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SECOND GENERAL SESSION.

President Beringer called the convention to order Tuesday, August 25, at 9:45 a. m., in the Convention Hall of the Hotel Pontchartrain. The records of the first session were read and approved.

The President then stated that Dr. F. A. Wolff, Assistant Physicist, Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce, was now in attendance, his credentials being presented at the first session, to address the Association upon the relation of his department to the work of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

[In response to this invitation, Dr. Wolff read a paper, which appears on page 1426.]

At the conclusion of the reading of the paper, President Beringer stated that Dr. Wolff had conferred a favor upon the Association in the presentation of his address, and he thought appropriate action should be taken to evidence its appreciation of his courtesy.

Mr. Joseph W. England moved that the thanks of the Association be extended to Dr. Wolff, and that the paper be published in the Journal.

Mr. Mayo spoke of the willingness shown by the Bureau of Standards to cooperate with those endeavoring to advance this work of standardization. Mr. Mayo further suggested that the thanks of the Association be extended to the Secretary of Commerce for his courtesy to the American Pharmaceutical Association.

President Beringer stated that the suggested amendment to the motion would be accepted by the mover. Motion as amended carried.

The Secretary was directed to express the thanks of the Association to the Secretary of the Department of Commerce.

The Chair then called for the report of the Committee on Nominations. Mr. Nitardy then presented the report of the Committee on Nominations, which was as follows:

For President: William C. Alpers, L. D. Havenhill, Wilber J. Teeters.

First Vice-President: Chas. H. LeWall, L. A. Seltzer, D. F. Jones.

Second Vice-President: E. O. Kagy, F. W. Nitardy, E. A. Ruddiman.

Third Vice-President: L. A. Brown, E. N. Gathercoal, C. Osseward.

Council: F. M. Apple, Harry V. Army, Philip Asher, Edward C. Bent, G. M. Beringer, James O. Burge, Chas. B. Jordan, Andrew Scherer, Robt. H. Walker.

The report was accepted, and President Beringer stated there was no further action to be taken as, according to the by-laws, the election of officers would be conducted by mail.

The Chair then called for the reading of the minutes of Council.

Mr. England then proceeded to read the minutes of Council. (Printed on page 1374.)

Mr. Marshall moved that the minutes of the Council be approved; motion seconded and carried.

The President stated that the Treasurer had raised the question as to the propriety of the Association approving the election of the members that have been elected by the Council by correspondence.

Mr. Whelpley moved that the Association approve the minutes of the Council which have been published in the Journal in the interval between the last annual meeting and this meeting; motion seconded and carried.

President Beringer then called for the Treasurer's report.

Mr. Whelpley, in presenting his report, made the following comments thereon:

"Mr. President and Members: The report of the Treasurer covers the fiscal year 1913, which closed with the 31st day of December. This report is in type and in the hands of the Secretary and the proof will be here today for the use of the pharmaceutical press. It is not likely that you would care to have the dry figures read to you in detail. I will say, in a general way, however, that at this date the American Pharmaceutical Association has not as much money as it had twelve months ago by \$3,307.52. The actual amount on hand in the bank in the current fund is \$5,372.95. This decrease in the cash balance is due to two conditions, increased expenses during the past year, and a decreased income from dues. The decreased income in dues is not caused by a smaller membership, but to the fact that when the present treasurer took hold of this work there was a large number of members who owed for a number of years, some of them for as many as five years. The present policy has been to get the members into the habit of paying for the current year, and we have succeeded in doing so, so that we have collected the outstanding accounts that amounted to more than one year, and that added to the income the year before last, and even the year before that, and has cut down our income during the past twelve months. I trust I have made that point clear to you. Some of the members have spoken to me this morning insisting that I give you some of the experiences of a treasurer, remembering some of

the experiences that I related last year and the year before. Unfortunately, I have nothing particular along that line to report. The membership has fallen into the habit of paying their dues promptly and saying very little about it. (Applause.) So that those extracts from communications that I gave you then are a matter of past, and not current history.

I might say that I recall one communication that I received early in January of this year from a member. I had been in the habit of stamping communications with a large stamp "Second Notice," "Third Notice," and so on, after the first one. This party wrote to me and said, "I surmise that you have a record of my transactions with the Treasurer, and remembering last year, when you sent me six communications, and believing you have prepared a set for this year, I will say 'Please destroy them'; the \$5.00 enclosed is the excuse." (Laughter.) While this member expressed his sentiments, many others enclosed the \$5.00 without expressing theirs.

