

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP.

Mr. President and Members of the American Pharmaceutical Association:

Your committee on Membership for the year ending August 29th, 1914, makes the following report:—

The Chairman, upon receipt of the names of the Committee, appointed by President Beringer immediately notified each of her or his appointment and at the same time asked their co-operation for a larger membership in our Association; with this letter, was sent a very comprehensive plan for a campaign outlined by President Beringer. This plan is an excellent one, has given good results and should be tried again, with more effort on the part of the succeeding Chairman, in obtaining the attention and work of the Committee along the lines suggested in the plan.

The Committee was a large one (285 members) and almost to a man they accepted the appointment and, in general, responded in an earnest way of their desire and anticipation of a large increase in our number of members.

By the number and tenor of the responses, one would be led to believe that we would have a very large number of new members to report at the end of the year. The Committee have been alive throughout the year, as shown by letters received by the Chairman with copies of their communications in many instances.

Lately, however, I have received word from a number of the Committeemen that it is a hard matter to secure new members, that the ground has been thoroughly worked before; that they are disappointed, have not been very successful although they have brought the matter to the attention of every pharmacist in their District. Some States have fallen down badly, not even the courtesy of a reply being received to several letters sent out.

So, after the Committee had been working a few months, a rally-day was named for the Committee, the notice of which was followed by two letters as follow-ups for this rally-day, and considerable interest was aroused with good results.

A few weeks afterwards another rally-day was set, this time for the entire membership, with the thought, that it would be well to place in the hands of every member of the Association, an application-blank and a short story on the benefits of our Association. This would not only secure new members but would show the workers and loyal men in the Association, "not known to the Officers," who would be of great benefit in future work.

To this end letters were sent out with follow-up letters twenty days apart; thus the membership was thoroughly circularized and application blanks were also placed in the hands of every member.

From this action very good results have been obtained and further returns are expected from this campaign as many of the Committee have recently been very active.

The lady members of our Committee have added their quota to our list of members and are at the present time using every effort to increase the number.

The Chairman is led to believe by the experience he has had, that the subject of increase in membership must be worked out along the line of interesting the young people, for, as stated by one of the Committee, the members of our calling have been thoroughly solicited.

So it is to the recent graduate and the young business man we must look to and in this we are already receiving considerable help from some of our schools and colleges of pharmacy, which are awarding prizes for excellence in scholarship, in the form of memberships. I hope the number of such prizes will increase, for it brings into our Association the brightest young men.

The work of our Committee has lately been interested in procuring applicants from among the pharmacists in the Government service, where there is yet quite a field for recruits. The Island possessions have answered to our call very well, having a much larger proportion of their men enrolled, than the States. The Philippines, for instance, have recruited about sixty percent, with only about twenty-five percent of the Corps in the Islands. So there is work here in the States among the men in the service.

I wish to thank the President and every member of the Committee for their assistance and endeavors, and to say to them that we have done very well considering how well the ground has been covered in the past years and the calls and conditions the men of pharmacy have to-day.

Your Chairman regrets very much not to be able to make a better showing and report; perhaps this is due in part to the fact that he was ill and away from his office for over two months at the most important time of the year for membership work. However, this feeling is somewhat compensated for by the fact that we have broken the record of previous years, and, although the campaign has cost more than the original appropriation, the amount brought in by the number of new members in excess of previous years is more than enough to pay the whole expense.

Membership at the close of the annual meeting, 1913.....	2409
Loss by death.....	18
“ “ resignation	124
“ “ suspension	98
Total number dropped out the past year.....	240
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Added in 1914.....	429
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Total membership.....	2598

New Members Elected 1913-1914, By States.

Alabama	4	New Jersey.....	23
Arkansas	4	New Mexico.....	1
California	5	New York.....	52
Colorado	4	North Carolina.....	1
Connecticut	3	North Dakota.....	..
Delaware	1	Ohio	40
D. C., Washington.....	2	Oklahoma	4
Florida	3	Oregon	2
Georgia	4	Pennsylvania	27
Idaho	Rhode Island.....	1
Illinois	20	South Carolina.....	..
Indiana	8	South Dakota.....	4
Iowa	11	Tennessee	9
Kansas	Virginia
Kentucky	11	Vermont	2
Louisiana	4	Washington	5
Maine	5	West Virginia.....	2
Maryland	3	Wisconsin	3
Massachusetts	25	Wyoming	2
Michigan	55	Texas	11
Minnesota	2	Asia Minor.....	1
Mississippi	England	1

Missouri	36	Hawaii	1
Montana	6	Cuba	11
Nebraska	Canada	1
Omaha	Panama	1
Nevada	Philippine Islands.....	6
New Hampshire.....	1	Porto Rico.....	1
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Statement of Expenses for the Year Ending August 29, 1914.

Stationery, Folders, Blanks and Circulars.....	\$220 13
Postage and Expressage.....	128 94
Stenographer	56 00
\$405 07	

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. PACKARD.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FORMATION OF LOCAL BRANCHES.

In looking over the membership roll of the Association, your Committee on the Formation of Local Branches decided upon Detroit and Buffalo as the best locations for new branches. But we regret to report that our efforts to inaugurate Branches in these cities have been unavailing. From Detroit we got the information that a Branch could easily be started, but that there was lacking the sort of enthusiasm essential to its permanency. It was the belief of the active local members of the Association that the necessary enthusiasm would come after this annual meeting. This belief is shared by your committee.

Your committee found that several attempts had been made to start a Branch in Buffalo without success. There were not, and are not, sufficient enthusiastic local members to maintain interest in a Branch.

During the year two new Branches were inaugurated: one at Columbus, Ohio, and one at Jacksonville, Fla. And, following some correspondence from your committee, the activity of the Branch of San Francisco was revived.

As a result of its experience, your committee believes that the number of members required to inaugurate a local Branch should be reduced below twenty-five, and would suggest that it might be advisable to restrict representation in the Council to Branches having twenty-five members.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH CRAIG, Chairman.
FRANKLIN M. APPLE.