

thought to be useless and too soon finds its way among the dead stock, if not a worse fate. The most suitable method of keeping a stock is to have only one size of lense and frame which thus will easily interchange as is frequently required. The sight of each eye being unlike necessitates different strength of lenses. Besides the remaining parts can be used as repairs which are a very profitable source of revenue. In buying, order frames and lenses separately as a considerably saving in price is effected. When special sizes are wished they can be ordered. Above all things avoid an assortment from a variety of makers, who insist upon having special shapes. Such a stock is exceedingly difficult to handle as many numbers require to be restocked and in the event of changing houses a large loss is incurred.

The optician is not free from responsibility and duty. Trusting to his knowledge, the customer confides in him to supply and aid to relieve the inevitable decrease of nature that all things deteriorate with age, or to supply a defect of nature. The comfort, intelligence and happiness of the sufferer is entrusted to the optician, and uneasy must be the head that wilfully overlooks this responsibility for the sake of a few paltry dollars. The optician's duty is not less serious. With increasing civilization errors of eyesight are increasing. The failure to live under proper hygienic conditions, the false ideas and superstitions in relation to eyesight and the lack of proper training of children, both at home and in the school room, demand that the optician shall inculcate the the general public with whom he comes in contact, whether in private or public relations, with the proper methods of training the young, so that as far as as possible the hereditary defects of sight shall be minimized, if not eliminated. There are no callings in life which have not some duties, and the higher the grade of the calling the more serious become the duties. Let all who undertake to supply a present need in our advanced culture shirk no responsibility nor duty.

Mr. Muir illustrated his excellent essay with the aid of diagrams and a case of optical instruments, and at the conclusion of his remarks a warm recognition of the merit of his address was tendered him in the form of an unanimous vote of thanks.

Upon the motion of Vice-President Youmans and Mr. A. B. Petrie, Guelph, a resolution was adopted affirming the necessity of securing a uniform standard throughout the Dominion in the preparation of medicinal compounds and endorsing the action of the Council of the Ontario College of Pharmacy in arranging to meet the Quebec Association in reference to this matter.

The President was appointed to represent the association at the proposed conference to be held in Montreal at a date to be announced.

Treasurer Sherris presented his financial statement, showing a balance to the good of \$14. The report was received, audited and adopted.

The newly adopted constitution provides that the Executive Committee shall nominate the officers at each annual meeting, which nominations shall be approved or otherwise by a ballot of the meeting. Owing to the meagre attendance at this meeting, however, it was thought unwise to hold an election and the pre-

sent management was consequently re-elected unanimously upon the motion of Messrs. Wilson (Cobourg), and Petrie (Guelph). They will continue in office until the adjourned meeting subsequently decided upon.

Some discussion took place upon the advisability of continuing the sessions of the meeting that evening and the following day as originally arranged and advertised, but it was finally agreed to terminate the proceedings and adjourn until February next, when the Association will be called together during the week of the semi-annual meeting of the Council of the College of Pharmacy.

The meeting then adjourned.

International Pharmaceutical Congress.

The seventh International Pharmaceutical Congress was convened in Chicago, August 21st. The attendance was large and thoroughly representative, delegates being present from all parts of Europe, Australia and Canada, together with a large representation from the various State Pharmaceutical Associations and Colleges of Pharmacy of the United States. The following accredited delegates were present:

Belgium—Dr. M. E. Ramlot, of Brussels, representing the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Brussels and the Pharmaceutical Society of Antwerp. Austria—Karl Fischer, representing the Deutsche Apotheker Association. Great Britain—Michael Carteighe, Wm. Martindale and N. H. Martin, of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain. Sweden—Morten Neygaard, Swedish Apothecaries' Association of Christiania. Canada—L. W. Youmans and J. J. Hall, of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ontario. E. Muir, S. Lachance and J. E. Morrison, of the Montreal College of Pharmacy. Australia—Thos. Ingham, of the Pharmaceutical Society of Queensland.

Visitors from foreign countries, not accredited delegates: Dr. Leo Egger, Vienna, Austria; M. Danielson, Stockholm, Sweden; Dr. M. E. Ramlot, Brussels.

An interesting feature of the meeting was the discussion and the desirability of the preparation of an international Pharmacopœia for potent remedies, resulting in the unanimous adoption of the following resolution which was submitted by Mr. S. A. D. Sheppard, of Massachusetts.

"Resolved, that a commission be employed by this Congress to compile and publish an international pharmacopœia, that this committee should consist of one representative from each of the various countries represented in this Congress and from such other countries as may hereafter be determined.

"Resolved, that a committee of five of whom the president of the Congress shall be chairman, now chosen, and that said committee shall decide what other countries besides those here represented shall be invited to join in the work. The committee shall also determine how the members of the committee shall be appointed.

Resolved, that this Congress accept the offer of the American Pharmaceutical Association of the sum of one thousand dollars to help defray the expense of compil-

ing, publishing and distributing an international pharmacopœia."

The Hanbury Gold Medal awarded under the auspices of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain to Prof. J. M. Maisch, of Philadelphia, was presented to Prof. Remington for transmission to Prof. Maisch, who was prevented by severe illness from being present. The following were elected as officers of the Congress:

President, Jos. P. Remington, of Philadelphia. Vice-presidents: Austria, Karl Fischer; Belgium, M. E. Ramlot; Canada, L. W. Youmans; Great Britain, Michael Carteighe, N. H. Martin and Wm Martindale; Sweden, Norway, Morten Neygaard; Australia, Thomas Ingham; A. E. Ebert, Chicago; Dr. Rice, New York; L. E. Sayre, Kansas; S. A. D. Sheppard, Massachusetts; W. S. Thompson, of the District of Columbia; E. L. Patch, of Massachusetts; secretary, Oscar Oldberg, of Chicago; vice-secretaries, S. Lachance, of Canada; T. P. Fennel, Cincinnati; M. E. Breslin, of Louisiana.

The committee's report was accepted.

American Pharmaceutical Association.

The forty-first annual meeting of this Association was held in Chicago, commencing Aug. 14th, with an attendance of between 300 and 400 members. On account of the serious illness of the permanent secretary, Prof. M. Maisch, of Philadelphia, Dr. H. M. Whelpley, of St. Louis, was appointed secretary *pro tem*. Delegates were present from Austria, Germany, Sweden, Canada and Great Britain, the latter country being represented by Prof. Carteighe, of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, and Messrs. Martindale, Preston and Martin, of the British Pharmaceutical Conference. The next meeting will be held in September, 1894 at Asheville, N. C. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, E. L. Patch, Boston; first vice-president, Leo Eliel, South Bend, Indiana; second vice-president, Prof. Caspari, Baltimore; third vice-president, Dr. Rogers, Louisville, Kentucky; treasurer, S. A. D. Sheppard, Boston; secretary, John M. Maisch, Philadelphia; recorder progress of Pharmacy, Dr. Kramer, of Brooklyn, New York; members of Council, Prof. C. Lewis Deihl, Louisville, Kentucky; Charles M. Ford, Denver, Colorado; M. Alpers, Bayonne, New Jersey.

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