

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LOCAL BRANCHES

CHICAGO.

The regular monthly meeting of the Chicago Branch, American Pharmaceutical Association, was held October 26, 1917, at Kuntz-Remmlers.

There were present twenty-six members as well as a goodly number of visitors. The meeting was preceded by a very enjoyable dinner.

Professor C. M. Snow reported as Council member, mentioning especially the establishment of the Research Fund and the continuance of the Year Book.

Secretary E. N. Gathercoal presented the responsibility now laid on the Branch in perfecting arrangements for the coming annual meeting in Chicago. He proposed that our aim be 500 visitors at the convention, a doubling of the local membership and monthly meetings more interesting and attractive to the retail druggist.

C. C. Orr reported for the membership committee twenty-two new members in the last year and a net increase of eleven in the Branch. He proposed an enlarged committee and great activity during the coming winter.

Jas. H. Wells reported for the legislative committee, the passage of the pre-requisite law in Illinois and a large mass of national legislation affecting pharmacy. He suggested the postponement of discussion until a future meeting.

Dr. Bernard Fantus announced the meeting of the American Medical Association in Chicago next June, and stated that the Chicago druggists should have an exhibit at this meeting. His suggestion was heartily received but action deferred until the next meeting.

General Secretary W. B. Day made an announcement to the pharmaceutical interests of Chicago of the annual meeting of the Association to be held in this city next August and an invitation was extended to the other pharmaceutical associations in Chicago to take part in the entertainment of our guests at this meeting. A very hearty response to this invitation was shown at this meeting.

I. M. Light, Secretary, and J. H. Riemen-schneider, Chairman of the executive committee of the Chicago Retail Druggists' Association, both stated that the C. R. D. A. stood ready to assist as far as possible. Mr. Light referred frequently to the N. A. R. D. convention at Chicago in 1907, and mentioned several entertainments that had proved very successful at that time.

Charles E. Matthews, of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association, who has recently very successfully managed the ex-

tensive and fine entertainment for the N. W. D. A. convention at Chicago, helped very materially in formulating plans for our meeting next summer.

Richard Voge, president of the Chicago Drug Club, pledged the support of his organization, famous for its entertainment, in behalf of the coming meeting.

E. von Hermann, of the Chicago Veteran Druggists' Association, recalled very vividly memories of the A. Ph. A. meeting in Chicago in 1893. He said that more than twelve hundred visitors were in attendance at that meeting and that the fund for entertainment received support from every druggist and drug interest in the city. The C. V. D. A. already is planning something good for the A. Ph. A. visitors.

Mrs. Estellene Forbrich, president of the Woman's Organization of the C. R. D. A., presented the best wishes of the ladies and assured us of their hearty support.

H. C. Christensen, secretary of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, discussed the time of meeting and stated that the arrangement by which the Boards of Pharmacy and the Pharmaceutical Faculties met at the beginning of the A. Ph. A. week was very satisfactory and suggested a renewal of that arrangement. He also suggested the third week in August instead of the fourth week for the meeting.

S. C. Henry, secretary of the National Association of Retail Druggists, received an enthusiastic reception and expressed his pleasure at meeting with the Chicago Branch for the first time. He moved that the executive committee of the Branch be given power to act on date, local secretary, and place of meeting, subject to approval of the Council. This motion was seconded and carried.

A spirit of restraint upon lavish entertainment was expressed in view of the burden and sorrow of war that now rested upon us and might be continued until the time of the meeting in August.

Ben Eicher and F. O. Snyder made pleas that the monthly meetings of the Branch might be made more interesting and attractive to the retail druggists. Mr. Eicher moved that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to cooperate with a similar committee of the C. R. D. A. to arrange for meetings of the Branch this winter that shall especially interest the retail druggists. The motion was carried.

E. N. GATHERCOAL, *Secretary.*

DETROIT.

At the October meeting of the Detroit Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association, Prof. Henry Kraemer, of the College of Pharmacy of the University of Michigan, gave a very interesting talk on "Obligations and Opportunities of Retail Druggists." With the aid of lantern slides, Prof. Kraemer showed methods for microscopically identifying a number of the more common drugs, pointing out the opportunity of the druggist to obtain full value when purchasing crude drugs, and his obligation to the public to supply a pure product.

Dean A. B. Stevens, of the College of Pharmacy of the University of Michigan, announced that original research work will now be a part of the curriculum of the senior student, and any druggist who has a problem of this sort, the more difficult the better, is asked to send it to him.

A motion was carried unanimously to extend a vote of appreciation to Dr. Stevens for his faithful work in, and loyalty to the American Pharmaceutical Association.

MAY STRAWN, *Secretary*.

NEW YORK.

The October meeting of the New York Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was called to order by President Mayer in the Library of the New York College of Pharmacy on Monday, October 8, 1917, at 8.35 P.M.

Twenty-five members were present.

The minutes of the special meeting of May 28, 1917, were read and approved.

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board were read.

The Treasurer reported that he had no books or statements regarding the condition of the treasury.

Dr. Hostmann reported for the special committee appointed to take care of the deceased Treasurer's accounts, that a check for \$137.39, which represents the sum due our Branch, would soon be available.

It was moved by Dr. Diner and regularly seconded and carried that the new Treasurer be authorized to obtain the books and paraphernalia.

Membership Committee.—In the absence of the Chairman, the Secretary announced the following applications: Ernest O. Bianco, New York, N. Y.; Otto A. Cains, Ozone Park, N. Y.

