Association Business

THE COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, 1930-1931.

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

LETTER NO. 3.

September 6, 1930.

To the Members of the Council:

30. Minutes First Meeting. Motion No. 1 (see Council Letter No. 2, page 918) has been carried and the minutes are approved.

31. Western New York Branch, A. Ph. A. Motion No. 2 (see Council Letter No. 2, page 920) has been carried and the application and By-Laws of the Branch are approved.

32. Election of Members. Motions Nos. 3, 4 and 5 (see Council Letter No. 2, pages 920–921) has been carried and applicants numbered 1 to 56, inclusive, and H-1 to H-15, inclusive, and L. M. 1, are declared elected.

33. Use of Text of N. F. V. Motion No. 6 (see Council Letter No. 2, page 921) has been carried and Drs. DuMcz and Jenkins have been so notified.

34. Committee on N. F. Publicity. Motion No. 7 (see Council Letter No. 2, page 922) has been carried and President Christensen has been so advised.

35. Publication of Supplements to N. F. No comments have been received (see Council Letter No. 2, page 922).

36. Local Secretary for 1930-1931. No nomination other than that of Mr. G. H. Grommet has been received (see Council Letter No. 2, page 924).

(Motion No. 9) It is moved by Beal that G. H. Grommet be elected Local Secretary for 1930–1931.

37. Time of the 1931 Meeting. Motion No. 8 (see Council Letter No. 2, page 924) has been carried and the week of July 28th has been approved as the time for the meeting.

38. Headquarters for 1931 Meeting. The Local Committee in Miami through Mr. Grommet has recommended that the Columbus Hotel be approved as the official headquarters. President Christensen recently visited Miami and consulted with the Local Committee in reference to arrangements for the meeting. He inspected the Columbus Hotel and found that the rooms available for the business meetings are sufficient in number and in seating capacity. Other large hotels are near the Columbus Hotel and the accommodations are ample.

(Motion No. 10) It is moved by Christensen that the Hotel Columbus, Miami, Florida, be the official headquarters for the 1931 meeting.

39. Annual Joint Meeting Executive Committees of the N. A. R. D. and the A. Ph. A. Following the usual custom, members of the Executive Committee of the N. A. R. D., through Secretary Henry, have invited the members of the Council to meet with them at the Ambassador Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J., on Monday, September 15, 1930, at 11 A.M., daylight saving time, during the annual convention of the N. A. R. D. The members of the Council who will be in Atlantic City are requested to attend this joint meeting.

40. Use of the Text of the N. F. V. The following communication has been received from Chairman DuMez of the Committee on Publications:

"This will acknowledge receipt of the request of Prof. H. J. Fuller of the Connecticut College of Pharmacy to use portions of the text of the National Formulary in the preparation of a book entitled 'A synopsis of the United States Pharmacopœia and National Formulary Preparations,' together with the sample of manuscript that you enclosed.

"In view of the fact that the proposed book does not give working formulas, and conforms in other respects to publications which have already been given this permission, I recommend that the requested permit be issued to Prof. Fuller and that the usual fee of \$5.00 be charged."

(Motion No. 11) It is moved by DuMez that H. J. Fuller be given permission to use the text of the N. F. for partial reproduction in "A Synopsis of the United States Pharmacopæia and National Formulary Preparations" and at the usual charge of \$5.00.

41. Price of Collective Index, 1903-1925. The following communication has been received from Chairman DuMez of the Committee on Publication:

"The matter of raising the price of the

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Collective Index recently published in order to make it cover the cost of preparation, has been taken up with the members of the Publication Committee. All of the members are agreed that the price should be raised to cover the cost completely. I therefore recommend to the Council that a charge of \$6.50 per copy be made in the future."

It was originally estimated that the cost of the Index would be covered by a selling price of \$5.00 and about 350 advance orders have been filled at that price. The completed Index is much larger than was anticipated and the cost is correspondingly larger.

One thousand copies were printed of which seven hundred and fifty were bound.

(Motion No. 12) It is moved by DuMez that the price of the Collective Index of Proceedings and Year Books, 1903–1925, be increased from \$5.00 to \$6.50. 42. Applicants for Membership. The following applications properly endorsed and accompanied by the first year's dues have been received:

No. 57, K. B. Bowerman, 356 Post St., San Francisco, Calif.; No. 58, Forrest V. Curtis, Haven, Kans.; No. 59, H. J. Fuller, 150 York St., New Haven, Conn.; No. 60, G. H. Grommet, 2364 S. W. 11th St., Miami, Fla.; No. 61, Reuben Leonard McMaster, 6th & Congress St., Tucson, Ariz.; No. 62, A. A. Maier, 150 York St., New Haven, Conn.; No. 63, Rubin Robert Miller, 1696 Carroll St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; No. 64, Mitchell L. Misita, 6th & Congress St., Tucson, Ariz.; No. 65, Louis William Schleuse, c/o Univ. of Texas College of Pharmacy, Austin, Texas.

(Motion No. 13) Vote on applications for active membership on the American Pharmaceutical Association.

E. F. KELLY, Secretary.

PHYSICIANS AND PHARMACISTS AND JAPANESE HEALTH INSURANCE.

In examining the condition of furnishing medicine and medical treatment in connection with Health Insurance, it was found that, whereas the Japanese Medical Association has been receiving something like 700,000 or 800,000 yen per month, the revenue of the Japanese Pharmacist Union from the same source for September 1927, was only 1,058.80 yen. This latter amount still took a downward course; it became less than one thousand, and was reduced steadily until it amounted to only about 180 yen for June of this year-this revenue is for nearly 10,000 pharmacists scattered throughout the whole country; it means contempt and irony for them. The reason for this state of affairs is said to be due to the refusal of physicians to issue prescriptions. Protest was first made by the pharmacists of Osaka and it resulted in the establishment of an association for the study of the health insurance attached to the Japan Pharmacists' Union. The association held its first meeting on July 23rd and 24th at the Imperial Academy Hall, Kanda, Tokyo. The members of the association later called on the Social Bureau which is in charge of the Health Insurance. They also visited the Chief of the Health Bureau. A series of questions was presented to the Chief of the Social Bureau concerning the insurance. It is probable that, should the answer of the Social Bureau prove satisfactory, the pharmacists may withdraw from the Health Insurance Administration; this was made known to the Government authorities. The following questions were presented to the officials:

1. Is not the separation of medicine and pharmacy desirable for the administration of Health Insurance?

2. Has the Government made any comparative study of the respective merits of such a system with the existing system under which no separation is recognized?

3. Has the Government made any study of the effects on the pharmacists after the Health Insurance law has been put into effect?

4. Has the Government ever studied the refusal by physicians of the requests of insured workers for prescriptions?

5. Does not the Government contemplate to encourage the insured persons to ask for prescriptions?

6. Does not the Government regard the refusal of the physician to issue prescriptions as a systematic denial of separation between pharmacy and medicine?

7. Does not the Government plan to call a conference of physicians, pharmacists, Government representatives and representatives of insured persons?