

a specific character, and which could alone be granted by the Dominion Parliament, might be obtained. The suggestion of federation in pharmacy is one which we are pleased to bring before the readers of THE DRUGGIST, and we shall be glad, indeed, to have contributions of a liberal and generous character regarding it from druggists in any part of Canada who are interested in the future welfare of the profession in which they are engaged.

Editorial Notes.

The best read portion of any journal is that devoted to condensed news items. Facts, rather than fiction, seem to secure attention from those who have only time for the stern realities of life.

A drug journal is an instructive medium, by the use of which the reader seeks to get news, the advertisers customers, and the editor and publisher a living. All win sometimes.

The drug trade of Ontario must be expanding. The College of Pharmacy is getting too small for the numbers who seek instruction annually. Although a month has yet to elapse before exercises begin, the seats have already been taken.

The average tourist who visits Montreal during the present season becomes convinced e'er he leaves that the people there owe their health and good looks to Abbey's Effervescent Salt. The revised version of Shakespeare's saying is becoming more quoted than the original.

The practical pharmacist is the man who understands his profession, studies its changes, and adapts himself so as to make all conditions conduce to his success.

This country is not populous enough to provide good livings for scientific investigators, yet it provides more elementary substances for investigation than any of those countries where scientists thrive in groups.

There are probably less than two thousand druggists doing business throughout the whole of Canada at the present time. Accepting this as the number there is an average population of twenty-five hundred

persons for each drug store, and these contribute annually about two dollars per head to sustain the drug business.

The total retail drug business of Canada does not exceed ten million dollars annually. Taking forty per cent. of this as net profit and dividing it between two thousand druggists, how many drug millionaires are likely to be found?

The State expects the druggist to possess certain qualifications in pharmaceutical education before it will recognize and protect him. The druggist expects his apprentice to possess certain educational qualifications before he will register him. The apprentice expects his preceptor to train and develop him as an expert pharmacist. Are any of these expectations fully realized? If not, why not?

The recent issue of the college Announcement is a model of neatness and a credit to the dean, Prof. Heebner, who supervised its edition. From the first to the last page it would be a difficult matter to suggest a change which would improve the marked system of arrangement. A study of the information it contains will be of value to druggists as well as their clerks, as, apart from the Pharmacy Act, it furnishes a history of the college matters about which every Ontario druggist at least ought to be informed.

At the late meeting of the council of the college it was decided that a compilation of the Pharmacy Act, the Liquor License Act, and other matters of interest to members of the college should be published and distributed. This action on the part of the council is highly commendable, as there is not the least doubt but that many members of the trade are yet in ignorance of changes which are only known to those who were instrumental in effecting them.

Being freed from any necessity to consider and devise ways of delivering the college from debt, the council has apparently decided that their constituents were entitled to the results of their labors for some time to come. The proceedings of the late council meeting may be said to be noted for a tendency in this direction, as the course in optics, which it inaugurated, while it will be available to those who attend the college lectures, has been especially devised so it would serve the needs of those who have already gradu-

ated. The multiplicity of diplomas issued by private opticians during the past two or three years has already diminished the reputation which their possession ought to bring, and the action of the council in instituting a standard course has been none too soon if the graduated optician is to be more respectfully regarded than the jeweller, hardware merchant or general dealer who also sells glasses to those who are successful in picking out a pair that will fit.

The marked unanimity with which the college council recently performed its work indicates a healthy condition in college matters at least. *White-winged peace* seems to pervade the corridors of pharmacy lore, where a decade ago the contentions of strong-minded councillors prevailed. The predictions of some of those who opposed revolutionary changes have been far wide of the mark, and doubtless few have been more surprised at it than the prophets themselves. The college has succeeded, and succeeded admirably, notwithstanding the rebate in fees. It cannot be said that the college has been a benefit to others than those who have graduated, or that those who have governed it during this period have given much of their time or energies on behalf of their brother graduates; but in the new era of peace and financial liberty it is to be hoped that much can be done to make the ensuing ten years as noted in this respect as the last ten have been in the interests of students.

The Commercial Committee of the council, of which Mr. J. M. Hargreaves has been the untiring chairman, has not yet ceased to consider that it ought to have a future. It is right. It can have a future, and those who have spent so much time and energy in trying to get druggists to think as they do in this matter should not be discouraged. The proceedings of no college council for years was more discussed by college members than was the aim and intention of this committee during the past few months. It must be borne in mind that two or three things militated against the securing of a prompt and free expression from the druggists. One was the late failure of a subscription-sustained trade protective association. Another was the request for members' consent to a resumption of the intensely unpopular four-dollar annual fee. Had the latter been left out of the question, and some other