

proprietary medicines, except as in this article provided.

2. If there is any reason to apprehend that any such medicine contains any poison mentioned in Schedule A to this act in such a quantity as renders the use of the said medicine, in the doses prescribed, dangerous to health or life, the Board of Health of the Province of Quebec may cause an analysis of such medicine to be made by an analyst or other competent person approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

3. If on such analysis it is reported by such analyst or other person that such patent or proprietary medicine does contain any of the said poisons in such a quantity as renders its use, in the doses prescribed, dangerous to health or life, the said Board shall give notice to the manufacturer or proprietor of such medicine, or to his agent, or representative in this Province, of the result of such analysis, and in that case shall name a convenient time and place at which the manufacturer or proprietor may be heard before the said Board, in opposition to the said report.

4. If the Board is of opinion that the said medicine is, in the doses prescribed, dangerous as aforesaid, the said Board shall report its opinion to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and the report shall be subject to appeal to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

5. The Board shall submit to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council the report of the analysis and the objections, if any, made to the same by the manufacturer or proprietor, together with the report of the Board thereon, and if the Lieutenant-Governor in Council approves of the report of the Board, notice thereof shall be given in the *Quebec Official Gazette* and after such notice, the provisions of this act with regard to poisons shall apply to such medicine, whether sold by persons registered in pursuance of this act or by other."

#### "Holy Angels."

We have just received from the publishers a copy of the above-named beautiful Religious Reverie, suitable for piano or organ, composed by George D. Wilson. The retail price of this piece of music is 60 cents.

All readers of our paper will receive a copy of it, by sending 25 cents in silver, or postage stamps, to the Union Mutual Music and Novelty Co., 20 East 14th street, New York.

#### Poisons Regulations of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.

The following regulations for the keeping, dispensing and selling of such poisons as may from time to time be prescribed by the Pharmaceutical Society have been adopted, and received the sanction of the Privy Council of Great Britain:

"1. That in the keeping of poisons, each bottle, vessel, box or package containing a poison be labelled with the name of the article, and also with some distinctive mark indicating that it contains poison.

"2. Also that in the keeping of poisons, each poison be kept on one or other of the following systems, viz.:

"(a) In a bottle or vessel tied over, capped, locked or otherwise secured in a manner different from that in which bottles or vessels containing ordinary articles are secured in the same warehouse, shop or dispensary; or

"(b) In a bottle or vessel rendered distinguishable by touch from the bottles or vessels in which ordinary articles are kept in the same warehouse, shop or dispensary; or

"(c) In a bottle, vessel, box or package kept in a room or cupboard set apart for dangerous articles.

"3. That in the dispensing and selling of poisons, all liniments, embrocations and lotions containing poison be sent out in bottles rendered distinguishable by touch from ordinary medicine bottles, and that there also be affixed to each such bottle (in addition to the name of the article, and to any particular instructions for its use) a label giving notice that the contents of the bottle are not to be taken internally."

#### Mr. Bletcher Injured.

While Mr. Bletcher, lecturer in the Pharmaceutical College, was mixing some chemicals in Pulford's drug store, Winnipeg, March 9th, an explosion occurred, with the result that Mr. Bletcher was badly burned about the face and one of his hands. A doctor was called, and after dressing the injuries Mr. Bletcher was removed to the General Hospital. His burns are of a superficial nature, and it is hoped that no permanent disfigurement will result. The building took fire from the explosion, but was extinguished before very much damage had been done.

#### Pharmacy in South Africa.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Since I last wrote I have had the opportunity of looking into matters pharmaceutical, as they are to be seen to day, more closely. I have met and conversed with the secretary of the Colonial Pharmacy Board, an all important official it may be said, the secretary of the Pharmaceutical Society of Cape Colony, and further I have revisited the Eastern Province with a view to gaining, if possible, a clearer conception of the men who are in reality the "business" of the Colony. There is a deal of difference between East and West, as much as between the personality of the average city man of Toronto and the same in London, England. In the West they are autocratic, almost unbearably so; to the East you find them the most hospitable of men, and they are especially kind to strangers within their gates. Next to Rhodesians proper they rank nearer to the Canadian than any other people I have met.

Before leaving Cape Town I received an invitation to attend a special meeting of the Pharmaceutical, convened for the purpose of discussing the then proposed amendments to the Cape Pharmacy Act, 1891, an invitation I may say which I accepted more out of curiosity than anything else. From the first I failed to see the *modus operandi*, but it seemed to be a colossal palaver in which everyone gave vent to his personal grievances just when it struck him to do so, leaving the business of the meeting to go to pot. The clause for discussion was the famous patent medicine one, which provided for proprietary medicines of all kinds to the extent of carrying their formulas on the container under fine of \$250. One patent medicine proprietor favored the scheme, for, as he pointed out, the sale of nostrums would stop, until somebody caught the idea and asked him as to his own. He had forgotten the effect it would have on his business. No doubt an hour later he could have been seen denouncing the measure for all he was worth. At the end of two hours no end was visible so I withdrew.

A word about this bill may not be out of place here. Thanks to the British proprietor it did not go through, or even get placed before the House, but not a single protest, as far as I can learn, was lodged by either Canadian or American firm doing a proprietary business in this country.