

The slides and lecture were appreciated by all present and the secretary was instructed to thank Dr. Mayo for his courtesy in sending them, and Messrs. Harrison and Eberle were thanked by the Branch for their part in the evening's program.

Jos. W. E. HARRISON, *Secretary*.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Professor E. V. Howell, writing relative to the organization of an A. Ph. A. Branch for the students of the University of North Carolina, states that the organization was responsive to the requests of the students, who had contemplated the formation of a pharmaceutical society. The suggestion to form a local branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association came from Professor E. V. Kyser. The latter requested that numbers of the *JOURNAL* be sent for distribution among the students, and this request was complied with. The organization meeting was held November 14. The following officers were elected: *President*, A. L. Hogan; *Vice-Presidents*, Sam Sowell and H. R. Laidlaw; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Almond P. Westbrook. A group picture of the organizers appears in this issue of the *JOURNAL*.

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18.

The University of North Carolina Local Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association met in Davie Hall, November 18. The meeting was called to order by the president, who then appointed the following committees: Executive—*Chairman*, J. L. Alderman; J. H. Kirby; H. E. Rees. Program—*Chairman*, E. V. Kyser; H. R. Totten; A. P. Westbrook. Pharmaceutical Progress—*Chairman*, W. L. West; E. L. Reaves. Membership—*Chairman*, L. M. Lamm; Sam Sowell; A. C. Wallace.

Abstractors: Miss M. E. Smith and C. R. Whitehead.

A motion was made and passed that each member be assessed twenty-five cents to purchase a record book and cover miscellaneous incidental expenses.

Then followed a very interesting illustrated lecture by Mr. E. V. Kyser on "The Collection and Distillation of Essential Oils." The lecture was followed by a display of finished essential oils and their synthetic homologues.

We thank Dr. Edward Kremers, dean of the Department of Pharmacy of the University of Wisconsin, who lent us his collection of slides on essential oils for this meeting.

A. L. HOGAN, *President*,

ALMOND P. WESTBROOK, *Secretary*.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. PH. A. COUNCIL LETTER NO. 9. (Abstract.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 29, 1923.

To the Members of the Council:

48. *Changes in the By-Laws of the Scientific Section.* Motion No. 14, approved.

49. *Changes in the Budget for 1923.* Motion No. 15, adopted.

50. *Applicants 109 to 165 elected to active membership.*

51. *Resignation of Council Representative of the St. Louis Branch.* Under date of December 26, 1922, Mr. J. M. Noble writes as follows:

"I have moved from St. Louis, Mo., to Jackson, Mich., so wish to resign as Council Member from the St. Louis Branch of the A. Ph. A."

52. (*Motion No. 17.*) *Motion to hold the first annual conference of the Executive Committees of the A. Ph. A. and N. A. R. D. at Asheville (see Item 26).* With further reference to the proposed conferences of the Executive Committees of the A. Ph. A. and N. A. R. D.,

Secretary Samuel C. Henry of the N. A. R. D. writes to Secretary Day, under date of January 5, 1923, as follows:

"With further reference to the proposed annual conferences of the executive committee of the American Pharmaceutical Association and the National Association of Retail Druggists, I am instructed to inform you that it will be entirely agreeable to the executive committee of the N. A. R. D. to have the first official conference of the two bodies at the time of the next annual meeting of the A. Ph. A. at Asheville, if such an arrangement would be most convenient and agreeable to the executive committee, of the A. Ph. A. In other words, we wish to leave with your committee the decision as to where the first official conference shall be held, at the same time assuring you that the decision of the A. Ph. A. committee, whatever it may be, will meet with the hearty approval of the executive committee of the N. A. R. D.

