

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30,

1936

DIVISION OF REGISTRATION

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE AND REGISTRATION



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TO JAMES J. SUGHRUE, *Director of Registration.*

SIR:—As required by statute, the Board of Registration in Pharmacy herewith submits its annual report for the year ending November 30, 1936.

The past year has been a very busy one for the Board of Pharmacy. In addition to other matters heard, sixty-two hearings were given relative to applications for drug store permits. Very few permits were issued without the applicant being required to come before the Board to explain in detail the conditions under which he proposed to do business. Of course, this applied only to new stores and changes of ownership. Almost twice as many permits were refused during the fiscal year ending November 30, 1936, as the year previous. Each applicant for a new store not only has a hearing before the Board, but the stock and equipment are inspected before any permit is issued. The inspection consists not only of examining the premises to see that the minimum requirements are on hand, but that sufficient qualified clerks are employed as to properly cover the store.

It is regrettable that during the past year, thirty-two druggists were brought before the Board on a complaint of the Prescription Protective Bureau of New York City, alleging substitution both on prescriptions and over the counter of a number of different preparations. The Board feels that the method of securing the evidence in these cases was not complete enough to warrant a suspension of permit or certificate, and believe that the warning given was sufficient in each case. It is hoped that there will be no occasion for any future complaints of this kind.

There has been during the past year a slight increase in the number of Court cases against druggists for violation of the alcoholic beverage laws. Local licensing boards have suspended about the same number of Druggists' Licenses (Sec. 30 A) where the druggist had such license, but there has been quite a decrease in the number of suspensions of the Certificate of Fitness (Sec. 29) by local boards although they also have that right. In other words the local boards seem to be leaving to the Board of Pharmacy the suspension of the Certificate of Fitness which the Board itself grants.

Over a thousand inspections, investigations and tests were made of patent medicine stores with the result that some of the smaller ones not previously inspected were found to be selling articles such as tincture of iodine salable only in drug stores. The number of these stores found carrying drug items has dropped very materially.

During the past year there have been over forty-five hundred drug store inspections made. The reports of our Agent and his Assistants indicate that the druggists for the most part are complying with the State and Federal laws. There are, however, a few who are not carefully observing the State law requiring the signature of purchasers of alcoholic beverages. Within the last few weeks a number of druggists have had to go to Court for failure to obtain the signature of the purchaser, not only causing inconvenience and expense to the druggist, but resulting in unpleasant reading in the newspapers.

Through the last fiscal year there has been a slight loss in the number of drug stores. At the filing of this report the total is 2,029. This includes numerous changes, many stores having been closed and others opened. A summary of the work of the Board during the past year, together with a financial statement as to income and expenses, follows in the Secretary's report.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. WALSH, *President.*

CHARLES W. KING, *Secretary.*

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REPORT OF SECRETARY

EXAMINATION FOR REGISTRATION AS PHARMACISTS

Date 1936	Examined	Registered	1936	Examined	Registered
Jan. 22	63	35	June 2	67	18
Feb. 26	52	20	June 25	70	40
Apr. 1	66	30	Oct. 14	57	20
May 6	61	17	Nov. 18	68	38
			Total.....	504	Total...218

EXAMINATION FOR REGISTRATION AS ASSISTANTS

1936	Examined	Registered	1936	Examined	Registered
Apr. 15	72	30	Dec. 9	48	32
			Total.....	120	Total.....62

COLLEGE TRAINED PERSONS PASSING

	Pharmacists	Assistants
Total number of persons registered during year	218	62
Number of college of pharmacy graduates passing	70	1
Number passing who were attending or had attended a college of pharmacy, but not graduates	28	23
Per cent of persons with college training	44.9%	38.7%
Per cent of persons with no college training	55.1%	61.3%

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts

Amount received for:

Permits	\$11,140.00
Certificates of Fitness (Chapter 138, Sec. 29)	10,435.00
Examinations	3,122.00
Reciprocity	275.00
Duplicate Certificates	80.00
Certified Statements	17.00
Total income	\$25,069.00

(The above table shows the net amount of income. Fees which were refunded when Permits and Certificates of Fitness were refused have been deducted.)

Expenses

Members' Salaries	\$4,300.00
Agent and Investigators' Salaries	9,067.52
Travel of the Board, Agent and Investigators	5,819.82
Clerks' salaries from appropriation of the Director	4,538.00
Office expenses from appropriation of the Director	1,960.57
Total expense	\$25,685.91

SUMMARY

Number of meetings held for examinations	10
Number of meetings held for hearings, etc.	36
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Hearings

On violations of State laws following Court Convictions	17
On complaints resulting from investigations by the Agent and Inspectors Relative to violations reported by local Licensing Boards, they having suspended the Druggists' License	7 4
Relative to applications for permits, certificates of fitness and reciprocity	62
Relative to complaints of the Prescription Protective Bureau as to "substitutions"	32
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Results of Hearings

Drug store permits revoked	1
Personal registration certificates suspended	1
Certificates of Fitness suspended or revoked	19
Cases placed on probation	10
Cases placed in file	13
Cases dismissed	2
Permits refused (Not granted upon any later re-application)	10
Certificates of Fitness refused (Not granted upon any later re-applica- tion)	7

Number of Stores, Pharmacists, etc.

Total number of drug stores on November 30, 1936	2,029
Number of stores holding Certificates of Fitness	1,919
Number of persons registered as Pharmacists since the year 1885 when pharmacy registration became a law	9,471
Registered Pharmacists active in the business today	3,417
Number of persons registered as Assistants since the year 1908 when Assistant registration was added	2,896
Active Registered Assistants today (not including those later becoming Pharmacists)	278

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. KING,

Secretary.