

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LOCAL BRANCHES

"All papers presented to the Association and Branches shall become the property of the Association with the understanding that they are not to be published in any other publication prior to their publication in those of the Association, except with the consent of the Council." —Part of Chapter VI, Article VI of the By-Laws.

Article III of Chapter VII reads: "The objects and aims of local branches of this Association shall be the same as set forth in ARTICLE I of the Constitution of this body, *and the acts of local branches shall in no way commit or bind this Association, and can only serve as recommendations to it.* And no local branch shall enact any article of Constitution or By-Law to conflict with the Constitution or By-Laws of this Association."

ARTICLE IV of Chapter VII reads: "Each local branch having not less than 50 dues-paid members of the Association, holding not less than six meetings annually with an attendance of not less than 9 members at each meeting, and the proceedings of which shall have been submitted to the JOURNAL for publication, may elect one representative to the House of Delegates."

Reports of the meeting of the Local Branches shall be mailed to the Editor on the day following the meeting, if possible. Minutes should be typewritten with wide spaces between the lines. Care should be taken to give proper names correctly and manuscript should be signed by the reporter.

DETROIT.

The April meeting of the Detroit Branch of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION was held in the Y. M. C. A. Building, April 21, 1931.

Professor Preston H. Scott was scheduled to speak. Later, he was to conduct a debate on the chain store and take the side of the chain, the assembly was to take the side of the independent; however, Professor Scott was indisposed that evening and Fred F. Ingram, Jr., was called upon to conduct the debate in the place of Professor Scott. While Mr. Ingram is by no means a champion of the chain store, he conducted the debate on the side of the chain, laying particular emphasis upon the following facts: That the chain store has the organization, it has the capital to buy and select locations and take loss for indefinite periods on these locations until competitors are eliminated; and, as compared with these advantages, the discussion brought out the fact that the independent stores have the advantages of the personality of owner management where the personal contact of the owner with the customer is an advantage that cannot be over-come by the chain system.

The chief mistake of the independent stores, Mr. Ingram pointed out, is in the belief that success depends upon buying power, whereas it is selling power that determines success. Although Mr. Ingram is a friend of the independent he led the discussion on the side of the chain in order to bring out a good comparison. Messrs. J. H. Webster, Leonard A. Seltzer,

Clarence A. Weaver, defended the policy of the chains and James Liddell led the discussion in behalf of the independent.

During the business session, Leonard A. Seltzer, Dean R. T. Lakey, E. P. Stout and Edward H. Kraus were selected to serve as a nominating committee to report at the May meeting to be held in Ann Arbor, Tuesday evening, May 12th.

BERNARD A. BIALK, *Secretary.*

NEW YORK.

The May meeting of the New York Branch of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION was held at the College of Pharmacy, Columbia University, on Monday, the 11th; there were about 75 members present, of whom a number attended the "Get-Together Dinner" preceding the meeting.

The chair was taken by Vice-President Ernest A. Billhuber, who called upon the Secretary to present the minutes of the March and April meetings; these were approved. The Secretary pointed out that in view of the fact that the resolution to form a Committee of physicians and pharmacists to institute conferences of the Health professions was carried at the joint meeting of the Branch with the Academy of Pharmacy, President Fischelis suggested that the officers of both of these associations should meet during the summer months to appoint the committee and formulate plans.

Treasurer Turner F. Currens' report was read and accepted.

Chairman Lehman, of the Committee on Education and Legislation, reported that the bills which the New York State Pharmaceutical Association had introduced into the State Legislature were not carried. The State Association would try to introduce them again next year and at its annual convention in June would decide upon its legislative program for the coming year.

Chairman Mayer, of the Audit Committee, stated that he had approved of the bills which had been submitted to him.

Chairman Dandreau, of the Membership Committee, said that he would endeavor during the coming winter to make student membership a prominent feature.

Dr. Bilhuber pointed out that science students of the universities and technical schools took a great interest in the activities of the local branch meetings of the American Chemical Society and turned out in large numbers to its meetings. He felt that the students of the pharmacy Colleges in New York City would likewise profit greatly by attending the meetings of the New York Branch of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, and should be urged to do so.

The Secretary reported that he had received applications for full membership in the Branch from Messrs. Peter C. Anselmo, Joseph Brenner, Alfred B. Kent and Leonard Rose. These were approved.

In the absence of Dr. Schaefer, the Secretary read his report as Chairman of a Committee appointed to consider the advisability of the Branch again becoming affiliated with the New York Pharmaceutical Conference. Dr. Schaefer, for stated reasons, suggested that the question of Conference affiliation be dropped. The Branch voted to accept the suggestion.

In another report from Dr. Schaefer, as Secretary of the Remington Medal Committee, he said that at the present time no recipient for the medal could be declared.

At the request of President Fischelis it was decided to hold over the consideration of his recommendations before the Branch until the next meeting.

