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NAMES OF BOARD AND OFFICERS.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

REPORT.

To His Excellency CALVIN COOLIDGE, *Governor.*

SIR:— In compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth, the Board of Registration in Pharmacy has the honor to submit the following report.

The many unusual conditions prevailing throughout the year have been attended by many legal and commercial changes in the drug business. Never has there been a year filled with so many new Federal regulations, nor a year calling for the rendering of so many reports. This Board, however, has endeavored to co-operate with the Boston branch office of the United States Internal Revenue Department in keeping the trade posted.

The inauguration of war prohibition has intrusted exclusively to the pharmacist the retail sale of alcohol, wines and distilled spirits. Although jointly responsible with the physician in the custody of this trust, the pharmacist has the additional duty of not filling a prescription for intoxicating liquor if he has any reason to believe that, through misunderstanding of the physician or otherwise, the liquor will not be used for medicinal purposes.

The various organizations of the profession have gone on record as being opposed to the taking out of licenses for the sale of liquors, even though such sale is on prescription, believing there would be a great temptation on the part of persons desiring intoxicants to resort to licensed drug stores in the hope of procuring liquors illegally. In reaching this conclusion the majority of druggists have expressed the opinion that there were other remedies, having the same medicinal effect as intoxicating liquors, which could be prescribed in all

cases. The physicians have evidently taken the same stand, as very little liquor has been prescribed since the passage of the act. There are a sufficient number from both professions, however, who have a different point of view, so that the legitimate needs of the people are supplied.

The commercial changes in the drug business are in the adjustment to the advance in labor and merchandise. The wages of clerks have been greatly increased. Higher prices must be charged for prescriptions and all drugs and articles kept in a pharmacy. However, this increase has been entirely in the ratio of cost, and in no instance has there been profiteering.

The number of drug stores in the Commonwealth at the present time is 1,657, being an increase of 18 since last year. Several of the large hotels in the city of Boston have recently installed drug stores which we believe are intending to comply strictly with the pharmacy laws, as they are splendidly equipped and well provided by pharmacists.

Since the rendering of our last report the Legislature has created the Department of Civil Service and Registration, in which are grouped the Board of Registration in Medicine, the Board of Registration of Nurses, the Board of Dental Examiners, the Board of Registration in Embalming, the Board of Registration in Optometry, the Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine, the State Examiners of Electricians, and the Board of Registration in Pharmacy. This group is called the Division of Registration, and is placed under the supervision of a director. As each Board retains its functions, we feel that this uniting under one director will result in some uniform method of transacting office work and of conducting examinations, which will give all the Boards a greater efficiency. We are pleased that the director recently appointed is a past member of this Board. He will be an enthusiastic worker for all the commissions, although more thoroughly conversant with the needs of pharmacy.

Through courtesy of the Governor, two members of our Board, Mr. Hayes, the president, and Mr. Ellis, were privileged to attend the meeting of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy held in New York during August. Many matters

of importance relative to the standards and methods of pharmacy examinations were discussed with mutual benefit to all member-boards.

The Board would recommend for legislative enactment the following amendments to the statute:—

1. *Advance in the Fee for a Drug Store Permit.* — Chapter 705, Acts of 1913, provides that no store shall be kept open for the transaction of the retail drug business unless it is granted a permit to operate by the Board of Registration in Pharmacy. These permits are issued annually upon payment of a fee of \$1. The Board believes that this fee should be advanced to \$5, as the present amount is not commensurate with the privilege conferred upon the druggist, nor the expense to the Commonwealth in the granting and proper supervision of the permit. The Board is obliged to conduct hearings relative to violations of the pharmacy law, with the authority to suspend or revoke the permit as justice may require. The agent is also continuously employed in the work of investigating drug stores for the purpose of ascertaining if they are complying with the pharmacy laws.

Although the appropriation of the Board of Registration in Pharmacy is entirely separate from the fees which it pays into the treasury of the Commonwealth, the Board has always considered it a duty to be self-supporting, while for the past two years it has not had that honor. There has been a decrease in the revenue derived from certificates for the sale of intoxicating liquor, owing to the growing disfavor in which these licenses are looked upon by the druggists as a class. Comparing the total amount of fees from this source with that of one year ago there has been a decrease of \$1,910, while comparing it with five years ago there has been a decrease of \$4,240. The advance suggested would cover the deficit and put the Board on the independent basis which it has maintained for so many years.

