

## 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to the Association and Branches shall become the property of the Association with the understanding that they are not to be published in any other publication prior to their publication in those of the Association, except with the consent of the Council."—Part of Chapter VI, Article VI of the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 January meeting of the Baltimore Branch of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION was held at the Hotel Emerson on January 12, 1927, President R. L. Swain in the chair.

Theodore J. Bradley, Dean of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, and President of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, was the honored guest of the evening, the members of the Baltimore Branch being the third group which President Bradley addressed in his "Chautauqua circle swing" from Boston to Baltimore. In his sincere and friendly manner he explained the history of the selection of his topic—"Legislation and the Pharmacist" and expressed pleasure at being able to present the subject in Baltimore. The speaker referred to divisions of Government—judicial, executive and legislative—and expressed the opinion that the legislative powers were the powers most generally abused or misused.

He enumerated the objects of legislation: (1) *Constructive*, evidenced by public works, the conservation of natural resources, development of agriculture, etc., and stated that this would be the only kind of legislation needed if it were not necessary to regulate the conduct of people; (2) *Punitive*, which took the place of individual revenge, the principal motive of which is now to make the punishment commensurate with the crime; (3) *Regulatory*, concerning things which one must or must not do, some of which have recently, on account of regulations by enforcing officers, become tedious and irksome to the pharmacists. He noted that the work of reformers, although idealistic, was often unscrupulous and that they sometimes held the balance of power

mainly because lawmakers will not vote against popular measures based on moral issues. He pointed out that in some instances efforts to regulate the sale of narcotics, etc., had resulted in advertising the articles, rather than diminishing their use.

President Bradley stated that it was foolish to offer a panacea for these ills, but urged that pharmacists be missionaries in the development of public opinion, and suggested the use of constructive education rather than legislation and regulation. He also recommended the increased ability to use the primary system, and the searching of their records before selecting men for advancement.

Mrs. Charles E. McCormick pleasingly and graciously rendered several well-selected vocal solos.

The annual election resulted in the following officers and committees for 1927:

*President*, L. M. Kantner, 700 W. North Ave., Baltimore, Md.

*Vice-President*, Frank L. Black, 2839 W. North Ave., Baltimore, Md.

*Secretary-Treasurer*, B. Olive Cole, Greene & Lombard Sts., Baltimore, Md.

*Committee on Membership*: Charles C. Neal, *Chairman*; L. S. Williams, Aquilla Jackson.

*Committee on Professional Relations*: Charles L. Meyer, *Chairman*; E. G. Eberle, John S. Donnet.

*Committee on the Science and Practice of Pharmacy*: John C. Krantz, Jr., *Chairman*; H. E. Wich, Wilmer H. Schulze.

*Committee on Education and Legislation*: R. L. Swain, *Chairman*; A. G. DuMez, E. F. Kelly.

B. OLIVE COLE, *Secretary*.

## CHICAGO.

The 162nd meeting of the Chicago Branch of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION was held Friday evening, December 10th, with a very large attendance of members and friends. It was the social night for the Branch and a reception was extended to members received during the year.

The Lambda Kappa Sigma Sorority splendidly presented a play entitled "A Bit of Scandal." The College of Pharmacy orchestra provided splendid music. After the play refreshments were served and dancing in the college halls prevailed until midnight. Great excitement followed the nearly successful attempt of the "Frat" boys to steal the ice cream.

## JANUARY.

The 163rd meeting of the Chicago Branch of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION was held Friday evening, January 14th, at the School of Pharmacy Building, 701 S. Wood St., with President Kolb in the chair. More than 100 were present at the meeting.

Dean Edward H. Kraus, of the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy, delivered a splendid address on "Recent Changes in Higher Education in Europe." Dr. Kraus is a keen observer and a splendid speaker and his talk, based on a recent study of the subject during a four months' trip in Europe, was highly appreciated. He dwelt especially on the educational changes in connection with the health professions but brought out in a general way the effect of American influence on European methods. This "Americanization" is bringing about a very marked change toward democracy in the higher institutions of learning. He indicated the extent of European study of American institutions and methods and solemnly called attention to the effect that the adoption of American methods by European nations will have on world trade in the near future. American education having as its basic principle the education of all the people, the American manufacturing principle of mass production and the American commercial principle of advertising have placed America at the head of the nations. She must steadily strive to maintain this place.

