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Council Affairs.

Much of our space this month is taken up with matters pertaining to the affairs of the Ontario College of Pharmacy, to the exclusion of those of more general importance to the trade of the Dominion. The great interest, however, which is taken in the approaching election for members of the Council renders it necessary as well as desirable that the actions of the present and also of the previous Councils should be given due prominence in order that druggists might vote intelligently by having a full expression of views on both sides. It has been the aim of this journal all through the unfortunate misunderstanding between the Council and the Professoriate to maintain a strictly impartial course, giving both sides an opportunity of expressing their views through our columns, and the druggists have shown their appreciation of this course by making use of this their representative organ.

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It is to be hoped that in voting for their respective candidates the druggists, notwithstanding the question of Professors vs. Council so prominently brought before them, will not lose sight of other matters which are certainly as vital to the interests of the trade, and we question if in some cases they are not more so, especially to those who are now engaged in business. Let your candidate be a thoroughly representative pharmacist, who has the welfare of his profession as well as his own individuality at heart, look well into his ways of doing business, his personal habits and standing in the community, and avoid sending a man of one idea only, or an obstructionist. With the undertakings entered into by the present Council, what will be required will be men of sound business tact and ability, combined with common sense and judgment, who will faithfully look after their trust and reflect credit on their constituents.

Hamilton District Pharmaceutical Association.

RESOLUTION passed at the regular meeting, held May 8th, 1891:

Moved by J. W. Gerrie, Esq., seconded by P. O. Blaicher, Esq., that we fully approve of the action of Mr. John A. Clark, of this city, as a member of the Council of our College and desire to place on record our appreciation of the services performed by him in protecting the interests of our College and advancing the standing of our profession, and we consider that the action taken by the Council in the changes they thought necessary to make in the management of our College, will be greatly to the advantage of that institution and to the future advancement of the profession.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we nominate Mr. John A. Clark as a candidate for re-election to the Council of our College to represent No. 8 Division, and we pledge ourselves to aid in his election as a member of the Council from this District. Carried unanimously.

College of Pharmacy Presentation.

At the conclusion of the last lecture of the term at the College of Pharmacy on Saturday afternoon a very pleasant surprise awaited the professors. The students instead of dismissing with their usual alacrity, tyled the lecture room door and one of their number speaking for his confreres read a length address couched in laudatory and almost affectionate terms. This was followed by the presentation to Prof. E. B. Shuttleworth of a handsome oxidized silver reading lamp, to Dr. Avison a silver-mounted oyster tureen, and to Professor F. T. Harrison, demonstrator of practical work, a pair of silver-plated carvers in morocco case. The recipients were taken completely unawares, but showed by their feeling acknowledgements that they warmly reciprocated the kindly sentiments which had been expressed by the students.

Ontario College of Pharmacy Semi-Annual Examination.

The 41st semi-annual examinations of the Ontario College of Pharmacy were opened in the halls of that institution at 9 o'clock Monday morning, 11th inst. One hundred and ten students presented themselves. The examiners are as follows:—Dispensing, Wm. Murchison; chemistry, B. Jackes; botany, C. R. Sleath; materia medica, P. Jackes; pharmacy, Frank Holman, of London; prescription, A. R. Fraser.

Shorter Hours for Druggists.

At a meeting of the Retail Druggists' Association held on the 8th May in the College of Pharmacy, Mr. R. W. Campbell read a paper on the needs of the trade. A general discussion followed, in which the members spoke strongly in favor of the curtailment of liquor-selling in drug stores, the confining of Sunday work to medicine only, special hours for Sunday labor and shorter hours of labor during the week. These very desirable reforms will be urged upon employers and the general public, and it is hoped by the young men that a great improvement will be obtained over the present system.

Fancy Goods.

This year so far has been a somewhat troublesome one in the fancy goods trade both for wholesalers and retailers. There is no doubt but that the first to suffer in slack times are those who are dealing in luxuries—the "unnecessaries" of life.

Those whose trade is confined to the "necessaries"—clothing, provisions, etc., no doubt feel a stringency in money, but only to a limited extent in proportion to their friends in such trades as fancy goods, jewelry, etc. The first step in economy is to stop giving presents, and in presentation lies the stronghold of the fancy goods and notions trade. The first three months of the year were very quiet ones in the trade. April was a little more active, and made up somewhat for the ground lost in the previous months, but will take a good harvest and an exceedingly good summer and fall trade to place a good many of the dealers on their feet again. From the present crop reports received from one end of the Dominion to the other, those in the trade anticipate a big boom in the business before the present year goes out.

TRIAL OF A CHEMICAL SWINDLER IN GERMANY.—An individual calling himself John Collin, or Collins, from Canada, and describing himself as a "professional chemist and inventor," was recently sentenced at Frankfort-on-Main, to two-and-a-half years' imprisonment. About six years ago Collin arrived in Germany, and living there in grand style, and, followed wherever he went by one or two private secretaries, he called upon large manufacturers with an alleged process for the manufacture of pure wool from rags. The process was, of course a secret one, but Mr. Collins informed his victims that it was based upon the precipitation of pure wool from rags by means of boiling with sulphuric acid and ammonia. Platinum vessels were required for the process, and Collins was in the habit of showing his invention to those with whom he came in contact, placing the rags in the apparatus and subsequently removing from it the pure wool in long threads, which he professed to be the result of the process. At the trial it turned out—as, of course, might have been foreseen—that these threads were simply purchased beforehand and placed in the platinum vessel. It would be almost incredible, had it not been proved in evidence, that he succeeded in obtaining large sums of money, ranging from 13,000 m. to 48,000 m., from numerous capitalists and manufacturers in Vienna, Brunn, Leipzig, Hamburg, Hanover, Frankfort, Wiesbaden, and Mannheim.—*Chemist and Druggist*.

The British Columbia Pharmacy Act has passed its third reading and received the assent of the Governor. Want of space prevented our giving it an insertion this issue, but it will appear in the next number.

The *Era* says a manufacturer recently received an invoice for \$125.50. The goods came in a tiny parcel by mail, and weighed net, just two ounces. The invoice read, one ounce of hyoseyamine at \$85.50, and one ounce of ambergris at \$40; total \$125.50. And three cents in stamps carried a hundred and twenty five dollars' worth of goods to their destination.