

Drug Clerk's Column.

Rules of Conduct.

A Talk to Drug Clerks from one of themselves.

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The publisher of the *DRUGGIST* has kindly consented to place at the disposal of the clerks of Ontario a portion of his space, and I thought that it might not be amiss for me to start the ball a-rolling by placing before the minds of my associate-clerks some few items of advice which have come into my mind, and which have engrained themselves into my character. It will scarcely do for us clerks to use these columns for the advocacy of the forming of a Drug Clerks' Union, which shall be prepared, at a moment's call of its President, to go out on strike for a raise in wages among apprentices of half-a-cent a year; no, this would be hardly allowable. But what we can do, is to come more into touch with each other, disseminate among ourselves wholesome counsels, and permeate the drug-clerk to day with an appreciation and respect for each other which shall not be erasable even after each of those who now are clerks, have become graduates pharmacists and have gone into business for themselves.

We are all young yet and there are many things for us still to learn, and we each, of course, have the faculty of looking at the same things in different ways; summarizing them, the various views it is possible for us all to hold, we shall each be gaining a deal of information from our common discussions of subjects which should interest the drug world.

But now, to come to the words of advice I have to offer, let me concisely state them:

1. Be conscientious to the interests of your employer. This is, primarily, the reason wherefor you are working for him. Get a firm hold on this fact—you are working for him, secondarily, to profit yourself by learning the business you desire to follow. Do all you have to do for your master under the guidance of your conscience, even wipe your mortars and graduates with your conscience, not only with your hands, or more correctly with the rag in your hands. You will find it to pay to do your work on principle, because not only will it please your employer to have you do what is right, but it will make you feel more satisfied with yourself and with your work, and this is no slight consideration.

2. Get a proper estimate of your place in the affairs of the store to which you are

allied. Strive to know what place you are supposed to occupy in the carrying on of your master's business, and make a strong effort to live up to the ideal of that position. Don't go moping round without a purpose while in the store. Get to know something of what you are supposed to do while at work, and put some go into you. Anchor your brain into some steadfastness of conduct, and go about your business as though you had a little idea of what it is supposed to be. Don't wobble round in a purposeless stream! You ought to know some little about your employer's temperament, ought to strive to learn his method of looking at things, what he is likely to expect of you, and what views he holds of suitable clerkhood. Every man has, or at any rate ought to have an ideal clerk in his mind's eye, if he be a good business man and thoroughly interested in his own welfare. Now, a sharp-brained clerk will endeavor to glean his master's ideal of a clerk and will at-

him, if not because you consider him to be a gentleman, do it because you realize yourself to be one. These are only a few ideas which I have been led to gather, and if possible, at some future date, I have others I should like to bring before my fellow clerks.

British Pharmaceutical Conference.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at Oxford, Eng., commencing July 31st. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Mr. N. H. Martin, F.L.S., F.R.M.S.

Vice-Presidents—M. Carteighe, F.I.C., F.C.S., London; J. L. Ewing, Edinburgh; W. Hayes, Dublin; J. Toone, Bournemouth.

Treasurer—John Moss, F.I.C., F.C.S.

Hon. General Secretaries—W. A. H. Naylor, F.I.C., F.C.S., London; F. Ransom, F.C.S., Hitchin.

Hon. Local Secretary—S. Handwick, Bournemouth.

The next place of meeting will be Bournemouth.

Drug Clerks.

As intimated in our July issue, we have opened a department for the registration of the names and addresses of drug clerks. These names will appear *once* in our columns and then be registered in our Drug Clerks' Register, from which information may be had at any time as to the addresses of those who register with us. Any change of address should be sent in so there may be no possibility of error. This will be found to be of value both to

employers and employees and we invite all clerks in the Dominion to take advantage of it. The following register this month:

CLERK.	EMPLOYER.	AT A.
Walter Master,	Dr. A. C. Gaviller,	Granby, Quec.
A. W. W. Spinks,	Meacham & Co.,	Toronto, Ont.
Wilnot B. Nethery,	W. W. Booth,	Toronto Jct., Ont.
Alex. Lemieux,	F. E. Gauvreau,	Quebec, Quec.
C. F. McLean,	T. C. Nicholls,	Port Perry, Ont.
W. A. Colebury,	Dr. J. H. Michener,	Dunnville, Ont.
J. L. Stevens,	P. Bawden,	Ridgetown, Ont.
T. J. Stillman,	J. G. Karm,	Woodstock, Ont.
B. Davis,	J. G. Karm,	Woodstock, Ont.
J. S. Mackey,	A. Buchanan,	Kemptville, Ont.
J. F. Taylor,	J. A. Zimmerman,	Hamilton, Ont.
A. S. Reid,	B. Bachelor,	Brantford, Ont.
W. A. Carter,	H. A. Harrison,	Dunville, Ont.
A. A. Schiedel,	E. M. Devitt,	Waterloo, Ont.
M. W. Emery,	G. N. Babcock,	Oraxton, Ont.
H. McLeay,	W. P. McLeay,	Watford, Ont.

COPRAOL.—This is the trade-name of a solid vegetable fat, recently introduced in Germany, and recommended as a substitute for cacao-butter in making suppositories, etc. It is said to be "cocoanut fat with a high melting point." The name indicates its origin (copra signifying cocoanut). It seems to be a good article,



INTERIOR OF W. J. DYAS' RETAIL DRUG STORE, STRATHROY, ONT.

tempt to fulfil his expectations. Subtlety of judgment and tact of operation are two essential qualities in a good, sensible drug clerk.

3. Have enough in you to know your true worth, but do not stoop to being vain in mind, but less in conduct. I, for one, do not believe in allowing a boss to make a slush-bucket of his clerk, nor to do or say just what he likes to him, whether right or wrong, and a clerk will not show much manhood who consents to allow himself to be sat on by his employer just when this employer may please so to do. A master never thinks any more of any servant of his who just plays simple tool in his hands, than he does of the spoon that serves to help him feed himself. Now, don't crunch down to any man and make a fool of yourself, but on the other hand, always bear in mind the deference, justifiable and honorable, that you owe your master and be certain to let him have it. Never be other than a gentleman toward