For membership in the Local Branch only: Paul M. Werner, New York, N. Y.

It was moved, seconded and carried that these applications follow the usual course.

Committee on Legislation and Education: The chairman of this committee being absent, no report was rendered.

Committee on Fraternal Relations: Dr. Diner reported that a joint committee was being organized to consider the matter of medical registration of pharmacies.

Progress of Pharmacy: Dr. Diekman read a lengthy and interesting report, touching, among others, upon the following topics:

Determination of Legulose in Dextrose

Test for Vanilline

Waterglass Paint

Citrus Experimental Station

Lead in Oil of Cassia

New Business: The recommendation of the Executive Committee regarding the time of meeting was brought up. After considerable discussion, it was decided to hold this matter over for the next meeting.

It was moved by Dr. Hostmann and seconded by Professor Diekman that a committee of three be appointed by the President to further the Edmonds Bill. This motion was carried after a short discussion.

The President appointed Dr. Hostmann, Dr. Anderson and Mr. Holzhauer to serve on this committee.

Dr. Diner, delegate of the A. Ph. A. convention, brought in his report.

Dr. Diekman reported in connection with the New York State convention.

Dr. Schaefer reported on the New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association convention.

Dr. Wimmer and Mr. Latham reported on the Connecticut Pharmaceutical Association convention, and Dr. Anderson on the N. A. R. D.

All of these reports were accepted with the thanks of the Branch.

HUGO H. SCHAEFER, *Secretary*.

PHILADELPHIA.

A joint meeting of the Philadelphia Branch of the A. Ph. A. and the National Pharmaceutical Service Association, marking the opening of the 1917-18 sessions of the Branch, was held at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, Monday evening, October 8th, with the President, Ambrose Hunsberger, in the chair. The first part of the meeting was devoted to routine business, reading of the minutes, com-

mittee reports, etc. This business dispensed with, the first speaker on the program, E. G. Eberle, was called upon to present a report of the meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association held at Indianapolis. Mr. Eberle with his characteristic thoroughness covered every phase of the convention's proceedings. He called particular attention to President Wulling's masterly address and congratulated the National Association of Retail Druggists on its concurrence with Dr. Wulling's suggestion for the federation of the associations into one governing body representing the entire body pharmaceutical. Mr. H. B. Mason's timely paper on "Compulsory Health Insurance" was also discussed by the speaker and the suggestion was made that the Branch devote part of another evening's program to a consideration of this impending proposition.

Secretary R. P. Fischelis, of the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association, then reported their annual meeting, held at Pittsburgh, and mentioned among several other interesting remarks that a new feature of the association's program is to be the publication of a quarterly journal. He added that Philadelphia, as usual, did its share in submitting papers and contributed in making the meeting one of the most successful in the history of the Association.

Dr. A. W. Miller, the next speaker, told of the successful meeting of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association, and stated that all the sessions were devoted to the presentation of committee reports. He particularly referred to the attitude of the Association to the metric system. Pharmaceutical firms find it a hardship to have to do business with the Government and foreign trade in terms of metric units while here at home they are obliged to use the cumbersome *avoirdupois* and *apothecaries* systems. Despite the simplicity of the metric system and the complexity of the systems now in vogue, Dr. Miller thought that it will take some time before we adopt the decimal system which we have already long used in our coinage. He also suggested that it was the sentiment of the convention that the retail druggist would profit more, in the present condition of the market, by careful buying and the quick turning over of stock.

Dr. J. W. Sturmer then spoke of his visit to the Chemical Exposition in New York and rather impressed careful listeners with the fact that, after all, there was but little that

was actually new, to the man who kept in touch with the advances of modern chemical progress through the journals. He called attention to a novel process which was termed "per-evaporation" and which involved the use of pyroxylin-like sack or septum in which the weak solution of a crystalline body was placed and by a dialyzation process was concentrated without resorting to use of heat. Dr. R. P. Fischelis spoke of other apparatus of the exhibition.

The meeting of the National Association of Retail Druggists was carefully reported by S. C. Henry, recently elected secretary of that organization. Mr. Henry, with his customary tact and preciseness, interpreted the association's action relative to the postponement of their full endorsement of the Edmonds' bill. At the conclusion of the speaker's remarks, Mr. Beringer voiced his regret for the lack of coöperation of the N. A. R. D. in their unqualified support of the Edmonds' bill and stated that their inaction nullified to some extent the work of those who had fought so hard and worked so faithfully towards making the movement a success. Wm. W. McNeary coincided with the views of Mr. Henry. Further discussion of this proposition was participated in by Messrs. Apple, Eberle and others.

President Hunsberger then called attention to the fact that Mr. Henry was about to leave Philadelphia for his new home in Chicago, and that his loss to the pharmacists here would be large. The Chairman further stated that he would entertain a motion conferring honorary membership in the Local Branch upon Mr. Henry. Such motion was made and unanimously adopted.

Attention was also called that Mr. England's continued absence was due to illness and on the motion of Prof. C. H. LaWall, seconded by George M. Beringer, it was unanimously voted that the Secretary be directed to convey to Mr. England the expression of sympathy and wishes for his speedy recovery.

This brought to a termination the Local Branch's share in the evening's program. The secretary, however, would be remiss in his report without alluding to the predominating feature of the latter part of the evening's program, that is, Mr. Beringer's able paper in which he presented an outline of the formation and history of pharmaceutical service in the French army.

IVOR GRIFFITH, *Secretary.*