

his reading should be such as will help him to read. Now if he were to take a copy of the British Pharmacopoeia of 1898 and read the description of any one drug or chemical, would he be able to form an intelligent idea of what the Medical Council wished to arrive at? How many of the rusty ones would not stumble in many places as he reads? The object, then, is to get as much information as possible and certainly to enable the graduating druggist to distinguish between good and bad articles he will have to handle. To detect and explain the many re-actions that take place behind the dispensing counter; to guard against poisonous compositions and to produce as satisfactory a means of administering medicines as is possible. All this cannot be done by purely elementary work; it will take years of study to be ready to give a reason for the many things that daily happen, to the physicians who come to his store. Remember always, the doctor has not the time to devote to pharmacy—he confesses to knowing little about dispensing—but that is the student's business and he should make it profitable for the doctor to leave that matter with him.

I cannot close without warning the apprentice that he must cultivate—if he happens to be without it—a good memory. Never allow the memory to shirk duty. Keep it at the grindstone and it will pay. Memorize everything, but don't be too sure always; know the thing and verify it by his books. Every text book has questions with which he can quiz himself. Try them always.

There is much more I could write about but I must refrain. I hope I have made clear that the lot of an apprentice in British Columbia is as good as anywhere else if he wants to learn, and if I may judge from what this city (Victoria) has produced as druggists I think I have no cause to be alarmed that any of us will be found wanting in the future.

It was moved by J. R. Seymour, seconded by C. Nelson: That a vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. Emery for his valuable paper, and that the same be printed in the annual report. Carried.

Moved by T. M. Henderson, seconded by J. R. Seymour: That the Council be empowered to proceed with amendments to the B.C. Pharmacy Act, if in their opinion the time is opportune. Carried.

Moved by J. R. Seymour, seconded by C. Nelson: That this meeting adjourn to meet in Vancouver in June, 1901. Carried.

JOHN K. SUTHERLAND,  
Secretary.

## Ontario College of Pharmacy.

The semi-annual meeting of the Council of the Ontario College of Pharmacy began on Monday afternoon, August 6, and concluded on Friday. The heat of those five days in Toronto exceeded all records of half a century, and consequently the Council worked under difficulties, but there was no business of great moment to transact beyond matters of routine, and even had there been, the great heat would have effectually prevented contentious debating. As it was, most of the work was done in committee, and the committees met in the basement as far as possible to avoid the heat. The meeting was characterized by the utmost accord, and, aside from the unusual warmth of the atmosphere, was much enjoyed by the members. Those present were W. A. Karn, Woodstock, president; J. F. Roberts, Parkhill, vice-president; W. T. Armour, Hamilton; E. W. Cae, Picton; I. Perry, Toronto; A. J. Davis, Port Perry; W. E. Graham, Ridgeway; J. M. Hargreaves, Paisley; John Hargreaves, Toronto; G. A. Hunter, Sault Ste. Marie; S. Snyder, Waterloo; A. Turner, Orangeville; Henry Waters, Ottawa. President Karn presided at each session.

Upon assembling on Monday afternoon the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, and a number of unimportant communications were submitted, most of them from apprentices, asking that their time be dated back.

The Registrar-Treasurer's report was submitted as follows:—Since the 1st of February, 1900, the following medical practitioners have taken out registration: J. Carruthers, Little Current; A. B. Carscadden, Enterprise; D. A. Coon, Elgin; J. W. F. Ross, Kirkfield; H. S. Clarke, Theoford; G. J. Campbell, Grand Valley; W. D. Ferris, Shallow Lake; R. A. Doles, Stouffville; Wm. Beattie, Parry Harbour; Dr. Ling, Dutton.

The number of applications of apprentices for registration has been 101, a few of whom are in abeyance for the Council to deal with.

The number of renewals issued since Feb. 1st, 1900, was as follows:—1892, 1; 1893, 1; 1894, 1; 1895, 1; 1896, 2; 1897, 2 and 1 at \$2; 1898, 5, and 1 at \$2; 1899, 20, and 20 at \$2 and 1 at \$1; 1900, 685, and 136 at \$2. Total, \$3,189.

Following is the statement of re-

ceipts and disbursements for the last six months ending Aug. 1, 1900:

Receipts—Cash balance, \$34.68; Bank of Commerce balance, \$5,791.04; Bank of Commerce savings dept, \$2,000; Renewal Fees, \$1,935; License Sales Books, \$1.59; Registration Fees, \$40; Lecture Fees, \$290.05; Apprentice Registration Fees, \$101; Diplomas, \$4; Matriculation Fees, \$150; Laboratory Apparatus, \$201.44; Examination Acct., \$136.60; Poison Books, \$7.67; Interest acct., \$52.14; total, \$10,745.21.

Disbursements—Salaries, \$4,393.20; auditors, \$10; deposit fees, \$559.74; postage, \$57.93; supplies, \$440.16; coal, \$210; gas, \$44.91; apparatus and appliances, \$332.97; sundries, \$765.72; water, \$18.59; law acct., \$1.4; infringement acct., \$559.35; council meeting, \$539.30; petty expense acct., \$10.20; McGill and property, \$201.79; library fund, \$5. Cash balance remains of \$2,582.35.

The Registrar's report of the John Roberts scholarship fund showed an amount on hand of \$5,382.98. The report of the examiners was also received and the Council adjourned.

A brief session was held on Tuesday morning at which a report of the By-Laws and Legislation Committee was submitted and approved, dealing with a number of applications of apprentices and students. The afternoon was devoted to committee work, and in the evening the Council took a trolley-car ride by Metropolitan Railway to Newmarket. The trip was cool and refreshing and altogether delightful. After supper at the Queen's Hotel, they returned to the city.

On Wednesday morning another report of the By-Laws and Legislation Committee, dealing with individual matters, was presented.

The Infringement Committee reported that the inspector, Mr. Brown, had examined into fifty-six cases, all of which had been satisfactorily arranged.

The Committee found that there were still many druggists in arrears though the inspector had collected \$160, of which \$150 had been long in arrears. It was recommended that the druggists be notified of the renewal fee by postal card as heretofore.

The Committee regretted to have to re-

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