

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF REVISION OF NATIONAL FORMULARY.

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The Committee on National Formulary of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION held its annual meeting at Pocono Manor Inn, Pennsylvania, on Monday and Tuesday, June 29 and 30, 1931. The entire Committee was present including the following:

E. N. Gathercoal, <i>Chairman</i> , Chicago, Ill.	Oliver Atkins Farwell, Detroit, Mich.
Louis Saalbach, <i>Vice-Chairman</i> , Pittsburgh, Pa.	Samuel L. Hilton, Washington, D. C.
Adley B. Nichols, <i>Secretary</i> , Philadelphia, Pa.	Glenn L. Jenkins, Baltimore, Md.
Henry V. Arny, New York, N. Y.	H. A. Langenhan, Seattle, Wash.
Gustav Bachman, Minneapolis, Minn.	E. L. Newcomb, New York, N. Y.
I. A. Becker, Chicago, Ill.	Paul S. Pittenger, Philadelphia, Pa.
Bernard Fantus, Chicago, Ill.	Wilbur L. Scoville, Detroit, Mich.
	Leonard A. Seltzer, Detroit, Mich.

Associate member, Chairman E. Fullerton Cook, of the Revision Committee of the United States Pharmacopœia, Secretary E. F. Kelly, A. PH. A., and Chairman John C. Krantz, Jr., of the Unofficial Standards Committee of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, were also present.

The results of the meeting were very encouraging, as many important subjects were considered and disposed of which otherwise would have taken many months by the ordinary correspondence method.

Opportunity was given for the nine Sub-Committees to hold one or two meetings each, at which time work which they had carried on during the year was considered and passed upon.

One of the important accomplishments of the meeting was the further consideration of admissions of N. F. V items to N. F. VI. As a result, a total of 60 additional items were approved for admission and 250 items were tentatively not approved. This action was based upon actual facts showing the use of these preparations as determined by questionnaires which had been sent to prescription stores, drug stores and hospital pharmacies throughout the country. Items admitted were found to be used in at least 20 per cent of the stores and hospitals in the United States. It is felt that this action will increase the value of the National Formulary very definitely, as many items which were of little use were not accepted at this time. The detail of items admitted up to the present time will be submitted to the press of the country at a later date and it is hoped that pharmacists and those interested in revision work will comment freely upon any actions taken by the Committee.

A total of several hundred new items which had been suggested as possible additions to the National Formulary were informally considered and were referred to the various Sub-Committees for more detailed information as to use and value.

Annual reports from Sub-Committee Chairmen were read and of particular interest was the report of the Committee on Nomenclature as presented by Dr. H. V. Arny. Dr. J. J. Durrett, Chief of the Food and Drug Administration, gave a most interesting address in connection with Dr. Arny's report, and extracts of this address and Dr. Arny's report will be published in the near future, as they bear upon principles which will be of interest to pharmacists throughout the country.

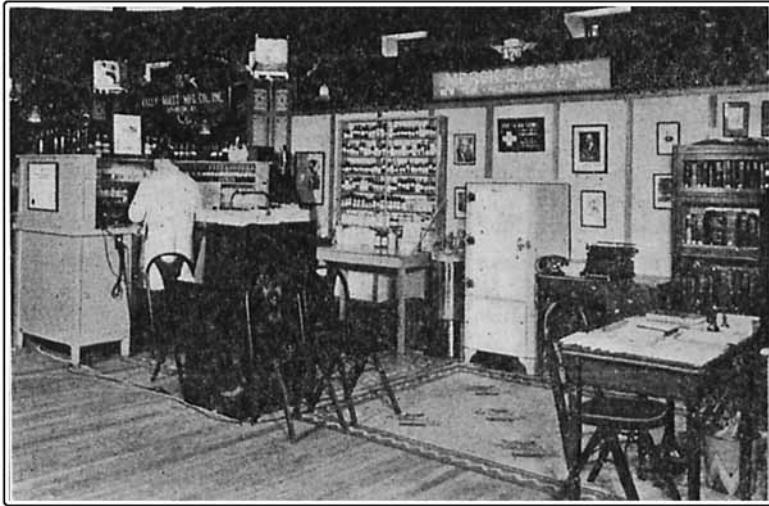
Another important action of the Committee was the change made in General Principle No. 1 covering Scope, by which simples will be admitted to the National Formulary providing use justifies their admission.

Many other items were considered, the detail of which it is impossible to present at the present time.

A PHARMACY ON VIEW AT THE CONVENTION OF THE A. M. A.