"Trusting your committee will decide this question as best suits its own convenience and pleasure and awaiting your further advice in the matter, I am,"

In forwarding this communication, Secretary Day makes the following comment:

"Although practically the entire Executive Committee of the National Association of Retail Druggists attended the Cleveland convention yet, as you know, they came as members of the American Pharmaceutical Association rather than as representatives of the National Association of Retail Druggists. For this reason, I believe that we are justified in assuming that the conference held at Cleveland last year was not the first official conference under the resolutions adopted by the A. Ph. A. at Cleveland and subsequently by the N. A. R. D. at Detroit in which an official conference at the annual meeting of one of the two bodies alternating each year was provided.

"I am glad to infer that Secretary Henry shares in this view and has generously and courteously offered, in behalf of the Executive Committee of his Association, to hold the first official conference of the two executive committees at Asheville next year."

It is moved by S. I. Hilton, seconded by A. G. DuMez, that the first official conference of the executive committees of the A. Ph. A. and the N. A. R. D. be held at Asheville, N. C., during the week of September 3, 1923.

53. *Status of Committee to represent pharmaceutical interests in the Division of Biology and Agriculture of the National Research Council (see Items 21 and 32).* Under date of January 3, 1923, F. R. Lillie, chairman of the Division of Biology and Agriculture of the National Research Council, writes to Prof. Youngken as follows:

"At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Division of Biology and Agriculture on December 16th the personnel of the committee on cooperation from the American Pharmaceutical Association was approved as submitted. Action on your request to constitute this a sub-committee on pharmaceutical botany and pharmacognosy was delayed pending further information. It has not been the custom in the Division to constitute committees of the Division from the committees on cooperation of the societies concerned for the reason that the purposes and functions of the two groups are necessarily different in certain respects. The Executive Committee felt,

therefore, first that the recommendation for the appointment of a committee on pharmaceutical botany and pharmacognosy should be supported with argument inasmuch as the Division is now moving toward reduction of committees rather than increase of their number; and in the second place if such committee were approved the question of personnel should be studied as a separate matter from that of the committee on cooperation of the Pharmaceutical Association. I think it can be found that the committee on cooperation will be sufficient to establish all useful contacts for the time being."

54. *Election of active members.* No. 166, John H. Becker, 12 Ely St., Rochester, N. Y.; No. 167, Vincent Christina, 161 East 72nd St., New York City; No. 168, Harry A. Reynolds, 656 West 204th St., New York City; No. 169, Saul Blair Schwartz, 1052 N. Lawndale Ave., Chicago, Ill.; No. 170, Orendorff Peterson, Williamsburg, Iowa; No. 171, Carl McDonald Thompson, Tower City, No. Dak.; No. 172, Edwin Nelson Browne, Edina, Missouri; No. 173, Joe Demain, Macksville, Kans.; No. 174, Neil T. Chamberlin, 2000 Hillsboro Road, Cleveland, Ohio; No. 175, E. Samson, 150-152 Maiden Lane, New York City; No. 176, George E. Amidon, Granton, Wisc.; No. 177, P. W. Gullord, Greenwood, Wisc.; No. 178, Charles W. Wolf, Thorp, Wisc.; No. 179, Judson Newell Davids, 246 S. Prospect Street, Marion, Ohio; No. 180, Reuben Richard Sloan, 509 North 10th St., Richmond, Va.; No. 181, Charles Livesay, Augusta, Wisc.; No. 182, Franklin Benjamin Wing, Abbotsford, Wisc.; No. 183, Victor Clyde Michels, Springfield, Ill.; No. 184, Peres Alvin Dix, 534-15th St. North, Seattle, Wash.; No. 185, Sheldon Charles Meyers, 2002 14th Ave. South, Seattle, Wash.; No. 186, Iva Marie Gustafson, Louis Hall, Univ. of Washington; No. 187, Homer Orion Zumwalt, 5637 Brooklyn Ave., Seattle, Wash.; No. 188, Rachel Alice Welsh, 5035 19th Ave. N. E., Seattle, Wash.; No. 189, Arnold John Lehman, 223 Liberty Court Apts., Seattle, Wash.; No. 190, Marie Annette Hardinger, 214 Summit Ave. North, Seattle, Wash.; No. 191, Mildred T. Leonard, Pomeroy, Wash.; No. 192, Linus Jones, Western Reserve Univ., Cleveland, Ohio; No. 193, Howard M. Zirwes, 7205 Wentworth Ave., Chicago, Ill.; No. 194, I. Paul Griggs, 1431 Boulevard of the Allies, c/o College of Pharmacy, Pittsburgh, Pa.; No. 195, Helen Van Ness Pratt, 5221 12th Ave. N. E., Seattle, Wash.; No. 196,