The Secretary reported that he had recently received a letter from E. G. Eberle, Editor of the JOURNAL, in which he pointed out that the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION is seeking additions to the Library and gifts for the Museum of the American Institute of Pharmacy soon to be erected in Washington, D. C. This affords an opportunity for pre-

serving historical material that would otherwise become lost, as letters, books, photographs, prints, apparatus, etc. The Institute also affords an opportunity for endowments and memorials.

The business section of the meeting was concluded by directing the attention of the members to the arrangements for the Annual Convention of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION at Miami, during the week of July 27th.

Chairman Lewis N. Brown, of the Committee on the Progress of Pharmacy, read a report on recent remedies and advances in pharmacy; he mentioned a new type of vanishing cream formula, Irradol Malt, Theelin, Idozan, Iodeol and Tricalcine; he spoke of the use of triangular bottles for *all* poisons, as proposed by the Board of Aldermen of Montreal, Canada; he referred at length to Dr. P. A. Foote's article entitled "Some Features of the Progress of Medicine in Fifty Years—1880-1930," which dealt chiefly with advances in medical education, and he suggested how advances might be made in pharmaceutical education along similar lines.

Dr. Bilhuber then introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. C. W. Ballard, Microanalyst to the Bureau of Foods and Drugs of the Health Department of the City of New York and Associate Professor of Materia Medica, Columbia University, College of Pharmacy; the subject of his address was "Experiences as a Microanalyst of Foods and Drugs."

Dr. Ballard opened his remarks by saying that the average citizen knows little about the regulatory work of the Bureau of Foods and Drugs of the Health Department. This Department, with a chemical laboratory staff of 20 persons, analyzed between 50,000 and 60,000 samples a year, about 90% of these being food samples and the remainder drug samples. His own special work for the Bureau was the microscopical examination of food and drug products for which no routine chemical analysis seemed applicable; samples submitted to him were very varied in character, ranging from drugs and cosmetics to oysters and lobsters.

He exhibited many samples of malted milk and explained that he had worked out a method for distinguishing between a genuine malted milk and a dried milk mixed with dry malt extract and other ingredients; he referred to the scare during the War in regard to ground glass in foodstuffs and said that out of 278 miscellaneous food items which he had examined, only 7 contained glass, though 123 showed the pres-

ence of sand. An interesting assignment to him had been oysters grown in Jamaica Bay, found to be colored; it was found that the color was due to dyes entering the water from a nearby dyeworks; as a result of this, oysters from this bay could no longer be sold. He had examined many samples of sausage and found that the addition of starch or cereal as a filler caused the absorption of 5 to 20 per cent more water than was absorbed by sausage containing only the permitted ingredients; it also made the sausages hold their plumpness several days longer. He had dealt with over 1500 samples of coffee, finding that many of them contained chickory or roasted breadstuffs or cereals; there is no objection to these ingredients provided that their presence is mentioned on the label, but many labels were found to be very misleading.

Dr. Ballard went to considerable length to explain how samples of drugs were collected from drug houses and pharmacies and pointed out that as far as the pharmacist was concerned, the greatest error was that of carelessness in labelling, *e. g.*, Tilia flowers which were chiefly leaves, Caraway for Anise, American Saffron (*Carthamus*) for Saffron N. F. (Spanish Saffron), etc. He said the Department held that the pharmacist is absolutely responsible for the drugs he sells, even though purchased from a wholesaler or jobber in a packaged form. Finally, he pointed out that food and drug adulterants have gone out of use before they reach the publication stage in textbooks.

Dr. Joseph L. Mayer complimented Dr. Ballard on his excellent talk and told of some of his own experiences in the examination of food and drug samples.

Mr. Seley, Dr. Lichtman and others took part in the discussion which followed, a rising vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Ballard, and the meeting adjourned.—HERBERT C. KASSNER, *Secretary*.

PHILADELPHIA.

The May meeting of the Philadelphia Branch, AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, was held in the Sharp and Dohme-Mulford Laboratories, Glenolden, Pennsylvania, on Tuesday evening, May 12, 1931.

The Delaware Pharmaceutical Society and the Graduating Classes of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy & Science and of the School of Pharmacy, Temple University, were the guests of the Branch on this gala occasion. The meeting was in the form of an "Introduc-

tion Party" for the graduating classes of both institutions.

President Munch called the meeting to order. Reading of the minutes of the April meeting was waived due to previous publication.

Proposed changes in the by-laws of the Branch were discussed, since their proposal was dated as of the April meeting. On motion each proposed change was voted on and passed. The following now constitutes that portion of the by-laws affected by the change, by which the Branch will be governed in the future:

BY-LAW NO. 1. "*Members*—This Branch shall consist of active, associate and honorary members."