E. N. GATHERCOAL, *Secretary*.

## DETROIT.

The January meeting of the Detroit Branch of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION was held Friday, the 14th.

Dinner was served at Webster Hall and the meeting was held at College of the City of Detroit. The new headquarters of the Wayne County Medical Society, in the New Maccabee Building, not being ready, necessitated the last minute change in the meeting place. Mr. Lakey took the members on a tour of inspection through the College of Pharmacy.

After waiting some time for the speaker of the evening, Dr. Jacoby, who did not arrive, President Rowe called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary and approved.

Chairman Lakey of the Program Committee outlined his plans of the meetings for the remainder of the year; he called attention particularly to the April meeting which will be clerks' night.

Mr. Chase reported that the resolution of the Branch regarding the Health Exhibit, to be held in conjunction with the World's Fair at Chicago, had been placed before the Council for action.

In the absence of a speaker, Leonard A. Seltzer volunteered to pinch hit for Dr. Jacoby. Mr. Seltzer read a very interesting paper for the betterment of annual meetings of the A. P. H. A. His paper was full of facts showing how the meetings are permitted to drag because of the many unnecessary delays, due to the programs not starting on scheduled time. He said this was gradually creating a feeling of unrest among those in attendance and a satisfactory remedy ought to be found to correct this condition.

A general discussion followed in which many of the old timers who have been attending these meetings for many years joined.

Mr. Rowe thanked Mr. Seltzer for coming to the rescue in the absence of a speaker and for his most interesting paper. It was requested that Mr. Seltzer's paper be printed in the JOURNAL in conjunction with the minutes of the January meeting.

BERNARD A. BIALK, *Secretary*.

## FIRST AID WEEK.

The week of March 13th has been designated "First Aid Week." The displays should be in accord with the name and affords the opportunity of informing the public that "the Druggist is more than a Merchant." The windows should be used to invite the patrons, and the interior should emphasize the message pharmacy.

DISCUSSION OF THE CONDUCT OF OUR PROGRAM  
AT AN ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN  
PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

By Leonard A. Seltzer.

To those who have attended the annual meetings of our ASSOCIATION for a considerable number of years, the increased complexity of the program has become very evident; it is equally evident that the corresponding demands which these conditions have brought about have not been successfully met; for not only have the number of sections been increased, not only has the program been lengthened, not only has there been a greater number in attendance, but we have succumbed to the tendency to use our available time less economically than formerly. For not only has the number of days over which the program is spread been lessened, but much of the time is lost in unfortunate and unnecessary delays, because instead of beginning on Monday as formerly, we begin as late as Wednesday, and instead of calling sessions on schedule time, begin them one-half to one hour later. Those responsible for the meeting do not realize the feeling of unrest gradually developing among the attendants as the meeting progresses because out of courtesy to their officers and hosts they try to appear as appreciative of their efforts as possible. Nevertheless, the air becomes charged with a sort of discontent and apathy and the Local Secretary who without experience has assumed a great responsibility learns after the meeting is half over and it is too late to remedy it. I say, he then realizes a lot of things which had he known and anticipated would have made his work a much larger success and the results more satisfactory to all.

Now whether the program could be better arranged by spreading it over the entire week is not a matter which the writer wishes to discuss at this time. It might be well to take it under careful consideration, on the other hand it may be one of the factors concerning which the Local Secretary should have full freedom to arrange. But on the question as to whether we should call our meetings on schedule time or waste half our time waiting for them to be called, it is hardly conceivable that there can be any difference of opinion. There may be many ways to bring about an economical use of our time, but the one about to be proposed is recommended because it has been tried out and, *it works*.

In the first place not only the Local Secretary but the presiding chairmen are for the most part inexperienced in the work at hand, and unless the latter are emphatically instructed concerning their responsibilities they will not open their section sessions until a sufficient number have assembled; the members on the other hand, not desiring a long wait, hold back from assembling until they see a likelihood of the meeting being called and so the regular stalemate takes place of the meeting not being called, because no one is present and no one is present because there is no likelihood of the meeting being called.

