

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1923

DIVISION OF REGISTRATION

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE AND REGISTRATION :

HON. WILLIAM F. CRAIG, *Director of Registration, Department of Civil Service and Registration.*

SIR:— In compliance with statute the Board of Registration in Pharmacy has the honor to submit its annual report for the year ending November 30, 1923.

The drug business throughout the State has been decidedly prosperous, eighty-eight new stores having been opened. At the present time there are 1,864 stores, 441 of this number being located in Boston. It is a question whether or not the increase in Massachusetts is abnormal compared with other lines of business. A certain drug magazine in gathering statistics on this point, claims that in Massachusetts the increase is not abnormal but that in several other states it is decidedly so, and intimates that the allurements to the drug business in these states is the handling of intoxicating liquors in drug stores.

The business of the Board has increased greatly during the past year due principally to more complaints and violations. Fifty-seven meetings have been held by the Board, being an increase of fifteen over last year. Of this number twelve were for examinations and the balance for hearings. The hearing days have been very strenuous beginning at ten in the morning and lasting sometimes until seven o'clock in the evening.

No violation of the law on the part of any druggist is overlooked. Hearings are based upon information received principally from two sources,— (1) the department of the Federal Prohibition Director, (2) the local police. Some cases are based upon Federal and police cases jointly. It is needless to say that the majority of these cases pertain to violations of the liquor law. For some years there have been no flagrant violations of the narcotic law but during the past year there have been two or three cases where narcotic drugs have been sold without prescription.

One of the latest varieties of violation is the sale of redistilled denatured alcohol. This redistilled alcohol has been found on the premises of a few drug stores and on several occasions in containers bearing legal Federal labels. To escape detection, the original contents in such cases had been apparently emptied and the containers refilled with the so-called "bootleggers' alcohol." Then there has been the finding of artificial gin made of alcohol and oil of juniper and imitation whisky made of alcohol colored with caramel. Another type of violation has been the purchase of physicians' prescriptions by druggists and the filling in of fictitious names of patients, resulting in the illegal sale of such liquor to a special list of customers. This class of violations is new to the drug business and is the outcome of attempts to violate Prohibition regulations. Thus it is that the Board's work has been increased by Prohibition.

The Board has found it necessary, after hearings given to various druggists for violations, to suspend 14 drug store permits for periods varying from two weeks to six months, and to revoke ~~five permits~~. ~~Five personal~~ certificates of registration were suspended for varying periods, this number including three assistant and two registered pharmacists. In addition to this, 29 liquor certificates were revoked and two suspended.

The policy of the Board has been to withhold the names of these druggists from the press believing that the punishment given was sufficient without the additional hardship of newspaper notoriety. When these names have appeared in the daily papers the information has come from local authorities whom it is necessary for the Board to notify.

The Board has been extremely careful in the issuing of drug store permits, 22 applications for same having been refused. The same care has also been used in the issuing of liquor certificates, 61 having been refused. The Board has continued its policy adopted last year of not issuing these liquor certificates until a new store has been well seasoned as a drug store.

The Board is glad to report again that it has been not only self-supporting but has turned back a good revenue into the State Treasury. The net receipts of the Board from fees for the fiscal year has been \$21,696.00 which with interest yielded a total of \$21,715.98 or \$8,716.09 more than the Board's expense to the Commonwealth. Those fees which were received and later returned to rejected applicants, of course, are not included in this total.

It was with great satisfaction both to the druggists and the Board that the "State liquor book" was repealed by the last Legislature. As the Federal reports and records were sufficient for every need, this State record was an unnecessary requirement.

The Board would recommend this year that the following legislation be enacted:—

REQUIREMENT THAT CANDIDATES FOR REGISTRATION AS PHARMACISTS SHOULD BE GRADUATES OF RECOGNIZED COLLEGES OF PHARMACY.

The Board of Registration in Pharmacy is of the opinion that the time has come to require that a candidate for registration as a pharmacist be graduated from some recognized college of pharmacy. The apprenticeship term in a drug store is a thing of the past. A young man entering a drug store today receives a man's salary and does a man's work. No time is given him to study. The practical work is done by registered pharmacists.

