

and expressed pleasure in being able to attend a meeting of the Baltimore Branch.

Mrs. George Kaiser, who is studying at the Peabody Conservatory of Music, added to the pleasure of the evening by contributing several well-selected vocal solos.

The next meeting of the Baltimore Branch will be held following the Convention of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION in St. Louis.

B. OLIVE COLE, *Secretary, Treasurer.*

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

LETTER NO. 12.

July 23, 1927.

To the Members of the Council:

116. *Tentative Program for the Diamond Jubilee Meeting.* Motion No. 43 (see Council Letter No. 11, page 697) has been carried and a majority of the members of the council indicated their preference for Program A. The St. Louis Committee has been so notified and the program of the meeting will be in accordance with this plan.

117. *Motion No. 44* (see Council Letter No. 11, page 698) and Motion No. 45 (see Council Letter No. 11, page 73) have been carried. Applicants for membership numbered 178 to 194 inclusive and applicants for membership numbered H-403 to H-452 inclusive are, therefore, declared elected.

118. *Affiliation of the A. Ph. A. with the American Conference on Hospital Service.* In accordance with a motion passed at the first meeting of the Council held in Philadelphia (see Council Letter No. 1, item 24) the Secretary has been in correspondence with several persons in reference to the conditions of affiliation. It is learned that:

"The Conference was organized some years ago for the purpose of improving hospital service in the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada. Twelve national organizations participated in the formation of the Conference, and several societies have joined since. The membership, as you doubtless know, includes the American Hospital Association, the American Medical Association, the American Nurses' Association, the Association for Industrial Physicians and Surgeons, the Catholic Hospital Association, the International Compensation Board, the National League of Nursing Education, the Medical

Department of the Army and Navy, and the United States Public Health Service.

"Delegates to meetings consist of two duly accredited representatives of each constituent society. The revision of the constitution is under consideration with a view to the establishing of a limited class of honorary members who may serve on committees, but who will not be entitled to hold office.

"The principal permanent or continuing service of the Conference is the support of the Hospital Library and Service Bureau, which draws its financial sustenance from a number of sources, chiefly outside of the organization itself. The constitution provides that the annual dues of member societies shall be \$25."

With respect to the Hospital Library and Service Bureau, the following information has been gathered:

"I am very glad to have the opportunity of telling you of the work of the Hospital Library and Service Bureau. It is an organization, not for profit, which was developed in the fall of 1920 for the collection and dissemination of information on all phases of hospital organization, construction, equipment and administration. It serves, without charge, persons engaged in hospital and public health work, but limits its service to persons in this special field. The Bureau is financed by voluntary contributions from various national hospital, nursing, medical, surgical, social service, dietetic, public health, and similar organizations, aided by grants from the Rockefeller Foundation, Carnegie Corporation, and the Commonwealth Fund.

"The service is not geographically limited. Hospitals and public health workers in foreign countries are utilizing this service to a considerable extent.

"There are two features of the work of the Bureau to which I should like to direct your attention:

"1. It does not give advice, but merely collects information, from which the inquirer may make his own deductions. Because of the impartial and unbiased manner of conducting the work of the Bureau, it is, in most cases, possible to present for the use of an inquirer, both sides of a given hospital topic.

"2. All of the work of the Bureau to date has been in direct response to request. This means that nothing theoretical has been collected. All of the material which has been assembled is practical, and is constantly being used. The advantages of operating under a plan are obvious. It is true that this occasionally results in our having a preponderance of material on certain phases of hospital work, but as the months go by and inquiries on other subjects come in, a fairly good balance is maintained."

Dr. S. S. Goldwater, President of the American Conference on Hospital Service, in submitting part of the information given above wrote as follows:

"Representing as it does an essential branch of hospital service, it would seem to me to be most appropriate for the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION to join the Conference, and I have no doubt that the present member organizations would welcome its adhesion to the group."

This proposal to become affiliated with the Conference has been referred to the Committee on Finance and it has the approval of the Committee so far as the membership charge of \$25.00 per year is concerned.

A motion to approve the affiliation or comments from the Council are invited.

119. *Investment of Funds.* The following cash balances are now held on deposit in the several permanent funds of the ASSOCIATION mentioned:

Endowment Fund.....	\$ 3000.00
Centennial Fund.....	1000.00
Ebert Legacy Fund.....	1500.00
Life Membership Fund.....	6500.00
Research Fund.....	11000.00
Procter Monument Fund.....	3000.00

and they draw interest at the rate of three per cent compounded monthly. The Treasurer has recently been investigating the possibility of the investment of these funds in securities meeting the requirements of Article 4 of the Constitution and has been offered for this purpose City of Baltimore, four per cent, registered bonds, due in 1959 at 99½ and accrued interest net. As these bonds meet the constitutional requirements in all respects, and as they represent the most favorable offer as to cost and return, the Treasurer recommends that he be authorized to invest the cash balances listed above in these securities. This proposal has been submitted to the Committee on Property and Funds and the Secretary is advised by the Chairman of that Committee that it has the Committee's approval.

(*Motion No. 46.*) *It is moved by Holton that the Treasurer be authorized to invest the cash balances listed above in City of Baltimore, four per cent registered bonds, due in 1959, at 99½ and accrued interest net.*

120. *Application to use the Text of the National Formulary V.* The following communication has been received from Chairman A. G. DuMez of the Committee on Publications:

"Messrs. Lea & Febiger of Philadelphia, Pa., have made application to use portions of the text of the National Formulary V, in a new edition of Culbreth's *Materia Medica* approximately as it was used in previous editions of this textbook. In view of the way the text was used in previous editions of this book, I feel confident that it will be properly used in the new edition and, therefore, recommend to the Council that permission be granted to Messrs. Lea and Febiger to use portions of the text of the National Formulary V for comment in the new edition of Culbreth's *Materia Medica* and that the minimum fee of \$5.00 be charged for this purpose."

(*Motion No. 47.*) *It is moved by DuMez that Messrs. Lea and Febiger of Philadelphia, Pa., be granted permission to use the text of the N. F. V for partial reproduction in Culbreth's Materia Medica and at the usual charge of \$5.00.*

E. F. KELLY, Secretary

When buying your ticket to St. Louis for the Diamond Anniversary meeting be certain to secure a certificate from the R. R. Agent—it will save you one half on the return fare.