

they did not pass these examinations, their lecture attendance tickets would not be certified, but the Board of the College have had no such intention, but students who do not pass these examinations will not receive the College diplomas.

### Preliminary Pharmacy Examinations.

The Preliminary Board of Examiners of the Pharmaceutical Association of the Province of Quebec, held their quarterly examinations for students entering the study of Pharmacy, in Montreal and Quebec, on Thursday January 4th, when thirty two candidates presented themselves in Montreal and five in Quebec, of these the following named in order of merit passed:—Eleanor Sleeper, Joseph Ernest Nadeau, Geo. Virolle, Joseph Normandin and Valmore Ledoux. Allan Ayerst passed on all subjects but French and Wilfred Landry on all but History. These two gentlemen will have to present themselves again for examination on these subjects. Candidates are examined in English, French, Latin, Arithmetic, Geography and History. The examiners were Prof. A. Leblond de Brumath and Prof. J. Gammell. The next examination will take place on the 5th of April.

### Montreal Notes.

The Pharmacy Students' Association held its annual dinner at the St. James Hotel on Thursday evening, Jan. 11th. W. H. Johnson is President and R. Desilets, Secretary, and these gentlemen, with Mr. Rioux, have been indefatigable in their endeavors to have their annual jollification up to the standard of former years.

Dr. Cheval will in future carry on business as a chemist and druggist at 501 St. James street, under the name of A. Gauvreau & Co., Mr. Gauvreau retiring.

Edmond Giroux, jr., of 1934 St. Catherine street, has sold out to Mr. Barbeau, licentiate of the Pharmaceutical Association. Mr. Giroux returns to Quebec to become a partner in the old firm of Edmond Giroux & frere, St. Peter street. The many friends of Mr. Barbeau will wish him success in his new undertaking.

I. H. Nault, chemist and druggist, of 2449 Notre Dame street, is out as a candidate for Hochelaga Ward in the approaching civic elections. His opponent is Alderman Hurtubise a very rich and very popular man in the ward, so that our friend, we are afraid, will have a hard road to travel in order to get there. Anyway, as brother pharmacists, we must wish him every success.

A poor business in Christmas and New Year's goods was done this year in Montreal compared with preceding years. There was evidently a scarcity of current coin of the realm in the pockets of Her Majesty's lieges.

There is a strong feeling amongst the

druggists of Montreal in favor of curtailing the credit business. A good many tell me they are now delivering a statement of account monthly as a hint to their long-winded customers. In the residential parts of the city the women run up the bills and the husbands are annoyed when the collector calls on them for the amount. It is always bad policy to allow a bill to run on too long as the amount becomes serious and *pater familias* puts off the payment as long as possible.

Dr. Thayer has removed his pharmacy from St. Catherine street to his old stand on Notre Dame street, east. This part of the street has been recently widened and the stores rebuilt. Dr. Thayer is well known in the neighborhood and will doubtless be well patronized.

T. Chive, who was obliged to move into a cross street during the pulling down of his premises, owing to the widening of the street, has removed back into his new store which is very near, one might say dangerously near that of Dr. Thayer on Notre Dame street.

It is thought by some that the epidemic of street widening in Montreal is nearly over. The luxury of making a western city out of an old eastern one costs money, and Montrealers are beginning to find that out. The danger of pulling down one side of a business street is that it tempts capitalists to put up a class of stores entirely out of proportion to the business to be done.

C. M. Desilets, for many years with Mr. Bandon, and lately with Mr. Decusy, has commenced business on his own account on St. Denis street, above Sherbrooke. Mr. Desilets was formerly in business at the corner of Notre Dame and Jacques Cartier Squares. We are afraid he will have a hard fight up hill, unless he can carry a stock equal to the old established houses on the same street.

Mr. S. Lachance's new pharmacy on St. Catherine street, east of St. Denis, is a veritable *chef d'œuvre* in its way. It is spacious, with fine fixtures, and well lit. The proprietor gives unwearied attention to the business and he is a capable and conscientious man. Time alone will tell whether the investment will pay.

### Notes from England.

(From our own Correspondent.)

The decision in the lanolin case has just been announced and is against Messrs. Richardson & Co. on all the counts. Henceforth it is illegal to attempt to purify wool fat in order that it may be used as an ointment. The verdict may be regretted by pharmacists as tending to monopolize an ointment basis, although it is generally admitted in pharmaceutical circles that Liebreich is entitled to the credit of having first prepared wool fat in a presentable form. The attempt of the defendants to unsettle the validity of the lanolin patent is regarded as a tactical

mistake, particularly when the chief support had to rest upon the unknown *essuyum* of Discorides. The trial lasted 6 days and was principally remarkable for the vast amount of extraneous matters which were dragged into the case by counsel. I hear on exceptionally good authority that the expense incurred by Messrs. Richardson & Co. will be at least \$15,000, but it is probable that the greater part of this will fall on the Yorkshire firm of wool-grease manufacturers. The latter have for some years been spending considerable sums of money in attempting to produce a fair article from the evil-smelling by-product obtained when washing wool. Until within recent years the only success they had with it was as cart-grease! It must be particularly mortifying to them, therefore, to find that now they have secured a presentable substance they are infringing the lanolin patent. Perhaps the most sensational evidence was given by Dr. Paul, the editor of the *Pharmaceutical Journal*. When he showed in court samples of butter, lard and wax containing 100, 200 and 300 per cent of water and described his method of incorporating it, quite a sensation was produced. The ex-attorney general tried hard to break down his evidence but was met in such a calm and incisive manner that he completely failed to negative Dr. Paul's conclusions. In his capacity as an analytical and consulting chemist. Dr. Paul has been working upon wool-fat and its purification for some years and the complete grasp of the whole of the technicalities stood him in good stead. Professor Atfield gave his evidence in fine style also, but left the impression that he had not gone very deeply into the subject. On the lanolin manufacturers' side Professor Dunstan proved an effective witness but made a mistake in attempting to answer questions of a mechanical nature, instead of confining himself to the chemistry of the subject. During a certain stage of the case, by the introduction of such subjects as fatty acids, hydrolysis, centrifugal force, etc., such a fog arose in the minds of everybody that it appeared impossible for the judge to make head or tail of it. But English judges have a cool way of keeping the legal facts before them and ignoring all others which they may consider irrelevant.

The close of the year suggests a retrospect of the progress of pharmacy. As far as England is concerned the year 1893 will hardly be particularly noteworthy although there have been some solid contributions to our knowledge of drugs. Perhaps the most important investigation is that in connection with the aconite alkaloids, to which has been progressing under Professor Dunstan's guidance in the research laboratory of the Pharmaceutical Society. There has been some tendency of late to express disappointment with the work of this laboratory. It is certainly unfortunate that the energies of this expensive laboratory were chiefly confined to a drug which is not used to anything like the extent that