A pharmacist owes special duties to the public and should have a complete and thorough training in pharmacy and its allied sciences in order to give the best protection to the public.

In the pharmacy college of today a student not only obtains a very complete and thorough training in all pharmaceutical processes, but also receives instruction in therapeutics, materia medica and a training on the business side of the profession as well as instruction in the laws of both the State and the Nation. The latter is greatly to be desired in view of the many reports that are now required of the druggists by Federal authorities.

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According to the old proverb, "time and tide wait for no man." Likewise inevitable is the termination of membership on the Board of Pharmacy, Mr. Frederick W. Archer being the member to retire this year. Mr. Archer has served most efficiently as president of the Board for the past two and one-half years. His ability and judgment will be greatly missed.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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

EXAMINATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS PHARMACIST.

DATE OF EXAMINATION.	Number examined.	Number passed.
1923.		
January 11	48	16
March 15	50	14
March 22	53	4
April 17	50	13
June 5	50	6
June 20	51	4
September 18	46	12
October 16	44	7
November 15	41	13
	433	89

EXAMINATION FOR REGISTRATION AS ASSISTANT.

February 20	60	19
May 17	58	38
June 19	59	20
October 30	50	15
	227	92

Of the 89 candidates who passed the examinations for Registered Pharmacist, —

21 passed on 1st examination	5 passed on 6th examination
24 passed on 2nd	2 passed on 7th
21 passed on 3rd	1 passed on 9th
7 passed on 4th	1 passed on 13th
8 passed on 5th	1 passed on 25th

Of the 92 candidates who passed the examinations for Assistant: —

53 passed on 1st examination	2 passed on 4th examination
25 passed on 2nd examination	2 passed on 5th examination
10 passed on 3rd examination	

Of the 89 candidates who passed the examinations for Registered Pharmacist, 53 had attended a recognized¹ college of pharmacy.

Of the 92 candidates who passed the examinations for Assistant, 39 had attended a recognized¹ college of pharmacy.

¹ "Recognized," — colleges of pharmacy in the U. S. having power to confer degrees as listed by the University of the State of New York and published in Handbook 11.

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

4 registered from Connecticut	2 registered from Pennsylvania
1 registered from Illinois	1 registered from South Carolina
1 registered from Kentucky	1 registered from Vermont
4 registered from Maine	1 registered from Washington
4 registered from New Hampshire	1 registered from Wisconsin
1 registered from Ohio	

FEEs PAID TO TREASURER DURING THE FISCAL YEAR.

2,845 permit fees at \$5	\$14,225 00
953 liquor certificate fees at \$5	4,765 00
189 examinations (first examination) at \$5	945 00
489 examinations (re-examination) at \$3	1,467 00
22 fees for registration by reciprocity at \$10	220 00
3 fees for duplicate certificates of registration at \$5	15 00
59 fees for certified statements at \$1	59 00

Total fees received	\$21,696 00
Bank interest	19 98

Total amount paid into the treasury of the Commonwealth . . . \$21,715 98

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of the Board	\$3,800 00
Other personal services	4,439 82
Traveling and office expenses	4,760 07

\$12,999 89

SUMMARY.

Meetings:—	
For examination	12
For hearings	45

Total number of meetings 57

Hearings:—	
Relative to violations reported by the Federal Prohibition Director	72
Relative to charges resulting from local police cases and violations reported by the agent	55
Relative to applications for permits, liquor certificates, reciprocal registration, etc.	78

Total number of hearings held 205

Results:—	
Number of drug store permits revoked	5
Number of drug store permits suspended	14
Number of personal certificates of registration suspended	2
Number of personal assistant certificates suspended	3
Number of liquor license certificates revoked	29
Number of liquor license certificates suspended	2
Number of liquor license certificates refused and not granted at any later date	50
Number of drug store permits refused and not later granted	22
Number of pharmacists placed on probation, after hearings	24

Respectfully submitted,

CARLTON B. WHEELER,
Secretary.