

Appeal for Membership.

The following circular has been issued to the retail druggists of Ontario:

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Provincial Pharmaceutical Association,
Toronto, September 6th, 1892.

DEAR FELLOW DRUGGIST:

Are you interested in your local District Association? Are you interested in the recently formed Provincial Pharmaceutical Association? Have you the general good of the trade at heart?

Your experience and moral support is valuable. Kindly let us have it.

Believing that to the three foregoing questions you can give an emphatic affirmative answer, and trusting that the support we are desirous of having from you will be as freely given as asked for, we are pleased to address you on behalf of the recently formed Provincial Association.

As you will have noticed by press and journal reports, the proceedings this year have been largely of a formative character, as the time was too limited to do more than commend the many excellent points brought out in the papers read.

The meeting was strongly in favor of securing a united membership of the entire body of Druggists throughout the Province as speedily as possible and, but for the large expense which it would entail, would have engaged an organizer for that purpose. As such a method cannot be adopted, the executive officers who are entrusted with the carrying on of association work, and who realize the futility of attempting much of an aggressive character until thorough organization has taken place, have taken this means of enlisting your services and securing the organized influence and co-operation of the entire trade.

The membership fee has been placed at the small sum of fifty cents, which it is hoped will meet the present year's requirements. Besides the fee, which we will gladly acknowledge the receipt of at as early a date as you will allow, the committee are anxious to hear from you an opinion on any matter of general interest which you have given some thought to. An elaborate letter is not needed, but an earnest expression of your honest convictions as pointedly put as you can write them, will be of valuable service in arranging a sphere of action. The committee is your representative to remedy, if possible, such abuses as you may have to complain of, and as you are individually interested, you are individually urged to give in this way every assistance in your power.

The secretary of each District Association is particularly requested to send us any information which will tend to promote the general good. Every druggist is expected to do his duty. "Resistance to wrongs, insistence of rights, and per-

sistence to accomplish," is our aim. Give us your help.

Address all communications to

G. A. McCANN,
208 Dundas-st., Toronto.

WM. MURCHISON,
President.

Mr. H. Watters, representing district No. 1, in the Council of the Ontario College of Pharmacy, has sent out the following circular to druggists in that district:
To the Druggists of No. 1 (Ontario) District:

GENTLEMEN, I should like to direct your attention to, and solicit your interest in, The Ontario Drug or Pharmaceutical Association, the organization of which was accomplished at Toronto on August 4th. The proceedings of the Convention have been reported in the Toronto papers, and also in the August number of the *Canadian Pharmaceutical Journal*, a perusal of which will give you an idea of the nature and character of the work performed, and give you an opportunity to judge of the possibilities of the Association to effect the object it has in view. Briefly stated, the aim of the Association is to secure greater uniformity in the methods of conducting our business, and to secure united action in all matters affecting the Retail Drug Trade generally. It is not my purpose in this circular to review in detail all the difficulties which beset the retail druggist at the present time, and which make the outlook so discouraging. We all know that there are disturbing influences in operation, which, if intensified in their action and widened in their direction, will tend to make the pursuit of our calling exceedingly unsatisfactory and unprofitable. We also know that our Pharmacy Act does not afford us the protection required to safeguard our trade interests. This weakness of our Act is not due to neglect or incapacity of those who framed the Act and its successive amendments, but to the opposition directed by interested and unfriendly persons against essential clauses of the various bills presented to the Legislature. Now, if we seriously desire to secure a more advantageous Act of Legislation: if we earnestly desire to see the evils of the drug business eliminated, we must organize and stand united, and urge our rights with unwavering zeal and energy. Individually we can do nothing, united we can accomplish much, and this is the sole object and motive of this appeal, to urge the Druggists of this district to lend their influence and assistance to the Provincial Pharmaceutical Association of Ontario, by becoming active members of that body. The membership fee is only fifty cents per annum. I hope the Druggists of this section will show their interest in the commendable object of the Association, by sending their names to the Secretary, Mr. G. A. McCann, Toronto. In conclusion, permit me to say that the work of the Provincial Association would be greatly

advanced by the establishment of vigorous and active local or district associations. I regret to say we have not had marked success in carrying on the Association of this district. This unsucccess is partly owing to the geographical difficulties, which prevent frequent meeting and interchange of ideas, but is owing, I think, in a great measure to lack of lively interest in matters which concern us as a business class. It is true the conditions which govern in the smaller places are different from those which maintain in cities, still a great deal could be done by union and intercourse, to bring about that uniformity and mutual understanding which we all desire. I should like to see a healthy Association in our district. It would do us all good and would evoke an interest in trade and college affairs that could not but exert a potent influence on the Pharmacy of our Province. I may say it was proposed at the Toronto meeting to employ an organizer to canvass the Province for members of the Provincial Association, but that method was deemed inexpedient on account of the expense, so those present were requested to do all in their power to increase the membership and promote the usefulness of the Association by an appeal to the Druggists in their respective districts. Again urging you to give a hearty response to the invitation extended to become members of the Provincial Pharmaceutical Association,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

HENRY WATTERS.

OTTAWA, Aug. 15th, 1892.

Newer Remedies.

THIOLINIC ACID.

This preparation has been recently introduced as a substitute for ichthyol, a remedy which, since its first appearance, has made great headway in the hands of dermatologists and others. Like it, thiolinic acid also contains a large proportion of sulphur, the ingredient to which its therapeutic action is due, and according to the patent announced by the manufacturers, it is prepared in much the same manner. A sulphurated linseed oil is first made by heating one part of sulphur with six parts of linseed oil up to 230° C., at which temperature gas is evolved. This oil is then treated in the warm with twice its weight of sulphuric acid, and by this means a clear solution is obtained, which is then poured into water, and washed free from sulphurous and sulphuric acids.

In appearance, thiolinic acid is a thick, semi-solid, sticky substance, of a dark-green color, and though not soluble in water it can be dissolved in rectified spirit, and so is suitable for external application in this way.

Regarding its chemical composition and constitution, the substance contains 14.2 per cent. of sulphur, none of which, however is present as sulphuric acid, and the