BY-LAW NO. 3. "*Associate Members*—All members of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION in good standing, residing in or within a radius of seventy-five miles of the county of Philadelphia, shall be accredited as being associate members of this Branch, but shall not have the right to vote."

BY-LAW NO. 4. "*Honorary Members*—Any person, who is not an active member, and who shall assist the Branch by the contribution of scientific papers, work or research, or add to its financial resources, shall be termed as an honorary member, but without the right to vote."

BY-LAW NO. 10. "*Dues*—Every active member of the Branch shall annually contribute the sum of one dollar." Amendment—"Every active member who shall be in arrears in the payment of annual dues for two years or more, shall be transferred to associate membership, but may regain active membership upon payment of said dues."

Chairman Slothower presented the following names for Branch Membership: Dr. R. R. Read, Dr. Walter H. Hartung, L. L. Miller, F. W. Dickson and J. J. Farley. On vote each name presented was duly elected to Branch Membership.

Dean J. W. Sturmer was presented by President Munch as the first speaker of the evening and in his characteristic way soon won the undivided attention of all present. His subject was "Proposed Methods of Student Instruction," as suggested by various Colleges to meet the requirements of a specialized age.

Dr. Frank Eby next responded and stressed the necessity of having more joint meetings with the various student groups to interest them in Association work, so that after graduation such work might be carried on in an un-

interrupted manner, resulting in profitable returns for all participants.

Walter L. Morgan, spokesman extraordinary and prominent Wilmington pharmacist, answered his summons to speak by reviewing some of his experiences gathered during his "forty years apprenticeship" as a retail pharmacist. His talk was not only instructional in indicating the trend pharmacy has taken during the past years, but most entertaining, due to the interjection of numerous witticisms which provoked gales of laughter and endeared him not only to his fellow Society members who escorted him to Glenolden, but to everyone present.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Chairman Harrison of the Entertainment Committee then took charge, directing the assemblage to the first floor, where a generous surprise in the form of refreshments and music had been arranged.

W. J. STONEBACK, *Secretary*.

STUDENT BRANCH OF THE A. PH. A.
SCHOOL OF PHARMACY, STATE COLLEGE
OF WASHINGTON, PULLMAN,
WASHINGTON.

A new student branch of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION was formed at the School of Pharmacy at the State College of Washington on March 16th. The Association has thirty-two members, twenty-eight students and four faculty members, and has elected the following persons to office:

President, Harleigh Lines; *First Vice-President*, Miss Marlowe Dittebrandt; *Second Vice-President*, Wallace Lindahl; *Secretary and Treasurer*, Miss Belle Wenz, of the faculty.

The meetings are to be held on the first and fourth Thursdays of each month. The first regular meeting of the branch was addressed by Dean Dirstine. The secretary read Dr. Beal's address entitled, "The Work, Principal Purposes and Ideals of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION." The president appointed the following chairmen to act on the standing committees for the year:

Professional Relations Committee, Max Marr.
Student Activities Committee, Paul Luft.
Entertainment Committee and Program Committee, Elsie Anderson.

Membership Committee, Claude Messer.
Dr. Robert Stier, of the Hollister-Stier Laboratories of Spokane, Washington, addressed the

students at their second meeting. Dr. Stier spoke on "Food Allergy and Hay Fever." This lecture was illustrated and proved to be very instructive and interesting.

The third meeting was addressed by A. H. Ekman. He is the buyer and has charge of the sundry division of the McKesson-Spokane Drug Company, of Spokane. He gave a most excellent address on "Retail Buying and Merchandising."

Ronald Robertson, of Whitlock's Exclusive Prescription Store in Spokane, spoke to the group at the last meeting, held May 7th. Mr. Robertson gave a most instructive address on the "Exclusive Prescription Pharmacy," contrasting its methods, stock and service with the ordinary retail store. Mr. Robertson is a proprietor of one of the finest exclusive prescription stores in the United States and has the honor and distinction of being the youngest man to serve on the Washington State Board Examining Committee, of which he is now a member.

INVITATIONS TO COMMENCEMENT
EXERCISES OF COLLEGES AND
SCHOOLS OF PHARMACY.

The schools and colleges of pharmacy holding their commencement exercises during the present month have sent invitations to this office for these annual events. It is not possible to speak of these institutions separately but to all of them appreciation is expressed for the thoughtfulness of the institutions in sending the invitations and with all good wishes for the advancement of pharmacy. The programs are exceptionally interesting and all of them indicate the progress being made by pharmacy. The editor had the opportunity of attending one of these functions only, namely, that of Maryland University, a most delightful occasion.

TULANE UNIVERSITY WILL CONTINUE
PHARMACY SCHOOL.

Several months ago it was announced that Tulane University would discontinue its Pharmacy School, but after consulting with Louisiana Pharmaceutical Association and the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy and with Tulane Alumni Association, it has been decided to continue the school. Prof. John F. Simon has been elected Dean of the School.