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DISTRICT NO. 1 MEETS.

By holding the first district meeting of the convention year, this district is living up to its name, or perhaps we should say number. Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire and Rhode Island comprise the district. Vice-President C. T. Gilbert (Connecticut) of the N. A. B. P. presided at the meeting which was held at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in Boston on December 3 and 4, 1930. The college and board delegates who gathered spent most of the time in round-table discussion of examination methods and mutual problems, and those who attended feel that they gained a great deal of helpful information.

A NEW METHOD OF AWARDING CERTIFICATES.

The New Jersey Board of Pharmacy, instead of mailing licenses to applicants who passed a recent examination, held what might be termed formal "graduation" exercises at the State House in Trenton on December 2nd, when certificates of registration as pharmacists were awarded. The value of this procedure in impressing upon the neophyte his obligation and responsibility cannot be overestimated.

A printed program gave the list of those receiving licenses and contained the code of ethics of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, which each new pharmacist signed and pledged to uphold. The certificates were presented by Acting Governor Arthur N. Pierson; there were short addresses by President C. Graham McCloskey and Secretary Robert P. Fischelis of the New Jersey Board, also Secretary H. C. Christensen of the National Association Boards of Pharmacy.

While the plan is not practicable in large states where the applicant would be put to considerable expense and loss of time in making a long trip to get his license, in those states where the territory is restricted, as in New Jersey, the plan is worthy of consideration for its beneficial effect on the morale of the profession.

DR. JAMES H. BEAL ON EXAMINATIONS.

"Examinations as a Factor in Pharmaceutical Progress" is the title of a most interesting article by Dr. James H. Beal in the December 1930 issue of *The Druggists Circular*. The subject matter applies directly to the work of pharmacy examining boards, making it of vital interest to N. A. B. P. members. On commenting on the work of our Association, he says:

"Of late years, under the leadership and stimulating influence of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, improvement in examination methods has been especially rapid. The examinations conducted by some present boards would rank high on any scale of pedagogic rating, and practically all boards are making commendable progress."

To those who point out that the pharmacist is engaged primarily in commercial enterprise after licensing and should, therefore, not be required to qualify on a high educational standard and a thorough-going board examination, he replies: "The candidate is not asking authority to engage in a purely commercial business, but is seeking a certificate which will authorize him to compound and dispense drugs, medicines and poisons and cannot, therefore, legitimately object to being called upon to demonstrate the proficiency which such certificate declares him to possess. . . As long as the druggist claims the right to exercise all of the prerogatives of the dispensing pharmacist he cannot consistently object to the requirement that he demonstrate his qualifications to do so."

STATE BOARD NEWS.

Alabama.—A revised and improved pharmacy bill, strengthening the enforcement features of the law, will be introduced in the legislature now in session.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on June 8th at Montgomery, Ala., just prior to the annual meeting of the state pharmaceutical association, which opens on the 10th.

J. T. Dumas, president of the Board, is now traveling in addition to keeping supervision over his pharmacy, ably assisted by his wife and daughter.

Arizona.—The 54th semi-annual meeting of the Board was held at Phoenix on Nov. 12th. H. Boyd Laird of Globe was elected president, and Fred W. Moore of Flagstaff was made vice-president of the Board.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: That beginning with the November 1930 examination and in the future, candidates for registration as Registered Assistant Pharmacists, excepting those who had made application as Registered Assistant Pharmacists previous to November 12, 1930, shall be required to make a grade of at least 60% on each subject, and a general average of 75% in all subjects given as part of the examination."

Thirteen reciprocal licenses were issued, the applicants coming from Texas, Ohio, Kentucky, Missouri, Kansas, Maryland, Iowa and Colorado.

Colorado.—While 122 applications to take the December examination of the Board were received, only 112 answered roll call. The results will be announced later, as board members have not had the leisure time to grade all of these papers.

Reciprocal registration was extended to two applicants, one from Missouri, another from Minnesota.

The Board office is temporarily located in the office of the Plumbing Inspector, 436 State Office Bldg., as the legislature is in session and the regular office of the Board in the Capitol is in use.

Florida.—The Board met in Gainesville on January 12th-13th. Thirty-eight candidates were examined, fifteen passing. Thirty-one were registered by reciprocity.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: *President*, N. H. Hunter, Ft. Myers; *Vice-President*, John K. Clemmer, Miami; *Secretary-Treasurer*, J. H. Haughton, Palatka.

Iowa.—The Pharmacy Examiners are conducting an investigation of the sale of stock food and veterinary remedies to farmers. Many of these contain drugs and medicines whose sale is restricted by law. Vendors of such products are liable under the law for a vendor's license fee. A test case may be taken to court later.

Kansas.—Again consolidation of professional boards threatens. A similar effort two years ago was blocked. Economy, as usual, is made the basis for the plea. The *Midwestern Druggist* points out that the examining expense will be the same under consolidation as at present, as obviously there must be examiners, with the exception that the secretary's salary of \$50 per month will be saved—\$600 per year. However, the new department is to have a director whose annual salary is \$25,000, which is many times in excess of what all the professions combined are paying for individual executives. Thus, the object of the bill is the creation of a political plum. Another bill is also pending, which appropriates one million dollars to purchase an office building for the new consolidation department and the highway commission—another reckless extravagance.

Kentucky.—At the quarterly meeting held in Lexington on January 13th, R. Lee Cassell of that city qualified as the newly appointed member of the Board to succeed Linwood A. Brown, whose term expired.

George E. Porter of Berea was elected president of the Board for the ensuing year.

At this meeting, ten applicants for registered pharmacist and twelve for assistant were examined. Three of the first class passed and four of the second.