A professional pharmacy, whose drawing power was evidenced by groups of physicians and other visitors critically inspecting it, was set up by Merck & Co. in cooperation with the Phila-

delphia College of Pharmacy and Science. The purpose of the exhibit was to give physicians an intimate glimpse of what a pharmacy, or at least its prescription department may be when the pharmacist and the physician of the community cooperate. It was not set up on idealistic lines but represented a trend in professional pharmacy which is coming more and more into evidence. Among the features of this pharmacy a private switch board and telephone service was demonstrated. It included a prescription desk allowing for four pharmacists at work, a line of galeni-



A Pharmacy in the A. M. A. Exhibit.—Courtesy Merck & Co.

icals, biologicals and methods for taking care of the stock. The apparatus in the pharmacy was shown from different sources and also a library for the service of those engaged and for physicians. The pharmacy was in charge of Prof. Anton Hogstad, Jr.

Pharmacy has had to contend with and adapt itself to radical changing conditions as had many other professions and businesses. The average drug store has been caricatured in the newspapers and magazines, overdrawn as caricatures always are. The ills which afflict pharmacy and its practitioners are freely acknowledged by pharmacists and they have for quite a time studied means and ways whereby these conditions could be bettered. It is not overstating when it is said that pharmacy is making progress as is shown by examples of professional stores, by the curriculums of colleges, and by the direction and guidance of the Boards of Pharmacy.

NEW JERSEY REGISTRANTS RECEIVE CERTIFICATES FROM GOVERNOR LARSON.

Governor Morgan F. Larson presented certificates to the registered pharmacists of New Jersey, and admonished them to be true to the obligations assumed. The formalities added dignity to the award. Remarks were also made by C. Graham McClosky, president of the New Jersey Board, President Wm. A. Chamberlain, of the State Association, and Secretary Robert P. Fischelis delivered an address. The Code of Ethics, before being signed, was read by Chapters, Albert J. Smith, W. Scott Taylor and James A. Bauman participating. Brief remarks were made by other officials and several members of the registrants. The following is quoted from the address of Secretary Robert P. Fischelis.

"When an individual becomes a member of a profession like ours, he ceases to be an individual as far as his public acts are concerned. He becomes a member of a class which is judged by the experience of the public with that class. Just as a chain is said to be no stronger than its weakest link, so a profession can rise no higher than the individuals who compose it. To you who are receiving your certificates of registration today, I would say that you are entering upon your professional career at a time when there is considerable scoffing at the profession of pharmacy

on the part of those who are unfamiliar with its responsibilities. Do not let the scoffer disturb you, for he is, after all, not a constructive member of society. See to it, however, that the earnest and constructive members of society, whose views go far in the molding of public opinion, obtain a true picture of your professional activities. The method which you will pursue in attaining this end will determine to a large extent your own personal standing, as well as the standing of your profession in your community."



OFFICERS, MEMBERS AND GUESTS OF THE AMERICAN DRUGGISTS' FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The American Druggists' Fire Insurance Co. celebrated its silver anniversary at its headquarters during the week of May 25th. In attendance were officials of various national and state drug and pharmaceutical organizations and also the officers and representatives of the Company.

The festivities opened on Monday evening at the Cincinnati Club. One of the events of the occasion was an all-day trip on the Ohio River to visit the tomb of General Wm. Henry Harrison at North Bend, and the birthplace of General Grant at Point Pleasant.

On Thursday of the week a luncheon was tendered to guests of honor and this was followed by a sightseeing trip around Cincinnati. The festivities were concluded by an elaborate banquet, at which time Secretary Frank H. Freericks was extended a vacation and the means for carrying it out. A painting of the Secretary was presented for the offices.

TABLET UNVEILED IN MEMORY OF DR. WILLIAM BROWN.

Ceremonies were held in front of the home of the late General William Brown, M.D., author of the First American Military Pharmacopœia, on June 14th. Descendants of Dr. Brown were present at the unveiling. Among them were Mrs. Bessie Wilmarth Gahn, who contributed an article to the JOURNAL on Dr. Brown. Her father was for a number of years in the Government service and a member of the A. PH. A.

The information given on the tablet is as follows: "Residence of General William

Brown, M.D., born 1748, died 1792. Physician-General and Director of Hospitals, Middle Department, Continental Army, Charter Member of the Society of Cincinnati, Father of First American Pharmacopœia, President of the Board of Trustees of Alexandria Academy at General Washington's Headquarters, Personal Physician for many years and intimate friend of General George Washington who visited in this house. Tablet erected in 1931 by his descendants. The inscription by the War Department. Ceremonies conducted by the Washington Society, June 14, 1931."