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Pharmaceutical Association Meetings.

This number is essentially one of reports, no less than four provincial association meetings proceedings being given. These necessarily take up a large proportion of our space and crowd out some of our usual departments. The proceedings of these associations are, however, or should be, of particular interest to pharmacists in the several provinces, whose duty it should be to keep themselves posted as to the acts of their legislators.

Acceptable Legislation.

But few things which have been advocated by members of the Ontario College of Pharmacy could be more acceptable to the drug trade of the Province than those suggested by Messrs. Clark and Petrie at the late Council meeting, to modify the fees payable annually and to take steps to limit the infringements committed through the use of the names of members of the Medical College.

In the first instance, Mr. Clark very reasonably pointed out that the reduction of expenses, heretofore uncontrollable, for matters not purely executive or educational, would enable the College to perform its labors on the basis established for it some time ago as a self-sustaining one; and in the latter instance, Mr. Petrie has not hesitated to call a spade a spade when mentioning the essence of the difficulty he sought to overcome.

There is but little doubt that if those who would like to engage in the practice of pharmacy, in the underhand way spoken of, could have good grounds for expecting leniency on account of the shield they have chosen, the increase in cases of indirect infringement would be startling.

The Infringement Committee, in recommending that power be given them to act energetically in the matter, have once more given hope that they will act without fear or favor in attempting to secure to registered druggists the protection which they feel they are entitled to. The Committee, we are satisfied, will do its duty if druggists who are directly influenced by cases which they know to be violations will only co operate with it in prosecuting, otherwise, in so extended a territory, but little can be done. Those who need the aid should seek it, and, if they don't get it, the blame can be properly attached.

The Prudent Business-man's Guide.

He never overloads stock.

He buys alone what he is sure to sell, and no more than he can pay for.

He gives but little credit, and that gilt-edged.

He keeps his personal credit so that it will secure him best bargains and largest discounts.

He discounts nothing, except a bor-

rower's word, and neither borrows nor lends.

He sticks to business to make it stick to him.

He never joins societies for business purposes, unless they are purely business societies.

He keeps thoroughly posted on the current market reports of interest to his business.

He makes no risks and takes none.

He lives by calculation and thrives on it.

He takes his trade paper and reads it through carefully.

He buys from the man that advertises for he knows he must be a live man.

Process for Distilled Water.

Prof. Atfield has suggested for adoption in the next revision of the British Pharmacopœia the use of potassium permanganate and an alkali in the preparation of distilled water, the idea being to destroy nitrites and to insure the liberation of ammonia. His formula and tests read: Take of water a convenient quantity; place it in a still having an efficient condenser; add to it enough solution of permanganate of potassium, rendered strongly alkaline by caustic potassa, to communicate a permanganate purple tint; distill, and reject the distillate so long as it affords a distinct reaction with the alkaline solution of potassio mercuric iodide; then distill so long as the distillate gives no reaction with the following tests, and collect and preserve it in stoppered glass vessels free from lead. *Tests.* A fluidounce evaporated in a clean glass capsule leaves not more than a scarcely visible residue. In quantities of two or three fluidounces it is not affected by sulphuretted hydrogen either alone or after the addition of ammonia, by oxalate of ammonium, nitrate of silver, chloride of barium, solution of lime, or by a mixture of starch mucilage and iodide of potassium slightly acidified by acetic acid. It should cease to be used when a quantity of two or more fluidounces gives more than a faint yellow coloration with the solution of potassio mercuric iodide.

Dr. Bartholow recommends five to fifteen drops of spirits of Camphor for hysterical flatulence, and for flatulent colic occurring at the change of life.