

AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.—

The 25th annual meeting of this Association, met at the City Hall, Toronto, on the 3rd ult., Mr. Chas. Bullock, President, in the chair.

Several of the manufacturing chemists exhibited their preparations in the Temperance Hall. Powers & Weightman, of Philadelphia, made a most magnificent display of chemicals, covering 180 square feet, and valued at \$11,000. Their table extended across the hall, and was flanked by a pyramid of sulphate of quinine weighing over 150 ounces at the one end, and by a pile of sulphate of morphia, weighing over 300 ounces, at the other. Wyeth & Bro., Philadelphia, make a specialty of compressed medicinal powders, (so-called pills) of the United States and British Pharmacopœia. These embrace the principal formulas in use for pills, and are compressed dry in lenticular shape, are porous, and hence disintegrate and dissolve readily. W. H. Schieffelin & Co., New York, showed a complete list of soluble coated pills, prepared according to the United States Pharmacopœia. McKesson & Robbins, New York, showed perfumery, chemicals, and alkaloids, but make a specialty of gelatine coated pills. Of these they make all the varieties of British and United States pharmacopœias. Wm. R. Warner & Co., Philadelphia, showed a large variety of sugar-coated pills, of soft substance and hard coating; also, fluid extracts, and a handsome druggists' shop bottle patented by themselves. Seabury & Johnson, New York, showed a large assortment of medicated, court, and surgeons' plasters. Canada was represented by Wm. Saunders, of London, Ont., who showed a fine lot of fluid extracts. A conversation was held in the Normal School in the evening, and was a pleasant affair. Mr. Saunders, of London, was chosen President for the ensuing year, and the place of meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, on the 3rd Tuesday of Sept., 1878.

BRANT COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—

At the regular quarterly meeting of this Association held in the Kerby House, Brantford, Sept. 4th., the following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year: Dr. Philip, *President*; Dr. Burt, *Vice-President*; Dr. Harris, *Secretary-Treasurer*.

TORONTO EYE AND EAR INFIRMARY.—

Dr. Reeve has resigned his position as surgeon to this Institution.

A WELL DESERVED PUNISHMENT.—At the Court of Queen's Bench held at Sweetsburg recently, Sears, who made an outrageous assault on the liberty and person of Dr. Baigham, of Phillipsburg, Missisquoi, Que., was convicted of robbery. On the pretence of bringing the doctor to see a patient a number of miles away, Sears decoyed him in the middle of the night to his (Sears') house, and there attempted to force him to sign some papers under threats of murder. His Honour Judge Dunkin condemned the prisoner to ten years in the penitentiary for the crime.

HYOSCYAMIN IN INSANITY.—The use of this remedy in the treatment of the insane has been tried by Dr. DeWitt, Medical Superintendent of the Longview Asylum, Ohio, who speaks very highly of its value. He contrasts it with chloral and opium, and says that it has, in addition to the hypnotic effect, a curative action. It appears to be especially indicated in recurrent mania and melancholia with depression. He gives it in doses of one grain of the alkaloid.

DEATH.—It is our melancholy duty to record the death of another young and prominent member of the profession, J. D. Cline, B.A., M.D., house surgeon of the Montreal General Hospital. He was deservedly held in the highest estimation by the profession, and all who knew him. His death resulted from an attack of malignant diphtheria which is now prevalent in Montreal.

CAUSE OF DISEASE.—Sir Henry Thompson says: I have visited rich and poor, high and low, all my life, and I solemnly declare that the great bulk of the diseases with which I have had to deal arose from the drinking of intoxicating liquor. I do not mean what people call drunkenness, but the regular steady customs in which most of us indulge every day of our lives.

ARTIFICIAL EYES.—Between 8,000 and 10,000 artificial human eyes are sold annually in the United States. The average cost of an eye is \$10, and the color for an eye most in demand is what is known as "Irish blue." Christian Hohn, a New York German, makes glass eyes for horses that will defy detection by all except accomplished experts.