mrs. Rosengarten leaves four sons, George D., Adolph G., Joseph G., Jr., and Frederic Rosengarten; two daughters, Mrs. Lewis Neilson and Mrs. W. W. Atterbury; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The sons are well and favorably known members of the American Pharmaceutical Association.