

lines, and one which will be appreciated by those who have given thought and observation to the present condition of pharmacy. Only those who have a knowledge of the sphere of labor which has been allotted to this committee can have a correct idea of its importance. The name, "Committee on Divisional Associations," conveys but a hint as to its real objects. These are referred to at greater length in another place in the JOURNAL. This article we commend to all our readers who have the general welfare of pharmacy at heart.

#### WOMEN IN PHARMACY.

Miss Josie A. Wanous is the only woman pharmacist in Minneapolis, and although only three years in business has built up a most extensive and lucrative prescription practice, to which she devotes herself exclusively. Miss Wanous was born in Glencoe, Minn., her first experience in pharmacy being that of bookkeeper for a local druggist. She afterwards removed to Minneapolis and took a course at the Minnesota College of Pharmacy. After serving some years in the pharmacy of J. A. Hainert, she opened on her own account in the Syndicate block. Her pharmacy, which is located in the second storey, is on original lines, having more of the appearance of a parlor than of the usual drug store. Her clientele includes many of the best families in the city, and is constantly increasing. Personally, Miss Wanous has none of the supposed characteristics of the New Woman, as all those who came in contact with her at the Minnesota meeting of the A. Ph. A. can testify. On the Committee of Arrangements she was one of the most energetic members and endeared herself to all by her charm of manner, her tact and her kindness.

#### DEPARTMENT STORES IN BUFFALO.

BUFFALO, FEB. 9.—The following resolution, which is self-explanatory, passed the Board of Councilmen unanimously to-day:—"Resolved, that the corporation counsel be, and he is, hereby directed to prepare and submit to this board at as early a date as possible an ordinance providing for the licensing of stores commonly known as 'department stores,' said stores to pay a license for every branch of business carried on by them, excepting their one legitimate business."

Tannone.—This body is a product of the condensation of tannin and urotropin. It is a brownish, tasteless, slightly hygroscopic powder, almost insoluble in water, dilute acids, alcohol and ether. The dose is one gramme, three or four times daily, in inflammations and catarrh of the bowels.

#### Editorial Notes.

What the grocers were thinking of when they commenced their onslaught on the Pharmacy Act is one of those incomprehensible things that we occasionally run across. As we said in our December issue they were simply playing into the hands of the cutters and departmental stores, and expending their money and efforts for the purpose of enriching their enemies. If their amendments had become law, they would not have sold one bottle more than they are now selling, but in fact less, as their customers would patronize the departmental stores for their patent medicines and drugs just as they now do for their tea and sugar. Possibly we will shortly find the Grocers' Association asking the aid of the Pharmaceutical Association in a parliamentary struggle to restrain the extension of departmental stores just as merchants in all lines are doing in Ontario and in many of the States, and we will bury the hatchet and be friends fighting a common foe.

That the Grocers Association was only a *pretext* for those who were carrying on the fight against the Pharmacy Act, was evidenced after the first few skirmishes in Committee, when the grocers disappeared from the scene, leaving only the representatives of a certain well known cutter to carry on the struggle.

To read the sensational reports of the disbanding of the Wholesale Association, printed in the Montreal daily papers with scare lines and double-ledged headings, one would imagine that the retail druggist had just escaped from the tentacles of some gigantic octopus or the fangs of some devouring dragon bent on bolting the whole outfit holus-bolus. It is marvelous that in our ignorance we did not realize the squeezing influence of this combine of which so much is being made. We were at first disposed to think that the horse editor had been put upon the job, but when we read the same sort of stuff in the editorial of our Montreal contemporary we became conscious of the cloven foot. The poor defenseless manufacturer, he too had been drawn into dangerous proximity to the all absorbing vortex of this soulless combine. How this latter poor innocent was to be pitted and what a hair-breadth escape from complete annihilation!

The Druggists' League for Shorter Hours, of New York, has drafted a bill making it a misdemeanor for an employer to require more than 10 hours work per day on week days, 12 hours on Saturday, and four hours on Sunday and legal holidays. Apparently the bill is a good one, but the majority of New York druggists oppose it, the contention being that