

given the patient instead of Chloral Hydrate which had been ordered in the prescription. Fortunately, Miss Bernard vomited each of the two doses she took, yet their effects were such as to cause grave fears for the patient's safety, but we are happy to say the lady is now recovering."

THE AMENDMENTS TO THE PHARMACY ACT.

We have again to announce the fact that the Pharmacy Act, together with a large number of measures which the government did not deem of pressing importance, have been laid over until next session. The Bill as read a first time was discussed in detail at the last meeting of the Council and amendments were made to many of the clauses. In order that possible defects may be remedied, or further improvements suggested, we print the Bill as it now stands in the hands of Mr. Striker, who affirms that it shall be introduced at [the very commencement of next session, so that it can be put through before the inevitable press of business at the close. We hope that members of the College will take an interest in the matter and consider carefully and in a friendly spirit the various details of a measure which was designed solely and entirely in their interest, and for the general benefit of the trade.

Editorial Summary.

ADMIXTURE OF WHITE HELLEBORE WITH VALERIAN ROOT.--At a meeting of the British Pharmaceutical Society a paper relating to this subject was read by Professor Bentley. He had made an examination of a parcel of Valerian root which had been sent to him by a druggist who had found an infusion of the root to produce symptoms of poisoning. The sample weighed forty-two ounces, of which thirty-four were true valerian and the remaining eight ounces the rhizome of the white hellebore. Professor Bentley thought that the admixture was accidental, and that the roots had been gathered by persons ignorant of their different natures, and had thus been imported in a mixed condition from the continent of Europe. It was also suggested that bales of veratrum and valerian might have been broken at the docks, and on being repacked their contents had