

## SYNOPSIS OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION BOARDS OF PHARMACY

The thirteenth annual convention of the National Association Boards of Pharmacy was called to order at 10.45 on Thursday morning, August 31st, in the Assembly Room of the Bourse Building, Philadelphia, by the President, J. C. Burton, of Stroud, Oklahoma.

W. L. Cliffee, or the local committee, extended a hearty welcome to the visiting members, which was responded to by John Culley, of Utah.

President John C. Burton called on Secretary H. C. Christensen, of Illinois, to call the roll.

After the roll the Secretary announced that twenty-eight States were represented.

John A. Weeks, of Texas, addressed the Association on the subject: "The Responsibility of Pharmacy Boards." Mr. Weeks said in part—"The member of a Board of Pharmacy is in a measure responsible to every patient and every physician in his State for the work done by the licentiate of his Board. The judge on the bench into whose hands is thrust the power of passing the death sentence is no graver or more responsible dispenser of justice than the man who passes on the fitness and qualifications of those who are to compound remedial agents for the sick. The examination of a candidate to practise pharmacy should be conducted without fear or favor and each candidate should be given the grade he earns.

"A very grave responsibility confronts us when we realize that American Pharmacy can never be stronger, better or more efficient than its state examining boards. When you place an o'k on an unqualified man or woman you have perpetuated a wrong that can never be righted. The status of American pharmacy is established by the State Boards. Neither the pharmacists nor the schools can establish the standards, since the State Board is the gateway through which the pharmacists must enter the craft. I do not believe all boards are as careful as they should be, either in the preparation of the questions or in the grading of papers. I do not believe we take the position as seriously as we should or appreciate our responsibility to the fullest extent."

Mr. Weeks urged that a standard of preliminary education be required of all those who seek to practise pharmacy, and that examinations be standardized, so that "registered Pharmacist" will mean the same thing in every state.

The address was discussed by Messrs. Meredith, Diekman, Christensen, Diner, Ostend, Leverty and others.

At the suggestion of J. A. Leverty, the subject "Identification of Applicants for Reciprocal Exchange" was discussed with the result that a committee was appointed by the Chair to draft a plan of identification. H. L. Meredith, Maryland; H. L. Haussamen, North Dakota; and J. T. Baltar, Louisiana.

This Committee's report, which was presented by W. G. Haussamen, recommended a blank similar to a Traveller's Check to be signed by the applicant and attested by three citizens of the city in which the applicant resides; one of the witnesses shall be a former employer of the applicant or a registered pharmacist. The report of the Committee was adopted.

At the opening of the afternoon session on motion of H. C. Christensen, the

application of the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy for *active* membership and the application of the New Jersey Board for *associate* membership were accepted.

President Burton at this point requested J. W. Gayle of Kentucky, vice-president, to take the chair, and then proceeded with the "President's Address." Recommendations were as follows:

First, That a committee of at least five be appointed from this body to present to the Section on Education and Legislation of the American Pharmaceutical Association such provisions as may be adopted by this Association; and further to cooperate in joint session with that Section, with a view to obtaining the adoption of a number of "provisions" on matters of general interest to pharmacy that may be furnished to state board or state association members who may ask for suggestions regarding desirable changes in state pharmacy laws.

RECOMMENDATION No. 2: The same committee to submit resolutions of interest that may be passed by the N. A. B. P., to the A. Ph. A., for its endorsement.

RECOMMENDATION No. 3: Appointment of a committee on "Higher Educational Standards" to work with a similar committee from the A. Ph. A. and N. A. R. D.

RECOMMENDATION No. 4: Appointment of a committee of three on "Relations of Colleges with Boards," to work with a similar committee from the Faculties.

RECOMMENDATION No. 5: That the joint committee of the Faculties and Boards on "More Satisfactory Examination of Candidates for Graduation and Candidates for Board Certificates" be continued.

RECOMMENDATION No. 6: Be it hereby resolved that we request that the section on "Education and Legislation," of the A. Ph. A., in joint session with the Faculties and Boards, to give consideration to a "Prerequisite Provision" (graduation from school or pharmacy clause), that when enacted in a state pharmacy law, will not be retroactive in its applications, thereby preventing the Board of Pharmacy of such a state from granting reciprocal registration (both states being "Active" member states of the N. A. B. P.) to applicants who are not graduates of schools of pharmacy, but who at the time of passing examination and becoming registered in their state, complied with all the requirements of the laws of the state pertaining to registration of pharmacists, such laws having equal requirements at the time, with the state in which the applicant may later seek to gain reciprocal registration.

On motion of H. L. Meredith, Chairman Gayle appointed W. H. Cousins, Texas, H. A. Eaton, Iowa, and D. R. Millard, Maryland, as a committee on the President's Address. The committee later reported favorably on all recommendations made by the President, and on vote of the Convention they were adopted.

