

for the general reader. It impresses the thought that we are sometimes slow in placing value on the work of others, and that history lies at the root of all science. Macaulay said, "Facts are the mere dross of history. It is from the abstract truth which interpenetrates them, and lies latent among them, like gold in the ore, that the mass derives its whole value; and the precious particles are generally combined with the baser in such a manner that the separation is a task of the utmost difficulty."

The report of the Historian was received. Mr. F. L. Lewton, of the Smithsonian Institution, was present and spoke of the progress made in arranging medical and pharmaceutical literature and material in the Institution. He also stated that the material referred to by the Historian is acceptable. The Section thanked Mr. Lewton and recommended that efforts be made to collect bulletins, etc., and file them with the Smithsonian Institution, or better, donate them, so as to have a permanent record.

Secretary Curt P. Wimmer reported on his work during the year, preparatory for the program of this meeting. He also read a paper by Miss Adelaide Rudolph on "The Scarabs and Charms of Ancient Times." Various amulets were exhibited. The Secretary was asked to thank Miss Rudolph for her contribution to the program.

Hugo Kantrowitz presented the Section with a menu, printed on silk, which was obtained by him at a banquet given during the meeting in Washington in 1883. The banquet was given at Abner's Hall and an item of "historical" interest is contained in the statement on the menu, "Each person is entitled to a small bottle of Pontet Canet Claret of excellent quality."

The following papers were read:

"Pharmacy and Medicine of Charles Kingsley," by A. W. Linton.

"Reminiscences of Some of the Old Boston Druggists of Fifty Years Ago," by E. L. Patch.

"Development of the Drug Industry in Richland County, Wisconsin," by E. W. Dieter.

"Historical Data of the Naval Stores Industry in the United States," by W. O. Richtmann.

"Early History and Occurrence of Venereal Diseases," by B. E. Hockert.

"A Pharmacist in the Army," by Lewis N. Brown.

"Meeting M. Bouge, Pharmacien De Premiere Classe," by Clyde L. Eddy.

The following were read by title, as the authors were not present:

"The Lititz Army Hospital Pharmacopoeia," by Edward Kremers.

"A New England Drug List of 1676," by Edward Kremers.

"A Pharmaceutical Advertisement of 1795," by Edward Kremers.

"A Century of Pharmaceutical Journalism," by H. P. Reif.

The officers of the ensuing year were installed; they are:

Curt P. Wimmer, New York City, Chairman.

A. W. Linton, Seattle, Wash., Secretary.

E. G. Eberle, Philadelphia, Pa., Historian.

The Section then adjourned.

WOMEN'S SECTION, AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

ABSTRACT OF THE MINUTES OF THE SESSIONS HELD IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON

MAY 8 AND 10, 1920

FIRST SESSION.

The first session of the Women's Section, A. Ph. A., was convened by Vice-President Mrs. Lyman F. Kebler, May 8, at 9.30 A.M. Mrs. J. Leyden White was named secretary. President Mrs. F. J. Wulling was prevented from attending the meeting on account of sickness.

A telegram of greeting from Secretary Mrs. H. R. Kenaston was read. A letter from Miss Anna G. Bagley was acknowledged by a telegram, expressing regrets for her absence.

The Chairman introduced Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, President of the National Florence Crittenden Homes and Past President of the National Council of Women, who addressed the Section on the subject of "Organization and Prohibition."

On motion a rising vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Waller.

The following committees were appointed by the Chairman:

Nominations—Mrs. I. P. Gammon, Mrs. Charles Fuhrman and Mrs. L. E. Sayre.

Resolutions—Mrs. J. Leyden White, Mrs. Charles Merrell and Mrs. Charles Avery.

SECOND SESSION.

The second session of the Women's Section, A. Ph. A., was called to order Monday, May 10, at 9.30 A.M., by Acting-President Mrs. Lyman F. Kebler.

Mrs. Hughes, President of the Housekeepers' Alliance, was introduced and spoke on the subject of "Conservation." A vote of thanks was given the speaker.

The Committee on Nominations presented the names of the following nominees. They were elected.

Honorary President—Mrs. Fletcher Howard,* Los Angeles, Cal.

President—Mrs. Lewis C. Hopp, Cleveland, Ohio.

First Vice-President—Mrs. Charles Holzhauer, Newark, N. J.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. F. C. Godbold, New Orleans, La.

Secretary—Miss Genevieve Simms, Washington, D. C.

Treasurer—Mrs. C. E. Bent, Dell Rapids, S. D.

Executive Committee—Mrs. Lyman F. Kebler, *Chairman*, Washington, D. C.

In harmony with a suggestion of Miss Anna G. Bagley, Mrs. H. M. Whelpley moved that the Women's Section hold one session only hereafter, thus coöperating with the Local Entertainment Committee. Carried.

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following:

That a letter of thanks be sent to the American Pharmaceutical Association for their kindness and constant courtesy.

That a rising vote of thanks be given to the members of the Ladies Local Committee for their tireless endeavors and great success in providing the entertainments and contributing so largely to pleasures of the meeting.

That the resignation of Secretary Mrs. H. R. Kenaston be accepted with regret.

That a letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs. Fletcher Howard.*

The resolutions were adopted.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. PH. A. COUNCIL LETTER NO. 2.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 19, 1920.

To the Members of the Council:

4. *Question of eligibility of non-members of Council for service on Council committees.* Under date of June 2, 1920, Mr. J. W. England writes from Philadelphia, as follows:

"To the Council of the A. Ph. A.:

DEAR SIRs:

Having been advised that at the meeting of the Council held May 10, 1920, I was elected Chairman of the Committee on Publication for 1920-21, I must decline such service because I am ineligible for election to this committee, as are, also, E. L. Newcomb and Clyde L. Eddy. We are not members of the Council, and, therefore, not eligible for election to any of the standing committees of the Council.

According to the by-laws of the Association (Chapter VII), the object of the Council is to transact business for the Association, and the object of the standing committees of the Council is to transact business for the Council. The *councilors have no authority to delegate their duties to others; and hence*, the members of the standing committees must be councilors only. Logically, if it be permissible for three non-members of the Council to be members of a standing committee of the Council, it is permissible, also, for all the members of all the standing committees to be non-members of the Council, and this would be absurd.

At the meeting of the Council, held May 10, 1920, a resolution was passed declaring "that members of the standing and special committees of the Council need not necessarily be members of the Council." But such resolution, so far as relates to the standing com-

* Mrs. Fletcher Howard, an active worker in the Association for many years and a regular attendant at the annual meetings during her husband's lifetime, passed away June 19.