

CANADIAN DRUGGIST.

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AN advertisement appearing on an obscure page of the *N. Y. Druggists' Circular*, announces "Professorships Vacant" in the Ontario College of Pharmacy. In order that those who are fitted for the positions and are open for engagements of the kind may have an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the fact, we give this gratuitous advt. in the CANADIAN DRUGGIST, the medium that reaches those interested, and will further say that application is to be made to John J. Hall, Vice-President O. C. P., Woodstock, Ont.

Before the next issue of the CANADIAN DRUGGIST the holiday season of Xmas-tide will have come and gone, with its attendant pleasures, as well as its plethora of business cares. To the busy druggist very frequently the mere name of holiday is all that this season means to him, but there is no reason why we should not all share in the festivities of the season, to the casting away for the time being at least of our business and its surroundings. To all of our readers, to the druggists of Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific, we convey our most sincere wishes for "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

The year just drawing to a close has in many ways proved an eventful one, if not specially with the drug trade, yet with its co-lateral branches of medical research and scientific investigations. The early part of the year with its visitation of "La Grippe," caused a somewhat unusual boom in business and a large demand for many of the special remedies employed in its treatment; this, as is usually the case, was followed by a somewhat stagnated state of trade for some time, but which gradually improved—and the year on the whole has, we believe, proved a good average one in the drug trade. The bacterial researches, which last year were the cause of much speculation as to results, have this year proved still more interesting, mainly on account of Dr. Koch's treatment in tuberculosis, etc., and the gratifying results of many of his operations have still further intensified the interest in these researches. Of new preparations, and also old ones under new names, we have also had our quota, many of which, notably Aristol, Phenacetin, Salol, Exalgin, Oresin, etc., promise through past results to have a permanent hold on prescribers. The "drug market" has been rather an uneventful one, some few ups and downs, but little of note.

In the November number of this journal there appeared a letter from A. B. Petrie, Guelph, in reference to the desirability of uniformity of prices, together with the publication of a "Universal Price Book" for the trade. This is a question which should commend

itself to every druggist, as nothing perhaps is so perplexing as the diversity of prices which now exist in many places, and which frequently places the druggist in an unenviable position with his customer. There is no doubt that taking the retail prices of drugs on the whole, they are too low, when cost of labor and incidental expenses are added to the wholesale prices, realizing only a very moderate percentage, and as this is a matter, which like most trade questions, can only be solved by organized co-operation; the idea of a delegation from the several parts of the province to discuss the matter, is, in our opinion, the only feasible plan. We are glad to learn from several sources that this letter has set our brother druggists thinking, and we trust others will follow the example of another correspondent this month, R. S. Muir, of Port Elgin, who offers some tangible suggestions, and that they will express their views through the columns of the CANADIAN DRUGGIST.

WHILE discussing matters relative to the trade, we would solicit from our readers expression of opinion in regard to the suggestion made in the letter of our valued New York correspondent in the October number, viz., as to the organization of a Canadian Pharmaceutical Association, somewhat similar to that of the American Association. Of course, in attempting anything of this kind, we could at first only feebly imitate that body, but with united exertion and a determination on the part of our leading pharmacists to make it a success, we believe that a great deal could be accomplished in forming an association which could not fail to benefit the profession in every way. Much speculation might be indulged in as to the probable practical results of an organization of this nature, but in our opinion, the banding together of the druggists of this country for self-improvement and the regulation of trade in many matters that now are difficult to handle, would of themselves be of sufficient importance to warrant an attempt of this kind.

We would urge upon our local Associations, and Pharmacists throughout the Dominion, the advisability of fully discussing this matter, both locally and through the columns of this journal. One suggestion we might offer for consideration is the appointment of one or two delegates from each local association, or where such does not exist we see no objection to any druggist appointing himself a delegate, for certainly the larger the attendance the better, they to meet in some place hereafter to be chosen, when this matter might be thoroughly discussed, and preliminary arrangements made for the formation of the Association.

It is stated that an influenza epidemic is raging in Japan, over 100,000 cases being reported from the city of Tokio alone.

The man who is in love with his work never need fear any rivalry from other people.

Reviews.

PHYSICIAN'S VISITING LIST FOR 1891.—Philadelphia, P. Blakiston, Son & Co. This popular Visiting List has now reached the fortieth year of its publication, and is as usual a marvel of completeness and excellency of arrangement, and almost indispensable to the physician. The edition before us, besides the usual tables of poisons and antidotes, posological table, etc., contains aids to diagnosis, and treatment of diseases of the eye, and other valuable articles. Nothing could be more suitable as a holiday present from the druggist to his physicians.

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A COMPEND OF PHARMACY, by F. E. Stewart, M. D., Ph. G., based upon Remington's text-book of Pharmacy. A Quiz Compend which is not only a valuable aid to the student, but also a reference book for the pharmacist or physician who requires to brush up his memory. The third edition now published has an additional feature in the incorporation of comparative tables of weights and measures. P. Blakiston, Son & Co., Philadelphia, Publishers.

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AYRTON & SAUNDERS, 149 Duke Street, Liverpool, Eng., have issued an illustrated price list and catalogue which is one of the most complete and useful one of its kind we have ever seen, including in its pages a "want" book, a necessity for every druggist.

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PAINTING AND DECORATING, published by the House Painting and Decorating Co., Philadelphia, is one of the foremost of trade journals published, and certainly outstrips anything in its particular line—the matter is particularly suitable to the trade it represents, its illustrations are good and typography excellent.

Mr. T. T. Cousins (Ossett) sends the following recipe for pills supplied by him to a customer the other day:—2*d*. Turkey rhubarb, 2*d*. Ikery pikery, 2*d*. Jalop. Mix the above with a little gin, then rowl them in magnesia. Take 2 = 1 hour after you get asleep, and 2 = 1 hour before you wake.—*Chemist and Druggist*.

Wanted.

DRUGGIST—Do you know of a vacancy or good opening for a Physician? Best Ontario and New York City degrees. Several years' experience. All reference required. Address F. W. P., Physician and Surgeon, 321 East 39th Street, New York.

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Situations Wanted.

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Business for Sale.

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