

AN IMPORTANT JUDGMENT.

Mr. Justice Middleton recently, in a very able manner, set forth his views on the Proprietary Medicines Act and the Ontario Temperance Act, and showed that they do not conflict. He pointed out that compounds prepared according to the British Pharmacopæia or any standard work on pharmacy, and so medicated that they could not be used as beverages for the sake of the alcohol they contained, did not come under the purview of the Ontario Temperance Act. This did not, however, apply to proprietary compounds put up and sold under the Dominion Proprietary Medicines Act. These compounds come within the scope of the Ontario Temperance Act, and will be treated on their merits as to their alcohol content and the degree of medication they may contain so as to prevent their use as beverages.

Justice Middleton held that section 125 of the Ontario Temperance Act clearly sets forth the fact that all compounds offered for sale which contain alcohol must be so medicated that they cannot be used as beverages. If they are not so medicated the vendor or manufacturer may be proceeded against under the Temperance Act. Another important feature of the judgment is that merchants who do not set themselves forth as selling drugs and medicines are not permitted to sell such preparations. This removes from the grocer's shelves all invalid wines, etc.

It was shown that the Dominion Proprietary Medicines Act and the Ontario Temperance Act are not at variance; and that the Ontario Act makes no exception, for it states that all preparations must be sufficiently medicated.

WILD CLAIMS FOR CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

Francis J. Fluno, M.D., C.S.D., of the Board of Lectureship of the First Church of Christ Scientist, of Boston, was in Toronto recently and lectured in the Royal Alexandra Theatre. Do not place too much on the letters M.D., for, unfortunately, some with the title of M.D. have taken up with some strange sects. We have known M.D.'s sell electric belts and travel with advertising frauds and quacks.

The average man until awakened by Divine Science is mainly on his mental swaddling clothes. The fact is, Mrs. Eddy's *Science and Health* is proof that she was in an extreme state of pitiable mental swaddling clothes. More absolute rubbish and nonsense and contradictions were never compressed into any book. It is not a science of medicine, it is not a science of religion, it is not a science of mental philosophy. It is a crude jumble of mysticism, ignorance, metaphysics, prejudice and egotism.