

morally bound to use every care to prevent, to the utmost of their power, the possibility of mistake occurring in their use; but on the contrary some we have found—exceptions we hope and believe they are—possessed of a degree of obtuseness and culpable nonchalance positively surprising. In illustration of this latter statement we may quote a circumstance recently related to us by a medical friend. He had occasion to prescribe a strong solution of atropia for a case of ophthalmia. Now, although he had taken the precaution of writing the word “poison” in his prescription with the directions, the bottle was sent without any mark but the common label. Thinking it an oversight on the part of the druggist it was sent back with the request that a poison label might be affixed. To our friend’s surprise the messenger on returning stated that the druggist was much annoyed—pooh poohed the idea—and said that “no person was such a fool as to take eyedrops.” Now, when we find that in our city druggists of good standing ridicule the idea of affixing a poison label to such a preparation as the solution of atropia, even after having been *ordered* to do so by a physician’s prescription, then we think something should be done.

This matter certainly falls more immediately under the province of the Pharmaceutical College, but is of great importance to every medical practitioner in the country. We have been given to understand that a new bill concerning the sale of poisons is to be introduced before the Quebec Legislature at its next session. If so we would recommend that provision be made in it for *properly labelling* all poisonous drugs when dispensed and would especially call upon the medical members of the House to see that such becomes law.