

Death has during the past few months robbed us of one of our members, in the person of the late Hon. A. J. Langley. While he was unable, on account of his advanced age, to take an active part in the affairs of the association, yet, as one long associated with him, I can bear testimony to the interest he took in the welfare of his confreres in the drug business. Coming to the province in the early days, one of, if not the pioneer druggist, he has left us a worthy example of the virtue of strict attention to business and straightforward dealings with all with whom he came in contact.

Let me congratulate the druggists of this province on the noble heritage we have in this great and growing part of our Dominion. We have a future before us, and opportunities such as are not often granted. Since the formation of this association in 1891, only five years ago, our province has developed in a wonderful manner, and yet we are only on the threshold of its development, and with the prosperity of this province goes hand-in-hand the prosperity of the druggists. Let us be worthy of our great opportunities, and bring credit to ourselves and to our country.

Believing that the time has come when others should share in guiding the affairs of the association, let me in, retiring from active service, wish you, one and all, continued health, wealth, and prosperity.

T. M. HENDERSON,
President.

Mr. Seymour moved, and Mr. J. M. Atkins seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the president, which, on being put by the vice-president, was carried unanimously.

Messrs. J. A. Wright and J. A. Te-poorten were then appointed scrutineers of the election, and the sealed ballots were then placed in their hands, which, on examination and count, proved that Messrs. T. E. Atkins, E. H. Hiscocks, and R. G. Macpherson were the elect of the large majority of the members.

It was then moved by Mr. Seymour, seconded by Mr. Ryall, that Messrs. John Reed and W. A. Griffiths be appointed auditors. Carried.

Mr. Thomas Shotbolt then moved the following resolution: Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss sustained by the druggists of this association in the death of the Hon. A. J. Langley, who was the pioneer druggist of the province. This was seconded by Mr. Seymour and carried.

Mr. Seymour spoke referring to the last resolution, and it was agreed to have a copy of the same drafted by the registrar and sent to the family.

Mr. Seymour then referred to the work done by the B.C.R.D.A., explaining its inception. Several of the letters received were read by Mr. Sutherland, all of which were favorable to the object of the association.

Nothing further transpiring, the meet-

ing adjourned to meet in Victoria, in June, 1897.

OFFICERS AND COUNCIL FOR 1896-7.

Officers.—President, T. E. Atkins, Vancouver; vice-president, E. McG. Van Houten, Nanaimo; sec.-treas. registrar, John K. Sutherland, Vancouver.

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Examiners for licentiate of pharmacy examination. John Cochrane, Victoria; T. A. Muir, New Westminster; H. H. Watson, Vancouver.

A Curious and Interesting Experiment.

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