

Pharmaceutical Department.

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THE PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

A Word to the Licentiate—the Late Mr. Hawkes— —New Members of the Council.

The annual meeting of the Pharmaceutical Association of the Province of Quebec was held in the lecture rooms, No. 628 Lagauchetière street, Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock, Mr. Manson, 1st Vice-President, in the chair. The chairman announced at the opening of the meeting that he had received a letter from Mr. Edmond Giroux, of Quebec, the President, expressing his regret that business of great importance prevented his being present.

The minutes of the last annual meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary read the annual report of the Council and Treasurer's statement. Mr. Mercer, in moving the adoption of the report, spoke of the singular want of interest in the working of the Association taken by the Licentiate in Pharmacy; however, in Montreal it was not confined to pharmacists, for in the working of most colleges and societies the responsibility and labor was generally thrown upon a few. This was not what it should be, and pharmacists should meet together at their annual meeting and examine and criticise the acts of their council; at all events it would not be much inconvenience to them to attend one general annual meeting, if it were for no other purpose than to thank the members of council for their onerous and gratuitous services during the year. The usual motions having been passed, a vote of condolence with the family of the late Mr. Hawkes was proposed by Mr. Kerry and seconded by Mr. Dyer.

Mr. Manson, 1st Vice-President, delivered an interesting address, congratulating the Association on its flourishing financial condition, and giving a *resumé* of the work of the Examining Board; how it had gradually raised the standard of the examinations to its present satisfactory position. The Association might well feel proud of its licentiate, and he was quite confident that they would compare favorably with those of any pharmaceutical body in America. He announced that the next examination would be held in Laval University, Quebec, on the 19th and 20th inst., and concluded by proposing a vote of thanks to the rector of Laval for his courtesy in annually permitting the use of the magnificent halls of that institution by the Board of Examiners.

The election of eight new members of council to replace the eight retiring members then took place, with the following result: Henry R. Gray, J. D. L. Ambrosse, Nathan Mercer, Alex. Manson, H. F. Jackson, Edmond Giroux, Roderick McLeod and E. Muir—which with the following who remain in office form the council for the coming year: John Kerry, W. E. Brunet, T. J. Tuck and Henry Lyman. Mr. David Watson and Mr. C. M. DesIslets were elected auditors.

The newly-elected board met on the 15th June, when the following officers and Board of Examiners were elected for the ensuing year: Alex. Manson, President; H. F. Jackson, 1st Vice-President; Roderick McLeod (Quebec) 2nd Vice-President; John Kerry, Treasurer; E. Muir, Registrar and Secretary.

Board of Examiners, J. B. Martel, Roderick McLeod, Quebec, Alex. Manson, H. F. Jackson, J. D. L. Ambrosse, H. R. Gray, N. Mercer.

PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

The Board of Examiners of this Association sat at Quebec on the 19th and 20th of June, 1879, in Laval University which, by the courtesy of the respected Rector, had been placed at the disposal of the Board, the members of the Board present being Messrs. N. Mercer, H. R. Gray, J. D. L. Ambrosse, A. Manson, J. B. Martel and R. McLeod. The examinations were written and oral, with practical dispensing at the counter. The candidates were put through a very rigid examination, and the majority of those passing did so very creditably. We give below the names of the successful candidates in their order of merit, namely:

W. J. B. Brunet as Licentiate in Pharmacy, Henry Vernier, L. R. Renaud, A. P. Papin, J. O. Benett, jun., and J. C. Dorion, as certified clerks; and George Triggett, Léon Gingras and Joseph E. Giroux, as certified apprentices. These gentlemen having successfully passed their several examinations, the Registrar was authorized to place their names on the register of the Association.

The Board, after concluding their labours, conveyed to the Rev. Mr. Hamel, Rector of Laval, their thanks for the use of the rooms.

GURJUN BALSAM IN GONORRHOEA.—*Journal de Médecine, December, 1877.*—M. Vidal is the first in France who has studied the applications of this new remedy, whose remarkable properties will certainly bring it into use speedily. It is obtained from several resinous trees in the Indian Archipelago, is very abundant, and the price is moderate.

Gurjun balsam has been successfully employed for leprosy by several English physicians in India, and Vidal has also had good results from its use in the Hôpital Saint Louis. But it is especially in gonorrhoea that it renders the greatest service. M. Deval, a student of Vidal, gives ten cases as proof of its value, and his testimony is corroborated by Maurice and others. The duration of treatment varied from ten to twenty days, the duration being shorter in proportion as the patient had passed the inflammatory stage. Vidal's formula is:

Gurjun balsam (wood oil),
Acacia, aa 4 grammes.

Infusion of anise seed, 40 “

To be taken before meals. It was not necessary to