Let me say that I believe, from the experience I have had with pharmaceutical organizations the country over, that state and local associations can collect their dues for the current year just as well as to allow them to accumulate and thus having members two, three, four or five years in arrears. It is merely a matter of taking hold of the work, just as a business firm does, sending out your statements the first of every month and following them up with personal communications wherever necessary." (Applause.)

[The Treasurer's report was printed in last issue of the Journal.]

The Secretary read the report of the Auditors on invested funds of the Association, and the report was accepted.

The report of James H. Beal, the retiring Secretary and Editor of the Journal was read by the Secretary, and accepted and referred to Committee on President's Address.

[Report printed in the last issue of the Journal.]

Mr. Wilhelm Bodemann moved that the Secretary be instructed to send a word of greeting to Dr. James H. Beal, with the heartiest wishes of the Association for his speedy recovery. The motion was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The President called for the report of the Committee on Status of Pharmacists in the Government Service. Chairman William B. Day, of Chicago, presented the report, which was printed in the last issue of the Journal.

The Secretary then moved that the report be received and referred for publication and the recommendation adopted; motion seconded and carried.

The President then called for the report of the Committee on Credentials, which was read to the convention by Mr. Marshall, and referred to the House of Delegates.

The Chair then called for the report of the Committee on Weights and Measures. Chairman Harry V. Arny presented the report, which was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

[Printed in last issue.]

The President then called for the report of the Committee on Time and Place of Meeting.

The report of the above committee was read by the Secretary, after which he

stated that in addition to this report the Association had received invitations from the Los Angeles Convention League, the Chamber of Commerce of Chattanooga, the Convention Bureau of the City of St. Louis, the Chamber of Commerce, City of St. Louis, and the Merchants Exchange, St. Louis, with literature relating to the advantages of the different places.

Mr. Henry P. Hynson, of Baltimore, called the attention of the Convention to the invitation from that city, and stated that when the City of Baltimore invites the American Pharmaceutical Association to hold their convention in that city they expect to have the invitation accepted.

Mr. J. F. Hancock, Baltimore, spoke in favor of Atlantic City, and said it was the ideal place for gatherings of this kind; that the American Medical Association has selected Atlantic City as the most suitable place for their meetings; that San Francisco was too far away, and that the most central point, and the most advantageous point without any tax upon the members would be Atlantic City, and therefore moved that Atlantic City be put down as one of the places for consideration.

The President called the attention of the Convention to the invitation received from the New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association to meet somewhere in New Jersey, and asked that the Chairman of the Committee present same to the Convention for its consideration.

A member from Grand Rapids, Mich., stated that he was under the impression that it was understood that the next meeting was to be held in San Francisco, and for that reason Grand Rapids had not presented their invitation; but in the event that the matter had not been decided, he wanted to present Grand Rapids as a place for the next meeting, or at least for 1916.

Mr. Albert Schneider, of San Francisco, said that he thought the Association should meet in San Francisco in 1915; that he had assumed all along that they would do so; that he was delegated by the Exposition, and also by the San Francisco Convention League, as well as the State Association of the State of California, to invite the Association to come to San Francisco in 1915; that he had taken it for granted that the Convention would meet there, and for that reason had not thought it worth while to say much about it.

It was almost impossible for him to tell the Association about all the beauties of California and the desirability of selecting San Francisco as the most suitable meeting place for 1915; naturally most of the members would want to go to San Francisco to attend the exposition.

The speaker further said, in regard to the rumor that the conditions in Europe would affect the success of the exposition, that that was not the impression in San Francisco; that he had been in close touch with officials of the exposition and he was advised there would be no interruption or interference in the proceeding. Most of the countries which have promised to take part in the exposition have stated since the opening of the war that there would be no curtailment in the part that they were to take in the exposition.

Should the Association meet in San Francisco, Mr. Schneider assured the members that they would be well taken care of; that they should not feel for a moment that there are not sufficient accommodations in San Francisco for every one. If

any one should have trouble in getting accommodations and would let him know, he would see to it personally that they were provided for in every way possible. The Association had met at Los Angeles and they know what California was, and some of the members might remember the success of the meeting in San Francisco in 1889. He could assure the members that everything would be done for their comfort; the exposition alone should bring them there, and that the Local Committee had provided that the exposition would not interfere with the business end of the meeting.

Mr. Schneider thought the time of the meeting should be left to the Local Committee; it had been suggested the meeting be held some time in July; this had been proposed because some of the other pharmaceutical bodies were to meet at that time. Mr. Hynson asked if the Secretary would read the recommendation of the Committee. The President stated that the Committee had made no recommendation as yet; that as he understood the report, the report was simply that they had received invitations from Baltimore, New Orleans, St. Louis, San Francisco, Cedar Point, etc.