The annual report of the Board which is now in press will show that during the year about ten injunction suits were successfully prosecuted against drug firms who failed to keep a registered pharmacist in charge of their stores.

The next meeting will be held in Louisville, April 14th.

Maine.—An examination was held on December 10th, eight applicants participating, but none was able to make a rank sufficient to secure a certificate.

The term of Roy M. Hescok of Monson expired on December 1st and he was ineligible for reappointment under the law. The Governor has appointed Alfred P. Manson of Gardiner as his successor. The pharmacists are happy over the choice as Mr. Manson was their selection.

Massachusetts.—A class of 58 was examined on December 16th, and 22 were successful in receiving licenses.

Michigan.—Orville D. Hoxie of Grand Rapids was elected president of the Board at the recent meeting held at the College of the City of Detroit. Examination results were not available at time of going to press.

J. Edward Richardson of Detroit was endorsed by the Detroit Branch of the A. Ph. A. for reappointment to the Michigan Board, and a recommendation to that effect was made to Governor-Elect Wilbur.

Minnesota.—The Board examined 26 candidates at the January 15th examination, of which number 50% were graduates, the other candidates being exempted under the law. Total number passing—16.

Three applicants were registered by reciprocity, one each from Texas, Iowa and Missouri.

At the annual meeting held at the same time, John Nelson of Lake Park was elected president for the ensuing year, and John W. Dargavel of Minneapolis was reelected secretary.

Missouri.—An examination meeting was held at Macon, on January 12th and 13th. Forty-seven candidates for R.Ph. license and forty-two for assistant grade took examination.

New Hampshire reports legislative activity but no report on the content of the bills proposed is available.

New Jersey.—An examination meeting was held at the State House in Trenton on Jan. 15th and 16th, with 32 applicants presenting themselves for the assistant pharmacist certificate and 163 applicants for the registered pharmacist certificate.

A proposed bill to provide for consolidation of the professional boards was roundly condemned by the Governor in his annual message to the Legislature. As a result, the administration which is in control of the Legislature will not attempt such a bill at this session. The combined efforts of the professions in fighting the measure have borne fruit.

North Carolina.—The North Carolina Board celebrates its fiftieth birthday or golden anniversary on May 17, 1931, having been organized May 17, 1881.

C. P. Greyer of Morganton, who has served as a member for 15 years, will retire on April 28th, to be succeeded by W. Lee Moose of Albemarle.

Ohio.—The Ohio Board, in a letter addressed to the State pharmaceutical association, sets forth its position with regard to a drug store permit law. Evidently there has been some feeling to the effect that if a permit law is passed, annual registration of individual licenses should be discontinued. Quoting from the report:

“It is our opinion that some sort of renewal of certificates should be retained, therefore, we recommend the continuance of triennial registration of pharmacist and assistant pharmacist certificates at the same fee and the annual registration of drug stores at one dollar per year and also the annual registration of all places handling drugs and medicines that are exempt from the pharmacy law, at an annual fee of three dollars. It is understood that the board does not approve of the above unless all places selling drugs and medicines in the state are required to register and have a license to handle same.”

Oregon.—M. C. Kaegi of Portland was appointed on December 9th by Governor Norblad as a member of the Oregon Board to succeed A. E. Crosby of the Dalles, who resigned recently. Mr. Kaegi is a graduate of Oregon State School of Pharmacy, 1920.

South Carolina.—Out of 21 applicants taking the November examinations at Newberry, seven were successful.

The next regular meeting will be held at Columbia, March 18th and 19th. Election of officers will take place, as well as examination of applicants.

Vermont.—Mason G. Beebe, a former member of the Vermont Board, was found dead in bed on December 26th. Mr. Beebe enjoyed one of the best prescription businesses in the state; he leaves one son.

Wm. B. Shangraw of Rutland has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board owing to the death of Ralph C. Root of Brattleboro.

West Virginia.—The new West Virginia Code, effective January 1, 1931 provides that all certificates shall be renewed on July 1st, biennially; fee \$2.00 as heretofore. The examination, fee is \$20 instead of \$10 and there is an additional fee of \$5 for issuing certificate (or duplicate at any time). Fee for assistant examination is \$10 plus \$5 certificate fee. Total reciprocity fee is \$25 including certificate.

Wisconsin.—The pharmacy board concluded its quarterly examination at Madison on January 24th, registering 64 out of 158 candidates examined. Forty-four received R.Ph. licenses and twenty A.Ph. certificates.

Wyoming.—Fourteen applicants were examined at the meeting held January 19th and 20th at Cheyenne, six of them passing.

J. EDWARD RICHARDSON, RETIRING MEMBER MICHIGAN BOARD OF PHARMACY, PRESENTED WITH SILVER SET.

The presentation was made at a luncheon held in Webster hall, Detroit, Tuesday, January 20th, by President Orville Hoxie for the board of pharmacy. Mr. Hoxie, as well as the other members present, complimented Mr. Richardson for the splendid service he had rendered Michigan and pharmacy. Besides the board members and deans of colleges of pharmacy in Michigan, the Detroit Retail Druggists' association was represented by Messrs. Leonard A. Seltzer, J. H. Webster, F. C. Bellemore and President Bernard A. Bialk.

KENTUCKY SALES TAX CONSTITUTIONAL.

The Franklin Circuit court recently held the Kentucky graduated sales tax on retail merchants constitutional. The sales tax is not a license tax, but a sales or consumers' tax; the Kentucky Court of Appeals has upheld the right of the state to tax merchants on the basis of their sales, or on the amount of business transacted.