

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE LOCAL BRANCHES

GREATER ST. LOUIS.—The members of the Branch were guests of the Local Branch of the American Chemical Society on January 9, 1939, at the St. Louis University School of Medicine.

Dr. Lionel Joseph gave an illustrated lecture, "Carcinogenic Compounds," in which he discussed the relationship between chemical compounds and cancer producing activity. A study of the history of the production of artificial cancer can be traced back to the observations that men employed in the tar industry develop cancer. Tar was fractionated and the various constituents tested on rats to note which were responsible for producing cancer. Up to date, many derivatives of benzantracene have been tested and found to be cancer-producing. This is also true in the case of various nitrogen derivatives as well as certain dyes.

Of interest was the mode of application of these chemicals. Rats are generally used as test animals and a solution of the chemical may be painted on or injected beneath the skin. It was found that the injection method brought speedier reaction and was more economical.

The next meeting of the Branch will be held at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, February 13, 1939, at 8 P.M.

FRANK L. MERCER, *Secretary*.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY STUDENT BRANCH.—The regular meeting was held on January 13th, at ten A.M., with thirty-five members and eight guests in attendance.

President Babin stressed the objectives of these meetings, pointing out that we aim to stimulate extra-curricula activities among students as well as the discussion of current pharmaceutical topics among pharmacists of this section of the country.

Miss Helen Pitre, Junior Student Member, read a very interesting and instructive paper on "Emulsions in Pharmacy." The difficulties experienced in the mortar and pestle method of preparation were stressed and then it was indicated how these are simplified by the use of the homogenizer. The importance of proper emulsifying agents for various emulsions was carefully illustrated.

Mr. Clarence Dupre, superintendent of the New Orleans Branch of Eli Lilly & Co., for the past twenty-five years spoke on "Pharmacy from its Commercial Aspects." He stressed the cause and effects of depression in his speech and also brought out the basis of professional success. The thought of considering quality before price when it comes to dealing with health was emphasized. Mr. Dupre also gave a brief description of the profit and loss statement of 525 retail drug stores.

The treasurer's report was presented and approved.

An announcement was made that Mr. William A. Worner, president of the Louisiana State Board of Pharmacy, and Dean J. F. McCloskey, together with wholesale pharmacists and the Branch are planning the First National Pharmacy Day in New Orleans. Invitations will be sent to Dr. L. Leon Lascoff, one of the most outstanding pharmacists in the world to-day, and president of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION; Dr. R. L. Swain, authority on Pharmaceutical Law; and Dr. C. L. O'Connell, Dean of the Pittsburgh College of Pharmacy. A banquet and dance will follow the business meeting.

The next meeting will be held on February 9th.

ROSALIE CENTANNI, *Secretary*

NEW YORK.—The regular meeting was called to order at 8:45 P.M. on Monday evening, January 9, 1939, at Columbia University, College of Pharmacy, New York City. President Canis presided and about 200 members and guests were present. The minutes of the December meeting were approved as read.

The Treasurer's Report showed a balance of \$260.35.

Since the last meeting application for membership of Mr. Samuel Zweig was received.

Mr. Lehman read the report of the Committee on Education and Legislation, which was accepted.

A letter from Dr. Ernest Little, chairman of the Committee on Student and Local Branches in which he complimented the Branch on the success of its meetings, was read. An invitation

was extended to attend the meeting of the New Jersey Branch at New Jersey College of Pharmacy, 1 Lincoln Avenue, Newark, N. J., January 27th.

A letter from Mr. C. Ingram, president of the R. D. A. of New York, asked for a contribution to make up a deficit incurred in securing the reelection of Senator Feld, who is a co-author of the Feld-Crawford bill. The matter was referred to the Executive Committee on motion of Mr. Lehman, seconded by Mr. Bardfeld.

President Canis pointed out that Mr. Nathaniel Nicolai was present, after long absence due to illness.

Dr. J. Leon Lascoff, president of the A. Ph. A., was introduced.

After election of officers the meeting was turned over to the Scientific Section. Dr. Frederick M. Allen spoke on the "History, Etiology, Physiology, Treatment and Prognosis of Diabetes," Dr. Charles F. Bolduan on the "Public Health Aspects of Diabetes," and Dr. William S. Collins on "Crystalline Insulin and Its Variations, with Some Comment on Oral Medication in Diabetes." Exhibits by Becton-Dickinson and Co., E. R. Squibb and Eli Lilly were displayed.

Following the discussion, a rising vote of thanks was accorded the speakers and the meeting adjourned.

HORACE T. F. GIVENS, *Secretary*.

PHILADELPHIA.—The January meeting was held Tuesday evening, the 10th, at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, and was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by President Viehoever. The secretary read the minutes of the December meeting, which were approved.

Mr. Drain of the membership committee nominated Mr. Mark Baldwin, who was unanimously elected to associate membership.

The Treasurer's Annual Report, accompanied by a certificate of audit by Dr. Frank H. Eby, was read. It showed a cash balance on deposit in the regular checking account of \$282.99, and a balance of \$49.92 in the special savings account. The report was as of December 31, 1938, and was accepted.

Dr. Blythe made a motion, seconded by Prof. Nichols, that inasmuch as Dr. Leon Lascoff, President of the A. Ph. A., will address the Branch at the March meeting and since Dr. Lascoff is one of the world's outstanding pharmacists, the Branch extend an invitation to the members of the P. A. R. D. to attend this meeting. The motion was carried.

Mr. W. W. McNeary was then asked by President Viehoever to introduce the speaker of the evening, Dr. George Raiziss, Professor of Chemotherapy in the Graduate School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. McNeary in his introduction referred to the association of the speaker with Dr. J. A. Kolmer and Dr. J. F. Schamberg in the great task of supplying arsphenamine to the allied powers at the time the supply was cut off from Germany during the late war. Dr. Raiziss spoke briefly about the early investigators in the field of chemotherapy and the developments that lead to the discovery of arsphenamine; the chemotherapy of bacterial infections; the chemistry of sulfanilimide and its derivatives; new possibilities in the chemistry and chemotherapy of diamino diphenyl sulfone and sulfanilimide pyridine. The discussion following his address was participated in by Messrs.: Ehrenstein, Osol, McNeary, Drain and others. Dr. Raiziss was accorded a rising vote of thanks for his splendid talk.

ARTHUR K. LEBERKNIGHT, *Secretary*.

WESTERN NEW YORK.—The January meeting was held at the University of Buffalo, with an attendance of nearly one hundred. The speaker was Dr. Robert C. Page, Medical Adviser to Burroughs Wellcome & Co., and an alumnus of the School of Pharmacy. His topic was, "Glandular Products in the Treatment of Deficiency Diseases." The progress being made in this field and the products now in use were described in a very interesting and informative paper.

Refreshments were served by the Alumnae of the School of Pharmacy during the interval between the lecture and the question period. Questions were later answered by Dr. Page and Dr. Ivan Hekimian, assistant Professor of Medicine in the Medical School of the University.

The next meeting will be held on February 9, 1939. The speaker will be Dr. Ralph W. Clark, of the Pharmacy Service Division, Merck & Co., whose topic will be "New Organic Therapeutic Compounds." Questions following the lecture will be answered by Dr. Clark and Dr. L. Maxwell Lockie.

LAURENCE D. LOCKIE, *Secretary*.