On resuming the Chair, President Burton called on George M. Beringer, Jr., of the New Jersey Board of Pharmacy (this Board was elected to "associate membership" at the morning session). Mr. Beringer stated that although the New Jersey Board had only just become affiliated with the Association, they had always taken an active part in furthering the best interests of pharmacy and that for some time had been alive to the good work being done by the Association, and were glad to be placed in a position to better give assistance in bringing about continued progress.

Chairman Lawrence C. Lewis of the Executive Committee presented the report for his committee, which was referred to a committee consisting of the following named members: W. E. Sherriff, Kansas; Leo L. Mrazek, Illinois; H. B. Purdy, Connecticut. The Committee later reported favorably on the following recommendations which were then adopted by the Association.

RECOMMENDED, that annual meetings of the N. A. B. P. be held at the same place as the A. Ph. A. Conventions, on Monday and Tuesday of the same week in which the A. Ph. A.

convention is held. Provided, however, that the program of sessions of the N. A. B. P., the A. Ph. A. and the joint sessions of the Faculties and Boards must be arranged so that the most important sessions of these bodies will not conflict with each other. Otherwise, it is suggested that it might become necessary to recommend that the N. A. B. P., and the A. C. P. F., hold their meetings either just preceding or just after the A. Ph. A. Convention. It was also suggested that unless the A. Ph. A. Convention would be held in locations favorable to the largest possible attendance, it might become necessary for the Boards to hold their annual meetings separately from those of the A. Ph. A.

RECOMMENDED, that the Secretary attend board of pharmacy examination meetings in the various States whenever possible: with a view of bringing about compliance with recommendations of the Advisory Examination Committee (of which Secretary Christensen is Chairman), with regard to more uniformity of examinations in the different States.

RECOMMENDED, that changes in the new United States Pharmacopœia be not taken into consideration in preparing boards of pharmacy examination questions until after January 1st, 1917, and that for the first year after that date only such changes as apply to the more potent drugs and their preparations be given consideration.

RECOMMENDED, that State boards follow as closely as possible suggestions of the Advisory Examination Committee of the N. A. B. P. with regard to examination questions and methods.

RECOMMENDED, that members of boards of pharmacy meet with those of adjoining States during examination periods whenever possible.

RECOMMENDED, that since the Supreme Court of the United States has handed down a decision that the possession of narcotics does not constitute a violation of the "Harrison Act," and since we believe this decision has largely nullified the intentions of the law, we recommend and urge that Congress enact an amendment to the Harrison Law whereby the main objects of this law be not impaired or defeated.

Mr. H. L. Meredith, chairman of the Legislative Committee, was called on for the report of that committee. Recommendations of the committee that were adopted are as follows:

No. 1: Providing that it shall be unlawful for any person, unless he is registered with the United States Collector of Internal Revenue in the District in which he resides, to sell, dispense or give away any preparation or remedy containing any opium or cocoa leaves, their salts, alkaloids or derivatives or other potent drugs or chemicals which may be enumerated in the so-called Poison or Anti-narcotic laws of the State or District in which he may reside. A detention as well as monetary penalty to be attached. Enforcement to be placed in the care of the State's Pharmacy Board.

No. 2: Providing a heavy penalty for false representation as a registered pharmacist, licentiate in pharmacy, assistant pharmacist, etc.

No. 3: Requiring that every drug store be supplied with a copy of the latest edition of the United States Pharmacopœia and National Formulary. Penalty suggested to be double the cost of the edition mentioned plus cost of prosecution. Enforcement with the Board of Pharmacy.

No. 4: Requiring that the Registered Pharmacist who is in charge of a pharmacy or "department of pharmacy," whether proprietor or manager, shall in addition to displaying his certificate, have his name affixed either upon separate or composite labels placed on medicinal agents, while in charge as Registered Pharmacist. Also there shall be caused to be conspicuously displayed over the entrance to the drug store or department of Pharmacy the name of the Registered Pharmacist in charge. Fine for violation to be paid by the owner or employer. Enforcement in charge of Board of Pharmacy.

No. 6: Providing for the appointment by the N. A. B. P. of a committee of five members from this body whose duty it shall be to enter into conference with the proper officials of the Internal Revenue Department, with the end in view that of eliminating from the processes of the Harrison Law such drugs and chemicals which from their very nature automatically are eliminated from the class of habit-forming drugs.

No. 7 and 8 were rejected.

No. 9: Your Committee recommends that the President, Secretary and Chairman of the Executive Committee constitute a committee whose duty it shall be to confer with the Program Committee of the A. Ph. A. to the end that the more important sessions of the two bodies be so arranged as to entail the least possible conflict.

