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The Ontario College of Pharmacy.

The semi-annual meeting of the Council of the Ontario College of Pharmacy, opened on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 10th, 1893, at 2 o'clock, in the college building on Gerrard-st. Mr. J. J. Hall, presided, and the members present were: Messrs. J. P. Mackenzie and C. D. Daniel, Toronto; A. B. Petrie, Guelph; J. W. Slavin, Orillia; Angus Buchanan, Kemptville; N. C. Polson, Kingston; J. A. Clark, Hamilton; F. Jordan, Goderich, and C. K. McGregor, Brantford. A letter was read from Mr. L. T. Lawrence, stating that illness prevented his attendance.

The minutes of the last meeting as reported in this journal was adopted, Mr. Lewis stating that everything was given there except the proposed amendments to the Act.

Mr. Polson objected that these should also be given, but the chairman explained that they were still in the hands of the committee.

The chairman, Mr. Hall, then read a review of the work of the Council, as follows:—

To the members of the Council:

GENTLEMEN,—As this is the last regular meeting under the present Act, it seems appropriate to review some of the more important work you have accomplished during the last eighteen months, and so leave a concise summary for those who succeed us. Such a review cannot but afford you considerable self congratulation.

First,—You have completed this handsome addition to our College, doubling its capacity and equipment, and giving over double the instructions to students for the same money as they paid in 1888, and better value for their

money than any similar institution in the world that we know of.

Second,—You have so husbanded our resources that while we have spent \$15,000 upon this addition, the net debt to-day is \$17,000, while in 1888 it was \$11,000, an increase of only \$3,000.

Third,—You have had our debt consolidated at 5½ per cent., with a privilege, if we like, of repaying the principal in sums of \$2,000 per year; we formerly paid 6 per cent. without such privilege.

Fourth,—You have greatly developed practical work in all departments, until it now occupies the foremost place. Your aim has been to fit the pharmacist of the future to make all his preparations, and so do away with the middle men, so-called manufacturing pharmacists, and their large profits, ensuring greater reliability to the public and a better return to the retailer. This appears to me the true line along which to work to recover lost ground and to elevate our profession. It has been a surprise to the Council and staff that there is such a large number of chemists who rely upon others for the preparations they should make themselves.

Fifth,—By carrying to completion the work of compiling a course of home study for apprentices, which you have begun, you will be greatly helping the apprentices and their employers.

Sixth,—Affiliation with the University is perhaps the greatest and most substantial boon of an educational character ever conferred upon the College by any Council.

Seventh,—By co-operating with the Globe newspaper last year, in the special addition devoted to our College, you have advertised its advantages and drawn students from Halifax to British Columbia.

Eighth,—By scheduling as poisons a number of dangerous drugs you have further protected the retailers.

Ninth,—The improvement in our College announcement puts it on a par with any in the world.

Tenth,—By the contract with the Dental School you have brought in a revenue of \$375 per year.

Eleventh,—Next to affiliation (many think it takes precedence) was the organization through you of a Retail Druggists' Provincial Association. The success and good results sure to accrue from the trade convention held in August is not denied by anyone. It shows that you court criticism, wish to divide responsibility, and take the whole retail trade into your confidence, advisory to the Council.

Twelfth,—Within three months from the decision in England, you have given the trade in Ontario the benefit of a similar decision of our courts, which means that only chemists can sell poisons with poisons.

Thirteenth,—By publishing a Sales of Liquor book you have put a reminder in the hands of every druggist to "obey the law," and they are obeying it much better, judging from the great demand for these books.

Fourteenth,—The preparation of much needed amendments to our Act, which, if adopted, will deserve the everlasting gratitude of druggists.

Fifteenth,—You have reduced the price to the druggists of poison books from \$1 to 50 cts. Besides, the great amount of routine work should convince everyone that our time has been fully and profitably occupied.

Since our August meeting all matters about

the teaching department have been running so satisfactorily and smoothly that it is a pleasure to be associated with this feature of our work.

The Ontario Legislature referred the list of poisons you wished to have scheduled to Dr. Bryce, Provincial Health Officer. He reported only in favor of antipyrine, antifebrin, antikanina, phenacetin, and sulphonal, and they have accordingly passed into law.

After a great amount of correspondence the Dominion Government have refused to allow any rebate off philosophical apparatus.

In October we had difficulty in getting a magistrate at Oakville to try a straight case for the College against a friend and prominent citizen. This was a particularly defiant case, and the same trouble had occurred before. We laid the matter before the Department of the Attorney-General with the result that the fine was paid, and, we hope, such difficulty prevented in the future.

After several corrections of draft amendments to our Act, I received the final draft on Jan. 26th, a time so near our council meeting that I thought you should finally pass upon the amendments. The delay is not the fault either of the Solicitor or the Chairman of the By-laws and Legislation Committee, Mr. Petrie, who, with his Committee twice met with our solicitor in Toronto, and once with the representative of the Provincial Association, solely to re-adjust and revise the Bill under the direction of the solicitor. They deserve the greatest credit. Any changes made are decidedly in the interests of the retail trade, and you will be pleased to learn that the popular Liberal whip, Dr. McKay, has consented to handle our Bill, practically ensuring its success.

The prosecution of the T. Eaton Company (Limited)—Acting upon your instructions of August last, we proceeded with the two informations of July 15. The delay between these dates was caused by the absence from the city of Police Magistrate Denison, and our material witness, the analyst, Dr. Ellis. On that date, however, we succeeded beyond our most sanguine expectations, in winning both cases. The fine has been paid in the case—"For failing to register the sale of a patent with a poison," and in the other case, that for "retailing poisons contrary to the statute." We agreed with the magistrate not to exact the fine if judgment was entered on the books of the court, so as to give the company an opportunity to appeal to a higher court, and so try the case on the main issue. In accordance with your reply to my letter, we had arranged to retain the ablest associate counsel in Canada to assist our own solicitors; our case was thoroughly prepared, and we had every prospect of a victory. Apparently the company were advised to the same effect, for they have not appealed, and the time has now gone by. Both convictions stand recorded for all time upon the books of the court—a precedent for all future similar cases. We believe the Company still persist in doing a business in violation of the law. When we again try conclusions with them it will be with a stronger and clearer case by reason of the experience we have gained. The expense incurred will not have been lost; all will be of use to us. I ask you to again delegate to your president full power to begin de novo and carry the case to a conclusion.

Within three months from the knowledge of the English case, we have succeeded in establishing in Ontario the same decision. This de-