

## LECTURE COMMITTEE ACCOUNT.

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| Balance from last committee ..... | \$ 96 07 |
| 1895.                             |          |
| Nov.—12 students at \$3 each..... | 36 00    |
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|                                   | \$132 07 |

*Paid.*

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| 1895.                                      |          |
| Nov. 7th— <i>Sun</i> advertisement.....    | \$ 2 50  |
| “ 7th— <i>Tel. graph</i> advertisement.... | 3 00     |
| “ 7th— <i>Globe</i> advertisement.....     | 3 50     |
| “ 7th—Coal.....                            | 55       |
| 1896.                                      |          |
| March 9th—Coal.....                        | 55       |
| June—Postage.....                          | 20       |
| “—Care of room.....                        | 3 00     |
| “—Lecturer.....                            | 49 00    |
| “—Chemicals, per bill.....                 | 23 00    |
| “—Chemicals (W.H.M.).....                  | 3 10     |
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| Total.....                                 | \$ 79 40 |
| Balance on hand.....                       | \$ 52 67 |

The account of the Lecture Committee with the vouchers has been examined by the auditors and found correct. It shows an expenditure of \$79.40 and receipts of \$36 for the last course of lectures. They have been enabled to meet this by the previous balance on hand of \$96.07, leaving for future purposes a balance now on hand of \$52.67.

C. P. CLARKE, 1 Auditors.  
H. L. GAUTIER, 1

June 23rd, 1896.

It was moved by Mr. R. W. McCarty, seconded by Mr. Clinton Brown, that report of Lecture Committee and auditors' report be received and entered in the minutes. Carried.

## ELECTION OF COUNCIL.

The following nominations were made: F. R. Wren, Clinton Brown, J. M. Wiley, W. H. Clark, W. H. Mowatt, M. V. Paddock, E. A. Cockburn, R. E. Coupe, C. Walter Clarke, H. J. Dick, Struan Robertson, T. A. Crockett, Chas. F. Wade, J. D. B. Mackenzie, Geo. A. Moore, J. Sutton Clarke, R. W. McCarty, Chas. W. Parker, C. T. Nevins. Balloting was next in order, and Messrs. S. McDiarmid and R. E. Coupe were appointed scrutineers. The ballots being collected and counted, the following were declared elected for the ensuing year: Messrs. M. V. Paddock, Chas. W. Parker, Struan Robertson, R. E. Coupe, C. Walter Clarke, W. H. Mowatt, H. J. Dick, Thos. Crockett, R. W. McCarty, F. R. Wren, Clinton Brown. Messrs. C. F. Wade and John M. Wiley having received an equal number of votes, a second ballot was taken, and Mr. Wiley was elected.

The retiring president then addressed the members as follows:

Gentlemen of the Pharmaceutical Society

On looking over the by-laws of the act of incorporation of this society, I find the duties of the president stated to be, that he shall preside at the meetings of the society and council, have the custody of the seal, sign certificates of membership, diplomas, etc. This comprises the written duty; but there is, I take it,

a larger and more important unwritten duty or obligation which the president owes the society—a duty he owes in common with the members, differing only in degree, it being manifestly the duty of the president to make a more strenuous effort and keep a more watchful eye over the interests of the body over which he is elected to preside. Whilst attempting to keep this object in view, and at the same time to be as concise as possible and take up as little as possible of your valuable time, I will bring before you a short review of the past year, and endeavor to direct your attention to what I consider to be the interests of the society for the coming term.

You have learned from the reports of the secretary, registrar, and treasurer how the affairs of the society stand. You have noted in the secretary's report that we held only one examination last year, there being an insufficient number of candidates in January. I might here direct your attention to the fact that the balance in the bank is, in consequence, from \$60 to \$70 larger than it otherwise would have been, and I would suggest that it would lessen the cost of running the society if members would use their influence to induce their clerks to come up for examination in June. The larger part of the expenses of this society is the cost of holding examinations. Twelve candidates in June can be examined for just one-half the cost of six in June and six in January. You have also heard the report of the lecture committee. The result in the number taking the course was rather disappointing. The facilities for an instructive course of lectures on chemistry were provided at a very small cost, but many of the young men apparently did not think it worth while to avail themselves of the opportunity, preferring when the time comes around to run their chance of scrambling through the examination as best they may; under these circumstances it cannot be a matter for surprise if young men who will not make use of opportunities like these should fail when they come up for examination. Those who did take the course have profited very materially by the instruction gained therein.

Since last June a change has been made in the N.B. Liquor License Act, which, although it contains some changes of importance to liquor dealers, does not materially affect the druggist, the regulations, as far as they are concerned, being very similar to the old act, the druggist being required in the new act, as in the old, to keep a record of liquors sold, a prescription being required for any quantity larger than six ounces. Members will find the poison register useful in this respect; the liquor may be entered under name and quantity of poison sold. The affairs of the society seem to be running smoothly, and the delinquents fewer than ever before. Occasionally complaints come from members that they would like to know what we are doing; of course, it

may be said that they might attend the annual meeting and find out; but there are two classes, some who will not attend, and some whose circumstances are such that they cannot, and for the benefit of this latter I would suggest that the secretary should make his report of the annual meeting as full as possible, and the report should be printed each year. One year the report was printed, and, through the kindness of the publisher of *THE CANADIAN DRUGGIST*, the printing cost the society nothing but expense of mailing. It certainly does not seem unreasonable that parties so situated that they cannot attend these meetings should wish to know what we are doing, and that the sending to them a report of the proceedings would be no more than their due.

The druggists generally throughout the province seems to be holding their own, and the times are fairly prosperous with the most of us, but, while, as a matter of fact, there is hardly any retail business, so much what the proprietor himself chooses to make it as the retail drug business we must not allow ourselves to lose sight of the fact that as far as human foresight can judge in the future, the lot of the retail druggist in the cities will be no exception to that of other retail trades. The department store, that huge octopus whose feelers seem to reach out to the ends of the earth, and into which a process of evolution seems to be changing our most successful dry goods establishments, is not any more likely to respect the retail drug trade in New Brunswick than in any part of the world, and the fact that we have been free from them in the past is no criterion that this state of things will continue, and although this subject does not perhaps come within the exact scope of this society, still, as it pertains very much to the interests of us all, I may be permitted on this occasion, when we are met together, to make a few remarks. To the historian of the future, looking back to the latter part of the nineteenth century, one of the most noticeable points will be the sudden breaking away from old methods, methods of doing business, methods of thought, locomotion, specialization in the sciences, greater educational facilities in all branches, a grand broadening and widening of all the arena of life, and all this is going on amidst the keenest competition. The very facilities of education, so much greater than they were when some of us left school, have served to increase the competition. It is eminently an age of the survival of the fittest; man cannot stand still, he must move with the current, or be left stranded. The individual himself has no say in the matter; borne on by the resistless current, he must work, and compete, and strive, must make his prices as low as the lowest, be it either his neighbor, a druggist on the next corner, or the large department store five blocks away. In no line of business has the change been greater than in the retail drug trade; cut into on all sides, the future at times looks most