

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LOCAL BRANCHES

"All papers presented to the Association and its branches shall become the property of the Association, with the understanding that they are not to be published in any other publication than those of the Association, except by consent of the Committee on Publication."—By-Laws, Chapter X, Art. III.

Reports of the meetings of the Local Branches should be mailed to the Editor on the day following the meeting, if possible. Minutes should be typewritten, with wide spaces between the lines. Care should be taken to give proper names correctly, and manuscript should be signed by the reporter.

ST. LOUIS.

A meeting of the St. Louis Branch, A. Ph. A., was held at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, July 31, with a large attendance in spite of the excessively hot weather.

The address of the evening was given by Captain J. H. Sewing, a pharmacist and physician of St. Louis, who was captured and held as a prisoner in Germany. Captain Sewing told in a most interesting manner of his experience from the moment a fellow soldier informed him that they were "going to Berlin" to the time he reached the American line after the armistice. His narrative was given in a conversational manner, covering many little incidents in which everyone was interested. He described the hardships and cruelties inflicted on some of the prisoners. For a time he served as a physician in a German hospital. Captain Sewing dwelt on the drug market of Germany as he found it during the war. Coal-tar products were very plentiful and were used as freely as salt. Hydrogen peroxide was as available as water. Castor oil, however, and fats of all kinds were unobtainable for medical use or food.

Following his address, the members asked many questions which led to his outlining his experience in Belgium and France while serving with the British army.

In the absence of the President and Vice-President, Dr. H. M. Whelpley occupied the chair during the business session. Officers were elected as follows:

President, Frantz F. Berg.

Vice-President, Burton H. St. John.

Secretary-Treasurer, Leslie E. Pritchard.

Member of the Council, J. Merner Noble.

The Branch unanimously voted to extend the American Pharmaceutical Association an invitation to hold the 1921 meeting in St. Louis.

The Committee on Membership, consisting of Messrs. F. F. Berg and J. Merner Noble, reported that nine applications for membership had been turned over to the treasurer.

The special program for the meeting of September 12 will include a report from the St. Louis members who attend the New York meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DRUG MARKET.*

(Continued from p. 673, August issue, JOURNAL A. PH. A.)

LANOLINE, ANHYDROUS: Anhydrous Lanoline has been a cause of some concern during the past year, the odor, amount of ash and reaction of ash in particular having tended to deviate from the U. S. P. requirements. Following is a detailed report on 13 of the lots examined, many of which were rejected:

* Presented to the 1919 Convention of the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association at Buena Vista Springs, 1919.