

this most important feature relative to a successful reward for the labors we have performed, and we as a body corporate, intend fully to carry out, while most of the prominent medical men, after the efforts put forth by some of our craft in trying to have this abuse of power quashed, seem determined still to pursue this, the greatest barrier to the just and expected reward of faithful and persistent study. I learn with gratitude that young members of the profession, commencing practice for themselves, scout the injustice of building up one pet establishment at the expense of the well-earned-reputation of others equally deserving of their patronage; and, therefore, we do hope that this marked interference with the mutual welfare of the members of this and kindred societies will die out with the generation that promulgated its existence, and that from this fact a stimulus will take hold of the junior members of our college that shall urge them to pursue their studies in the different branches now so happily within their reach. Another feature to the well-being of ourselves and of others in the different branches of the retail trade, and one which I think I can not lay to much stress upon, is the shortening of the hours of counter service. I will ask any one that has studied the powers of mind and of body which man possesses, that after one has given close application say from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m., in filling his office as dispenser of medicines, or attending to other counter duties is he then in a fit state to attend lectures with profit, and must he not deprive himself of a serious amount of repose, which these powers demand, to read and study the lectures he has heard unless he steals that time from his allotted employment, by thinking over these matters, instead of his employer's business. I would say, gentlemen, if we wish to have an intelligent staff of men surrounding us, let us curtail the hours of shop service, and give more time to ourselves and to our young men to attend the literary and scientific institutions which are at present crying out for support. Doubtless we are entering upon an era when so much valuable time, which at present is wasted by the customs of the age, will be used for a better purpose. Next, so far as we the members and associates of this College are concerned, we have courses of lectures on *Materia Medica*, Botany and Chemistry provided for this Session, and we are pleased to find that a good number have given in their names as students for the course. I may here remark that it is more than probable that before long the Pharmaceutical Association of the Province of Quebec will secure the passing of an act of Parliament, that will make it compulsory upon every one, who desires to establish himself as a Chemist and Druggist in this Province, to show that he has attended such a number of courses of lectures; and also that he will have to pass such an examination before a board of apothecaries provided by the aforesaid acts, ere he can lawfully commence business in this Province as a Chemist and Druggist. We hope that employers in those business houses where