

but contrary to the best judgment of the representatives of the college. Your committee beg to urge that all possible additions be speedily made to the poison list, and that new and revised poison books be procured containing full and complete amendments to the act proper and the by-laws as well. Your committee beg further to press upon the members of the college the necessity of complying with sec. 22 of the act in notifying the registrar of retirement from business, as we find many such cases existing and, which like other provisions of the act, must be enforced.

Re the case against The Robert Simpson Company, (Limited), your committee beg to report that, after many endeavors and much minor litigation, they have failed in their efforts to secure a judicial interpretation of the act. The result of the case in its different stages has been thoroughly explained and criticized in portions of the press, which will obviate the necessity of further explanation here. Your committee have done everything in their power, and regret to find themselves confronted with the unfortunate legal fact that without a conviction before a Police Magistrate, we have no power of appeal under our act or any other act. Your committee have in their possession communications from Messrs. Edgar & Malone and Mr. B. B. Osler, giving up the fight, and acknowledging that nothing further can be done, not, however, because we have no case, not, however, because we have been defeated, but simply for the want of legal machinery to properly meet the case. Your committee feel sorely disappointed in this case, and record their surprise that there is no legal means of finding out whether a corporation possesses legal privileges under our act that are denied to individual members of the college. Your committee acknowledge that they are powerless to do more in the matter as it now stands, and until the committee on By-Laws and Legislation supply us with better implements of war in the shape of a new act, or amendments to the act, your committee will be reluctantly forced to rest on their oars so far as the prosecution of the mammoth offenders are concerned.

Your committee further asks to be allowed to continue the services of an officer to prosecute their work, and authority to disburse, as usual, any funds required.

Your committee beg to record their appreciation of the fast increasing assistance which they are receiving from members of the College in every part of the province in the matter of protecting each other from the infringements of the unqualified, and desire their assistance still further during the ensuing term. The Chairman respectfully requests personal letters of information regarding any irregularities that may exist, and when received they will have prompt attention.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) W. A. KARN, *Chairman*.

The report was received with applause and adopted after the president and several other members had congratulated the committee and its indefatigable chairman upon their energetic work and very excellent report.

In the absence of Chairman Snyder, Mr. Hunter presented Report No. 2 of the Executive and Finance Committee. It concurred in the recommendations of other committees in matters of which it took cognizance, and recommended that \$35 be expended in repairs as requested by the Dean. The registrar was empowered to employ such help as was required by the janitor or himself to the amount of \$200.

"In reference to the request of the Synod mortgagees *re* interest," continued the report, "your committee feel it is a very unjust demand (if not illegal), and we would respectfully recommend that the registrar tender three-fifths of the amount asked, without prejudice, and if not accepted our solicitor be consulted." There were a number of minor matters dealt with in the report, which was adopted without discussion.

Mr. Roberts presented the following report of the Special Committee appointed the previous day:—

Your Special Committee appointed to report on additions to the poison schedule, the revision of the by-laws, etc., and the restrictions recently placed upon the retail drug trade regarding the sale of alcohol and other fermented liquors, for art and medicinal purposes, recommend that on account of the short time at their disposal to consider these complicated matters the committee be continued to report at the next session of the council, or at a special session to be called if deemed advisable.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. F. ROBERTS, *Chairman*.

The report was adopted *nem. con.*

Some discussion arose on the proposal to send representatives to the meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association. Messrs. Mackenzie and Hunter moved: "That the request for appointment of delegates to the American Pharmaceutical Association be laid on the table."

The vice-president demurred to the shelving of the affair in that way. He thought it would convey the impression that the council was indifferent to the scientific and progressive development of matters affecting the interests of the profession and of the retail druggists, and in his opinion the money would be well spent in sending their president to represent them again.

Mr. Mackenzie, as mover of the resolution, declared that the president was mistaken in supposing that the interests of the retail drug trade would be in any degree advanced by representation at the American association's meeting. As far as he had ever been able to learn, the association was in no way concerned or interested in the retail druggist, but that the meeting was attended by professors

of various colleges whose sole aim and object was to boom their rival institutions.

Mr. Karn—"Then let us send one of the faculty to boom our college; we may as well keep up with the procession."

The president agreed with Mr. Mackenzie as the inutility of representation at the association meeting. For his part, when in attendance last year, he had found the official business very monotonous and unprofitable. So far from aiding the retail druggist, the fact of their electing a gentleman as president who had no connection with or interest in the retail trade, over the head of nominees who were equally able and, moreover, were in business, showed there was little regard for the druggist. These were not his ideas alone, but every member of the college who had attended the association meetings held the same opinion. Referring to the suggestion of the vice-president that he (the speaker) be credentialed to attend, he assured the council that he had no desire to be sent.

This closed the discussion and the resolution was adopted.

Upon motion of Messrs. Hargreaves and Dickey, the hearty thanks of the council were extended to Mr. Mackenzie for his services during his incumbency of the chair. Amid hearty applause Mr. Mackenzie acknowledged the compliment.

A number of routine resolutions were passed without comment.

The council then adjourned to meet again on the first Tuesday in February, 1898, or at the call of the president.

Therapeutic Music.

Her father is a physician and an admirer of culture. But he grows weary now and then of hearing Mabel play scales and five-finger exercises. After a half-hour of work from her exercise book, she turned and said:

"Father, I have taken up the study of theory."

"Have you?"

"Yes. This," she went on, striking a chord, "is a tonic."

"Mabel," he answered, in a tone of patience sorely tried, "I'm ever so much obliged, but I don't think that is what I need. But if you have a sedative that you could try on me I'd appreciate it more than tongue can tell."

SODIUM BI-CARBONATE AS A DRESSING.—Georgevsky states that a compress saturated with a solution of chemically pure bi-carbonate of sodium and covered with some impermeable material will dry up purulent secretion and cut short phlegmonous inflammation. Whenever iodoform was substituted for the soda, suppuration began anew, ceasing again when the bi-carbonate was re-applied. Results are obtained by this method far more rapidly than by any other means.