

I have the honor to be, gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
M. G. BLANCHARD, Registrar.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Of Cash Received and Disbursed for the Year
Ending April 30th, 1893.

CASH RECEIVED.

Balance as per last statement	.. \$153 45
Registration fees	.. 598 03
Discount on cheques	.. 25
Examination fees	.. 24 00
Fines	.. 5 00
	—————\$780 70

CASH DISBURSED.

Stationery, postage, P. O. orders, &c.	.. \$ 17 65
Printing	.. 43 00
Refunded fees	.. 15 00
Solicitor's fees	.. 30 00
Expense of Council Meetings	.. 121 75
Secretary's salary from Feb. 27, '92, to April 9, '93	.. 153 60
Examiner's fees	.. 20 00
Examiner's expenses	.. 17 75
Advertising	.. 50 25
	—————\$172 00

Balance on hand May 1st .. \$308 70

M. G. BLANCHARD, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

J. N. HENDERSON.

These reports were then adopted with that of the auditor, after which the President, Mr. Shotbolt, read his annual address, which was as follows:—

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

GENTLEMEN:—

"How good it is for brethren to dwell together in unity?" If I were about to impose a sermon upon you this evening instead of a simple Chairman's speech, such a text as I have quoted would be very fitting to the occasion. We meet here on our third anniversary as a Pharmaceutical Association, and are able to look back over the year with pleasurable emotion, knowing as we do that there has been nothing to disturb the unity of feeling we all so much love. I have the honor, gentlemen, to be addressing you for a third time as a pharmaceutical body, and personally, I can say that my connection with you has been most enjoyable.

Druggists are not generally the most mirthful of humanity, but we are not the saddest. We have to deal with all classes, and there is a saddening influence often experienced as we meet with sin and degradation in its many hideous forms. This should rather elevate our moral status than otherwise, and make us the nobler and stronger to resist the evils of which we know so well the result. This may savor of an apology for our matter-of-factness; take it so, if you will, for such is the spirit in which it is given.

Well, gentlemen, we have met to review and close up another year of the history of the British Columbia Pharmaceutical Association, and then we will anew take up the burdens and responsibilities of another twelve months with operators strong with the determination of making good, clean records right along. As an association, we are flourishing; the Pharmacy Act has proved itself a *magnum bonum* indeed, and it is with unmingled satisfaction that we say there has not been one well-grounded complaint since

our incorporation. No one can say, with truthfulness, that the officers of this association have been either severe or lenient with its members. We have endeavored always to give an unbiased interpretation of the law, and if we have erred at all (and that is possible), we may have done so in neglecting to exercise all the power given to us as an association.

There is always more or less difficulty in getting things into running shape with every society while in its incipency. The machinery is new, and it is liable to get out of order; but, with well-directed skill, things are soon set right, and run along merrily.

Our infant society is safely through the teething stage of its existence, and has long since been taking strong meats. We are growing numerically, too. As cities and towns are incorporated, we step gallantly forward and take the "struggling druggists" under our protecting care, *volens volens*, for a consideration; and as these towns are growing up apace throughout this extensive Province, we shall soon be in a position to take equal standing with any sister association.

Regular meetings of the Council have been held at the appointed places, but these call for no special mention from me, as our Registrar-Treasurer will give you a report of the whole business transacted. A change in our seal was rendered necessary by the law forbidding the use of the Provincial seal, and we have made an alteration which, in my opinion, is an improvement on the Provincial. Those of you who have religiously paid your annual fee will have seen it, and those who have not remain in well-merited ignorance. So much for the work since last June.

As each year in the history of this association has found us further advanced, so we must continue to profit by experience and let progression be our motto, for we cannot, and will not, go back.

At the recent Council meeting, I pointed out the necessity of devising some means to prevent young hopefuls evading our examinations. Why should we be such ogres in the eyes of aspirants to pharmacy, I am at a loss to say, but it seems that the Examining Boards of neighboring States have charms irresistible to young British Columbians.

This has got to stop, gentlemen. It is unfair for a young man who has served apprenticeship here to slip over and take an examination in a foreign country and expect the association to register him on the certificate thus obtained. A by-law such as I intend to frame will have, I think, the desired result and be perfectly in sympathy with the Pharmacy Act.

I also think you will agree with me, that our Examining Board should have power given them to reject any certificate of examination which does not furnish evidence of the applicant having passed in all subjects and of equal standing to that set by our own by-laws. There is no desire on the part of any to place obstacles in the way of a young man entering the profession. Personally I would

use every means in my power to assist him, but it is desirable that he should enter the profession with at least some assurance of ultimate success. We desire to raise the standard each successive year, and to keep our profession among the first ranks of skilled labor. I wish that this meeting were more representative, so that all druggists of the Province could take part in the discussion I would like to hear on this subject. I trust, however, something will be done to remedy these defects as I see them.

I need not tell you that business is dull throughout the country, and that we druggists feel the strain with the rest. It is an encouraging fact, that so far, we have all managed to keep above water, and no assignment in the drug trade is likely to be made in British Columbia. Attention to business and careful cutting of the cloth—not prices—will tide us over the depression, and the future may yet bring us prosperity.

I cannot conclude without a good word for our Registrar, who has worked well during the year, and has been my valuable ally on many occasions. I trust he will see his way clear to continue in office and help along the cause of Pharmacy. I wish you all success and health to enjoy it, and I hope that when we meet again we shall have cause to congratulate each other upon the improved condition of affairs.

Mr. Nelson moved, and Mr. Watson seconded that a vote of thanks be tendered President Shotbolt for his kind and able address. Carried unanimously.

The next order of business being the election of three members to fill the vacancies on the Council from the retirement of Messrs. Shotbolt, McDowell and Pimbury, whose time expired.

The President appointed Messrs. Hill and Seymour as scrutineers, who having counted the ballots, announced that Messrs. Shotbolt, Cochrane and McDowell had been elected.

The President declared them elected, and, on being called on, thanked the members for their confidence in re-electing him.

On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered the retiring councillors.

Messrs. McPherson, Watson, Nelson, Henderson, Seymour and others spoke on the ways and means to get more members to use their vote and show a greater interest in the welfare of the Association.

Mr. Watson moved, and Mr. Reed seconded, that the Registrar, in sending out the ballots for the next election, insert a slip asking all to vote, and also to send a stamped envelope marked "ballot" and addressed to the Secretary. Carried.

OFFICERS, COUNCIL AND EXAMINERS.

The following are the Officers and Council of the Association for 1893-94:—President, H. McDowell, Vancouver; Vice-Pres., T. M. Henderson, Victoria; Sec.-Treas.-Registrar, Chas. Nelson, Vancouver. Council—Thos. Shotbolt, T. M. Henderson, J. Cochrane, of Victoria; H. McDowell, T. E. Atkins, of Vancouver; D. S. Curtis, New Westminster. Examiners—T. M. Henderson, Victoria; Chas. Nelson, H. H. Watson, of Vancouver.