

One More Free Course.

To help the pharmacist in every way is our ambition, and whenever it is possible to put them in the way of benefiting themselves we are anxious to do so. On two different occasions we have been able to offer to those who desired it courses of instruction in optics, free of charge, believing that this line will prove one of the most paying accessories that can be carried on in connection with the drug trade. Now that a movement is on foot to regulate the practice of optical work by legislation, it seems especially desirable that those druggists who can should make an effort to place themselves in a position to command the major portion of the business. We have therefore concluded arrangements with the Optical Institute of Canada for one more course of instruction, to commence on January 18th, 1897. This course will be limited to six students, and will only be open to one druggist in each town where there is no graduate optician. The usual price for this course is \$25, but we give it absolutely free. The only conditions are that the applicant must be of good business standing, be a paid subscriber to the CANADIAN DRUGGIST; that he be entitled to keep a drug store in whatever province he may reside, and that no other graduate optician is in business in the same town. As some difficulty has heretofore been experienced in deciding who should or should not be accepted on account of priority of application, it has been decided that the applications will be entered according to date of the application, so that persons in provinces outside of Ontario will have an equal chance with those living nearer Toronto, and that no application be made earlier than December 1st, so that all druggists may have this journal in time to write us by that date. It is needless to say that those students who have taken the previous courses of instruction have been exceedingly pleased with it, and numbers of them are now making money by this newly-acquired instruction.

Personal.

Many of our readers, especially those who have taken a course of instruction from Mr. Lawrence, will read with interest the following notice, taken from *The Pharmaceutical Journal* (London, Eng.): "Since removing from 13 Oxford street west, to the larger and much more convenient premises at 51 Clerkenwell road,

E.C., Messrs. J. Raphael & Co. have arranged for a series of classes in practical sight-testing and correcting under the direction of Mr. Lionel Laurance, late principal of the Optical Institute of Canada. This gentleman brings from Canada, where the optical trade has been brought to a point of great scientific excellence, credentials of high order, and not only has he the practical knowledge of his profession gained by life-long experience, but he is also possessed of the essential quality, 'tact,' in imparting that knowledge to others."

Death of L. W. Yeomans.

On the morning of Oct. 19th a most disastrous fire took place in the drug store of L. W. Yeomans, Belleville, Ont., in which Mr. Yeomans lost his life.

How the fire originated will never be known, but that it was caused either by an explosion of gas or of an oil lamp seems certain. It appears that Mr. Yeomans left his residence at 4 a.m., telling his wife he wanted to get his men started at work at six o'clock on the unloading of a car of material for the manufacture of Scott's emulsion, he compounding the medicine for the Canadian trade as agents for Messrs. Scott & Bowne, of New York, the proprietors. They were to have started that day on the putting up of the winter supply. Mr. Yeomans usually went to his business before 6 o'clock a.m. He carried the only keys of the premises, and always opened the store. It was discovered that he had been to the barn in rear of the store, fed the horses, and left a lamp burning in the stable.

Fears were at once aroused that Mr. Yeomans had perished in the flames, and when he did not make his appearance at a later hour doubt was changed to certainty. The flames gained rapidly on the firemen, and when it was seen that the store and its contents were doomed they turned their attention to protecting the adjoining buildings. By nine o'clock the magnificent store, which was one of the most elaborate in the city, was completely gutted. The roof fell in about eight o'clock, leaving nothing but the bare and tottering walls standing.

Shortly after eleven o'clock one of the firemen working at the Front street entrance to the store discovered the body of Mr. Yeomans lying in the cellar near the north door. From the position in which the remains were found it is evident that the unfortunate man had rushed to the front of the building with a view to escape through a front cellar window, but was overcome with the smoke, and perished in the attempt. The dead man lay upon his face on the floor, where he had evidently been overcome by the smoke.

Mr. Yeomans was born in Belleville 52 years ago. He commenced his drug career with the firm of Lyman, Elliott & Co., of Toronto, with whom he remained for several years. He started a business in Belleville about 20 years ago, and has

remained in that city ever since. He was a past vice-president of the American Pharmaceutical Association, was for some years a member of the Council of the Ontario College of Pharmacy, and an alderman of his native city.

Mr. Yeomans was a member of Moira Lodge, No. 11, A.F. & A.M., and took a prominent part in educational and religious matters. He leaves a wife, but no family.

Correspondence.

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Cheapening of Alcohol.

Editor CANADIAN DRUGGIST:

DEAR SIR,—We would like to remind your readers of our appeal to them in a previous number for action looking to the cheapening of alcohol.

We understand there will shortly be, in many of the larger towns, a Parliamentary Committee which will take evidence from business men as to the desirability of tariff alteration. This will be a rare opportunity for the druggists to strengthen their cause in this matter.

One or two men in each place, representing the feeling of the druggists of that place, would make the success of the movement secure.

Surely there is enough at stake to justify any man in spending the necessary time to do this much.

It is doubtful if the alcohol manufacturers have the least particle of a pull on the present government, and in that case the amount of influence which can easily be exerted by the drug trade will be ample to secure the boon of justice in this matter.

Ask your member to notify you when the committee is to be in your town, and talk this thing up when your chance comes. It will put dollars in your pocket.

Yours truly,
ANDERSON & NELLES,
London.

Be Wise.

It is not wise to toot other people's horns; to illustrate which the *Buffalo Druggist* tells its readers how a few months ago a certain brand of candy made at Boston was liberally displayed in the show windows of nearly every drug store in Buffalo, and presumably the same was the case in other cities. The drug stores gave that particular candy its great run, which, having been secured, was diverted to grocery and department stores. The same is true of a certain alleged malt extract and a cough cure. The druggists should use this wall and window space to display goods which he markets himself, and which will not be found in department stores.