

## Notes and Queries.

*H. H.—Cookstown.*—The receipt for aniline blue dye, published in the current volume of the journal, page 43, is that to which, we suppose you refer. We have never experienced any difficulty in using such a form, and have always got a good colour. It may be necessary to add, however, that blue is generally dyed in an acid bath. A small quantity of sulphuric acid brightens the color, but any excess is injurious.

With regard to coraline, our experience has been similar to your own, the color produced never being satisfactory. We should be glad to learn the method of applying this dye, as it certainly cannot be used *per se*. An alkaline bath gives a very fine color, but of a very unstable character.

*W. F. Stouffville.*—Your letter came to hand too late to allow of our attending to it this month. Will do so at January meeting.

## Changes.

Messrs. Ross & Martyn have opened the Apothecaries' Hall, Kincardine, with a new stock.

The business carried on for the last twenty-one years by Mr. John Howarth, of Yonge Street, Toronto, has been purchased by his son, Mr. Jas. L. Howarth.

Wm. Fead, Stouffville, has taken his brother, G. S. M. Fead, into partnership. The style of the firm is Wm. Fead & Bro.

Coulter & Son, now carry on the business in Lindsay, formerly Coulter & Chambers. Mr. Coulter, jr., is in charge.

Dr. J. W. Shirley, Walford, recently disposed of his business to Mr. Thomas, who, in turn, sold out to a third party. Mr. Shirley called a meeting of his creditors for a certain day, but in the meantime collected everything possible, and, at the appointed time, was not to be found.

C. W. Grossmith & Co., perfumers, Toronto, have removed from their former place of business to larger and more convenient premises, No. 174 Yonge Street.

Drs. A. C. Lloyd & Sons are about commencing a new business at Stouffville.

A. R. Hildreth has purchased the business formerly carried on by N. A. Wilson, Paisley.

## Trade Report.

Since our last issue, trade has been rather dull, owing no doubt, in a great measure, to the bad state of the roads. Payments have also been far from prompt, or full. We trust that the establishment of winter roads will do away with both these evils.

In our quotations we have few changes to note. Alcohol has advanced five, or six cents; and, from the inadequate means of supply, is likely to maintain its high rate for some time, being hard to get, even at the present high figures. Opium has once more puzzled the shrewdest buyers, having taken an upward turn; it is now held at an advance of two dollars per lb. Quinine remains very firm, with a probability of a further advance. Ergot is quoted very much lower. E. I. Rhubarb is also in favor of the buyer.

In spices we quote Maco and Nutmegs at much higher rates; the former is almost out of market.

In naval stores, turpentine is held at a high price, which combined with the rate of exchange renders it a very unprofitable article for dealers.

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