The President then stated that as Mr. Main was now in the room he would therefore ask for a statement from him.

Mr. Thomas F. Main, of New York, Chairman of the Committee, stated that the Committee had been unable to agree upon a place of meeting and therefore had reported the invitations received without recommendation, adding that since this report was written they had received an invitation from the President of the New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association, in which the Association was invited to meet somewhere in the State of New Jersey, mentioning the fact that either Asbury Park or Atlantic City, which, as every one knew, were seaside places, should be selected.

Mr. Hynson then moved, in view of the inability of the Committee to agree and the international troubles, and the fact that the exposition is to be held in California, that this matter of time and place of meeting be referred to the Council.

The motion to refer the question of time and place of meeting to the Council was lost.

Mr. Gordon then moved that the next convention of the American Pharmaceutical Association be held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and made the motion for the following reasons: that any one who had been to the last convention of the N. A. R. D. knows how hot it is in the large cities in the summer time. He further said that Atlantic City had a number of advantages which other places would not have: that the railroads make special rates during the summer; that there were any number of hotels and all sorts of rates, and on the new piers there was a magnificent convention hall where the meetings could be held right out over the ocean, where it would be cool and the members would have plenty of time to talk over things; in other words, there was every convenience there. Another thing was that the American Medical Association is to meet there; in fact, meets there regularly. Mr. Gordon thought if the meeting went to San Francisco next year there would be hardly anybody there; that there had not been a meeting of this Association in the East for some time.

Motion seconded by J. F. Hancock.

Mr. Fred J. Wulling, of Minneapolis, stated he was a delegate from the Minnesota State Pharmaceutical Association, which had extended an invitation to this Association a year ago, and who were under the impression that the next meeting was going to be held at San Francisco and that he was here in the name of the Association to stand by San Francisco. He further stated he had no fault to find with Atlantic City; that he knew both Atlantic City and San Francisco and that he liked Atlantic City better than San Francisco because he had had some affiliations there that made him feel that way, but that it appeared to him that the general impression had been that the next meeting was to be held in San Francisco and that nothing had been heard to the contrary in Minnesota. However, if there were any better reasons for going elsewhere than to the place that nearly every one supposes the Association is going, he felt he had done his duty in calling attention to the sentiment in his vicinity.

Mr. John C. Wallace, of Pennsylvania, stated that he heartily agreed with Professor Schneider, but that many of the members of the organization had left the room and he did not believe that snap judgment should be taken upon a report of this importance; that if the Committee were unable to agree, he believed that a vote with as many delegates present as could be secured at the convention be taken, and he knew of no reason why a short session of the general session should not be held previous to Friday morning; that his understanding was that the general session had the right of way at all times, and he therefore moved that this matter be referred to a special meeting of the general session subject to the call of the chair.

Motion seconded by Mr. Hall, and was adopted by a vote of 38 to 19.

President Beringer called for the report of the Committee on Editing Rules. Mr. Mayo, chairman of the committee, reported progress and asked for a continuance. The report of the Chairman was received and the committee continued.

The Chair then called for the report of the Committee on International Pharmaceutical Nomenclature. Mr. Mayo, as chairman of the committee, begged leave to report that the international situation is in such a bad condition that the committee deemed it highly improbable that they could do anything further to bring about an international agreement on anything and therefore asked to be discharged. The meetings scheduled to be held in Europe on August 7 have been called off, and for that reason Mr. Mayo asked that the committee be discharged.

Mr. Mayo's recommendation was adopted.

The Chair then called for the report of the Committee on International Congress of Pharmacy.

Prof. Remington said he thought the President had referred in his address to the meeting last summer at The Hague on the International Congress; that the committee had made a report to the Chairman, which had already been published in the Journal of this Association.

He asked that that report be considered to be the report of the Committee in order to save time, as it sets out all the essential facts. The whole subject of international work at the present time is in such a tangled state that nothing could be done in the way of international work which would be of any value. He did

not believe the International Congress would be held in St. Petersburg, no matter what events the future would bring or which nation or combination of nations won in the European war; he did not believe there would be any opportunity inside of a year to do anything in the way of an International Congress; at least, it did not look so to him; for that reason he thought it wise and judicious at this time to be ready in case the Congress did go on, but thought it useless to look forward to any work of that character at present.

President Beringer asked Mr. Remington if he advised the continuation of the committee, to which Mr. Remington replied, "Yes." Mr. Beringer said he understood the committee was really in the nature of a delegation. Mr. Remington said that was true, but the Council will be able to act in an emergency and do what is proper.