It is therefore important that the Local Secretary face this annual catastrophe and head it off by appropriate action, *i. e.*, seeing to it that those upon whom will rest the responsibility of wielding the gavel during the meeting will call their sessions on schedule time. This can be accomplished by calling a meeting before the first session consisting of not only the chairmen, but vice-chairmen and secretaries, explaining to them the importance of calling meetings on schedule time and getting their promise to be in their place, watch and gavel in hand, and to call the meeting on the tick of the watch regardless of how many are present. This is not a visionary scheme, it has been tried and the essence upon which success of this effort depends is this detail, and the fact that it is a trifle spectacular. It should be further understood that if the chairman is not in his place the vice-chairman or, if necessary, the secretary, shall temporarily call the meeting. If this intention is well announced at the first session, the members will come out if for no other reason than to see our AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION meeting called on time. The Local Secretary, in order to cooperate with the chairman, should provide, in advance pages, to page the lobby and corridors of the hotel twice for each session; the first time five minutes before the session; announcing that the session is about to be called, and again, at the hour, announcing that the meeting is now in session. Bulletins in the lobby stating what meetings are in session and what papers are being read are also very helpful.

Now local secretaries change and the ASSOCIATION cannot profit by the experience gained by a secretary in conducting one meeting. The General Secretary, however, holds

over year after year. It would seem entirely feasible and from past experience and in behalf of the visiting members and the success of our meetings it seems very necessary that he should be directed to cooperate with the Local Secretary in these matters which come up year after year and which require the same solution. Unless some such steps are taken there is no basis for hope that we shall depart from the nerve-racking haphazard tendency which our progress has been assuming.

#### NEW YORK.

The January meeting of the New York Branch of the A. Ph. A. was held at the New York College of Pharmacy on the 10th. President Clyde M. Eddy presided. The speaker of the evening was President Theodore J. Bradley of the A. Ph. A. and his subject related to legislation. He divided legislation, into three classes: constructive, punitive and regulatory.

He considered that the worst feature of most regulatory acts lies in their delegation to a bureau chief, the authority to make regulations having the force of law for the enforcement of the act. This, he said, had built up such a multiplicity of regulation sometimes conflicting with other regulations made by other bureaus as to sometimes make it impossible to avoid infraction of the law. The enforcement of these numberless laws and regulations required such a host of office holders that their support had become an almost intolerable burden on the taxpayer. It has been variously estimated by different students of political economy that from five to ten per cent of the citizens are office holders and this condition is rapidly growing worse. The speaker contended that steps should be taken to check this evil. A vote of thanks was tendered President Bradley.

A Committee was appointed to draw up resolutions for record and presentation to the family of the late Prof. Jeannot Hostmann.

The present officers were reelected for the ensuing year and Clyde M. Eddy was elected delegate to the House of Delegates, A. Ph. A.

The officers were instructed to notify the members that New York branch advocated the selection of Washington as a site for the pharmacy Headquarters Building.

#### PHILADELPHIA.

The January meeting of the Philadelphia Branch of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL

ASSOCIATION was held Tuesday evening, January 11, 1927, at the P. A. R. D. Building, 2017 Spring Garden St., President Cliffe presiding.

Upon a motion from the floor the reading of the December minutes was dispensed with.

Chairman Hunsberger, of the committee on the headquarters building site, gave a report. He stated that if Philadelphia was going to make the attempt to secure the headquarters building we would have the cooperation of the Mayor, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and Department of Health, and that would mean that the idea would be favorably presented to the Council for action. However, in view of the recent straw vote which was taken of the Pennsylvania members, the Branch unanimously voted not to propose Philadelphia as a site, but to give their entire support and urge Pennsylvania members to support Washington, D. C. as the proper and logical site for the headquarters building.

Mr. Harrison called to the attention of the Branch the radio advertising of proprietary products which has been going on recently. Considerable discussion followed and it was decided to take this topic as a subject for discussion at the February meeting. A motion was passed that a special committee be appointed by the President to consider this question and draft suitable resolutions to be sent to Mr. Hoover, the Council of the A. Ph. A. and the Council of the A. M. A.

