

compensated, pharmacy would, in its professional aspect, be a gigantic failure. It follows, of course, that if dispensing charges include a return for professional skill and knowledge, the public is entitled to have the latter meted out to them in due proportion. Hence the dispensing department is one to which the pharmacist can never pay too much attention; he cannot be over-scrupulous in the selection of materials, too zealous in carrying out the directions of the prescriber, or too observant, in his intermediary position between the physician and patient, in looking for and checking errors or clearing away points of doubt which, if thoughtlessly carried out to completion, might seriously prejudice the condition of the patient. It is a matter for congratulation that pharmacists rarely substantiate the obvious blunders of physicians. These are things of every-day occurrence, and are generally trivial errors, such as an extra stroke of the pen turning 3 into 3, the leaving out of such suffixes as "dil." and "comp.," and so forth. To pharmacists who are accustomed to dispense a physician's prescriptions, the occurrence of such slips is quickly noted, but others may not be so fortunate.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We invite correspondence on any subject bearing on the drug business. There are many amongst us who are able writers, intelligent thinkers, and whose opinions have weight and influence; there are also those who, unwilling to write, are anxious to make enquiries. We solicit correspondence from all. The only points we wish to impress are that communications should be short, concise, and to the point.

DOCTORS OF PHARMACY.

At a late meeting of the Toronto Retail Druggists' Association, the following resolution was adopted: "That the Toronto Retail Druggists' Association, feeling the necessity for the elevation of the profession of pharmacy, and recognizing the present high standard of the examinations of this Province, would urge upon the Council of the Ontario College of Pharmacy the desirability of the aforesaid Council urging the claims of the pharmacists of this Province upon the Minister of Education (or the proper authorities) with the object of having attached to the curriculum of the Provincial University a course in pharmacy open only to all graduates of the Ontario College of Pharmacy, enabling the said University to confer the degree of Doctor of Pharmacy upon all such graduates taking this proposed post-graduate course."

LOCAL PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETIES.

During the past few years many local Pharmaceutical Societies have organized in various parts of the country, and have already been productive of much good, not only in the matter of uniformity of prices and discussion of minor or sectional events which may occur, but also of engendering a feeling of harmony and good will between druggists of the respective localities where these organizations exist. In some places, however, no such societies yet exist, and our confrères should see to it that in city, town, or county, as may be, some plan should be adopted to bring members of this profession more into personal contact, and we know no better plan than the organization of local Pharmaceutical Associations. In connection with this matter it is said that at the regular meetings of some of the older societies, the novelty having somewhat worn off, the routine business transacted is not sufficiently attractive to secure as large an attendance as desired. This is a point on which we should like to hear from the druggists, and would request answers to the following query: In what way may the meetings of local associations be made sufficiently attractive to induce a large and regular attendance, and an increased interest in the meetings?

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

The following Secretaries of Divisional organizations have so far been reported. Any information as to organization, etc., will be furnished by them, and we would suggest that condensed reports of meetings be sent to the CANADIAN DRUGGIST for publication not later than the fifth of the month: Toronto, W. Lloyd Wood; Hamilton, H. S. Case; Ottawa, H. A. Martin; London, J. Callard; Kingston, A. P. Chowne; Brantford, J. M. MacKidd; Woodstock, A. M. Scott; St. Catharines, J. R. Seymour; Bowmanville, J. E. Higginbotham; Port Elgin, R. S. Muir; Mt. Forest, W. Colcleugh.

J. R. Seymour, St. Catharines, is running a branch at Grimsby Park.

An Ontario druggist has sent us the following, showing how a physician in this fair "Canada of ours," who dispenses his own prescriptions, labelled and sent out a bottle to his patient:—"Take a wine glass three times a day over your meals; take a pill every morning; if that fisick you to much slack on the lieker, cause you got to take the pills. One dollar and seventy-five cent for the hole ting."

TRADE NOTES

Cocaine is easier.
 Mercurials have a higher tendency.
 Quinine is quiet, no notable change in price.
 Norway Cod Liver Oil has advanced, and is firm.
 G. A. Bingham, Yonge St., is away on his wedding tour.
 Mr. Mount Wild, Hamilton, has also joined the benedicts.
 Gum arabes are a little easier, but no perceptible change in price.
 The firm of John Lunny & Sons, druggists, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Business during June has been quiet, which is not unusual at this season.
 W. A. Howell was in Toronto this week pushing German Blood Remedy, etc.
 Castor oil has advanced 20 per cent., and the probabilties are still higher prices.
 McGregor & Parke, Hamilton, are opening a branch in the east end of the city.
 Quassia has advanced, and will likely be higher still owing to the light hop crop.
 Pot. bromide and iodide are firm, especially the latter, which has slightly advanced.
 Tannic acid and potass chlor will be lower owing to the duty having been taken off.
 German chloroform has advanced, owing to a combination among the manufacturers.
 Cascara bark is steadily declining. No doubt when new crop comes in old prices will prevail.
 Jno. J. Hall, Woodstock, has gone to the Paris Exposition, he will be gone about two months.
 Hugh Miller & Co., Toronto are getting in a plate glass front, and improving the interior of their store.
 Opium has advanced, and will probably be higher owing to light crop. Morphia sympathizes with it.
 The new line of steamers between Hamilton and Toronto is well patronized by Hamilton druggists, who combine business and pleasure.
 Insect powder is easier owing to a decline in price of flowers. The Persian is considered just as strong as an insecticide as Dalmatian.
 W. S. Barwell, of London, has purchased the stock of the late G. W. Harkness, and will carry it on in the old premises.