Mr. Hynson asked when the International Congress was to be held and Mr. Remington stated that the International Congress would be held in August, 1915, in St. Petersburg, Russia. That was fixed; and at that meeting he (Prof. Remington) was to make a report which would look forward to making all the chemicals and preparations set out in the pharmacopœias, uniform, as to strength. Prof. Remington did not see how it was possible for such a report to be made now or how affiliation can continue between the associations of the different countries that are at war, and he considered it a very inopportune time to go on with a work of that kind, but, however, the idea was slumbering. He would not advise discontinuing the work, but to leave the matter as it is at present.

There being no objection, the report was received.

The President then read a letter from the Women's Organization of the National Association of Retail Druggists.

WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION NATIONAL ASSOCIATION RETAIL DRUGGISTS.

August 22nd, 1914.

To the American Pharmaceutical Association Assembled at Detroit, Michigan.
August, 1914.

Mr. George M. Beringer, President:—

The Women's Organization of the National Association of Retail Druggists send most sincere greetings to you upon this your 62nd Anniversary.

We congratulate your Association upon the splendid work accomplished in these past years—and at the passing of this milestone we ask for your Association, that many years may keep coming to you with their lessons, their calls, and their needs; and that your hands will be held out to receive them, and your use of them will be such that when you have reached the end of the road it will be said of each man—"he hath done what he could."

Sincerely yours,

MRS. JESSIE F. WATERHOUSE, President.

MRS. NELLIE FLORENCE LEE, Secretary.

The Secretary was then instructed to acknowledge receipt of the cordial greetings from the Women's Organization.

The Secretary then announced that the Detroit Chamber of Commerce, at 12:30, would be addressed by a Mr. Reed on the question of "Our Trade Relations with the South American Republic," and that a cordial invitation had been extended to all members of the Association to attend this lecture.

The Chairman then called for the report of the Committee on Membership. C. Herbert Packard, of Boston, Mass., Chairman of the Committee, read the report of the Committee.

(Printed in last issue.)

Mr. Philip Asher, of New Orleans, moved that the report be received and take the usual course; motion seconded by Mr. Weinstein, of New York, and carried.

The President then called for the report of the Committee on William Procter Memorial Fund. Mr. J. F. Hancock, Chairman of the Committee, made a report. (Printed in last issue.)

Supplementing his report, Mr. Hancock stated that he had some photographs of the model of the proposed monument that he would like to pass down to the members present, and stated further that he wished to give Prof. Remington due credit as it was through his assistance and effort that the Committee secured the assistance of the few gentlemen who are alive who knew Prof. Procter in his lifetime by personal contact, special reference being made to one gentleman in particular who had been a student at the college and who was the most exacting critic of the soft model, which was changed by the sculptor; that it seemed to be the opinion of the critics that it was the best model that could be made. Mr. Hancock further said that he did not believe, nor did the Committee believe that anything better could be done than has been done; that many suggestions had been offered by Prof. Remington, who was his assistant while he was living, and who knew a good deal more about his personality than anybody else, and the sculptor got all the information from him that could be gotten; that the Committee also got from the daughter of Prof. Procter the passport that he received when he went to Europe to attend the International Congress, and that the Committee had done everything it could to get the most exact model of the proposed monument.

The Chairman further stated the money for the monument had been secured, but that it was necessary to have some money in excess of that amount in order to make a formal dedication, and that it was expected a meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association would take place at the time of, or in the summer of the dedication at Washington. This inspiration came to the Chairman by being present at the dedication and unveiling of the monument to Dr. Probst, the eminent surgeon, which was a very formal, and a very interesting affair on the part of the American Medical Association, and the Chairman thought it the most appropriate thing to have pharmacy represented with medicine in the National Capital, in the Smithsonian Grounds which are the center of science in Washington; that it is well known that Washington will grow more in importance as the country becomes more densely populated; it will be like Rome, all roads will center at Washington, and that is the place for a monument to an illustrious character such as we desire to honor. Mr. Hancock stated further that we should also honor the heroes who were not engaged in war, as well as the heroes who were engaged in war; to honor the heroes who were trying to prevent, rather than those alone who created death and destruction.

Mr. Wallace moved that the report be received and take the usual course. Motion seconded.

Mr. Hancock said that he wished also to say that 19 of the 20 members of the

Committee had signed in favor of the sculptor, Mr. Burge, but the twentieth one stated he did not know the gentleman and did not vote at all.

Mr. Wallace then stated that there was a recommendation contained in the report of the Committee, and asked that for the information of the members present, that the Secretary read the recommendation again.

