

## Section on Historical Pharmacy

Papers Presented at the Sixty-First Annual Convention

### MINUTES OF THE SECTION ON HISTORICAL INTERESTS.

FIRST (AND ONLY) SESSION—FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 22, 1913.

The first (and only) session of the Section on Historical Interests was called to order at 11 o'clock a. m. in Room "A" of the Grand Lodge, by Chairman John G. Godding, of Boston. There were present also of the committee, Frederick T. Gordon, of Philadelphia, Secretary, and Caswell A. Mayo, of New York, Historian.

Chairman Godding requested Mr. Gordon to preside while he read his address. (See October JOURNAL, p. 1271.)

The Acting Chairman stated that it was customary to appoint a committee of three to consider and report upon the address of the Chairman, and said he would entertain a motion to that effect. Mr. Bradley, of Boston, said he thought no one in the room would oppose the recommendations made in the address, and so the matter was passed.

Mr. Raubenheimer called attention to the fact that this was the first time in the history of pharmacy that an International Congress of Pharmacy has solicited papers on historical pharmacy, and the American Pharmaceutical Association being the first Association which had a Section on Historical Pharmacy, he thought it was eminently proper that it should be sent to the International Congress, as recommended by the Chairman in his address, the paper by Dr. Alpers referred to.

The Acting Chairman said he was glad Mr. Raubenheimer had mentioned this matter, because the Section would have to take some action on it.

A vote was then taken on the reception of the address of the chairman, and it was so ordered.

Thereupon the Acting Chairman said it was now in order to make a motion that this Section approve of the recommendation made by the Chairman, that the American Pharmaceutical Association send as its contribution to the International Pharmaceutical Congress at The Hague the History of the American Pharmaceutical Association, prepared by Dr. Alpers, and to refer this request to the Association in general session.

Mr. Raubenheimer so moved, and the motion prevailed.

Mr. Godding resumed the chair, and called for the report of the Historian, which Mr. Mayo proceeded to make, exhibiting a copy of the French publication, collection of snap-shots taken at the Denver meeting, etc., referred to in his paper.

The Chair stated that, without objection, the report of the Historian would be received to take the usual course.

Mr. Wilbert said it was very seldom that Mr. Mayo "let anything get by him," but he wished to call his attention to an exhibit at the International Medical Con-

gress in London last month—an exhibit of historical medical objects, organized by Henry S. Wellcome, which reproduced many of the older medicaments. He urged that delegates to The Hague convention should not fail to visit this exhibit.

Mr. Mayo apologized for this omission. This was one of the most interesting things from a historical point of view that had occurred for sometime, he said, and Mr. Wellcome had shown great interest in this subject. The photographs of old mortars were very interesting; also those of old shelfware in various types of bottles. Mr. Wellcome, he said, really had one of the finest historical pharmaceutical collections of any man in the world.

The Chair stated that, without objection, the report of the Historian would take the usual course, and it was so ordered.

The report of the Secretary was called for, and Mr. Gordon made his report.

The Chair stated that, as there were no recommendations in the report of the Secretary, it would, without objection, take the usual course, and it was so ordered.

The nomination of officers was called for as the next order of business, and Dr. William C. Alpers, of New York, was nominated for Chairman by H. V. Army, who spoke of him as a man deeply interested in the history of pharmacy. This motion was seconded by Messrs. Wilbert and Anderson, and on motion of Otto Claus, nominations for Chairman were closed.

The Chair thereupon put the vote on the election of Dr. Alpers as Chairman of the Section on Historical Interests for the ensuing year, and it was carried unanimously.

Dr. Alpers thanked the members most heartily for the honor conferred on him, which he said had come to him very unexpectedly. He had some doubt as to whether he could accept, as his plans were somewhat unsettled; but said that if he could serve he would do his best to keep the Section on the same high plane it had been conducted on by former Chairmen.

Nominations for Secretary were called for, and Frederick T. Gordon was nominated by Hugo Kantrowitz, and the nomination seconded by H. V. Army. Nominations were closed, and Mr. Gordon was unanimously elected.

Mr. Gordon expressed his thanks for the honor conferred, but said the members had voted him "a good, hard job."

New business was called for as the next order, but none was offered.

The Chair announced that the reading of papers was now in order, and he would call on Dr. Alpers to read his second installment of the History of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

Before proceeding to read his paper, Dr. Alpers stated that it was, in the very nature of things, quite a long one, and as the time of the Section was somewhat limited, he would pass over certain parts of it that he did not deem especially important—such as those portions referring to foreign associations, British, German, etc.—and confine his reading to those portions having a direct bearing on the history of the American Pharmaceutical Association. He explained that the age of the Association did not tally with the running numbers of the meetings; that this was known as the sixty-first annual meeting, whereas the Association was really sixty-three years old. The reason for this discrepancy was that the first meeting was usually mentioned as the preliminary meeting of the Associa-

tion, and there was no meeting held at St. Louis in 1861, as intended, on account of the Civil War. He thought this would account for the fact that while the Association was really sixty-three years old, the number of the present meeting was only sixty-one.

This paper was discussed by Messrs. Remington, Arny, Husted and Alpers, and on motion of J. P. Remington, seconded by H. V. Arny, a special vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Alpers for his excellent work in this behalf.

Dr. Alpers explained that if this paper was to be presented at The Hague Congress as a contribution from this Association, as contemplated in the recommendation of the Chairman in his address, which recommendation had been adopted, it would be necessary to recopy it and put it in somewhat different form, as it could not be presented properly in its present form, and that this, of course, would involve some expense, though not a great deal.

Mr. Gordon said that as he understood this resolution was to be referred to the House of Delegates, and if the House of Delegates approved the Council would probably authorize the necessary expenditure.

Prof. Remington suggested that anything coming from the House of Delegates requiring an outlay of money must be approved by the Council, and he would be glad to make the necessary motion in the council as to this expense.

The Chair stated that he thought the necessary revision of this paper could be safely left in the hands of Dr. Alpers, the author.

Thereupon the paper was received and ordered to take the usual course.

The next paper called for was one by Dr. Lyman F. Kebler, of Washington, D. C., on the subject of the "Evolution of the Tablet Industry," which the author presented in extended verbal abstract.

Dr. Kebler's paper was discussed by Messrs. Mayo, Lloyd, Raubenheimer and the writer, and, on motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Dr. Lloyd and Mr. Raubenheimer, the thanks of the Association were extended to Dr. Kebler for this admirable compilation, and the manner in which he had presented his subject. The paper was then received and referred for publication.

A paper entitled "Biographical Sketch of Dr. John King," by John Uri Lloyd, was read by title, at request of the author.

Two papers by Otto Raubenheimer, one entitled "Centenary of Iodine," and the other "Centenary of Men Famous in Pharmacy," were read by title, at request of the writer.

A paper entitled, "History of Albany College of Pharmacy," by A. B. Husted, was also read by title, at the request of the author, and referred for publication.

The following papers were, in the absence of the writers, also read by title and referred for publication: "Pharmaceutical Chronology, 1700 to 1913," by J. L. Llewlyn; "History of Massachusetts Pharmaceutical Association," by E. C. Marshall; "History of Maine Pharmaceutical Association," by A. G. Schlotterbeck.

The Chair stated that the last-named paper was a very interesting document, inasmuch as it was written by the only survivor of the organizers of the Maine Pharmaceutical Association.

This concluded the business before the Section, and Mr. Mayo, in moving to adjourn, included a vote of thanks to the retiring officers. The motion prevailed, and the Section adjourned to meet again in 1914.