

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOARDS OF PHARMACY

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ABSTRACT OF THE SYNOPSIS OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE 26TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE N. A. B. P. HELD IN RAPID CITY, S. DAK., AUGUST 26 AND 27, 1929.

In the September JOURNAL A. PH. A., the address of President Herbert M. Lerou is printed, beginning on page 943-948. Reference to the meeting is also made in an editorial of the same issue.

The 26th annual convention of the N. A. B. P. established a record for handling a large volume of important business. Twenty-six states were represented by 57 delegates. The states represented were:

Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, New York.

Among the outstanding features of the meeting the following are referred to: The question of a Department of Postgraduate Study with a director at the head. The object of this department is to develop and supply a special service for Board members, whereby they are kept in touch with the latest developments in science, research, etc., applying to pharmacy. The bulletins to be issued will be supplied without charge to all Board members. Robert L. Swain of Maryland was elected *Director*.

The fee for the official reciprocal application blank was raised from \$15.00 to \$25.00, to be in force on and after January 1, 1930.

The "Study of Pharmacy" has been referred to elsewhere; the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy is an active participant in this work and contributor to the fund to be provided for the purpose.

The President's recommendation endorsing the nomination of Dr. Lyman Spalding for the Hall of Fame was approved. Approval was also given to the book to be entitled "Fighting Diseases with Drugs," of which Dr. John C. Krantz, Jr., is the Editor.

Secretary H. C. Christensen rendered an extended report of the activities of the Association. His financial statement showed \$4271.91 in hand. The treasurer's report, up to June 30, 1929, showed a balance of \$7942.19.

The annual banquet proved a great success. The toastmaster of the evening was John Culley of Utah and the guests of honor for the evening were the presidents of the three Associations in convention, namely, D. F. Jones of the A. PH. A., Denny Brann of the N. A. R. D. and Herbert M. Lerou of the N. A. B. P.

Chairman Robert L. Swain made a report for the Committee on Postgraduate Study. Mr. Swain was elected *Director* and plans for procedure have been outlined.

The various Committees rendered reports of their activities. The vice-presidents made reports of district meetings. Deans Spease, Kraus and Day presented papers on college curricula for the four-year course.

Secretary Christensen reported for the Advisory Examination Committee and made a number of suggestions relative to the examinations; among them, that the questions of Board examinations should be constructed so as to avoid ambiguity; examiners should bear in mind that progress is made in the sciences, and endeavor to keep the trend of medicine and pharmacy in mind when preparing the questions for examinations. The term official should apply to preparations of the U. S. P. and N. F. Quite a number of other suggestions were made for the purpose of improving, wherever necessary, the questions and methods for examinations.

Tributes were paid to departed members of the year. They are: W. P. Thompson, Alabama; Karl Frey and G. B. Stoner, Colorado; David W. Ramsaur, Florida; Wm. H. Fogas,

Indiana; B. F. Keltz, Iowa; Wm. S. Dick and W. W. Naylor, Kansas; Wm. F. Sawyer and John Larrabee, Massachusetts; Charles Coon, Michigan; H. L. Haussamen, North Dakota; W. Edwards Boyd, South Carolina; and Fred W. Churchill, Vermont.

Eight resolutions were passed, a number applying to examination questions and methods of conducting examinations.

The Convention approved the general thought underlying post-graduate study for Board of Pharmacy members. All efforts to establish professional relations between pharmacists and physicians were approved. Bodies having representation in the U. S. Pharmacopœial Convention were urged to send delegates. The work of the Druggists' Research Bureau was endorsed.

The officers for the ensuing year are: *President*, John A. J. Funk, Indiana; the *Vice-Presidents* of the Districts in the order named are: C. Thurston Gilbert, Connecticut; L. N. Richardson, Maryland; G. V. Kradwell, Wisconsin; F. L. Vilas, South Dakota; S. M. Scott, Jr., West Virginia; C. B. Allison, Texas; W. M. Hankins, Florida; Joseph P. Murray, Colorado; A. L. Phelps, Arizona. *Secretary*, H. C. Christensen, Illinois; *Treasurer*, J. W. Gayle, Kentucky; *Member of Executive Committee*, H. M. Lerou, Connecticut; and as member of the *Syllabus Committee*, M. N. Ford, Ohio.

At the general session of the Boards and Colleges, Chairman E. G. Eberle presented the report of the Fairchild Scholarship Committee. It is printed in the September issue on pages 957-958. Hereafter the scholarship will be awarded to a student who has just graduated from a school or college of pharmacy holding membership in the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. The award has been increased to \$500, and is to be applied for post-graduate work in pharmacy.

Chairman L. L. Walton of the Committee on the Study of Pharmacy delivered a concise but very thorough report of the progress that has been made during the year on the survey of pharmacy.

JAPANESE PHARMACY.*

There has been the criticism that whereas the position of the Japanese army and navy medical officers occupy a position equal to that of a vice-admiral or lieutenant-general, that of a pharmacist-officer in the navy and army is equal to the position of a rear-admiral or major-general. Accordingly, there has been a movement to raise the position of the pharmacist-officer. It is likely that the movement will succeed in the army. Pharmacist-Major-General Watanabe, the chief of the Army Health Material Arsenal, will be promoted to the position of Pharmacist-General in the near future. He is considered to be entitled to the new honor in view of his past career, age and ability. A plan has been already drafted for the establishment of a new rule and has been forwarded to the Legislation Bureau for approval. The Bureau is said to have no objection and the draft will be shortly sent back to the War Office in which event it will be finally decided at a Cabinet Conference. The establishment of the new system is thus a matter of time only, and one of the long standing problems in the pharmaceutical world will be happily solved.

A reception was held at Imperial University recently, honoring among others Dr. Watanabe, recently appointed Pharmacist-General.

Dr. Keizo Ikeguchi has been appointed successor to the late Dr. Nagayoshi Nagai, president of the Japan Formulary Enquiry Commission.

MORE DEATHS FROM THALLIUM.

Three more deaths from thallium poisoning are reported by Merkel. Three boys, aged 10, 11 and 12 years, respectively, received successive doses of thallium acetate for ringworm. Although influenza had left one of them apathetic and the other two were mentally dull since birth and all three were undernourished,

the dose of 0.008 Gm. per kilogram of body weight was to give the calculated amount in divided doses, caused death as have other similar attempts. The reporter states that only one dose should be given, and for children infirm in any way, this should be less than the usual amount.

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