

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LOCAL BRANCHES

"All papers presented to the Association and Branches shall become the property of the Association with the understanding that they are not to be published in any other publication prior to their publication in those of the Association, except with the consent of the Council."
—Part of Chapter VI, Article VI of the By-Laws.

Article IV of Chapter VII reads: "Each local branch having not less than 50 dues-paid members of the Association, holding not less than six meetings annually with an attendance of not less than 9 members at each meeting, and the proceedings of which shall have been submitted to the JOURNAL for publication, may elect one representative to the House of Delegates."

Reports of the meetings of the Local Branches shall 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.

BALTIMORE.

The first meeting of the Baltimore Branch of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION for 1926-27 was held at the Hotel Emerson on October 27, 1926, 8:15 P.M., Dr. R. L. Swain presiding.

Interesting and comprehensive reports of the Conventions of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION and of the National Association of Retail Druggists in Philadelphia, were presented by the following:

E. G. Eberle—"General Sessions"

Charles C. Neal—"The House of Delegates"

L. M. Kantner—"Sections—Scientific, Commercial Pharmacy, Practical Pharmacy and Education and Legislation"

Dr. Herman Engelhardt—"National Conference of Pharmaceutical Research"

Dr. R. L. Swain—"National Association of Boards of Pharmacy"

B. Olive Cole—"American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy"

Chas. L. Meyer—"N. A. R. D. Convention Proceedings."

The attendance at this first meeting was very good, and those who were not so fortunate as to attend the conventions in Philadelphia during September, expressed pleasure in hearing such concise and splendid reports of the various activities of these Associations in convention. Dr. Redmond Mayo, of Washington, D. C., was a visitor at this meeting of the Branch, and gave his impressions of the good work accomplished by the A. PH. A.

Plans are under way for the arrangement of interesting meetings for November and December.

B. OLIVE COLE, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

CHICAGO.

The 160th meeting of the Chicago Branch of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION was held at the University of Illinois, School of Pharmacy Building, Friday evening, October 15th with President Peter J. Kolb in the chair.

A goodly audience, including many Chicago pharmacists, was present and took part in the discussion of the evening which concerned the location of the Headquarters Building of the A. PH. A. There was almost a unanimous opinion that Chicago was the logical location for the Building and steps were taken to present the advantages of Chicago to the members of the ASSOCIATION.

DETROIT.

The first meeting of the Detroit Branch of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION for the ensuing year was held Friday, October 8th, at Wayne County Medical Society Building. It was preceded by a chicken dinner and largely attended.

Among outstanding figures in American pharmacy present at this meeting and guests of the Branch were F. R. Peterson, Past-President of the N. A. R. D. and a member of its Executive Committee; E. S. Sater, Assistant Publicity Director for the Pharmacy Headquarters Building; and Secretary E. L. Newcomb of the N. W. D. A. The latter came from New York City to address the Branch. He is the Publicity Director of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION Headquarters Building.

The meeting was presided over by President L. W. Rowe.

William A. Hall reported on the death of Dr. A. B. Lyons and a letter was read from the widow of the deceased.

Dr. E. L. Newcomb spoke on Price Maintenance. In the address he outlined the methods of various coöperative wholesalers and service jobbers. He considered that it was the privilege and opportunity of manufacturers to standardize prices and this should be supported by the other units of the drug trade. He further urged coöperation of pharmaceutical organizations in bringing about uniformity in prices.

Messrs. J. H. Webster, F. R. Peterson, J. C. Dykema, F. F. Ingram and others discussed the address and questions propounded were answered by Dr. Newcomb.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the speaker.

BERNARD A. BIALK, *Secretary*.

PITTSBURGH.

The regular monthly meeting of the Pittsburgh Branch of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION was held at the Pittsburgh College of Pharmacy Tuesday evening, October 19, 1926.

Subject of the evening's address was "Glass," by Dr. J. H. Wurdack.

LOUIS SAALBACH, *Secretary*.

PHILADELPHIA.

The October meeting of the Philadelphia Branch of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION was held Tuesday evening, October 12, 1926, at the P. A. R. D. building, 2017 Spring Garden St., President Cliffe presiding.

The minutes of the May meeting were read by the Secretary and were approved. The Secretary reported the following 41 new members for the ASSOCIATION and these members were accepted by the Branch pending their being received into membership by the parent ASSOCIATION.