The Secretary read the recommendation to the Association.

Mr. England then stated that in personal consultation with Mr. Hancock a day or so previous, Mr. Hancock had told him that he hoped to have Congress present the granite base for the monument, and asked if that was provided for in the recommendation. Mr. Hancock said that it was. Mr. England said that if this were not provided for, he would suggest that Congress be memorialized at its next session, to take steps toward that end; that if the Association waited until 1917, it would be 1920 before Congress granted the appropriation.

Dr. Hancock then stated that he thought he had not properly explained the matter. He had taken his ideas from the experience of the American Medical Association in erecting the monument to Prof. Probst; that the Medical profession had had the bronze monument cast, but that the Government had given the base and the ground, after which the monument was transferred to the Government, it being in their hands and keeping, and the Government has appointed a Commission,—a Commission which is very exacting,—to see that nothing shall be placed there that is not in accord with the views of that commission, and so we have secured the approval of this commission.

He further explained that Mr. Burge had made a reputation for himself, having recently placed in one of the squares of Baltimore several monuments, one of which is a monument to Mr. Latrobe, seven times Mayor of Baltimore, which is regarded as an excellent piece of work, and that he will have placed by the 12th of September a monument to the Hero of Fort Henry, when Gen. Ross made the attack on the city in 1814. He had already seen this, and it was a very creditable piece of work, and for these reasons the Committee did not think they were taking much of a chance as they would be doing if they were to take the work of a man who had not had any experience, and who had not already established the character of his work. Mr. Hancock further stated that the sculptor had made a very low bid, and they could not in competition get as low a bid as this, and the reason for this is that to have a manument in Washington would be an advertisement to the sculptor even though he made nothing on the work.

Mr. Wallace inquired if the funds which were to be drawn from the treasury of the American Pharmaceutical Association were exclusively the funds of the William Procter Memorial Fund. President Beringer replied that such was the case, whereupon Mr. Wallace stated that he desired to add to his motion that the report be received and the recommendation attached thereto be adopted.

Motion seconded.

Mr. Remington then took the floor and said he thought the Association should not lose the opportunity of thanking Mr. Hancock for his work in this matter, as he had been the prime mover of the business of erecting a statue to Prof. Procter, and he therefore moved that the thanks of the Association be given to Mr. Hancock and he be empowered to proceed with this work, which is not yet finished;

and further, Mr. Remington stated that he personally felt exceedingly thankful that the Association had a man like John Hancock who had pushed the matter to completion after so many years of hard work.

(Applause.)

The President then asked Mr. Wallace if this could be submitted as an addition to his motion. Mr. Wallace said he was willing to accept any addition that Prof. Remington had to offer.

Mr. Lemberger, in seconding the motion, said that he had been familiar with the project for some years and he knew personally how industriously and assiduously and persistently his friend Mr. Hancock had worked on this scheme, and that he deserved the thanks of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

Motion with Prof. Remington's addition unanimously carried.

Mr. Mayo then moved that the American Pharmaceutical Association petition Congress to set aside a site and to supply a suitable base for the erection of this monument and that the matter be placed in the hands of the committee on the William Procter Memorial Fund.

President Beringer suggested that the motion should also provide for the Government taking care of the monument after it is dedicated. Mr. Mayo accepted the suggestion. Motion seconded by Mr. England and carried.

There being no further business before the Association at this time, on motion of Mr. Wallace, duly seconded, the Convention stood adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

THIRD GENERAL SESSION.

President Beringer called the third general session to order Friday evening, August 28th, at 7:15 p. m., in the convention hall of the Hotel Pontchartrain, on the twelfth floor.

The Secretary read the minutes of the second general session held Tuesday morning, August 25th. On motion of Mr. Wallace, duly seconded and carried, the minutes were ordered approved as read.

Secretary England of the Council read the minutes of the session of that body. Printed at page 1388.

On motion of Mr. Mason, duly seconded and carried, the minutes of the Council were approved as read.

The President announced that the next order of business was the consideration of the report of the Committee on Time and Place of Meeting, and said that the status of the situation was that on Tuesday morning at the second meeting of the general session it had been moved, seconded and carried that the determination of the time and place of meeting be decided at a special meeting of the general session to be called by the Chair, which meeting was now called; that since that time the Committee on Time and Place of Meeting had prepared a supplemental report which they desired also to submit, and if there was no objection from any of the members present, the Secretary would read the supplemental report so that the members could have full information before them in considering the question.

The Secretary thereupon read the supplemental report of the Committee, recommending that the meeting of the Association be held in San Francisco in 1915.