

*maceutische Centralhalle*, one of the most important of German pharmacal journals. Although not a university graduate, the University of Jena conferred upon him the title of Doctor of Philosophy, and the medical faculty of the same institution gave him the honorary degree of Doctor of Medicine. Dr. Hager, during the 81 years of his life, did an enormous amount of work; but, like most other scientists, the accumulation of wealth was not one of the objects of his labors, and he died leaving behind him nothing but the glory of a great name.

The Quickcure Company, of Quebec, apparently will be the first to solve the vexatious problem of "How to control the sale of patent and proprietary articles." Their methods are simple, yet effective; an undertaking is first demanded from every purchaser before an order is filled, to the effect that no goods will be sold below the regular retail scheduled price. This demand every buyer must comply with, or no goods will be furnished. The other important consideration in their methods is that no inducement is offered to purchase in large quantities. In other words, they have no sliding scale of prices "in quantities." The price is the same *pro rata* for 10 or 1,000 pots. The inducement to stock up is thus removed, so that there need be no large lots on the market looking for doubtful purchasers. The retail druggist can be perfectly secure in the knowledge that no "big cutter" can secure a supply and offer to the public at a price, or even below what he has to pay for it. This company is acting in a manner which should commend itself to every retail druggist who is anxious to preserve his business from utter destruction. The question is: Why do not other manufacturers try the same simple methods? They all profess anxiety to discover some means whereby cutting may be prevented, perhaps we might add, without trouble to themselves.

The show windows form one of the best advertising mediums for the pharmacist, but we often have to think that some have odd notions of what constitutes a good advertisement, and wonder what kind of artistic taste they have developed, when we see show windows filled with syringes, suspensory bandages and other appliances of that character. Possibly the proprietor may think it a good advertisement, but we do not. Windows can be used to display other classes of goods. Everyone knows that the place to buy sick-room appliances and surgical instruments is the drug store, not the hardware, or dry goods store, and there is no necessity to unnecessarily impress

that fact on the public by filling windows with appliances which can only bring up sad and perhaps remorseful feelings, and outrage good taste.

We are pleased to note that the pharmacists of Toronto and Montreal have taken up the question of shorter hours of labor on Sunday, as we advised in our January issue, and we earnestly hope that an agreement will be reached by which drug clerks will have, at least, a part of Sunday for recreation. The opening of pharmacies during the whole day is entirely unnecessary; two or three hours would amply suffice to supply all legitimate demands, and with a little careful management and arrangement of the hours there need be no danger of any clashing of interests. It may take some time for the public to become used to the new arrangement, but it will come and the results will be most satisfactory to all concerned. We hope to be able to announce in our next that arrangements have been completed to carry out the plan.

An announcement is made by Trinity Medical College to the effect that all graduates of the O.C.P. holding the degree of Phm. B. ('Varsity) will be allowed all subjects taken in common in primary years, viz., Botany, Materia Medica, Pharmacy, Chemistry (practical and theoretical), and Toxicology. This is an important announcement, and one which pharmacy students will highly appreciate, and let us hope is but a forerunner of an improved condition of affairs, when pharmacy and medicine will be drawn closer together. This is most desirable. Just now pharmacists are in sore straits, and the medical fraternity can do more for them than all other classes combined.

In the February issue, among the news items, we stated that the branch post-office of North Toronto had been removed from the store of Mr. Cook to that of Mr. J. H. Mackenzie. It appears we were wrongly informed in the matter, as such a movement has not taken place. We regret the error, but considered the source of our information reliable.

The wholesale jobbers of Toronto wish us to announce that they do not stock Quickcure, and request their customers to order direct from the agents, a list of whom is attached to the Quickcure Company's advertisement on page 371 of this journal.