

spend ten cents in car fare and waste half a day going to the department store. In the meantime, however, the damage has been done and the smaller dealers have to close up shop and go look for another job, the landlord loses his rent, the city loses its revenue, and the department store keeper waxes fat, builds palaces and buys yachts and race horses, and where a hundred were prosperous and independent, we find only one in that condition, and the other 99 working for him as clerks. It is time something was done to stop the ravages of these concerns; streets which were formerly busy and filled with buyers are now quiet, the shutters up and the doors barred, and all through the operations of the department store; a halt must be called unless further mischief is to be done. We hope that the people interested in Ald. Galley's work will give him all the aid possible by demanding that their representatives shall take action on the matter without any further delay.

THE ANNUAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ONTARIO COLLEGE OF PHARMACY.

This book is before us, and in design and execution is neat and attractive, and creditable to the College and faculty. All necessary information for either pharmacists, or those who contemplate being such, is contained in it, and so systematically arranged as to be convenient and valuable to those who may require to peruse its pages. The appearance of the book is added to by cuts of the various lecture rooms and laboratories, with plans of the different floors. Of all the announcements which come to us none is more replete with information, or conveys a more accurate conception of the institution which it represents than does this announcement. Were it not for one fatal defect it could be pronounced perfect. This defect is the presence of a batch of advertisements, in the front and back of the book, proclaiming the virtues and qualities of divers articles, many of them having no earthly or unearthly connection with pharmacy. Their presence in such a place is an offence against one's sense of the "eternal fitness of things," for which there is no palliation. If the pharmacists of this province want to know of the qualities of Brown's "Malt" and Jones's "Mineral Water," or where to purchase "Smith's Hair Dye" and "Johnston's Horse Powders" there are other sources from which to derive that information more fitting than the annual announcement of a teaching institution, whose chief aim and reason for existence is the elevation of pharmacy in this province. With one exception we have failed to find another announcement disfigured in this manner, even though almost all other institutions have a reasonable excuse for such commercialism, which in the case of the Ontario College of Pharmacy is entirely lacking. Near-

ly all other colleges of pharmacy are independent institutions which have to compete in the "open market" for students and depend on merit to fill their class rolls. With our college, attendance is compulsory, which guarantees a full complement of students and a permanent revenue more than sufficient to meet all requirements. There is another phase of the subject which might be borne in mind; advertisers look upon this class of advertising as a species of blackmail, and, while submitting to it, their resentment is none the less deep-seated and lasting. Our advice is to discontinue the practice. It ill becomes the dignity of the faculty or any member of it to become an advertising agent, and the time of the secretary-treasurer can be better employed than acting as collector of petty sums of money not required, and which are paid under protest.

NEW DRUGS FROM THE WINDWARD ISLANDS.

Dr. B. H. Paul and A. J. Cownley (PHARM. JOURNAL) have examined two new drugs sent for examination by Sir A. Maloney, governor of the Windward Islands. The first, Chione Glabra, is known locally as *Violette*, and is said to possess valuable tonic and aphrodisiac properties. The specimen received was a pale root bark having a strongly aromatic odor and astringent taste. By distillation 1.5 per cent. of volatile oil of a pale, yellow color was obtained. No trace of an alkaloid was obtained. From the alcoholic extract a tannin, and a saporin-like body were obtained.

The other drug examined, *Neuroleena Lobata*, the leaves of which are locally known as "*é herbi à pique*," is used as a substitute for quinine, and also in dysentery. A small quantity of an uncrystallizable, bitter alkaloid was obtained.

THE ANTITOXIN PATENT.

To say that the announcement of a patent on antitoxin in the United States has caused a profound sensation in medical and pharmaceutical circles is to state the condition mildly. Indignation and resentment are the prevailing sentiments. Indignation that within the ranks of the profession is a member who would barter a glorious heritage for a mess of pottage, and resentment against the man who has brought reproach upon a profession the members of which have, since earliest history, led the van in self-sacrificing efforts for the benefit of their race, hoping for no reward but to know that help and hope have come to their fellowmen, gladly laying down life itself, if from the seed thus sown a rich harvest of good to mankind might be reaped. The words of