

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LOCAL BRANCHES

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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.

BALTIMORE.

A well-attended meeting of the Baltimore Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held at the Emerson Hotel on Wednesday evening, April 25th, Dr. Hermann Engelhardt presiding.

Dr. John C. Krantz, Jr., read a paper entitled "Christianity and Science." Dr. Krantz is interested not only in pharmaceutical problems and research, but has found time to give this much-discussed subject his thought and attention.

Dr. Neil E. Gordon spoke concerning the "Scope of Colloidal Chemistry," which is also a subject that is now demanding the attention of research workers. Dr. Gordon's talk was not only instructive, but spicy and entertaining.

The students of the School of Pharmacy of the University of Maryland are very much interested in these meetings of the Branch, and attend whenever they have the opportunity.

There will be one more monthly meeting, which will end a very successful season of the Branch.

B. OLIVE COLE, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

CHICAGO.

The 135th meeting of the Chicago Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held in the University of Illinois School of Pharmacy building, Friday afternoon, May 25, with President L. E. Warren in the chair.

The usual preliminary items of business were transacted, including announcements from Dean W. B. Day regarding the headquarters building of the A. Ph. A., and the annual meetings of the Illinois Pharmaceutical Association on the steamship North America, making a four days' trip on the Great Lakes, and of the American Pharmaceutical Association at Asheville, N. C., the first week in September.

President Warren then introduced the speaker, Mr. J. A. Hynes, Chemist and Drug Examiner in the Customs Service at Chicago, who spoke on the subject "A Pharmacist in the Customs Service."

The Association has been very fortunate in adding to its membership members of the graduating class at the College of Pharmacy, 75 per cent. of the 120 members of the class having already joined the Association. Therefore this concluding meeting of the present season was especially designed to impress these new members with higher ideals in pharmacy, enlarge their vision of pharmaceutical practice and gain their adherence to the principles of the American Pharmaceutical Association. Likewise the members of the class of 1924 were invited to this meeting, hence the attendance was very large.

The address of Mr. Hynes was not only very instructive and interesting, but contained many humorous passages and completely held the attention of the audience. He stated that while many were of the opinion that the ports of entry were exclusively on the seacoast and included such cities as New York, New Orleans, San Francisco and Seattle. Chicago, alone, receives customs duties exceeding one million dollars a month at the present time; he stated that the volume of imports into the port of Chicago was far in excess of the usual conception. Mr. Hynes dwelt in detail upon the procedure followed with those articles which are sent to the laboratory for examination and, then, presented many illustrations not only of routine work, but of odd or striking occurrences during his term of office, extending back over a number of years.

Following the address of Mr. Hynes an extensive exhibit of adulterated drugs was displayed and the remainder of the afternoon was profitably spent in the study of these exhibits. The United States Food and Drug Labora-

tories presented twelve specimens of adulterated drugs recently received for import. A specimen of the adulterated drug was accompanied by a specimen of the pure drug for comparison.

President Warren had an exhibit from the American Medical Association indicating the quantities of certain medicinal chemicals that could be purchased for the same amount as would be paid for much smaller quantities of imported chemicals sold under a patent or a copyrighted name.

The Miner Laboratories had an interesting exhibit showing the preparation of rolled oats and the utilization of the oat hulls which are produced in great quantities and have been largely a waste product. The oat hulls by special treatment are made to yield furfural, and from furfural a number of important products are obtained. The industry has developed until large quantities of furfural are now being obtained from this practically use-
less by-product of oats.

The faculty and students of the graduating class at the school presented a considerable exhibit of adulterated drugs and the means of detecting these adulterants. The number of specimens of this character that were presented exceeded fifty. The exhibit made by Mr. Hynes of the customs service was also of great interest and included a microscopic study of a fake sample of Neo-Salvarsan, which consisted of common salt and yellow coloring matter; the detection of coloring matter in teas; the determination of vat dyes in textiles; a "bug killer" that was ultimately found to consist of building cement; a Christmas tree made with feathers; "pottery" made from phenol condensation products, and ivory billiard balls prepared from everything but ivory.

The exhibit as a whole was very highly commended and was not only of great interest to the many visitors, but very instructive as well.

E. N. GATHERCOAL, *Secretary*.

CINCINNATI.

APRIL MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the Cincinnati Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held at the Lloyd Library, Friday evening, April 13th. The main feature of the evening was the illustrated lecture on "Physical Aspects of the Colleges of Pharmacy of the United States," prepared and presented by Dr. C. A. Mayo. Cincinnati Branch has been on the waiting list for this instructive lecture for some time, it having been shown at Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Indian-

apolis, Chicago, Minneapolis, Brookings, S. D., Lawrence, Kan., New York, Newark, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Richmond, Chapel Hill, N. C., Ann Arbor, Mich., and other cities. A hearty vote of thanks was offered Dr. Mayo.

MAY MEETING.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Cincinnati Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held at the Lloyd Library on the evening of May 22nd. The officers elected were: *President*, Dr. Caswell A. Mayo; *First Vice-President*, Mrs. Caroline Wetterstroem; *Second Vice-President*, E. H. Grant; *Secretary and Treasurer*, Miss Bertha Ott. F. W. Kisker was elected to fill the vacancy on the Executive Committee and Dr. C. T. P. Fennel member of the Council.