President Burton next called for the report of the Advisory Examination Committee, and Secretary Christensen read that report. The main thoughts centered on greater efficiency, and it was pointed out that the time would come when the examiners would be required to submit to an examination relative to their qualifications for these important positions. This promotion should be encouraged by the boards of pharmacy.

The report of the Advisory Committee was adopted.

The President appointed a committee composed of John A. Weeks, Texas, Edward Bloomfield, Kentucky, and Edward Walsdorf, Louisiana, to draft a resolution with regard to time of filing applications for Reciprocal Registration. Mr. Bloomfield made the following report:

All applicants for Reciprocal Registration must file their applications with the Secretary of the Board in which he desires to reciprocate within ninety days after receiving the official application blank from the National Secretary. If said applicant for Reciprocal Registration is rejected by the Board of Pharmacy then all fees shall be returned to him (except the \$1.00 fee to the Secretary of the Board of Pharmacy, from which he applied, for certifying to registration and grades). If said applicant fails to file his application with the Secretary of the Board within ninety days after receiving the same, then said application blank shall be void and said applicant shall forfeit the entire fee. The Secretary of the State Board shall date said application blank as of the day received.

The report of the committee was adopted, to go into effect the first of October, 1916.

After discussion regarding ways and means of increasing revenue to the Association, a recommendation to increase the annual dues of "Active" member states of the N. A. B. P. from \$15.00 to \$35.00 was adopted. The fee for application blank for "reciprocal registration" was increased from \$5.00 to \$15.00.

President Burton called for the report of the Nominating Committee, which was read by H. L. Haussaman, recommending the following officers for next year: President, Lawrence C. Lewis, of Alabama; first Vice-President, John A. Weeks, of Texas; second vice-president, D. W. Ramsaur, of Florida; third vice-president, John A. Leverty, of Connecticut; secretary, H. C. Christensen, of Chicago; treasurer, F. W. Ward, of Memphis. The following were elected to serve on the various committees; Executive Committee, E. G. Cox, Missouri; Chairman of the Advisory Examination Committee, H. C. Christensen, of Chicago; Syllabus Committee, Charles R. Skinner, of Vermont.

The report of the Committee was adopted and the gentlemen named were elected as officers of the Association for the ensuing year.

The Session was adjourned to meet Saturday evening at half past eight.

Adjourned Fourth Session—Saturday evening.

President Burton called the Association to order in the Assembly Room of the Rittenhouse Hotel, at 8.45 o'clock and called for the report of the Auditing Committee, which report was presented by E. G. Cox, of Missouri, and adopted.

The installation of officers then took place and the convention adjourned.

## JOINT SESSION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION BOARDS OF PHARMACY WITH THE AMERICAN CONFERENCE OF PHARMACEUTICAL FACULTIES.

The first Joint Session of the National Association Boards of Pharmacy with the American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties was called to order in the Assembly Room of the Rittenhouse Hotel, Philadelphia, at 10.30 o'clock Saturday morning, September 1, 1916, by President H. V. Army of the Conference, and after a few introductory remarks by Professor H. P. Hynson, Baltimore, the President requested Secretary H. C. Christensen of the Boards to address the Joint Session.

Mr. Christensen stated that the object of the meeting was the getting together of the two Associations and the bringing about of more favorable conditions between the Boards and Faculties. He thought a good deal of progress had already been made.

President Army next called for the address of President J. C. Burton of the Boards following which he read his address, both of which were discussed by Jacob Diner, George C. Diekman, H. P. Hynson, C. B. Jordan, H. C. Christensen, L. E. Sayre, Wm. C. Alpers, W. E. Sherriff, H. H. Rusby, H. M. Whelpley, Philip Asher, Jacob H. Rehfuss.

President Army next called for report of Committee on Prerequisite Arguments. This report was made by Professor W. B. Day and referred to the Executive Committees of the two Associations.

President Army called for the report of the committee on "The Fairchild Scholarship," which was presented by Dr. W. C. Alpers, and approved.

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### HOUSE OF DELEGATES, AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.\*

#### THE CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

BY H. P. HYNSON.

*To the Honorable Members of the House of Delegates:*

Gentlemen:

Possibilities of organization are far beyond finite conception. Respect for organization and disregard for the individual is the very first thing the student of nature learns. Why we allow ourselves to stand alone in anything is a great wonder, especially when we have such striking illustrations of the power and effectiveness of systematic organization, as is shown by the various governments, particularly our own state and national organizations, by the great and good Roman Catholic Church, by the political parties which really control our government and, more to our present purpose, by the American Medical Association. It is a pattern in form, in system, in application, in consistency and, of course, in effectiveness and in accomplishment.

Organization in nature and of nature begins with a most radical conception and prospers most at the apparent sacrifice of the individual. The qualifying adjective "apparent" must be used, because if organization did not finally advance the interest of the individual it would be a failure. It must bring the greatest good

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