President Cliffe then introduced our distinguished guest of the evening, President Theodore J. Bradley of Boston, of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION. He gave a most interesting address on the subject of legislation. His talk had to do primarily with the great number of laws which are being made year after year and which act as a burden to the general public. Simply because there are a few wrongdoers the general public has to bear the brunt of a great many laws to-day. It has come to the point where our movements are guided by laws, and this is an evil which should be done away with by all means, although nothing can be done until the public is educated upon this subject. Considerable discussion followed Dr. Bradley's talk, the following taking part: Messrs. Cliffe, Fischelis, Viehoever, Griffith and Wood.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered to President Bradley for coming to Philadelphia

and presenting this message to the Branch.

Attention was called to the fact that at the March meeting the annual election and installation of officers will be held, this being the usual time for the annual dinner at which the Past-Presidents are entertained.

A motion was passed that a committee be appointed to consider this annual meeting and make the necessary plans for it.

The meeting was very well attended and about twenty-five of the members were present at the dinner which preceded the meeting.

ADLEY B. NICHOLS, *Secretary*.

## ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

### AD INTERIM BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, 1926-1927.

Office of the Secretary, 10 West Chase St., Baltimore, Md.

#### LETTER NO. 7.

January 27, 1927.

*To the Members of the Council:*

70. *Budget for 1927. Motion No. 16* (See Council Letter No. 5, page 81) has been carried and the budget, as submitted, is adopted.

71. *Election of Members. Motion No. 17* (See Council Letter No. 5, page 82). *Motion No. 18* (See Council Letter No. 5, page 83), *Motion No. 21* (See Council Letter No. 6, page 83) and *Motion No. 22* (See Council Letter No. 6, page 84) have been carried. Applicants for membership numbered 54 to 92 inclusive and applicants for membership numbered H-165 to H-245 inclusive are, therefore, declared elected.

72. *Award of the Contract for Printing and Mailing the Journal for 1927. Motion No. 19* (See Council Letter No. 6, page 82) received fifteen affirmative votes, and as no objection to the taking of the vote was expressed, the motion is declared carried. The contract is awarded to the Mack Printing Company of Easton, Pa.

73. *Temple of Health, Chicago Exposition of 1933. Motion No. 20* (See Council Letter No. 6, page 82) has been carried and the Secretary will promptly communicate with the authorities having this exposition in charge.

74. *Application for Permission to Use the Text of the N. F. V.* The following letter has been received from Chairman A. G. DuMez of the Committee on Publications:

"This will acknowledge receipt of the request of Mr. Geo. E. Rehberger of Phoenix, Md., for permission to use portions of the text of the National Formulary V for comment in a pocket Therapeutic Vade Mecum which he is preparing.

"I have gone over the form of text and the use which is to be made of the National Formulary text is very similar to that used in other books for which the ASSOCIATION has given the respective authors permission. I, therefore, see no reason why it should be necessary for the Publication Committee to vote upon the matter and will recommend that permission be given Mr. Geo. E. Rehberger to use the text of the National Formulary V as requested. Of course he should be charged a minimum fee of \$5.00.

"Please put this matter before the Council in the next letter which you get out."

(*Motion No. 23.*) *It is moved by DuMez that George E. Rehberger, Phoenix, Md., be granted permission to use the text of the N. F. V. for partial reproduction in the pocket Therapeutic Vade Mecum, and at the usual charge of \$5.00.*

74. *Life Members.* The following have become Life Members of the ASSOCIATION in accordance with Article IV of Chapter IX of the By-Laws: George Clarence Blakeley, The Dalles, Ore.; Alfred Augustus Burnham, Jr., Boston, Mass.; Frank Henry Carter, Indianapolis, Ind.; Alfred Robert Louis Dohme, Baltimore, Md.; Samuel William Fairchild, New York, N. Y.; John William Gayle, Frankfort, Ky.; William Henry Glover, Lawrence, Mass.; and life membership certificates will be sent them.

75. *Local Secretary for 1927 Meeting.* The Secretary has been in correspondence with Dr. C. E. Caspari and other members in St. Louis, and is advised that Mr. A. W. Pauley, 3130 N. Grand St., St. Louis, is the preference for Local Secretary. Mr. Pauley recently visited President Bradley and the office of the ASSOCIATION, and, after going over the whole