

CONFERENCE OF PROFESSIONAL PHARMACISTS

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

The meeting was called to order by Dean C. B. Jordan of Purdue who was responsible for the meeting and who served as chairman of the Conference. Chairman Jordan appointed Dean B. V. Christensen as secretary and explained that he had arranged the meeting after contacting some of the professional pharmacists of the United States and seeking their opinions regarding the need and value of such a Conference. He stated that in a discussion with Secretary Kelly of the A. PH. A. at the Minneapolis meeting he presented a plan for calling a meeting of the Professional Pharmacists and Secretary Kelly approved his plan and told him to go ahead and try to organize a meeting of the professional group at the Atlanta meeting of the A. PH. A.

He explained that he wrote to the secretary of each state pharmaceutical association and the secretary of each State Board of Pharmacy and asked for a list of the professional pharmacists in each state. The response was not very encouraging but a partial list was secured and each one on the list was contacted. The response was very gratifying, as a great deal of interest was shown and the result is this very satisfying meeting to-day.

Chairman Jordan briefly discussed the previous attempts to organize professional pharmacists, speaking of Dr. H. V. Army's Institute of Prescriptionists and the A. PH. A. Committee on Professional Pharmacy headed by Professor E. Fullerton Cook. He also spoke of the movements that were springing up throughout the states, having for their purpose some way of distinguishing between professionally minded pharmacists and those who were primarily interested in the commercial phases of the calling. He said that, although he was not a professional pharmacist but instead a teacher, he was deeply interested in organizing such a group and expressed the hope that, as soon as it was organized, he would be allowed to step out of the picture and turn over the reins to a professional pharmacist selected for leadership by the group.

Dr. J. Leon Lascoff, President of the A. PH. A., was called upon and spoke enthusiastically of the effort to organize the professionally minded pharmacists and his great interest in such an organization. He told of an informal breakfast meeting of professional pharmacists for which he was responsible and which was held during the last annual meeting of the A. PH. A. at Minneapolis, Minnesota. He also made mention of the Association for the Advancement of Professional Pharmacy organized in New York during the year and pointed out that membership is limited to those who are members of the A. PH. A. and said that such an organization should be fostered by the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

He also spoke of his own experience as a professional pharmacist and of his belief in the success of such pharmacies if judgment was used in location and conduct of the same. He pointed out the distinction between "professional" and "ethical" pharmacies, showing that an ethical store may not be professional in character. He emphasized the importance of professional pharmacists in choosing a name for their places of business, showing the advantage in an individual name over that of some fanciful or coined name, the former indicating a personal responsibility that is valuable in building a professional pharmacy. He said: "This Conference of Professional Pharmacists is certainly a step in the right direction and, if its interest can be sustained and its attention directed along proper lines, I am certain that it will make a real contribution, not only to those who attend the meetings, but also to the thinking pharmacists everywhere."

Secretary E. F. Kelly of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION was next called upon and gave a very stimulating and encouraging discussion of the opportunities before such a group and expressed the opinion that there is a real opportunity for service in the field. He spoke of the organization of Hospital Pharmacists, of the very satisfactory development of this organization and the contributions that the hospital pharmacists were making to the profession in general as well as the benefits that the membership derived from the organization. He left the thought that similar contributions and benefits might accrue from an organization of professional pharmacists.

Mr. L. Greengard of St. Louis discussed his efforts to organize a professional group in that city, and he expressed the opinion that the requirements for membership in professional pharmacists' organizations are too stringent and should be liberalized to encourage membership, and he believed that this would promote a more rapid growth of such a group.

The agenda outlined in the official program of A. PH. A. was carried through and the papers were directed to be turned over to A. PH. A. for publication.

At the close of the program there was a very animated discussion regarding the organization of a professional pharmacists' group within the A. PH. A. A great deal of enthusiasm was shown and it was very evident that there was a pronounced desire upon the part of the professional pharmacists to perfect an organization within the A. PH. A. A motion was made and carried that the chairman appoint a committee to study the question for a year and report it at another Conference to be held at the next annual meeting of the A. PH. A. C. B. Jordan was elected *Chairman* and B. V. Christensen was elected *Secretary* for the ensuing year.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH

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The 18th annual meeting held in the Biltmore Hotel, Atlanta, Ga., August 22, 1939.

FIRST SESSION, 2:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, W. J. Husa.

- 2:01 P.M. Appointment of Nominating Committee. F. O. Taylor, Chairman, William Gray and W. E. Williams.
2:03 P.M. Reports of Officers.

SYMPOSIUM ON TRAINING OF RESEARCH MEN IN PHARMACY.

- 2:15 P.M. "Training of Research Men in Universities," by Dr. Glenn L. Jenkins.
2:30 P.M. "The Florida Plan of Research Training," by Dr. William J. Husa.
2:45 P.M. "Types of Research Training Desired by Research Institutions," by Dr. George D. Beal.
3:00 P.M. "Types of Research Training Desired by Pharmaceutical Manufacturers," by Dr. F. O. Taylor.
3:15 P.M. General Discussion of Training of Research Men in Pharmacy.
3:45 P.M. Address. "Some Recent Advances in Chemotherapy" by Dr. Randolph Major. Merck & Co.
4:30 P.M. Discussion of Address.
4:45 P.M. Roll Call of Delegates.
4:50 P.M. Election and Installation of Officers.
(a) *Chairman*, William J. Husa.
(b) *Vice-Chairman*, Heber W. Youngken.
(c) *Secretary*, John C. Krantz, Jr.
(d) *Treasurer*, Fitzgerald Dunning.
(e) *Executive Committee*, G. D. Beal, J. C. Munch and F. E. Bibbins.
5:00 P.M. Adjournment.
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