

mated by the same spirit as was shown by the Hamilton men. Mr. Murchison spoke well and was frequently applauded.

The O. C. P. was the next toast; introduced by the Chairman as the "Head of 'em all." In replying to this, Mr. J. A. Clark, Hamilton, gave a brief sketch of the work of the past two or three years, laying special stress on the favorable terms on which the Council had secured affiliation with the University. The Eaton prosecution was also mentioned and the proposed amendments to the Pharmacy Act were touched on.

Mr. Murchison in reply to a suggestion from Mr. Clark gave a glowing account of the good work done by the professors in the College as evidenced by the knowledge shown by the students at their examinations. According to Mr. M. it is a good thing we passed some time ago.

Mr. Stark gave a humorous reading, "The lost Chord," which pleased immensely.

The President here varied the proceedings by presenting, on behalf of the Association, a gold fountain pen and a handsome gold-headed cane to the retiring Secretary, Mr. J. W. Sutherland.

Mr. Sutherland, although taken by surprise, replied appropriately.

Mr. Robertson next enlivened the company with a reading, which was well received.

Sister Societies drew replies from Mr. R. A. Harrison, Dunnville, representing the Brantford Association, and Mr. Campbell for the T. R. D. A.

Mr. Harrison spoke well for Brantford and related their success in dealing with several differences which had arisen during the past year. He pointed out the advisability of cultivating a friendly feeling amongst the different members of the profession and also urged each member individually to do his utmost to elevate the standard of the trade in his own district.

Mr. Campbell, for Toronto, replied briefly, regretting that the profession there were unable to show such a unanimous spirit as Hamilton, but hoped to be able to give a brighter report at some future time.

The Wholesale Trade was replied to by Mr. McHaffie, of J. Winer & Co., and Mr. Tinling, of A. Wilson & Co. Mr. McHaffie assured the company that the retail trade could always rely on his house giving what assistance it could in protecting the interests of the legitimate trade, but, he plaintively remarked, that same trade had "wiped the floor" with the wholesaler's agreement re discounts, etc.

Mr. Tinling also assured the meeting of their desire to do all in their power to

curtail the patent medicine nuisance and suggested that the retailers refuse to allow their stores to be used as an advertising medium by exposing banners, panels, &c., advertising them.

"The Skipper" was then sung by W. W. Barlow and loudly applauded.

The Ontario Chemical Manufacturing Company was responded to by Mayor Blücher and John A. Clark.

This brought the set toasts to an end, but voluntary toasts, readings and stories filled up what all agreed was one of the pleasantest evenings ever spent by the P. A. H. D.

The company dispersed about one o'clock after singing the National Anthem.

NOTES.

Regrets were received from Mr. John J. Hall, President O. C. P.; W. A. Hargreave, President T. R. D. A.; G. H. Goulding, Secretary B. D. A.; B. W. Donnelly, Ancaster; E. B. Shuttleworth,



INTERIOR OF BRIEN & CO.'S DRUG STORE, ESSEX, ONT.

Tom to; A. Wilson, Geo. Rutherford and Geo. Le Riche, Hamilton.

The Editor of THE CANADIAN DRUGGIST extends his thanks to the Association for their kind invitation to be present, which he would have been, but that circumstances prevented at the last hour.

G. W. Spackman ably filled the vice-chair.

E. B. Shuttleworth's regrets were not received until the morning after the dinner.

W. W. Barlow has a good voice; he will be quite an acquisition to the druggists of Hamilton.

All the druggists of the city were out but two, and one of these was prevented by illness.

Messrs. Wiid, Howell and Case were the Entertainment Committee; they did their work well.

When the heart is bigger than the head there is no need of a pocket-book.

You can gauge a competitor's weakness by the extent of his anger when you ignore him.

Suggested Monopolization of the Bergamot Oil Trade.

The British Consul at Naples is responsible for the statement that "Reggio is the only place in the world where the bergamot tree can be cultivated with profit, and as the essential oil is absolutely necessary for the manufacture of numerous perfumes, medicinal preparations, &c., he is of opinion that it offers a good chance to enterprising English firms to make a highly paying business of it by getting a monopoly of the same. This can be easily done by simply buying up from the producers themselves all the quantity they extract. A work of this kind would, undoubtedly, give back to this product its former price, which, before it passed into the hands of thousands of small traders, who now make a shameful use of it by mixing it with 10 parts of foreign matter, was sold at £1 per every 12 oz. The same might be practised with

regard to lemon juice, which is also, to a great extent, a speciality of this district. The infection of the blight, which last year damaged a considerable number of bergamot trees, having greatly diminished, the crop has been more abundant than the preceding year, and better results are anticipated for the coming season." So far as we can discern the sense of this rather unclassical English, the consul advises a British firm to come to Reggio, and corner the bergamot oil trade. Apart from the question whether

instigation to such doubtful tricks of trade is not beyond the province of a consular report, we question whether any single foreign house which, relying merely upon its capital strength, plunged into a buying-up contest with the "thousands of small traders" would not come out at the little end of the horn. And what proof has the consul for asserting that Reggio is the only place in the world where the bergamot tree can be cultivated? -*Chemist and Druggist.*

IONOZONE.—This is the trivial name conferred on a solution of iodine and ozone by Robin. The iodine is said to be completely taken up and the solution does not respond to any of the usual tests for free iodine. It is well adapted for use as a spray in the treatment of phthisis and forms a reliable antiseptic application for wounds and open surfaces. The well known hygienic value of sea air, laden as it is with ozone and containing traces of iodine, first suggested the employment of iodozone where the advantages of sea air could not be obtained.