

sen for his interesting lecture and, on motion, the meeting adjourned.

J. W. MACKELDEN, Secretary.



### NASHVILLE BRANCH.

That the Denver meeting of the A. Ph. A. made no mistake when it selected Nashville, Tenn., as its next meeting place is evident, judging from the enthusiasm and activity which is being shown in this Southern city in its preparations for the convention, which meets here August 18.

The members of the Nashville branch began their preparations by holding a series of get-together meetings to which all the local druggists and their wives were invited. These meetings have resulted in much good by creating a feeling of good fellowship among them. The last of this series was held May 27 in the Y. M. C. A. building, with W. R. White as chairman. Enthusiastic speeches were made by Dr. E. A. Ruddiman, J. O. Burge, Charles S. Martin, Ira B. Clark, M. E. Hutton, C. C. Young and others. Dainty refreshments were served. A Ladies' Reception Committee was appointed, with Mrs. R. L. Thompson chairman.

A meeting of the Nashville Branch was held June 12 in the Board of Trade rooms in the Stanlman building, with Dr. J. O. Burge presiding. The meeting was devoted exclusively to the discussion of plans for the convention.

Ira B. Clark, chairman of the Membership Committee, reported the application of two new members. He stated that the distribution of the literature is still being pushed, and it is estimated that every druggist in the fifteen Southern states will get a notice of the meeting and a request to join. A letter will be mailed soon to the most prominent druggists, containing a personal appeal to them to join the Association, and a large increase in members is expected.

A beautiful badge was ordered, being a combination badge and watch fob, with a cross bar at the top bearing the letters A. Ph. A., and the number. On the ribbon below is the picture of the Hermitage enclosed in an oxidized silver rim.

The Entertainment Committee was heard from through its chairman, W. R. White, who stated that a joint committee consisting

of the directors of Board of Trade and the Industrial Bureau had been appointed by these organizations to cooperate with the local druggists in properly extending a royal Southern welcome to the visitors and would meet with them at an early date.

A complete list of rates were reported from the local hotels by J. B. Sand, chairman of the Hotel Committee.

Dr. E. A. Ruddiman reported having visited the recent meeting of the Georgia Pharmaceutical Association at Columbus, Ga.

A large delegation of local A. Ph. A. enthusiasts will attend the Memphis meeting of the Tennessee Pharmaceutical Association, July 8 to 10, where a great time is promised. Some big results for the A. Ph. A. is looked for by the Membership Committee.

WILLIAM R. WHITE, Sec'y.

## Council Business

### COUNCIL LETTER No. 15.

PHILADELPHIA, June 9, 1913.

To the Members of the Council:

*Motions No. 24 (Appropriation of \$100 to National Drug Trade Conference, Second Meeting); No. 25 (Election of Members; Applications No. 155 to 175, inclusive); No. 26 (Approval of Suggested Program for 1913 Annual Meeting), and No. 27 (Election of Members; Applications No. 176 to 201, inclusive),* have each received a majority of affirmative votes.

*Motion No. 28 (Appropriation of \$2200 for Volume 59 of the Proceedings).* Moved by J. H. Beal, seconded by J. A. Koch, that the sum of \$2200, or so much thereof as is necessary be appropriated for Volume 59 of the Proceedings and Report on the Progress of Pharmacy. The above appropriation is approved by the Committee on Finance.

Chairman A. V. Pease, of the Section on Commercial Interests, requests an appropriation of \$50 to pay the expense incident to the securing of a lecture on "Scientific Salesmanship" to be delivered under the auspices of the Section on Commercial Interests.

*Motion No. 29 (Appropriation of \$50 for Section on Commercial Interests).* Moved

by J. H. Beal, seconded by J. A. Koch, that fifty dollars be appropriated for the above-named purpose.

The appropriation is approved by the Committee on Finance.

J. W. ENGLAND,  
Secretary of the Council.



## U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.

Gahn, Henry, Pharmacist. Granted two days' leave of absence May 16-17, 1913, under paragraph 210, Service Regulations. May 22, 1913.

Smith, L. E., Pharmacist. Granted seven days' leave of absence, from May 20, 1913, under paragraph 210, Service Regulations. May 19, 1913.

Macdowell, W. F., Pharmacist. Granted 18 days' extension of annual leave from May 7, 1913, on account of sickness. May 28, 1913.

LaGrange, J. V., Pharmacist. Granted one day's leave of absence, May 27, 1913, under paragraph 210, Service Regulations. May 27, 1913.

Ryder, L. W., Pharmacist. Granted two days' leave of absence, April 17-18, 1913, under paragraph 210, Service Regulations. May 31, 1913.

Troxler, R. F., Pharmacist. Granted two days' leave of absence in May, 1913, under paragraph 210, Service Regulations. June 2, 1913.

Sterns, C. O., Pharmacist. Granted one day's leave of absence, April 25, 1913, under paragraph 210, Service Regulations. May 31, 1913.

### PROMOTION.

Pharmacist M. E. Berkowitz promoted to Pharmacist of the second class, to date from May 9, 1913.

## ABOUT PRESCRIPTION WEIGHTS.

We wonder how many druggists observe all the precautions they should to properly keep their prescription weights so that their accuracy can at all times be depended upon? The usual custom is to keep the weights lying in a depression made in the plate of the prescription balance for that purpose. Others preserve them in boxes; the more care-

less ones—fortunately their number is small—leave them scattered about the prescription counter, where they must be hunted for and got together every time a prescription comes in to be filled. We have seen samples of such roving weights and have wondered that serious consequences have not followed upon their employment in filling prescriptions calling for potent medicaments.

Druggists could learn something in this respect from their chemist friends. If they went into the weighing room of a chemical laboratory they would notice that the chemist takes the tenderest care of his weights. They are always preserved in a box made for them, the smaller, flat ones being kept in the same box under a special plate of glass. They are never touched with the fingers, a pair of forceps being used for that purpose and for no other; this, also, has its own compartment in the box. The greatest precautions are taken to prevent any kind of substance, liquid or solid, from dropping upon the pieces of metal. If the weights are dusty they are not rubbed or scoured with a piece of paper or cloth, but are carefully dusted with a camel's hair brush. They are never allowed to remain in the balance pans, but are replaced in their case every time the weighing is finished. The chemist knows that if he failed in this case the weights would become inaccurate and his results vitiated.

Why should not the pharmacist exercise the same vigilance to assure himself that his weights are always true?—*The National Druggist*.

## FORTUNE KEEPS NO VISITING LIST.

Thousands of men had that in them which could have made them a Napoleon or a Cæsar, a Carnegie or a Field, but they remained nonentities simply because they had a fool idea that Fortune keeps a visiting list. She doesn't. She hasn't stirred from home since she first went into business. Her abode is way up among the crags. There are no tramways to her door. No man who ever found the path managed to leave footprints to guide another over exactly the same route. She gives nothing. She trades and she drives her bargains just as hard as a Monday shopper. The price of her goods must be paid for in grit and ability.—*Herbert Kaufman*.