

prescription was permissible in the druggist. The almost unanimous opinion was that the prescription should be dispensed as written, or not at all; only one gentleman went so far as to defend the substituting of a home-made preparation of an official character, where that of an individual maker was specified. It is to be hoped that the sentiments expressed by the members are as generally adopted by other pharmacists in the United States and Canada.

Mr. Maisch read a paper on Sneezeweed, the subject having been brought before the Association at the last annual meeting by a physician reporting fatal results to cattle from eating it. He found it to be *Helenium Autumnale*, and promised further investigation. An excellent paper on Education, by Prof. Parrish, was read, and will, I hope, be given in a future number of this journal. It was followed by a volunteer paper on Tennessee opium. A sample shown was of a fine, even texture, without the impurities of commercial opium, and from analysis 20 per cent. richer in the active salts. The yield was large, some 40 lbs. to the acre, but no practical report of the labour was given, an important item in the producer's estimate of profits.

The steamboat excursion announced for the afternoon was postponed till next day, and the Cleveland reception committee provided carriages for the ladies and others to visit the attractions of the city; their drive was cut short by a heavy shower. A number of the members prevailed on the President to hold an extra session, which was well attended. A few remarks on glassware by the representative of a large factory savored very strongly of an advertisement, and the dodge was sufficiently transparent to provoke signs of impatience in the meeting. Dr. Squibb followed with a very good paper on percolation, introducing a percolator he had originated, which was shown in operation. It may briefly be described as a large celery glass, the sides tapering straight down, forming a base three inches in diameter, to be covered with a piece of felt. In the centre is placed perpendicularly a glass tube, and the dry ingredients placed around it keeps it in place. The liquid passing through the drug enters the well, and is drawn from it by means of a syphon, arranged by means of sections of rubber tubing, so as to be fastened at any point of elevation—the doctor claiming that by raising or depressing the syphon the rapidity with which the liquid passes through the drug may be regulated, and thus the true object of percolation attained, namely that of causing the menstruum to pass perpendicularly downwards, *through* each particle instead of *around* it. The one shown was operating on gumba root, and in a very satisfactory manner. A sample of gumba which had been operated upon by four times its quantity of diluted alcohol, was a strong argument as to its efficiency.

Friday morning was occupied in reading papers. Dr. Squibb on Am. Cit. Bismuth; Mr. Saunders on Ext. Cannabis Ind., re-