B. H. Battin, H. L. Bobb, D. A. Bookstein, L. M. Cope, V. G. Degutis, G. Kanés, S. B. Moffitt, H. D. Silver, M. W. Waite, F. L. Roma, C. McCausland, C. Pace, Miss F. H. Marr, H. C. Zeisig, C. A. Williams, N. J. Shiley, S. M. Wannamaker, H. E. Smith, Jr., C. T. Pickett, H. J. Siegfried, G. I. Davis, J. Purpuri, all of Philadelphia, Penna., Donald R. Everitt, Williamsport, Pa., Harvey W. Ackerman, Easton, Pa., J. D. Bower, Jersey Shore, Pa., J. D. Bower, Wellsboro, Pa., M. Kaczmarcyck, Mahonoy City, Pa., J. E. O'Laughlin, Martinsville, W. Va., E. C. White, Ambler, Pa., Anthony E. Wickham, Seaside Park, N. J., R. G. Miller, Jersey Shore, Pa., E. S. Wilkins, Jr., Ashley, Del., J. F. McDon-

nell, Jr., Jenkintown, Pa., H. Friedman, Trenton, N. J., M. G. Acton, Jr., Salem, N. J., T. Machida, Hilo, Hawaii, H. Pursel, Burnham, Pa., A. D. Frey, Chambersburg, Pa., A. K. North, London, Ontario, Canada, L. F. Carpenter, Kingston, Pa., W. A. Chamberlin, Collingswood, N. J.

A motion was passed that the Secretary should send to the Editor of the *P. A. R. D. Bulletin* on or before the 15th of each month a notice and a synopsis of the program for the following month, that this might be incorporated in the *Bulletin* which appears early in the month and thus would be a means of bringing the Branch meetings to the attention of all local pharmacists.

The following resolutions were passed and the Secretary was ordered to send copies to those concerned:

"WHEREAS, The Naborhood Stores Association by its unsolicited and gratuitous publicity in street cars, of the recent convention of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, and of National Pharmacy Week, in such a dignified way, has shown a deep interest in the welfare of Pharmacy,

Be it resolved, That at this regular meeting of the Philadelphia Branch of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION we tender the appreciation of our Branch and direct that the Secretary send a copy of this resolution to the Naborhood Stores Association."

"WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Association of Retail Druggists so generously extended so many courtesies in connection with the publicity for the recent Convention of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, through its *P. A. R. D. Bulletin*:

Be it resolved, That the Philadelphia Branch of the A. PH. A. desires to make a grateful acknowledgment of the assistance tendered and formally express to the Philadelphia Association of Retail Druggists and the Editor of the *Bulletin* its appreciation of the helpful coöperation shown in the matter and that a copy of this be sent to the P. A. R. D. previous to its next meeting."

Resolutions were also passed as follows: "That the Secretary be instructed to convey to the Baltimore and Ohio, Pennsylvania and Reading Railroads the thanks of the ASSOCIATION for the permission which was so kindly granted to place signs and other information and literature about the Railroad Stations at the time of the A. PH. A. Convention. That a letter also be sent to the various news-

papers thanking them for their coöperation which they so generously gave and for the splendid write-ups which appeared at the time of the Convention."

A motion was passed that Robert J. Ruth give a talk upon "National Pharmacy Week of 1926" at the November meeting of the Local Branch, and at the December meeting a talk on "Sales Promotion in Drug Stores" will be given by Raymond Hendrickson.

Mr. Hunsberger expressed his appreciation to the Branch and its various members and Committees for the splendid work which they had done in connection with the A. P. H. A. Convention.

It was decided that the Branch should continue its dinner before the monthly meetings, and that these dinners should be held down to the popular and famous dollar price, and that the selection of the place should be left to the Entertainment Committee.

As the President had another appointment the chair was turned over to the First Vice-President, Mr. Raymond Hendrickson, for the remainder of the meeting.

The program of the meeting was devoted to a more or less informal prescription clinic, as each member was asked to bring his most interesting and most troublesome prescription. Quite a number of prescriptions were presented, a number of which follow, while others which were presented are to be experimented upon and the results of the experiments will be announced at some later date.

Mr. Hunsberger presented the following French prescription as a matter of considerable interest and to get them clear in our records the translations are also given here. There was a double difficulty in these prescriptions. In the first place, the French had to be translated and in the second place it was found that the prescriptions were those of a Homeopath and it was necessary to find the proper homeopathic preparations which the ordinary store does not carry. This is just one of the instances that show that real pharmacists can handle situations of all types. It is unnecessary of course to say that Mr. Hunsberger had the prescription properly dispensed within a very short time.

French Prescription No. 1.

Au reveil, $\frac{1}{4}$ d'heure avant les deux repas
prendre sept gouttes de

Chamomilla	} 6 × {	} 20 grams
Nux Moschata		

Translation.—Upon rising, and $\frac{1}{4}$ hour before the two meals take seven drops of

6 × Homeopathic Dilutions	} Chamomile	} 20 grams	} 10 cc. of each
{ 6 × dilution (1 in 1,000,000)	} Nux Moschata		

French Prescription—Copied literally.

Au matin, a 4 h soir, prendre sept soutes de

} Bryoniet	} 6 × {	} 10 grams
} Veratr. Alb.		

5 jours de traitement, 1 jour d'arret et recommencer.

Translation.

