

CHEMIST AND DRUGGISTS' IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY OF LONDON, ONT.

This association is composed of assistants and apprentices residing in London, and has just completed the second year of its existence. We understand that, during this period, it has been instrumental in accomplishing much towards the advancement of knowledge amongst its members. Regular meetings have been held throughout the winter season, and systematic courses of study taken up. The principle adopted has been that of mutual assistance, and most of the work has been performed by the unaided exertions of the students themselves.

It gives us much pleasure to call attention to this rising association, not only as providing means for the better education of our young members, but as being almost the sole representative of the system of local organizations which was inaugurated and provided for by the College. It will be remembered that the Council strongly recommended the formation of these societies and granted to each a sum of money, the amount of which was to be determined by the number of students regularly attending a course of lectures, extending over a period of six months. It is somewhat strange, and in no wise creditable, that with two exceptions, the aid thus extended has not been taken advantage of. There are, however, still some persons to be found who refuse to pay their annual dues, or contribute with as grudging a hand as if they were compelled to assist an imposition, endeavoring to justify themselves by the allegation that whatever pecuniary benefits accrue from connection with the college are reaped by those who reside in this city. It would be vastly more consistent if those who hold these opinions would put their shoulders to the wheel and by a trifling effort perform the labor necessary to entitle them to claim, on behalf of their local interests, a share in the general distribution of funds. The assistants and apprentices of London have set the example, and we are well assured that the Council would only be too glad to respond to similar claims from every town in the province, provided their resources were equal to the demand.

From a letter we have received from Mr. Jos. Williams, Secretary of the London society, we learn that the average attendance at the classes in chemistry and materia medica was nine and a half. The