

Virginia, three of the O. C. P. 1893 boys headed the list.

C. E. Brennan, Phm. B., O. C. P., class 1893, is located in Brooklyn, N. Y., and is not obliged to work on Sunday.

J. M. Spencer, Phm. B., medallist O. C. P., class 1893, is preparing to enter the study of medicine during the coming winter.

Walter B. Scott, Phm. B., a recent graduate of O. C. P., will also study medicine. It is expected that he will make further investigations as to the correct chemical composition of CH₁₁, and perhaps overthrow the theory advanced by no less an authority than Rowland, the noted analytical chemist and investigator of artificial foods.

N. T. McLean, Phm. B., of the class of 1893, is employed by the Balton Drug Co., Brooklyn, N. Y., as head dispenser.

W. E. Farries, class of 1893, and recently of Kirby Bros., Ottawa, has secured a very desirable position in New York city. He writes: "They don't work me to death here either as I was lead to suppose they would."

J. W. Reed, Phm. B., medallist of class of 1893, who is also following his profession in New York city, thinks seriously of beginning the study of medicine.

R. E. Strong, Phm. B., class of 1893, who has been in the employ of Dyer & Co., Montreal, ever since his graduation, has been visiting in this Province. He reports that eight of his classmates are employed in that city.

V. Mundy, Phm. B., and R. S. McCuen, both of the class of 1893, are very much pleased with their recently acquired positions in New York city.

British Columbia Pharmacoutical Association.

The following circular has been issued by the Secretary Registrar of the B. C. Association:

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 26, 1891.

DEAR SIR,—Enclosed you will find voting paper; the election is for three members to fill the vacancies caused by the retirement of D. S. Curtis, New Westminster, T. M. Henderson, Victoria, and T. E. Atkins, Vancouver. You will take notice that D. S. Curtis declines to stand for re-election, the members who do not retire this year are Thos. Shotbolt and John Cochran, Victoria, H. McDowell, Vancouver.

The following, who were nominated, decline to stand for election. Messrs. Geo. Chadwick, D. E. Campbell, Jos. H. Emery, E. S. Hiscocks, J. A. Tepoorten, J. L. White, J. Andrews, E. Pimbury, Charles Nelson, H. Rogers, J. R. Seymour, J. M. Atkins, H. H. Watson, J. F. Jaack, H. Ryall, Geo. T. Burnett, S. A. Muir, and S. Clarke, M. D. It is very desirable that every member should vote, and without delay, and show they have some interest in the Association. Stamped envelopes are enclosed for reply.

Employers should see that their clerks and apprentices remit their dues in time, (before May 31st.) See By-Law No. 3.

I would also notify those interested, that the Council have had a regulation poison book printed, in accordance with the Act, and that they may be had from the Registrar at one dollar each, post paid. Yours truly,

CHARLES NELSON, Sec.-Registrar.

The Annual Meeting of the Association will be held in Victoria on the 11th of June.

Notes from England.

(From our own Correspondent.)

LONDON, ENG., May 26, 1891.

It is satisfactory to record that the only gold medal awarded at the Medical Exhibition at the Congress at Rome was bestowed upon Messrs. Oppenheimer & Co. for their palatinoids. I take some credit for the extraordinary increase in the popularity of these improved pharmaceutical preparations, since it was in these columns that I first pointed out the future that was before Messrs. Oppenheimer if they judiciously pushed these goods. I also directed the attention of the firm to the fact that they were neglecting their best friends the chemists by not introducing palatinoids solely through the ordinary channels. Since then they have carried this policy out thoroughly and have consequently met with almost unique success. The special feature about the latest award is that it was obtained practically in open competition with the world and particularly for the novel and beneficial value of their invention. I understand the American patent has been disposed of to a well-known New York firm, so that Canadians will probably receive their supply through that source.

The death of Professor Romanes, F. R. S., which occurred suddenly early this week from apoplexy, is a sad blow to science. He was undoubtedly one of the most distinguished disciples which Darwin made, and, unlike Sir John Lubbock, F. R. S., who was also a pupil and friend of the great naturalist, he never deviated from the paths of science. His latest work was a defence of the natural election theory against some of the recent variations introduced by German theological and scientific writers. Professor Romanes was born at Kingston, Canada, in 1848, and took honors in the Natural Science tripos whilst at Cambridge in 1870. He was Croonian lecturer to the Royal Society in 1875. In 1880 he was invited to accept the chair at Oxford University, and, whilst there, he founded a series of "Romanes lectures," the first of which was delivered by Mr. Gladstone, the second by Professor Huxley, and the latest by Professor Weismann.

Amongst the novelties introduced by chemists here which have "caught on" with the public are moulded figures of naphthalene. These are made to be sus-

pended and act as a disinfectant and antiseptic of some value. The cost of commercial naphthalene is very small, particularly if bought by the cwt., and is very easily moulded into fanciful shapes. It is melted by heat and poured into these moulds into which copper wire, bent into a loop, is inserted. When cold it is used by merely being suspended in suitable places, and it slowly evaporates at ordinary atmospheric temperatures. In some instances, eucalyptus oil has been added in just sufficient quantity to give a faint odor, and color can be added to render them attractive. The "sanitary slates" introduced by Beedler & Co., are just plates of naphthalene enclosed in leather frames and form convenient and attractive disinfectant agents. Another form of disinfecting and antiseptic agent has recently come much into vogue. It is our old friend, permanganate of potassium, enclosed in a porous cell or special shaped bottle. If employed in a bottle the cork or stopper has to be arranged so that water can find its way in and percolate out, saturated with the salt. The cell or bottle is inserted in the house cistern and each time the flush is caused, a fresh quantity of permanganate passes automatically into solution.

Disinfectants suggest detergent preparations. The principle of these is certainly the alcoholic solution of coal tar. In spite of the never-ceasing flow of new disinfectants, chiefly of coal tar origin, the original preparation holds its own. As an application in skin diseases it is still popular and useful. The usual forms of preparing this article by means of an alcoholic tincture of quallua bark, is expensive and unnecessary. A strong decoction of the bark should be made by boiling and then concentrating. The crude coal tar, obtainable from any gas works is then added and the necessary amount of spirit. After macerating together for 48 hours it can be decanted from the undissolved tar.

One of the most useful articles that a chemist can introduce is a mouth wash, of an antiseptic and detergent nature. It should be colored and of a pleasant nature, whilst the introduction of quillua is an advantage or a small quantity of soap may be used. The antiseptic should either be thymol or carbolic acid, and either myrrh or rhatany should be an ingredient. Bottles should be provided with sprinker tops and an effective label, especially designed. If the chemist determines to run it as a *specialite* he cannot do better than devise a name and register it. Fancy names are now as common as big gooseberries, but nevertheless they are very useful and effective for proprietary preparations.

It is often remarked concerning druggists as a class that they miss innumerable opportunities, which, in other traders' hands, would be golden. As an illustration, it was pointed out that in spite of the formula for tincture of chloroform and morphine in the British Pharmacopoeia, a druggist will often sell a brand