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THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

THE National Association of Boards of Pharmacy has been signally honored by the election of its Secretary as president of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION. Secretary Christensen is absent from his office, being on an extended trip in the interest of both associations, and advantage is taken of his absence in recording his election in this Department.

The members of the boards are aware of the deep and continuous interest of their esteemed member in all work pertaining to American pharmacy, therefore, no lengthy comment is necessary, especially in view of the fact that a brief sketch appeared in the April number of the JOURNAL, and the minutes of the General Sessions, in this issue, speak of the high regard in which the Secretary is held.

The members of the ASSOCIATION expect and wish for him a most successful year of office, and the board members, from their acquaintance with him, know that every effort will be made by him to carry on and forward the work of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION in behalf of Pharmacy.

This brief comment is to congratulate the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy on the election of one of their number and to express the hope that President Christensen will have the undivided support of the organizations and the profession he honors.—E. G. E.

ABSTRACT OF MINUTES, TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION BOARDS OF PHARMACY, BALTIMORE, MD., MAY 5-6, 1930.

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Meeting of the N. A. B. P. was very well attended, both as to number of states represented and delegates present. The final roll call revealed 32 states represented by 81 delegates, also three guests and five honorary members being present.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.¹

President John A. J. Funk, of Indiana, presided at all the sessions and in his annual address as President called attention to the fact that the financial condition of the Association had improved considerably since last year, the expense and income accounts now being approximately equal.

Five of the nine districts had held joint meetings with the college faculties during the seven-month period since the last convention. This exceeded the record of any other year, which was rather surprising in view of the short convention year.

The President urged tolerance in reciprocity, giving specific examples as to how his attitude should be carried out.

He stressed most emphatically the necessity for having every board represented at every convention, in order to keep in contact with the work of the Association and understand and support its program. Public health and welfare bodies of all types realize the great good that can be accomplished by talking over problems with similar bodies of other states, thus benefiting by each other's experiences and avoiding needless mistakes.

The Executive Committee reported on the business it had transacted, and approved a budget of \$19,832.70 for 1930-1931, an increase of \$330 over the budget of the previous year.

REPORT OF SECRETARY.

Secretary Christensen reported 976 official applications issued from July 1, 1929, to April 1, 1930, as against 878 for the corresponding months last year, an increase of 98. Also, on account of the great care the Secretary's office takes in checking eligibility of applicants, the number of rejections has been cut in half during the last four years. The Secretary reported an extra amount of correspondence and circularizing, due to the increase in fee on January 1st, but the change has been accomplished very rapidly and with no confusion. The board secretaries are to be complimented on their coöperation in this effort.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Treasurer Gayle gave a detailed report of his accounts, which was accepted. The figures will be published in the Proceedings.

DEPARTMENT OF POST-GRADUATE STUDY.

Director Swain reported on the activities of the new Department of Post-Graduate Study established at the last convention. The bulletins had been issued monthly commencing with January. The advisability of continuing the Department was freely discussed, after which, upon motion of Dr. Fischelis, it was voted to accept the report and refer the entire matter to a special committee of five members, to confer with the director and report at a later session. President Funk appointed Messrs. Fischelis of New Jersey, Winne of Virginia, Phelps of Arizona, Walton of Pennsylvania and Meissner of Indiana.

The committee submitted the following report at a later session:

"It is the unanimous opinion of the Committee that the conception of the task of the Department of Post-Graduate Study as presented by the Director is sound and that the activities

¹ See JOUR. A. PH. A. for May, pages 513-518.

of the Department are an important, necessary and valuable addition to the work of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOARDS OF PHARMACY.

"In the light of the discussion on the Report of the Director, the following suggestions are offered for the consideration of the Executive Committee of the Association:

"1. That the Department of Post-Graduate Study be authorized to continue its activities until the next annual convention of this Association.

"2. That a change in the name of the Department be given serious consideration.

"3. That the Director be authorized to select an Advisory Committee of five members from among the members of this Association to act in an advisory capacity.

"4. That consideration be given to the matter of improving the typography of the bulletins sent out by the Department."

The report was accepted and referred to the Executive Committee for action.

The Executive Committee held a special meeting, at which these recommendations were considered and the following action taken thereon:

1. It was voted to continue the Department for the balance of the calendar year, with the exception that the bulletins be omitted for the months of June, July and August, in order to meet the budget. It was also felt that little attention would be paid to the bulletins during the hot weather season.

2. The title was changed to "Department of Education of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy."

3. Suggestion approved.

4. Suggestion approved.

ANNUAL BANQUET.

At six o'clock on Monday evening, the N. A. B. P. held its annual banquet. Since the success of the Silver Anniversary banquet, this has become an established institution which everyone enjoys. The Hon. Herbert Levy, Assistant Attorney General for the State of Maryland, was the guest of honor and delivered a most interesting address on "Some Fundamental Principles in the Regulation of the Practice of Pharmacy."

Speaking of the efforts of some boards to equalize the supply and demand of practitioners in the various professions, he said:

"Economic considerations in the professions have never been recognized by the courts as sufficient ground for limiting the number of licentiates. A law recognizing such considerations would be held to be oppressive and unreasonable and a flagrant denial of individual rights. Examinations should be fairly designed to ascertain whether the applicant possesses an *average* amount of skill and training. They should not be devised to relieve economic pressure resulting from an overcrowding of the profession by excluding those who have the required competence but are unable to answer trick questions.

"Administrative boards in the exercise of their discretionary powers should not do indirectly that which cannot be done directly."

