

THE CONFERENCE OF PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION SECRETARIES.

ABSTRACT OF THE MINUTES OF THE SESSIONS HELD AT DALLAS, TEXAS, AUGUST 26 AND 28, 1936,
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The First Session of the Conference of Pharmaceutical Association Secretaries was convened by President J. W. Slocum, August 26th, at 2:00 P.M. The first order of business was calling of the roll, the Chairman requested each attendant to give his name and the state represented.

R. L. Wilson introduced Secretary Z. O. Moore of Georgia Pharmaceutical Association; then followed:

W. J. Danforth, Texas; Alice E. Garvin, Connecticut; Charles D. Lawton, J. W. Slocum, Iowa; Robert S. Lehman, New York; J. Lester Hayman, West Virginia; Gustav Bachman, Minnesota; Kenneth Jones, South Dakota; S. H. Dretzka, Wisconsin; H. M. Henry, Michigan; W. F. Sudro, North Dakota; Elbert R. Weaver, Oklahoma; Rowland Jones, Washington, D. C.

President Slocum announced that quite a number were in Dallas from other states, who would come in later.

J. Lester Hayman was called upon to act as secretary. The reports of the secretary and of the treasurer were read by J. Lester Hayman. The reports follow:

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

BY CARL G. A. HARRING.

Mr. President and Members:

Another year has passed since your secretary rendered a report of the year's activities (or should I perhaps say inactivities), and again, through circumstances beyond my control I must submit to the necessity of rendering this report through a third party.

Much to my sorrow and disappointment there is not a great deal to include in this report, for although both your president and your secretary have endeavored to get some action all along the line, it seems that even though fifty per cent of the secretaries of these United States are sufficiently interested to pay the modest dues of our conference, very few of them have the time to take their pen in hand and forward expression or advice upon subjects that properly could and should be submitted to their judgment.

During the past year your secretary sent out two letters supplementing two letters by our President, and three members were sufficiently interested to submit questions for discussion at this meeting. It is, however, not my intention to use this report as a medium for fault finding—it is my duty to point out what might be done to make this office a power for good through helpful suggestions. I can think of no better way than for the secretary's office to issue a quarterly bulletin to all secretaries, such bulletin to contain suggestions for service improvements and pertinent news of association activities, such items to be contributed by the members themselves. Mark well—if this plan is to be of any use, it must be borne in mind that each and every secretary should send in his contribution, no matter how short, once in three months. If such a system were in force we might perhaps in time be able to arouse the membership of our state associations to realization of the importance of a secretaries conference.

If we have accomplished nothing else, I feel that the practice of exchanging publications has been of considerable benefit to those who make it a point of reading their pharmaceutical journals, and personally I would feel lost without the contact that these publications activate during the year, and the many valuable points of information which they offer.

During the N. A. R. D. convention at Cincinnati an impromptu gathering of secretaries met at dinner and discussed in a non-official manner some of the topics of the day; while not officially recognized as a meeting of our organization, cognizance was taken of opinions that were brought out during the post-prandial discussion, and the groundwork seems to have been laid for a better understanding with the junior national organization.

Again let me say that I greatly regret that it is not my privilege to be present at this gathering of my brother secretaries and to express my hope that another year may see all of us re-united.