In the morning, and at 4 in the evening, take seven drops of

6 × Homeopathic Dilutions	} Bryonia	} 10 grams	} 5 cc. of each
{ 6 × dilution (1 in 1,000,000)	} Veratr. Alb.		

5 days of treatment, stop one day, then recommence.

Prescription No. 3.

Hyd. Chlor. Corr.	gr. i
Syr. Hypophos	f ̄ iii

A precipitate is formed here, probably calomel, and this precipitation is overcome by the addition of a small amount of potassium iodide.

Prescription No. 4.

Strych. Sulph.	gr. ̄ ss
Atrop. Sulph.	gr. 1/50
Creos. Carb.	̄ iii
Ext. Rham. Pursh.	gr. xxiv
Pepsin, scale	̄ i

M. ft. Cap. xxiv

The difficulty here lies in the fluid nature of the mixture but this is quickly overcome by following the Toplis method, adding three drams of starch and then water q.s. which amounts to ten minims in this case. After the water is added the starch swells and in a few moments time the entire preparation changes to a granular mass which can readily be filled into capsules.

Prescription No. 5.

Ac. Salicyl.	̄ i
Sod. Bicarb. (to neutralize) q.s.	
Tr. Ferr. Chlor.	f ̄ ii
Elix. Arom.	f ̄ i
Aq. q.s.	f ̄ vi
Acid Citric q.s.	

Apparently the physician thought that he could prepare a ferric-citro chloride in this case and obtain a green color rather than the purplish which would appear as iron salicylate. However, the iron salicylate is not permanent in acid solution and in order to dispense a clear product without a precipitate it is necessary to omit citric acid and in fact add an alkali. In this case ammonia water was used. The finished product has a clear reddish color.

Prescription No. 6.

Ichthyol	℥ i ss
Ac. Salicyl.	℥ iv
Morph. HCl.	gr. ii
Lanolin	℥ i
Glycerin	f ℥ vi

M. Ft. Ung.

In this case the Ichthyol is apparently thrown out by the salicylic acid and the preparation is very thin. By adding 4 drams of starch and holding the salicylic acid until the last, the prescription was dispensed, but still remained in more or less of a liquid condition. When this prescription was called to the attention of the physician he changed the entire combination and prescribed several other ingredients.

Prescription No. 7.

Iodoform	℥ i
Ol. Neroli	℥ iv
Ol. Theobrom, q.s.	

M. Ft. Suppos. xii

A sample of this preparation was presented to show the masking qualities of the neroli upon the iodoform. The two blend very well and the dominant odor is very pleasing.

Prescription No. 8.

Zinc. Sulph.	
Pot. Sulphurat.	aa ℥ ii
Petrolat. Alb. q.s.	℥ ii

M. Ft. Ung.

This prescription represents our familiar white lotion in ointment form and is prepared by dissolving the salts separately in a dram of water, mixing the two solutions and rubbing them on an ointment slab until the precipitate becomes perfectly white. Then the excess of water is taken up with a small quantity of anhydrous lanolin and finally the petrolatum is added.

Prescription No. 9.

Menthol	
Camphor aa	gr. iii
Liq. Petrolat. q.s.	f ℥ i

When this prescription is prepared by first rubbing the menthol and camphor together and then dissolving the mixture in the petrolatum, a cloudy solution results. However, if the menthol and camphor are dissolved separately in small quantities of liquid petrolatum and then mixed, the solution is brilliantly clear.

Several more prescriptions were presented and received considerable discussion, but these will not be incorporated here as the proper procedure for filling was not determined.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 P.M. The famous Branch dinner was held as usual before the meeting, twenty-five members being present.

ADLEY B. NICHOLS, *Secretary.*

EDITOR AND MRS. HUGO KANTROWITZ CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING.

Editor and Mrs. Hugo Kantrowitz celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding September 6th, by a dinner to friends at Atlantic Inn, Grant City, Staten Island. About thirty friends assembled for the occasion at which brief addresses were made by Nathaniel Nicolai, Robert S. Lehman and Reginald Dyer and the couple were toasted with the hope that many more years of happiness and health be given them.

Editor Kantrowitz has been associated with the *Apotheker Zeitung* since its first issue, forty-six years ago. He is well- and favorably-known in pharmaceutical circles of this country and of Europe.

NARCOTIC DRUG ACT HELD CONSTITUTIONAL.

The Circuit Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, held the Narcotic Drug Act constitutional, in a case wherein the defendants were convicted, under two counts, in which it was held that they did feloniously purchase, sell, dispense and distribute a certain derivative of opium; to wit, morphine. It was also charged that the defendants violated the requirement of the act of February 9, 1909, as amended January 17, 1914, and on May 26, 1922, according to which it is alleged that they knowingly and feloniously did receive, conceal, buy, sell and felicitate the transportation and concealment after importation of said derivative opium. The sentences were ten years' imprisonment and a fine of \$1000.00.