

THE OPIUM CROP.

From advices received from the Smyrna correspondent of the *Philadelphia Drug Exchange Circular*, No. 46, it appears that there is little probability that the price of opium will decline during the year, but rather the reverse. The amount of old opium held by Eastern dealers, or scattered in the interior of the country, amounts to about 3000 baskets or cases, while the new crop will not exceed 3,300 baskets. The principal dealer at Smyrna holds about one-third of the entire crop, and, it is said will hold on for high prices. Dealers generally are on the look out for a rise, and the market is very firm. Additional color is given to the speculations of dealers by the fact of the absence of rain, which, if continued, will materially affect the sowings for the next crop. The last report from Smyrna says "our market closes very firm with prospects of no lower prices until next spring."

THE COUNCIL MEETING AND EXAMINATIONS.

The semi-annual examinations will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 6th and 7th, in the Lecture Room, Shaftesbury Hall, and from present indications will be more largely attended than ever before, as fifty-three candidates have already signified their intention of being present.

The Council will meet, as required by law, on Wednesday, but as a quorum of city members can be obtained, will at once adjourn until next day, when the examinations will have concluded.

CORROSIVE LINIMENT.—In answer to a query published last month, we have received from a number of correspondents communications in which they substantially agree on the following formula :

Corrosive sublimate.....	1 ounce.
Camphor.....	1 "
Oil of turpentine	1 pint.

Powder the sublimate very finely, and gradually add the turpentine with constant trituration, in a mortar. Pour the mixture into a bottle, add the camphor, powdered, and mix well. The liniment must be shaken before it is used. It is employed for spavin, ring-bone, and almost all sorts of cuts, bruises, and ailments of horses. It is applied externally only, of course. The liniment is said to improve by age.—*Druggists' Circular*.