Caty Josephine Braford, 4223 Eastern Ave., West, Seattle, Wash.; No. 199, Edward E. Seattle, Wash.; No. 197, Helen Lothian Swanson, c/o Eli Lilly & Co., Indianapolis, Arkley, 308 North J Street, Tacoma, Wash.; Ind.
No. 198, Henry James Lawrence, 1818—4th St.,

A. G. DuMEZ, *Secretary.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS.*

BY F. E. STEWART, CHAIRMAN.

The special object of this report is to call attention to the proceedings of the American Therapeutic Society and the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association working in coöperation with the chairman of your committee for correcting certain abuses of the patent and trademark laws and the effects of this abuse upon the practice of pharmacy and medicine.

The American Therapeutic Society was organized in 1900, during the meeting of the Pharmacopœial Convention at Washington, to promote progress in therapeutics and stem the rapidly growing therapeutic nihilism in regard to drugs as remedies for disease. Among the causes of this loss of faith in drugs it was discovered that the growth of surgical specialties is gradually forcing the teaching of therapeutics out of the medical schools and colleges. Accordingly, at the last annual meeting, May 1-2, 1922, held in Washington, the report of a committee outlining a typical curriculum for the restoration of therapeutic teaching was adopted for the use of these institutions. It was also found that the introduction of alleged new remedies by misleading advertising in the medical journals is an important factor in the loss of faith in drugs; also that the patent and trademark laws are misinterpreted and misapplied for the protection of this objectionable "new remedy" business. The following resolutions were adopted by the American Therapeutic Society to aid in correcting these abuses and approved by the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association at its recent annual meeting held at Buena Vista Springs, June 20-22, 1922.

This report should be read in connection with a paper contributed to the Scientific Section entitled "Pharmaceutical Institutions," appearing on page 129 of this number of the JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Preamble and Resolutions Adopted by the American Therapeutic Society, May 1, 1922.

WHEREAS, the exact therapeutic value of new and even old drugs cannot be demonstrated owing to (1) the variety of names under which they are marketed; (2) the variation in their character, quality and strength due to different processes of manufacture; (3) the opprobrium of publishing in medical journals laudatory articles advertising commercially controlled drugs; (4) the fact that medical journals are unwilling to publish articles repudiating the therapeutic value of drugs, the advertisements of which are carried by them in their advertising columns,

WHEREAS, the large majority of practitioners of medicine and surgery find it impossible to remember or to take time to write long chemical names of drugs which have short, easily remembered names claimed as trademarks by their manufacturers,

WHEREAS, the constant use of a commercial name by physicians in prescribing and pharmacists in ordering supplies creates unfair monopolies in the sale of such drugs, to the discouragement of other manufacturers of the same products under their chemical names and hence, by destroying competition, removes the incentive to excel in the production of preparations of superior quality, therefore be it

1. *Resolved*, that the American Therapeutic Society herewith records its complete disapproval of all methods now in vogue for obtaining monopolies in drugs, vaccines and serums by product patents and the registration of so-called commercial names as trademarks; be it also

2. *Resolved*, that the American Therapeutic Society herewith records its approval of, and that it will support, measures that aim toward the patenting of processes and apparatus for the manufacture of medicinal drugs, chemicals and preparations of the same when such products are in fact new and useful inventions, provided that a complete description of their chemical composition, method of preparation and standardization and tests for purity are made known in

* Presented at Cleveland meeting, A. Ph. A., 1922. Referred to the Committee on Research.