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ELECTION OF COUNCIL OF THE ONTARIO COLLEGE.

FEW people seem to be aware that the election of the Council of the Ontario College of Pharmacy takes place this year, and that by June 1st, or thereabouts, the time for nomination will have expired. We have just now—May 29th—telephoned two prominent city druggists, who reply that, so far, they have not had any official notification of the election, and one of them adds that he cares nothing about it, and for all that is accomplished by the Council or the Pharmacy Act they might better be out of existence.

This apathetic state seems to be general, as it is considered by many that the Council have not accomplished any good, and have done as much harm as they are capable of. It is at all events certain that the last two years' term has left the Pharmacy Act in a much weakened condition, while the ill advised, badly directed, but entirely futile and injurious efforts that have been made to obtain legislation, show that the College has entirely lost the confidence of the Government, and, worse still, that of the people. In addition to this, the trade is still divided by faction, and competition by outside and regular dealers has brought about a state of things which is to the last degree deplorable.

When we say that the condition is one of apathy, we are aware that there are exceptions, as that shown by the meeting in District No. 7, reported in this number. But an attendance of ten members, in what may be said to be the chief focus of agitation, after all only proves the truth of the general statement. In this connec-

tion it will doubtless be a source of gratification to many that the present member elect declines a further official connection with the College. In view of the coming election this course, though modest, was perhaps unnecessary, but the act was, nevertheless, a graceful one, and may be regarded as the crowning performance of a short but lively career.

We trust that the electors, who, about the middle of the month, will probably receive their ballot papers, will try to retrieve the fallen fortunes of the institution by the selection of level-headed and intelligent men, who have no personal interests to serve, and who, above all, by fairness, courtesy and kindness, will try to restore and preserve a harmonious relation between the individual members of the trade and their collective interests in the body corporate.

The election will be decided on July 3rd.

The Sale of Liquor for Medicinal Purposes has by a recent enactment of the legislature of Massachusetts been placed in the hands of druggists. The regulation is not similar to that in force in Ontario, where druggists may sell restricted quantities under certain conditions, imposed by the License Act, but the State Board of Pharmacy is really the licensing body. The board has already commenced its work, and many applications for licenses have been received. Over two hundred of these have been rejected, and, to the great disappointment of the drug trade, the view is entertained that six hundred permits will be as many as the State requires. Those who have formerly been disposing of some fifty or sixty pick-me-ups and other tonics during the day, now find that the board considers that three or four sales of liquor during twenty-four hours ought to be sufficient for a drug store doing an average good business, and, if more are made, a legitimate field of inquiry is at once opened up.

A New Vehicle for Pharmacists.—One of our American contemporaries, in speaking of the future of the bicycle, suggests the drug trade as an avenue of distribution. A bicycle department might be added to the drug store, and in this way some compensation might be afforded for the loss of goods which have recently been appropriated by other tradesmen. A path of