Mr. Levy also acts as legal advisor of the Maryland Board of Pharmacy, and his remarks on law enforcement are of particular interest and in harmony with what the N. A. B. P. has been advocating for years:

"If some things slip by from time to time which the law is not adequate to prevent, don't rush to the legislature and ask for additional legislation, because you will find that the more laws you have on the books the greater the number of things that slip by.

"When courts and juries and justices of the peace realize that what you are trying to do is to preserve the public health and safety and not subserve some selfish purpose, they are inclined to

act in accordance with the spirit rather than the letter of the law and technicalities are often brushed aside. But this is only true if it appears that your action is necessary to eliminate a menace to public health and is not intended to harness or unduly interfere with the exercise of private rights."

JOINT SESSION OF COLLEGES AND BOARDS.

After hearing reports on the Fairchild Scholarship and the Study of Pharmacy, the joint session of the boards and colleges discussed the "Status of Pharmacists who leave the U. S. Navy," Dean Jordan leading the discussion.

After discussing the amount of practical experience to be required with the four-year course which becomes effective for matriculation in 1932, it was voted and carried to recommend that at least twelve months of practical experience in a drug store under the direction of a registered pharmacist be required.

The status of pharmacy in states where the board of pharmacy has been merged with other professional boards in a consolidation licensing department was considered. After discussion by both board and college faculty members, it was found that the condition after consolidation is generally unsatisfactory, and a vote opposing the merging of all professional boards into one department was passed.

RESOLUTIONS.

The Committee on Resolutions referred some of the resolutions submitted to the Executive Committee and the Advisory Examination Committee for action. The following, however, were adopted by the convention upon report of the committee:

Resolved, that at least one year of practical experience be required in addition to the four-year college course in pharmacy.

Resolved, that a publicity committee be appointed at the 1930 national conventions, consisting of one member of the N. A. B. P. and one member of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy from each of the nine districts, as divided by the N. A. B. P., the committee to elect its own chairman, and present plans and means of putting them into effect at the 1931 national conventions for adoption.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws submitted the following amendments to the constitution for consideration and vote at a subsequent session:

Amend Article II of the Constitution by adding a semicolon after the word "legislation" and then adding the following clause: "To improve the standards of pharmaceutical education and licensure by cooperating with State, National and International Agencies and Associations having similar objects."

Strike out Article VII and substitute therefor the following: "Amendments to this constitution shall be presented in writing at any session of the annual convention of the Association and, in case no objection to the amendment is heard, can be adopted at any subsequent session of the same convention by two-thirds of the accredited delegates present voting in the affirmative; in case of objection to the amendment, final action cannot be taken until the succeeding annual convention of the Association, at which time two-thirds of the accredited delegates present voting in the affirmative shall be required for adoption of the amendment."

The amendment to Article II was adopted at a subsequent session, but the amendment of Article VII was referred to next year's meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Nominating Committee appointed at an earlier session—Messrs. Marsland of Connecticut, Vilas of South Dakota, Allen of Michigan, Hunter of Florida and Rothrock of Indiana—presented the following as nominees for officers of the ensuing year:

For *President*, W. M. Hankins, Florida; for *Vice-Presidents*, District No. 1, C. T. Gilbert, Connecticut; 2, L. N. Richardson, Maryland; 3, Clare Allen, Michigan; 4, George Sherman, So. Dakota; 5, S. M. Scott, Jr., West Virginia; 6, Mac Childs, Kansas; 7, J. D. Dumas, Alabama; 8, J. P. Murray, Colorado; 9, A. L. Phelps, Arizona; for *Secretary*, H. C. Christensen, Illinois; *Treasurer*, J. W. Gayle, Kentucky; *Member of Executive Committee*, John A. J. Funk, Indiana; *Member of Syllabus Committee*, Robert P. Fischelis, New Jersey.

The report of the Nominating Committee was accepted and L. L. Walton, of Pennsylvania, was instructed to cast a ballot for the officers nominated; whereupon they were declared elected. The new officers were then installed, and the twenty-seventh annual convention declared adjourned.

H. C. CHRISTENSEN, *Secretary*.

ROBERT HAMILTON WALKER.

In the passing of Robert Hamilton Walker, of Gonzales, Texas, on May 5, 1930, at the age of 71, the National Association Boards of Pharmacy has lost one of its pioneers, who made many personal sacrifices in the early days to further the cause of the Association.

Robert Hamilton Walker was born in Gonzales, July 7, 1858. His father had come to Gonzales in 1849 as a pharmacist and surveyor. The son was educated in Gonzales College, then graduated from Marietta College at Marietta, Ohio, in 1878, with a B.S. degree. An honorary Master of Pharmacy degree was conferred upon him by Baylor University, College of Pharmacy, Dallas, on April 26, 1910.

The son elected to follow in his father's footsteps and received all his drug store training and education under the tutorship of his father.

He served on one of the district boards of pharmacy in Texas, and later became a member and secretary of the state board of pharmacy, serving a total of 33 years in board work from 1889 until 1921 without interruption. In 1910, he was elected president of the Texas Pharmaceutical Association, and in 1911, at the Boston convention, he was elected president of the National Association Boards of Pharmacy, serving in that capacity for 1911-1912, and presiding at the Denver convention in 1912. The archives of the N. A. B. P. show the imprint of his personality and work.

In 1894, he retired from the drug business to enter a corporation furnishing water and light for the town of Gonzales, but remained interested in the profession and active in its associations until his strength failed.

He also took part in all the activities of his community and church, serving as church organist for 30 years, also a member of the choir, and Sunday School superintendent continuously from 1902 until the time of his retirement several years ago. Pharmacy as well as Gonzales has lost a faithful worker and friend.