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Pharmaceutical Association of the Province of Quebec.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of this association was held on Tuesday, June 10th, 1890, in the lecture room of Laval University, Quebec City, which, by the kindness of the rector was placed at the disposal of the association. In the absence of Mr. Jos. Contant, President, Mr. David Watson, 1st Vice President, occupied the chair. The Secretary-Registrar, Mr. E. Muir, read the minutes of the previous meeting, the annual report and the financial statement of the Treasurer, all of which were of a very satisfactory character and were ordered to be approved by the Chairman. Mr. A. D. Mann, of Montreal, and Mr. A. Laken, of Quebec, acted as scrutineers. While these gentlemen were counting the ballot lively discussions took place on various topics. Among the most prominent was the system in vogue of late in canvassing for votes in the election for members of the Council. The chairman asked permission to leave the chair, and having done so, addressed the meeting very strongly against the manner of influencing the voters, and hoped that in future every member would use his free franchise and not allow himself to be dictated to as to whom he should vote for. Considerable discussion took place on two recommendations which were made to the incoming Council for their consideration, namely - the advisability of opening up correspondence with other pharmaceutical associations or colleges of pharmacy, with a view to reciprocal interchange of diplomas, and the question of the association recognizing the *Montreal Pharmaceutical Journal* as their official organ. The scrutineers having now finished the counting of the

ballots declared the following to be elected to fill the vacancies caused by six retiring members. The names of the newly elected members are as follows: H. R. Gray, L. R. Baridon, A. E. DuBerger, C. A. Nelson, Joseph E. Morrison, and Joseph A. Dawson. These with the old members who remain, viz. Joseph Contant, Alex. Manson, S. Lachance, H. F. Jackson, John T. Lyons and J. E. H. Quipp will form the Council for the ensuing year.

At a subsequent meeting of the new Council the following officers were appointed. Joseph Contant, President. Joseph E. Morrison, Quebec, 1st Vice President, L. R. Baridon, 2nd Vice President, Alex. Manson, Treasurer, J. T. Lyons and J. E. H. Quipp, Auditors; Board of Examiners, Alex. Manson, S. Lachance, H. F. Jackson, J. R. Parkin, Montreal, R. W. Williams, Three Rivers, and Joseph E. Morrison, Quebec; Preliminary Boards of Examiners, for Montreal, Wm. S. Kerry, A. E. DuBerger and W. H. Chipman, for Quebec, P. F. Rinfret, Wm. B. Rogers, J. I. LaRoche, E. Muir, Secretary Registrar and Assistant Treasurer.

Michigan Pharmaceutical Examinations.

The examination of candidates for registered pharmacists' certificates was held at Star Island, June 30th and July 1st, when 137 candidates presented themselves for examination. Of this number eight were graduates of the Ontario College of Pharmacy, and all passed. Of the total number 77 passed the examinations and 15 failed, while nine passed the assistants' examination and six failed. The class was the largest ever examined at one time by the Michigan Board of Pharmacy. The next meeting will be held at Marquette, Aug. 13th and 14th.

Cocaine Pencils for the Skin.

A writer in the *British Medical Journal* makes a suggestion which is easily convertible into a capital article for a cosmetic "special." It is, in short, a pencil or "stick" for use on the chafed and irritated skin, or on skins very susceptible to insect bites, etc. He says that an addition of two per cent. of cocaine to the ordinary cocoa butter pencils converts the latter into a cosmetic remedy, which gives almost instant relief when rubbed over the irritated spot.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Ontario Pharmacy Act and College of Pharmacy.

To THE EDITOR:

Sir, We have been enlightened (?) on pharmacy law during the past few months by articles that have appeared in the *Canadian Pharmaceutical Journal*. It does not require very careful reading of these articles, and comments by the editor, to learn that Mr. Shuttleworth has no love for the Ontario Pharmacy Act as amended in 1889. In fact we have found the Principal of the school joining with some wholesale druggists in Toronto and a member of the Council in an attempt to prevent these amendments being obtained.

It undoubtedly will be a surprise to the druggists of the Province to learn this, as we expected that he should have given the benefit of his services to the promotion of any measure that would be productive of good to the druggists of the Province, in whose employ he is, and these amendments have been clearly demonstrated by the most impartial authorities to have been steps in the right direction.

He also in editorial notes questions the advisability of having the physicians who are engaged in the drug business register as pharmaceutical chemists, and pay the annual fee and comply with the provisions of the Pharmacy Act in every respect the same as the druggists, and he hints that it may be productive of evil to the College of Pharmacy, composed as it is of all the druggists in the Province, to have one-tenth of the members registered physicians and paying their \$4 per annum the same as druggists instead of paying nothing as formerly. But by his actions he does not consider that any evil would arise from having an instructor in the college who is a registered physician actively engaged practicing his profession and occupying the position as lecturer and instructor in the important branch of materia medica in the Ontario College of Pharmacy. If any harm could be done by having, as before stated, some physicians who are engaged in the drug business, registered as members of the college, entitled to all the privileges and paying their annual fees, I judge that there is more likelihood, if any, of injury to the college from the instructor than from the voter.

Some of the obstructionists might be excused to a certain extent in their dis-