

artillery of the skies. There is no motion on the globe which cannot be traced directly or indirectly to the sun, and were his rays to lose their mysterious power, all nature would become silent, motionless and dead. But in tracing to the sun all these varied phenomena let us not forget that we have not yet found the first great cause. Who made the sun? or how did it come into existence? and how is it maintained in its proper position? Who regulates its forces and tempers its influences to the required ends? And what is the sun? It is but a small star in the infinitude of space, where shine Sirius and Arcturus, Regulus and Aldebaran, Procyon and Capella with innumerable others, all shedding forth a far mightier effluence than our feeble star. Yet the grand total of all the powers streaming from all the suns which human eye has seen or which still lie undiscovered in the depth of space, alone represents the active energy of the universe. Gentlemen, there are two theories of creation. One regards this energy as an unintelligent power. The other sees in it simply the will of the Eternal Jehovah. They are both theories. We cannot substantiate either, but which do you think the most probable.

PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE OF PHARMACY.

A pharmaceutical meeting was held on the afternoon of October 21st, 1873, in the hall of the College. Present, twenty members. Dillwyn Parrish, President, in the chair.

Owing to the lateness of the hour at which the meeting was convened, on account of a preceding meeting occupying so much of the time, the number of members remaining was small.

Prof. Maisch read a letter from Clemmons Parrish, tendering his resignation as Registrar, his present engagements preventing his attending to the duties of the office. On motion, his resignation was accepted.

This being the regular time for electing a Registrar, as provided in the by-laws, Joseph P. Remington was elected to fill the office.

Richard V. Mattison read a paper on Fluid Extracts of Ipecac, in which he suggests an improvement in the present official formula, by depriving the percolate of the peculiar substance which causes turbidity, and decreasing the proportion of glycerin $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Dr. W. H. Pile called attention to a sample of adulterated oil of gaultheria, which seems now to be pressing on the market. The adulterating substance he found to be chloroform, and the means adopted for detecting the fraud were, first, by taking the specific gravity, and, secondly, noting the boiling-point. The specific gravity of true oil of gaultheria is 1.18, whilst that of the sample in