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OF THE

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1924

DIVISION OF REGISTRATION

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE AND REGISTRATION

*Division of registration*



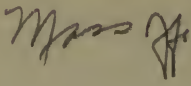
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STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

 BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY,

Boston, Mass., November 30, 1924.

To WILLIAM F. CRAIG, *Director of Registration.*

SIR:—In compliance with statutory requirements the Board of Registration in Pharmacy has the honor of submitting to you its thirty-ninth annual report for the year ending November 30, 1924.

There has been a great increase in the number of suspensions and revocations by our Board during the past year. This means partly that there have been more violations and also that the Board is doing its part to discourage the illegal handling of intoxicating liquors and alcohol. The Board, after hearings, has suspended 32 drug store permits, the time of suspension varying from two weeks to three months, and it has revoked 13 permits.

The Board has held many hearings relative to issuance of permits and liquor certificates and has adhered to its policy, now in its third year, of not issuing liquor certificates to any store until the same has been in business at least one year and demonstrated its fitness to receive same.

The condition of pharmacy throughout the State has been fairly prosperous during the past year. However, 66 stores were closed while only 32 were opened, making a total of 1830, or a net decrease of 34. Part of this decrease is due to the closing of stores violating the law and the withholding of permits from those where the actual management was to be in the hands of unregistered persons. Twelve of the number closed have been in existence for less than two years. It may be possible that this can be accounted for by the Board's attitude in not issuing liquor license certificates until stores have been well seasoned as drug stores.

As previously, the Board has been self-sustaining this year, its income exceeding its expenses to the amount of \$2935.98. The amount of net receipts transmitted to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth was \$16,060.25. This, of course, does not include those fees which were returned by the Board to rejected applicants for permits, liquor licenses, and ineligible applicants for examination. Owing to an unexpected delay in the printing of blanks, the office was unable to mail its permit renewal applications for 1925 as early in the month of November as such blanks were mailed the previous year. Consequently, a comparatively small number of applications were returned with fees during the month, resulting in a great decrease from last year in the credit for fees received from this source with the closing of this report.

During the first part of the year, redistilled denatured alcohol was found in some stores, but during recent months, the number of cases found has diminished considerably. The cases where imported or smuggled alcohol has been found has seemed to increase somewhat.

A very unusual case arose during the year which was the unlawful sale by a pharmacist of a narcotic drug in direct violation of both Federal and State laws. This is the first case of the kind for some years.

Another case coming before the Board of an unusual nature was that of complaint filed by the plaintiff in a civil suit charging malpractice in the erroneous compounding of a prescription. When all the facts had been presented at the hearing, it was found that a registered pharmacist, in a normal mental and physical condition, had compounded the prescription in good faith. Therefore it was a case for the equity court and not a matter to be passed upon by the Board of Pharmacy.

During the past year a law was enacted requiring that all candidates for examination be citizens of the United States. This measure was introduced by a member of the House of Representatives, and has resulted in raising the standard of pharmacy in this Commonwealth. No person can enter the practice without being familiar with the language and laws of this country. This will also be an incentive for alien druggists to become citizens. Of the number examined since the enactment of the law, 35 were citizens by naturalization.

A commendable law affecting the druggist, enacted the past year, has been the privilege of delivering direct to the patient who holds a permit from his physician, a syringe or needle for the use of insulin in home treatment of diabetic conditions. This is another benefit which the druggist is able to give to his community.

The Board believes that the public health would be better safe-guarded if the standard of pharmacy were raised by requiring that registered pharmacists hereafter should be graduates of colleges of pharmacy. The Board is of the opinion that this should not apply to the registered assistant pharmacist, but only to those who may own or actually manage stores.

Twenty-four of the States which reciprocate with Massachusetts now have college of pharmacy requirements. The Board is informed that a bill for the enactment of such legislation has been filed by a member of the Legislature.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK A. BRANDES.

*President.*

CARLTON B. WHEELER.

*Secretary.*

JOHN M. KELLEHER.

CHARLES W. KING.

WILLIAM R. ACHESON.

With this report, Mr. Carlton B. Wheeler, of Hudson, closes his five year term as a member of the Board, having served as secretary for the past three years. The law specifies that no member shall serve for more than five consecutive years. This fact was commented upon by His Excellency, Governor Cox, in a statement to the press. The Governor also spoke of Mr. Wheeler's efficient service while in office. Mr. Wheeler has surely been a most able executive and it is with deep regret that the remaining members must lose not only his helpful co-operation, but his cheerful personality.

FREDERICK A. BRANDES.

*President.*

JOHN M. KELLEHER.

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

EXAMINATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS PHARMACIST.

