

## LOCAL BRANCHES

### CHICAGO.

The 245th meeting of the Chicago Branch of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION was convened at 8:00 P.M. on October 19, 1937, with President H. M. Emig presiding. The first order of business was the report of the Delegate to the 85th annual convention held at New York City, August 17th-21st. It is of interest to note that twenty members of the Chicago Branch and sixteen wives and guests were in attendance.

A brief report of Mr. Samuel Shkolnik covering the N. A. R. D. Convention, held in St. Louis, during the week of September 27th, followed. Mr. Shkolnik discussed the activities of this meeting pointing out the importance of the Fair Trade program.

The speaker of the evening was Dr. Frank B. Kirby, Educational Director of Abbott Laboratories. Dr. Kirby has lately returned from a three-month stay in England. Entitling his speech, "Pharmaceutical-Medical Observations from Over the Seas," Dr. Kirby told of his experiences in London and English traffic and in visiting various historical spots. Of particular interest was his description of the curriculum of the English Pharmacy Colleges and the activity of the British Pharmaceutical Society; a description of the Royal College of Surgeons, and the Royal College of Physicians, and of certain London Hospitals and their methods of treatment. The panel system of medicine and its pharmaceutical relationship were also outlined. One of the most interesting points discussed was the restriction of sales in retail outlets to drugs after the hour of 9:00 P.M.

Apothecaries Hall and its history was described in some detail, tracing its influence through the period from its founding in 1617 to the present date. A description of Apothecaries Hall Botanical Garden founded in 1673 was compared with the Kew Gardens and the medicinal plant gardens of United States. The introduction of medicinal plants into other countries through the agency of the Apothecaries Hall Garden was described, such as cotton to the United States, tea plants into Ceylon, and cinchona into the East Indies. Dr. Kirby outlined his plan for the starting of a medicinal plant garden in the Chicago Park system, pledging his support and leadership in this matter. Briefly mentioning his experiences in Paris, Dr. Kirby exhibited a poster showing the courses given at the Pharmacy College of the University of Paris.

RALPH E. TERRY, *Secretary.*

### PHILADELPHIA.

The October meeting of the Philadelphia Branch, A. PH. A., was held on Tuesday evening, October 12th, in the Auditorium of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, 43rd Street and Kingsessing Avenue. The meeting was called to order by President Kendig who, on the occasion of the first meeting of the 1937-1938 season, asked for the coöperation of the membership in furthering the work of the Branch; particularly to increase the membership.

Chairman Kerlin, of the Membership Committee, presented the name of Dr. Russell Cain, who was unanimously elected to membership.

Professor Eby, Chairman of the Program Committee, reported that plans are already complete for several meetings of the season and that plans for other meetings are being considered.

Dr. Ambrose Hunsberger, Delegate to the House of Delegates, presented a very comprehensive and very interesting report on the A. PH. A. Convention in New York.

The secretary reported that a ruling had been obtained from Secretary Kelly to the effect that Branches of the A. PH. A. may not elect to active membership in any Branch persons who are not members of the A. PH. A. in good standing. Branches may, however, elect non-members of the parent body to Associate Membership in a Branch but these members shall not have the right to vote. It was moved by Dr. Hunsberger, seconded by Dr. Munch that a Committee be appointed to revise the By-Laws of the Branch to conform with this ruling.

President Kendig introduced Dr. Arthur Osol of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science who delivered a very interesting and informative address on " $p_H$  and Osmotic Pressure with Special Reference to Ophthalmic Solutions." Professor Adley Nichols explained the pharmaceutical applications of the subject, and an interesting open discussion followed.

ARTHUR K. LEBERKNIGHT, *Secretary.*