

HOUSE No. 4.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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To His Excellency OLIVER AMES, Governor of the Commonwealth.

SIR:—As required by act of the Legislature of 1885, the Board of Registration in Pharmacy present their report for the year ending Oct. 1, 1887.

“The condition of Pharmacy in the State,” so far as it is possible for us to give an opinion, is surely an improvement over last year. The examinations exhibit a very decided change in the appreciation of the responsibility, and a fixed purpose to thoroughly qualify; this is clearly shown by the fact of only 20 per cent. of those examined the first year receiving a certificate, and during the past or second year’s work about 42 per cent. passed, while the standard has not in any sense been diminished. Another evidence of the improved and improving condition of Pharmacy in the State, is the difficulty experienced during the past year, in securing such assistants as the law requires. The applicants as a rule are perfectly satisfied with the judgment and decisions of the Board; this is apparent from the appearance for the third and fourth times of several who had failed in their previous examinations. The repeal of section three by the Legislature will prove of great value and assistance to the Board in their efforts to secure safe and intelligent compounders and dis-

persers of drugs, medicines and poisons, and this concession to our request we gratefully acknowledge; and while the Board from its second year's experience could present many facts to reinforce all the suggestions made in the report of 1886, simply refer to them as very desirable and important changes or additions to the law, and patiently wait the action of the Legislature.

Ten sessions of the Board have been held at 13 Beacon Street, at which there were examinations of applicants for Registration in Pharmacy, as follows:—

- Oct. 5, 1886. Four members of the Board present; organized by election of H. M. Whitney as President, and S. A. D. Sheppard as Secretary; 18 applicants; 5 passed, 10 conditioned, 3 rejected.
- Oct. 13, 1886. Four members present; 15 applicants; 8 passed, 3 conditioned, 4 rejected.
- Jan. 4, 1887, and Jan. 5, 1887. Three members present. In the absence of Secretary Sheppard on account of sickness, F. H. Butler was elected Secretary pro tem. and Mr. Chas. C. Williams was employed to act as monitor; 20 applicants; 7 passed, 10 conditioned, 3 rejected.
- Mar. 1, 1887. Four members present; 18 applicants; 4 passed, 6 conditioned, 8 rejected.
- May 3, 1887. Four members present; 23 applicants; 14 passed, 4 conditioned, 5 rejected.
- May 4, 1887. Four members present; 23 applicants; 15 passed, 7 conditioned, 1 rejected.
- June 21, 1887. Five members present; Mr. John Larrabee of Melrose having been appointed to succeed Mr. Sheppard, who was obliged to resign on account of ill health. 16 applicants; 5 passed, 7 conditioned, 4 rejected.
- June 22, 1887. Four members present; 15 applicants; 5 passed, 5 conditioned, 5 rejected.
- Aug. 25, 1887. Five members present; 19 applicants; 7 passed, 5 conditioned, 7 rejected.
- Forty-five certificates have been granted upon applications, forms one and two, as follows: Oct. 5, 1886, 16; Jan. 4 and 5, 1887, 17; March 1, 1887, 2; May 3, 1887, 9; June 22, 1887, 1.
- Oct. 13, 1886. One certificate obtained by fraud was surrendered and cancelled.

In compliance with section seven of the law, the President or Secretary by direction of the Board have investigated several complaints received, and there are now many cases

of “disregard, non-compliance or violation” of the law which should be corrected. The difficulty was stated in the report of 1886, and until remedied the Board is powerless.

The illness and consequent resignation of Mr. S. A. D. Sheppard caused the loss of a good officer to the State and much regret to the Board. He had acted as Secretary of the Board from its organization, and much of the success attending the labors of the Board are due to the earnest and faithful services rendered by him. We desire to place upon record our appreciation of his work, and regret that his failing health forced him to withdraw from active participation in the cause to which he had given so much time.

The following financial statement gives in detail the receipts and disbursements of the Board to October, 1887:—

Cash in hands of State Treasurer Oct. 1, 1886,	\$27 17
Received for 45 certificates, forms 1 and 2, at 50 cents,	\$22 50
for 1 certificate, duplicate,	50
for 103 examinations at \$5,	515 00
for 64 re-examinations at \$3,	192 00
Total receipts for the year,	730 00
Paid by the Secretary of the Board into the treasury of the Commonwealth:	
Oct. 23, 1886,	\$151 00
Jan. 18, 1887,	90 50
March 9, 1887,	73 00
May 9, 1887,	187 50
June 24, 1887,	145 00
Sept. 1, 1887,	83 00
Total,	\$730 00
Total amount in hands of State Treasurer,	\$757 17

Drafts upon State Treasurer have been as follows:—

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

George F. Crook, printing,	\$4 50
Winkley, Dresser & Co., stationery,	16 62
A. J. Haywood, chairs and table,	2 55
J. L. Fairbanks & Co., stationery,	2 80
Charles C. Williams, clerical assistance,	13 50
Wright & Potter Printing Co.,	2 60
George C. Cannon, engrossing certificates,	6 56
C. F. Hatch & Co., rolls for mailing certificates,	3 00
Albert Anderson, repairing lock to desk,	75
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EXPENSES AND SERVICES OF THE BOARD.

S. A. D. Sheppard,	Expenses,	\$9 41	Services,	\$90 00
H. M. Whitney,	"	55 18	"	121 75
F. H. Butler,	"	48 70	"	127 50
J. H. Manning,	"	76 25	"	65 00
H. A. Estabrook,	"	39 57	"	62 50
Total,	"	<u>\$229 11</u>	"	<u>\$466 75</u>
Grand total of disbursements,				\$748 74
Cash in hands of State Treasurer,				8 43
				<u>\$757 17</u>

Vouchers for all of above bills in full detail will be found in the Auditor's office at the State House.

In the report for the year 1886, it appears the Board was owing \$180.56, and had cash \$27.17, leaving an indebtedness to be carried forward of \$153.39.

The following bills now due remain unpaid:—

H. M. Whitney,	\$18 90
F. H. Butler,	36 50
J. H. Manning,	25 00
John Larrabee,	23 54
George C. Cannon,	2 52
Vox Populi Office, printing,	3 75
	<u>\$110 21</u>
Cash on hand,	8 43
	<u>\$101 78</u>
Leaving net indebtedness of .	\$101 78

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. M. WHITNEY.
HENRY A. ESTABROOK.
F. H. BUTLER.
JOHN H. MANNING.
JOHN LARRABEE.