1924

| DATE OF EXAMINATION. | Number examined. | Number passed. |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------|
| January 22 .....     | 60               | 11             |
| March 25 .....       | 61               | 5              |
| April 22 .....       | 57               | 3              |
| May 15 .....         | 52               | 10             |
| July 1 .....         | 62               | 10             |
| September 23 .....   | 39               | 6              |
| November 18 .....    | 46               | 4              |
|                      | 377              | 49             |

EXAMINATION FOR REGISTRATION AS ASSISTANT.

|                   |     |    |
|-------------------|-----|----|
| February 26 ..... | 63  | 21 |
| May 16 .....      | 51  | 11 |
| June 30 .....     | 58  | 27 |
| November 11 ..... | 49  | 23 |
|                   | 221 | 82 |

Of the 49 candidates who passed the examinations for Registered Pharmacist,—

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 11 passed on 1st examination | 1 passed on 6th examination |
| 12 passed on 2nd             | 2 passed on 7th             |
| 7 passed on 3rd              | 5 passed on 8th             |
| 6 passed on 4th              | 2 passed on 9th             |
| 3 passed on 5th              |                             |

Of the 82 candidates who passed the examinations for Assistant,—

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 51 passed on 1st examination | 4 passed on 5th examination |
| 11 passed on 2nd             | 1 passed on 7th             |
| 8 passed on 3rd              | 1 passed on 9th             |
| 6 passed on 4th              |                             |

Of the 49 candidates who passed the examination for Registered Pharmacist, 32 had attended a recognized college of pharmacy and 23 had graduated.

Of the 82 who passed the examinations for Assistant, 47 had attended a recognized college of pharmacy and 19 had graduated.

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

- 1 registered from Georgia.
- 9 registered from Maine.
- 1 registered from New Hampshire.
- 1 registered from Pennsylvania.
- 2 registered from Vermont.

## FEES TRANSMITTED TO TREASURER OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

## (Net Receipts)

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| 1858 permit fees at \$5 .....   | \$9,290.00  |
| 856 liquor certificates at \$5 .....  | 4,280.00    |
| 209 examinations (first examination) at \$5 .....   | 1,045.00    |
| 379 examinations (re-examination) at \$3 .....  | 1,137.00    |
| 13 fees for registration by reciprocity at \$10 .....   | 130.00      |
| 20 fees for duplicate certificates of registration at \$5 .....   | 100.00      |
| 28 fees for certified statements at \$1 .....   | 28.00       |
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| Total fees .....  | \$16,010.00 |
| Bank interest .....   | 16.25       |
| Payment stopped on outstanding checks prior to January, 1922, and amount turned over to Treasurer ..... | 34.00       |
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| Total payments to Treasurer .....   | \$16,060.25 |

## EXPENDITURES.

|                                     |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Salaries of the Board .....         | \$3,786.83  |
| Other personal services .....       | **4,460.00  |
| Traveling and office expenses ..... | 4,877.44    |
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|                                     | \$13,124.27 |

## APPROPRIATIONS.

|                                 |                         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Salaries of the Board .....     | \$3,800.00              |
| Other personal services .....   | 4,560.00                |
| Traveling and office expenses:— |                         |
|                                 | Appropriation \$4750.00 |
|                                 | Additional credit 70.12 |
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|                                 | 4,820.12                |
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|                                 | \$13,180.12             |

\* Does not include fees which were received and later refunded because applicants were refused.

\*\* Does not include salary of one stenographer assigned to the Board by the Director of Registration under his appropriation.

## SUMMARY.

## Meetings:—

|                                |    |
|--------------------------------|----|
| For examination .....          | 11 |
| For hearings .....             | 39 |
| Total number of meetings ..... | 50 |

## Hearings:—

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Relative to charges resulting from local police cases pertaining to liquor law violations .....                   | 41  |
| Relative to charges resulting from local police cases pertaining to narcotic law violations .....                 | 1   |
| Relative to violations reported by the agent, resulting from his investigations .....                             | 18  |
| Relative to violations reported by the Federal Prohibition Director, based on Federal permit revocations .....    | 71  |
| Relative to complaint charging "deceit and malpractice" with reference to the compounding of a prescription ..... | 1   |
| Relative to applications for permits, liquor certificates, reciprocal registration, etc. ....                     | 67  |
| Total number of hearings held .....   | 199 |

## Results:—

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Number of drug store permits revoked .....   | 13 |
| Number of drug store permits suspended .....   | 32 |
| Number of personal certificates of registration suspended .....  | 13 |
| Certificates of registration as Assistant suspended .....  | 7  |
| Number of liquor certificates revoked .....  | 18 |
| Number of permits refused—not granted at any later date .....  | 46 |
| Number of liquor certificates refused—not granted at a later date....  | 57 |
| Number of pharmacists placed on probation (in the majority of cases this action was taken in addition to suspension of liquor certificate).. | 60 |

Respectfully,

CARLTON B. WHEELER,

*Secretary.*