

Ryall, Nevitt, and Beemer, all of whom dwelt upon the readiness of the respective corps to *do their duty* in any emergency.

"The Red, White and Blue" by Dr. McCargow, and "The Englishman" by Dr. Powell, of Ottawa, were admirably rendered and warmly applauded.

The Chairman in proposing "The Canada Medical Association" made a few appropriate remarks. He had the pleasure of welcoming the members of the Association to Hamilton, and trusted that their deliberations would have a beneficial effect. There could be nothing more useful to the medical profession than to meet and generously aid one another by the circulation of the knowledge which they respectively possessed. There was need of more professional sympathy. He had felt this by personal experience. Such gatherings as this helped greatly to assist them in cultivating this virtue. He trusted that the Association would go on and prosper, and that the members of the profession would become more and more united.

"Our Guests" was replied to by Drs. Workman, Mack, Brodie, Roddick, Kerr and Bucke, all of whom were loud in their praises of the Hamilton Medical and Surgical Society, and the courteous manner in which they had been treated during their stay in the city.

The "Medical Schools of Canada" was responded to by Drs. Temple, McFarlane, Oldright, and Roddick.

After a few songs, "The Ladies," the "Press," and a few volunteer toasts the company separated, having spent a most pleasant evening.

During the meeting of the Association the firm of John Wyeth & Co., exhibited some of their elegant preparations, which were much admired by those who examined them. Their dialized iron is probably the best that is made, and they are about the only manufacturers of compressed powders and pills. Their preparation of beef, iron and wine, displays a high degree of excellence, and is more agreeable to the taste than beef tea. All the preparations exhibited were of the most perfect character, and their exhibition gave much satisfaction to the members of the Association.

The Galvano Faradic Co., of New York, was ably represented by Mr. Reid, who exhibited some very valuable Electric machines for Medical and Surgical use. The Pifford Galvano-Cautery stands unrivalled as a Caustic battery. These machines are all equipped with the latest improvements, and are the most reliable in the market.

The "Canada Vine Growers Association" also gave an exhibition of their native wines, which were highly appreciated. Their wines are made at Cooksville, Ontario, from the pure grape, and have been pronounced by connoisseurs equal to the best French wines. They manufacture several varieties, the principal of which are the Sauterne,

a very fine wine; the Madeira, a nice sweet wine; the Savigny and Vin de Porto. Many who examined these wines for the first time were surprised to learn that wines of such excellent quality could be manufactured in Canada. The Government, in order to encourage native manufacture, have remitted the duty, so that these wines which are most excellent can be supplied more cheaply than the imported article.

Selected Articles.

SUGAR COATED PILLS,

Those who have read the published proceedings of the American Pharmaceutical Association for the past year or two, will remember the discussions concerning "ready made pills," and in the "Journal of Pharmacy" Prof. Jos. P. Remington and Mr. Samuel Campbell, of Philadelphia, have indulged in quite a *pill battle*, which was much safer than *bullets* though the *missiles* are so *similar*. But this is an important subject, and physicians should take care they are "posted," that their selections of these pills may be both judicious and intelligent.

For their information, I propose, in my feeble way, to briefly give my observation and experience concerning these Sugar Coated Pills, which are in such universal demand and use.

The well-known, standard ready made pills are embraced in the following list, viz: The official ready made pills; the "soluble pills," pills from Messrs. Schieffelin & Co., of New York; the gelatine coated pills from McKesson & Robbins, of New York; the compressed pills from John Wyeth & Bro. Each of these claim superior merit and value, because of the relative solubility of the officinally prepared pills, and those prepared by *compression*, or by coating with gelatine, sugar, etc. In this paper I shall particularly discuss the *sugar coated pills* of the day - for the reason above mentioned, that they are most generally manufactured and prescribed, and called for by the people. For a pill to be valuable and reliable, it must be composed of pure drugs, be equally distributed in the mass, of uniform weight, and readily soluble in the stomach. It is a question of some difference of opinion, among those who have examined the subject, which of the above mentioned pills are most soluble, admitting they are all honestly and skillfully prepared. Unfortunately, there is great adulteration and swindling in these covered or coated pills - the temptation being so great to make money by thus covering over and hiding the impure and worthless drugs - and obtain patronage over the head of their *honest* competitors, by selling *cheap* pills. I cannot lose this opportunity to caution against *cheap sugar coated pills* - and advise the *greatest* care in mentioning the