

members. The report of the Board of Examiners was read at this meeting.

The next meeting was held at Nanaimo on Dec. 13th. Numerous communications received by the secretary were read, and several applications for privileges contrary to the provisions of the Pharmacy Act were declined.

Your Board had directed the solicitors of the association to procure evidence as to the manner in which the provisions of the poison clauses were being carried out by the druggists of the province. The detective employed reported in person at this meeting, and his report showed gross negligence on the part of a few, and carelessness on the part of many, in not following the minor details. Your council hope that a hint to the wise will be sufficient. The solicitors were instructed to prosecute any violators of the Act.

Your council next met in Vancouver on March 12th, all the members being present. The solicitors reported having prosecuted one J. A. McAlpine, a registered druggist, for employing an unqualified man; and also one Lapsley (the unqualified person referred to) for selling poisons; judgment being gained in both cases.

A letter from the Retail Druggists' Association was received at this meeting, and your council passed a resolution strongly sympathizing with the movement.

The next meeting was held this day at New Westminster. Some ninety communications received by the registrar were considered and his replies endorsed.

The registrar notified the council at this meeting of his decision not to accept reappointment.

C. NELSON,
Registrar.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the British Columbia Pharmaceutical Association:

GENTLEMEN,—The report which I have the pleasure of laying before you to-night is in many ways gratifying. The progress we have made shows itself by the increased register and the better feeling of the members as a whole. We cannot say any improvement has been made in the payment of dues, as last year every member of the association had paid up by May 31st. This year several members have neglected to do so, and, I presume, will have to pay the fine before being again placed on the register.

Some fifty members have this year used the ballot, a small decrease on last year. Out of twenty-four members nominated, all but six declined the nomination, some for very good reasons, but many for no other reason than that they decline to give the time to the work.

The total number of licentiates on the register is 71; of these 53 are in business for themselves, and 18 employed as clerks, as follows: Victoria, 19 in business, 11 as clerks; Vancouver, 16 in business, 4 as clerks; New Westminster,

5 in business; Nanaimo, five in business, 1 as clerk; Kamloops, 2 in business; Nelson, 3 in business; Wellington, 2 in business; Kaslo, 1 in business; Vernon, 2 in business.

There are 24 apprentices: Victoria, 5; Vancouver, 8; Nanaimo, 4; New Westminster, 3; Vernon, 1; Kamloops, 1; Kaslo, 1; Nelson, 1.

The examinations, held on the 3rd and 4th of this month, will probably advance some of these to certified clerks, there being four apprentices trying for the minor and one for the major; three candidates are trying for the preliminary.

In retiring from active work in this association, it is not from any feeling of indifference, as I always have had and hope still to feel great interest in the advancement of our pharmaceutical profession and standing, and I hope my successor will receive the unanimous support of the members.

I cannot conclude without here thanking the members of the council and the members of the association at large for the assistance and good-will they have given and shown, in the past three years.

I hope that our association will prosper, not only financially, but to that professional advancement we have been striving to attain.

CHARLES NELSON, registrar.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR CURRENT YEAR, ENDING MAY 31ST, 1896.

Cash Received.

June 1, 1895.	
Balance in hand, Bank of B.C.	\$859 63
To cash, fees annual to March 15.	\$78 00
“ “ examination “	70 00
“ “ poison books.	2 00
“ “ fees annual, 1895-6	434 00
	5 84 00
	\$1443 63

Cash Disbursed.

June 1, 1895.	
By Cash, expenses—council meetings.	184 50
“ Examinations.	45 00
“ Advertising.	12 00
“ Law.	5 00
“ Detective work.	27 50
“ Printing.	55 75
“ B. C. Gazette.	52 50
“ Postages.	5 00
“ P. O. box.	4 00
“ Fees returned.	2 00
“ Registrar.	112 50
“ Deposit on interest Bank of B.C.	400 00
“ Banquet annual meeting	50 00
	955 75

Cash balance. . . . \$487 88
Savings Bank, \$400.00

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

On being called, there was no report from the appointed auditors. The meeting then appointed Messrs. H. McDowell and D. S. Curtis auditors, and adjourned to give them time to examine the books and report.

On resuming, the auditors reported having examined books and accounts and found all correct.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

In the absence of President Henderson, his address was then read by Vice-President Atkins.

To the members of the British Columbia Pharmaceutical Association.

GENTLEMEN,—As has been customary in the past, it becomes my duty as president of this association to address you at the close of another year in its existence.

The registrar, in his report, will, no doubt, give you a faithful account of the duties performed by your council during the year now at its close. This leaves me only a few general points to touch upon. I may say here that this address should, to a great extent, be taken part in by your vice-president, Mr. T. E. Atkins, upon whom many of the duties have devolved, he having been more favorably situated to the registrar, and I would here bear testimony to the faithful manner in which he has fulfilled these duties. Your council have had many perplexing questions to consider and decide, and while their decisions have not been well-pleasing to all concerned, yet they have endeavored to faithfully carry out the provisions of the Act.

Let the members of this association not forget that the council is elected by them to look after the interests of the association as a whole, and, in doing this, should some individual member suffer it is for the general good. I trust that any friction thus caused will cease to be remembered.

As one who from the inception of the B.C.P.A., has done his little best to forward the interests of the druggists of British Columbia, you will bear with me when I ask you not to forget that the Pharmacy Act is yours, not the council's, and that it was obtained after many a hard battle; therefore, instead of putting obstacles in the path of the men you from year to year elect to this board, to look after your interests, let me urge that you give them all the assistance and encouragement you can in the performance of the duties thus assigned to them.

A word as to cutting. Unfortunately, some of our members have thought it to their advantage to engage in this species of—I was about to say warfare—but can only call it folly. Able men have written volumes on this subject, and I will leave it with them, only urging that those of our number who have thus broken from the ranks repent and be forgiven.

You will see from the registrar's report that a test was made of the poison clause of the Act, with results not by any means flattering to the association, but we trust that good results will follow.

We regret that there are not more of our young apprentices presenting themselves for examination. Feeling that this may to some extent be due to a lack of facilities for study, such as are afforded students in the older provinces of the Dominion, your council are taking steps to have a course of lectures delivered in Victoria, in connection with the Bureau of Mines, and also in Vancouver. We trust that the incoming council will find themselves in a position to inaugurate these lectures in the fall of this year.