

asked to ascertain if our jurisdiction as an association covered the Yukon district and report to the registrar-treasurer.

The accounts of the registrar-treasurer of \$50 for salary, and \$7.50 for postage and disbursements, and of the auditors for \$6, were ordered to be paid, the auditors re-appointed and the council adjourned to hold its next meeting in Moose Jaw.

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Reg.-Treas.

### British Columbia Pharmaceutical Association.

#### ANNUAL MEETING.

The eighth annual meeting of the B.C.P.A. was held in Vancouver City on the 14th ultimo. There was a fair attendance of druggists present when President D. S. Curtis (Westminster) called the meeting to order.

The annual report of the council, outlining the work accomplished during the year, was read by the registrar-treasurer-secretary, John K. Sutherland (Vancouver), and adopted.

The registrar's report was also read. This report gave some idea of the growth of the association, showing sixty licentiates of pharmacy in business, fifteen licentiates acting as clerks, four certified clerks, and twenty-eight apprentices. This report was also adopted.

The treasurer's statement showed the financial affairs of the association to be in a very satisfactory condition, there being \$1,381.68 at present on hand.

President Curtis' address was listened to with much attention. He very ably reviewed the work of the past year, and pointed out wherein improvement might be made in the future, and the work of the association extended. His remarks were received with applause, and a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously passed, thanking him for his practical assistance.

Messrs. H. H. Watson and John Cochran as examiners made their report. These spoke very highly of the candidates who had presented themselves for examination and drew attention to the fact that some very creditable papers had been presented. The election of the three new councillors was then proceeded with and on the ballots being counted the president declared T. E. Atkins (Vancouver), E. H. Hiscocks (Victoria), re-elected, and Geo. Chadwick (Victoria), elected. The treasurer's statement of the large balance in hand had probably something to do

with bringing about the discussion on the advisability of reducing the annual fees. After thorough discussion, in which it was pointed out that a reduction which would meet with the wishes of those desirous of it would bring the expenditure and income alarmingly close, it was therefore decided that it was to the best interests of the association to leave the fees as they are, which is \$8 each for licentiate of pharmacy in business or physician carrying on business as druggist; \$4 for licentiates acting as clerks; \$4 for certified clerks; \$2 for certified apprentices.

It was recommended to the examiners that the new edition of the British Pharmacopoeia (1898) be not used for the October examination, but that the same be recognized by the association after January 1st, 1899.

A social and entertainment committee was appointed to arrange for and prepare a programme for the next annual meeting, to be held in New Westminster, and the association decided to place \$100 to the credit of this committee.

On adjournment of the association, the council met and elected J. R. Seymour, President (Vancouver); John Cochrane, vice-president (Victoria); and J. K. Sutherland, registrar-treasurer (Vancouver).

The council now consists of J. R. Seymour (Vancouver), John Cochrane (Victoria), D. S. Curtis (New Westminster), Geo. Chadwick (Victoria), T. E. Atkins (Vancouver), and E. H. Hiscocks (Victoria).

After the meetings the members adjourned to the Merchants' Exchange, where a most enjoyable time was spent, the usual toasts, etc., being drunk. All thoughts of graduate and pestle were put away, and all realized how thoroughly happy they could be in each other's company.

It should be stated that a full report of the proceedings will be printed shortly, and may possibly be printed should space allow in the CANADIAN DRUGGIST.

Mr. Scott, of Smith Falls; Mr. Gibson, of Woodstock, N.B.; Mr. Almond, of Hamilton; Mrs. Benjamin, of Toronto, are among those who attended the June class at the Optical Institute of Canada.

Dr. Hamill, the popular instructor of the Optical Institute of Canada, wishes us to say that he will not give any course during the hot weather of July, but will resume teaching in August or September. Dates can be obtained by writing him direct.

### Cod Liver Oil and Iron Iodide.

Carl Grott describes, in *The Apotheker Zeitung*, the following improved method of preparing cod liver oil with iodide of iron:

"I prepared the iron iodide by making a solution of  $\text{Fe I}_2$  in water, filtering a certain quantity into a small alembic containing a small quantity of ether, which spread out and protected the surface of the filtrate as it entered. This I evaporated *in vacuo* over a small clear flame, and thus recovered the  $\text{Fe I}_2$  as a crystalline mass free from any excess of iron or other substance whatever. These crystals were of a bright, clear green color, and when put into the cod liver oil (in the proportion of 2%) dissolved very quickly, making a liquid of dark violet color, which showed, of course, that there had occurred a separation of a portion of the iodine. In pondering over the matter I remembered that, when melted  $\text{Fe I}_2$  is heated somewhat strongly, it assumes a similar color, but on cooling resumes its usual green color. The color of my solution was the same as that of the oil prepared by Reness' process for obtaining an oil containing 2% of the iodide, and was opaque, even after filtration.

I then added 5% of sugar of milk to the oil before adding the iodide of iron, and obtained a clear reddish brown solution. It took somewhat longer to obtain solution, but by frequent agitation the latter occurred in the course of a few hours. The milk sugar precipitated in a short time, and I was thus enabled to obtain a limpid oil by simple decantation. Water or alcohol, shaken up with this oil, even after the latter had been preserved for some time (in orange or yellow bottles), gave no iodine reaction. The well-known blue was obtained, however, by the addition of  $\text{Fe Cl}_3$ .—*National Druggist*.

### Samatha at Saratoga, in a New Dress.

One of the funniest of all the funny books is certainly "Samantha at Saratoga." Will Carleton pronounces it "delicious humor" and Bishop Newman says it is "bitterest satire, coated with the sweetest of exhilarating fun." Formerly published by subscription at the price of \$2.50, and sold, it is said, by the hundred thousand, it has recently been issued in an exquisite little cloth-bound volume in the "Cambridge Classics" series by the celebrated cheap-book publishers, Hurst & Co., of New York, as a means of widely advertising that series, and is sold at the fabulously low price of 25 cents. It would seem strange if they should not sell a million of them. They are sold by booksellers, or the publishers direct.