

Dr. James C. Munch presented the names of three applicants for membership in the Branch; they were duly elected. The new members are: George W. MacFarland, Bernard Melkon and Charles Kohler.

Under new business President MacLaughlin appointed the following Committee on Nominations to report during the March meeting: *Chairman*, James C. Munch; *Adley B. Nichols* and *Frank H. Eby*.

The meeting was then turned over to Dr. James C. Munch, who officiated as chairman of a Symposium on Research and Scientific Papers presented by members of Temple University. The speakers and their subjects were:

Professor Frank H. Eby, on, "Stramonium;" Dr. Thomas M. Logan, "Preservation of Canned Foods;" Prof. Harry M. Mantz, "Investigations on Cannabis;" Walter C. Dietrich, "Results of Saliva Tests on Animals;" Dr. James C. Munch, "Taste Tests."

Thanks were expressed to William Salus, of Williams, Brown and Earle, for securing and operating the motion picture machine.

GEORGE E. BYERS, *Secretary*.

MARCH.

The March meeting of the Philadelphia Branch, AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, was held at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, Tuesday evening, March 10th, and called to order by President MacLaughlin. Reading of the minutes of the February meeting was waived. The treasurer's report was submitted with a certificate of audit, as rendered by Prof. Frank H. Eby. The report, as of March 2, 1936, showed a balance of \$167.77 in the checking account and \$49.22 in the special savings account. A motion to accept the report was made and passed.

The following applications for membership in the Philadelphia Branch was made by Chairman James C. Munch, of the membership committee; J. Bruce Fegan; Mrs. John Sabatino; John Sabatino. The applicants were voted upon and duly admitted to the Local Branch.

The official speaker of the evening, Prof. William J. Stoneback, was then presented. He chose as his subject "Firearms." He discussed and illustrated the various type pistols—their efficiency, safety and how to keep them in good working order. He pointed out, that under the Witkins act, all type pistols had to be registered, and in Pennsylvania, a permit had to be obtained to purchase and carry one. The Local Branch members were pleased with the fine dissertation and proceeded to show their interest by frequently questioning the speaker, who very capably answered same.

Mr. Hunsberger, entertained a motion, which was duly seconded, that the members give the speaker a rising vote of thanks for his presentation.

President MacLaughlin expressed his appreciation for the honor accorded him and the cooperation given him by the Branch members during his term of office.

The nominating committee was called upon for its report. The committee consisted of Chairman J. C. Munch, A. B. Nichols and F. H. Eby. The chairman read the report as follows: *President*, Lawrence L. Miller; *First Vice-President*, H. Evert Kendig; *Second Vice-President*, S. H. Kerlin; *Secretary-Treasurer*, George E. Byers; *Delegate to the House of Delegates*, A. Ph. A., Ambrose Hunsberger.

The report was accepted and as there were no further nominations the President asked Chairman Munch to cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees; thereupon they were declared elected officers for the ensuing year. The newly elected officers were installed.

Preceding the meeting, the members assembled in the reception room of the college for the annual past-presidents dinner. Nineteen members and guests were present.

GEORGE E. BYERS, *Secretary*.

NOT NECESSARILY SPINACH.

Please note that "green vegetables" need not mean spinach. Spinach is by no means in a class by itself as a vegetable rich in vitamin A value. In tests thus far available escarole, kale and parsley have shown higher vitamin A values than spinach; other dark green leaf vegetables, such as beet greens, chard, dandelion and turnip tops rank about with spinach in this respect. (It is time for the science of nutrition to throw off the incubus of too close an identification with spinach.)—SHERMAN, H. C., *Food and Health*, New York, Macmillan Company, 1934.