2. *Stores which are not registered with the Board of Registration in Pharmacy not to be advertised as Drug Stores.* — Our agent has reported a number of cases where stores which had the appearance of authorized drug stores because of signs bearing words such as “drug store” or “drugs,” have been owned

and operated by persons not registered as pharmacists. This Board believes that it is for the interests of pharmacy, as well as public health, that these stores should not be privileged to advertise as drug stores. At the present time this Board can merely request that such sign be removed, but cannot insist by any authority of law. The physician or the lawyer cannot hold himself out as member of a profession in which he has not been examined and duly registered, and we feel that this exclusive right to advertise his profession should be extended to the pharmacist.

The details relating to the work of the Board, and its receipts and disbursements, will follow in the report of the secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. HAYES, *President.*

JOHN J. TOBIN, *Secretary.*

LEON C. ELLIS.

PERCY N. HALL.

FREDERICK W. ARCHER.

The statute providing that the term of Board membership shall be limited to five years brings about the retirement of our secretary, Mr. John J. Tobin. Mr. Tobin has served as president for the year 1917 and as secretary for the past two years. It is with the deepest regret that we are obliged to part with his most congenial companionship and helpful co-operation.

JOHN F. HAYES, *President.*

LEON C. ELLIS.

PERCY N. HALL.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Meetings for examinations have been held on dates and with results as follows:—

EXAMINATIONS.

DATE OF EXAMINATION.	Number examined.	Number registered as Pharma- cists.	Number registered as Assist- ants.	Number of Assist- ants failing to become Pharma- cists.	Number found not qualified to receive any Cer- tificate.
1919.					
January 24,	41	12	6	16	7
March 28,	69	33	15	14	7
May 28,	69	22	12	20	15
June 25,	69	18	21	18	12
October 3,	74	10	10	33	21
October 28,	1	1	—	—	—
November 21,	41	7	10	9	15
Totals,	364	103	74	110	77

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Appropriations.

Salaries of members of the Board,	\$3,800 00
Salaries of agent, clerk and office assistants,	3,825 00
Traveling and office expenses,	2,650 00
	\$10,275 00

Expenditures.

Salaries of members of the Board,	\$3,800 00
Salaries of agent, clerk and office assistants,	3,278 50
Traveling and office expenses,	2,506 57
	\$9,585 07

Receipts.

142 fees for first examination at \$5,	\$710 00
219 fees for re-examination at \$3,	657 00
16 fees for reciprocal registration at \$10,	160 00
8 fees for duplicate certificates at \$5,	40 00
45 fees for certified statements at \$1,	45 00
738 fees for liquor certificates at \$5,	3,690 00
1,769 fees for permits to operate drug stores at \$1,	1,769 00
Interest credited on fees deposited in national bank,	6 05
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Total amount of receipts,	\$7,077 05
Deducting fees returned because of applications being canceled, withdrawn or refused,	243 00
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Net receipts paid into the treasury of the Commonwealth,	\$6,834 05

Of the 103 persons who passed the examinations and were granted certificates of registration in pharmacy —

44 passed on first examination.	1 passed on fifth examination.
31 passed on second examination.	1 passed on sixth examination.
18 passed on third examination.	1 passed on seventh examination.
6 passed on fourth examination.	1 passed on eighth examination.

Certificates of registration have been granted by reciprocity, as follows: —

3 registered from New Hampshire.	1 registered from Iowa.
2 registered from Pennsylvania.	1 registered from Vermont.
2 registered from Connecticut.	3 registered from Maine.

Liquor certificates have been granted as follows: —

- 12 were granted sixth-class license certificates for the balance of the license year ending May 1, 1919 (from Dec. 1, 1918).
- 23 were granted certificates of fitness for the balance of the license year ending May 1, 1919 (from Dec. 1, 1918).
- 490 were granted sixth-class license certificates for the license year ending May 1, 1920 (to Dec. 1, 1919, date of report).
- 202 were granted certificates of fitness for the license year ending May 1, 1920 (to Dec. 1, 1919, date of report).

OBITUARY.

Arthur Allen, Quincy.	William H. Hicks, Boston.
Orrin P. Allen, Palmer.	James H. Marshall, Boston.
Charles H. Bassett, Boston.	William E. Morgan, Dorchester.
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William Corner, Boston.	Jeremiah A. Murphy, Fall River.
Richard E. Congdon, Nantucket.	Albion P. Parkhurst, Gloucester.
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Richard S. Donoghue, Lowell.	Edward A. Sawyer, Fitchburg.
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Patrick Donovan, Somerville.	George H. Smith, Chelsea.
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Frank O. Guild, Boston.	Ned C. Tozier, Haverhill.
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Horace E. Gunn, Uxbridge.	John Williams, Brockton.

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Number of sixth-class license certificates suspended,	4
Number of certificates of fitness suspended,	2
Number of permits refused or withheld until conditions were changed to conform with the law,	11
Number of liquor certificates refused,	5

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. TOBIN,
Secretary.