Louis Werner presented an abstract of a paper entitled "Preparation of Cod Liver Oil and the Effect of the Process on the Vitamine Value of the Oils," by Drummond and Zilva. An informal discussion followed this paper.

Dr. Frank Cain, Chairman of Committee on Affiliations of Organizations," reported that plans are being made to have joint meetings of Cincinnati Branch of American Pharmaceutical Association and Ohio Valley Druggists' Association every other month during the coming year, with programs that will be of interest to both organizations.

BERTHA OTT, *Secretary*.

DETROIT.

The regular monthly meeting of Detroit Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held at Ann Arbor, April 20th. After an excellent dinner at the Michigan Union, the regular session of the Branch was called to order in Room 215 of the Chemistry Building at 8:15 by the President, Prof. C. H. Stocking.

The first matter of business was the appointment of a nominating committee, consisting of Messrs. Scoville, Schettler, and Mann, to report at the next meeting.

Mr. Webster read a letter from R. L. Holmes with regard to an International Anti-narcotic Conference to be held in Washington during May, in which the request was made that representatives be sent from the local branch. It was moved by J. H. Webster that Messrs. Seltzer and Mann be the delegates and that the \$10 registration fee be paid by the Local Branch; the motion was seconded by E. K. Field, and carried.

The program of the evening consisted of a series of short talks by members of the Phar-

macy Faculty of the University of Michigan.

Some very interesting observations were brought out by Prof. C. C. Glover concerning the depreciation of pepsin preparations and some substances that seemed to check such deterioration.

Mr. McGill discussed the use of hydrogen-concentration methods applied to estimation of alkaloidal strengths. Interesting comparative results were shown tending to favor such a method.

Leonard R. Wagner commented on aspirin tests, relating to:

1. Free acetic acid
2. Free salicylic acid
3. Variations in melting point
4. Variation in solubilities.

Prof. C. H. Stocking talked on the training of the prescriptionist, calling particular attention to the time given to such training in the University of Michigan. Dean Kraus presented an outline of the proposed curriculum for the College of Pharmacy, calling attention to its advantages.

The success of the evening's program was largely due to the efforts of President Stocking and members of the faculty.

The following are the officers of the ensuing year: *President*, E. R. Crandall; *Vice-President*, Leonard Seltzer; *Secretary*, B. A. Bialk; *Treasurer*, F. F. Ingram, Jr.; *Chairman of Program Committee*, E. R. Jones.

F. T. BRADT, *Secretary pro tem.*

NORTH CAROLINA.

At the April meeting of the University of North Carolina Branch, American Pharmaceutical Association, it was voted to admit those who were previously members of the American Pharmaceutical Association in the State to

become members of the Branch. The secretary sent out letters of invitation to the various members and the following twenty-two members responded: K. E. Bennett, D. T. Briles, J. A. Goode, G. K. Grantham, C. P. Greyer, J. H. Hardin, J. L. Henderson, H. T. Hicks, W. W. Horne, P. A. Lee, Geo. A. Matton, R. A. McDuffie, E. E. Missildine, G. R. Pilkington, J. L. Sutton, I. W. Rose, J. P. Stowe, DeWitt C. Swaringen, S. E. Welfare, Joseph Hollingsworth, E. DeB. Ledbetter, E. V. Zoeller.

The final meeting for the year was held Friday evening, May 11, 1923. The officers for the next year were elected as follows:

- W. A. Ward, *President*.
 L. R. Brookshire, *1st Vice-President*.
 H. E. Rees, *2nd Vice-President*.
 C. R. Whitehead, *Secretary-Treasurer*.
 E. V. Howell, *Member of the Council*.

The delegates appointed for the Asheville meeting are Prof. E. V. Kyser, Almond P. Westbrook and W. A. Ward, with the following alternates: J. Reeves, G. W. C. Rush and W. J. Hickman.

After the regular business the following illustrated lectures were presented:

"Identification of Bacteria and Preparation of Bacterins," Almond P. Westbrook.

"Preparation and Standardization of Diphtheria Antitoxin," G. W. C. Rush.

"Smallpox and Its Prevention," E. L. Reeves.

The members of the Branch are indebted to the H. K. Mulford Company for lending the slides and material for the above lectures.

During the month 15 new student members have been added, bringing the total membership of the Branch to sixty-four.

ALMOND P. WESTBROOK, *Secretary*.

PHILADELPHIA ASSOCIATION OF RETAIL DRUGGISTS DEDICATES ITS BUILDING.

The building of the Philadelphia Retail Druggists' Association, recently acquired by purchase, was dedicated last month. It is located at 2017 Spring Garden Street, and aside from the chief purpose of housing the offices and providing meeting rooms for members and the Association, there are permanent exhibits of articles and products handled by druggists. It is the first home to be owned by an association of druggists in Philadelphia,

thus showing their faith in the organization; it is said also to be the only organization, affiliated with the N. A. R. D., which owns its own club house. There were about 500 members and guests present at the opening meeting; the ceremonies were presided over by President P. S. Rohm, and among the speakers were: C. P. Gladding, president, and Samuel C. Henry, secretary of the N. A. R. D., and B. E. Pritchard, of Pittsburgh, secretary of the Western Pa. R. D. A., Otto Kraus, secretary, and George W. Fehr, treasurer of the P. A. R. D.