

Referring to the gift of \$1,500,000 made by Oliver H. Payne to Cornell University, the *Western Druggist* says: "No similar institution in the world is similarly fortunately situated, and great things ought to come out of Cornell." What about McGill University? which has received two or three million from W. C. MacDonald, \$1,500,000 of which was given for the building, equipment and maintenance of a chemical laboratory, which when completed will be second to none in America, or perhaps in the world.

One of our American contemporaries has the following item in its last issue:

**FRAUDULENT CASTOR OIL.**—The editor of *Drug Topics* states that lately he had occasion to examine a sample of oil sold by a wholesale paint and oil firm, and labelled "No. 1 Castor Oil." The color was rather more yellow than that of any genuine castor oil the writer ever had seen; the smell indicated a petroleum origin. On further examination the specific gravity was found to be less than that of castor oil, while the solubility in absolute alcohol was nil. This so-called No. 1 castor oil was nothing but a petroleum distillate. "Where," asks the writer, is the adulteration act? and what are the public analysts (of Pennsylvania) doing that such a bare-faced, scandalous fraud can be perpetrated? The feasibility of such a proceeding calls for well merited punishment."

Instead of *Drug Topics*, write CANADIAN PHARMACEUTICAL JOURNAL, and it would be about correct. What the public analysts of Pennsylvania had to do with the case we don't understand. In the original copy, the word "feasibility" was a typographical error for "perpetration."

The Proprietary Association at its last meeting adopted the following resolution:

"At the request of the National Association of Retail Druggists it is voted that this association recommend to proprietors that, whenever practicable, prices to the retailers should not exceed \$2 per dozen for 25 cent articles; \$4 per dozen for 50 cent articles, and \$8 per dozen for \$1 articles, and all other prices in proportion for lots of one dozen or more."

This resolution differed from that represented by the N. A. R. D. in the substitution of the words "wherever practicable" for "in no case," which make a considerable difference, as it now leaves the change to be made at the will of individual proprietors, but there is little doubt that most of them will comply with the request. Now that a representative retailers' organization has been formed, organized pressure can be brought to bear on recalcitrant proprietors to force them to wheel into line with their more liberal confrères.

The first firm to fall into line, and that without

pressure, is Johnson & Johnson, who have notified Mr. Hynson, President of the N. A. R. D., that in future the prices of Johnson's Digestive Tablets will be \$4 and \$8 per dozen, in accordance with the request of the association. Now that this well known firm has set the good example it is to be hoped that all the others, big and little, will follow in their footsteps.

From all sections of the United States druggists are rallying to the support of the new organization, sending in subscriptions and letters of endorsement. The work achieved at St. Louis, especially the knitting together more closely of the three organizations which met there at the same time, is an arguement of success. When the proprietors understand that only by having the retailers on their side can success be achieved a great deal will have been accomplished towards relieving the retailers of some of their burdens, and lately the retailers have pretty clearly demonstrated what they can do when aroused, as evidenced by their actions towards proprietors who try to make the retailer pay the war tax.

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### EXPLOSION AND FIRE IN MEDICAL COLLEGE.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 25.—Fire almost completely destroyed the four-storey brick building of the Medical College of Indiana early this morning.

Dr. Norman Shobe, of Ligonier, Ind., who slept in the building, was so badly burned that he cannot live, and Dr. Ralph Morgan, of Plainfield, Ind., suffered slight injuries.

The loss is estimated at \$20,000 on the building and \$10,000 on equipments. An explosion in the furnace was the cause.

Dr. P. Stuart of Milton has been elected representative to the Ontario Medical Council for the counties of Peel, Halton and Wentworth.