

draft of a proposed pharmacy act was handed in by the committee on legislation, appointed last year, and it was resolved by the Association that ten copies of the act should be forwarded to the governors and speakers of the legislatures of the different states, with a view of promoting a uniform law throughout the Union. We append a brief synopsis of the bill:—

Section 1 requires that all shops kept open for the sale and dispensing of medicines and poisons, shall be under the oversight of a registered pharmacist or assistant pharmacist.

Sections 2, 3, and 4 require that no person shall use or exhibit the title of pharmacist or assistant pharmacist unless registered according to law; that no one can register unless a graduate in pharmacy, a practicing pharmacist or assistant pharmacist; that graduates must be from some college of pharmacy in the United States, or from such institution in a foreign country.

Sections 5 and 6 require the appointment of a Pharmaceutical Board by the Governor of each State, and that this board shall examine all candidates for certificates, and cause all prosecutions, and that all members shall pay ten dollars to the board.

Section 8 requires that all registered pharmacists shall furnish their addresses for which a fee is to be paid. All changes are to be duly reported to the board.

Section 9 imposes a penalty for any false representations in the form of registration, by imprisonment from three to twelve months.

Section 10 imposes a fine of fifty dollars for the offence of selling any drugs or medicines unless he be a registered pharmacist, to be paid to the board.

Sections 11 and 12 authorize the fining of any pharmacist for refusing to comply with the regulations of the board. This is not to interfere with the acts of any practicing physician in the line of his profession.

Section 13 imposes a restriction on the sale of any medicines or poisons, unless the name of the same be on the bottle, and the address of the seller. It is the duty of all persons so selling to have the address of the person purchasing, and his name, with a statement of the objects such medicines or poisons are to be used for.

Sections 14, 15, and 16 prohibit the adulteration of any medicines, and requires that all prescriptions shall be kept in a book for five years. For adulteration the fine may be \$1,000, and imprisonment may be inflicted.

Pharmacy on the Pacific Coast.

We learn through the columns of the California *Medical Gazette*, that the Druggists of San Francisco have organized themselves into an association to be called the California Pharmaceutical Society. The objects of the society are similar to our own, and if carried out cannot fail to be conducive to the welfare of the profession, as well as the public at large. In speaking of the rules for the admission of members the *Gazette* makes the following sensible remarks:—

If the mere fact of being proprietor of a drug store, entitles the individual to become a member of the society, then the profession and the people at large have no further in-

terest in the California Pharmaceutical Society, other than the earnest hope that many of its members may improve in the science and art of Pharmacy. To establish the regulations between Pharmacists, Druggists, Physicians, and the people at large upon just principles, which shall promote the public welfare, it is necessary that only such Druggists shall be admitted as members of the society as are competent men. To be a member of the society should be a guarantee to Physicians and people, that the individual is a qualified and reliable Druggist. Pursue the opposite course, and admit the qualified and unqualified, and many of the better qualified Druggists will keep aloof from the society, while the people will be at as great a loss as before to know who are the qualified Druggists.

Hahnemann Outdone.

A few weeks ago a friend of ours was seized with a sudden attack of dysentery, attended with considerable fever. A homœopathic practitioner was called in, who after mixing up a couple of tumblers-full of "mercurius," and "belladonna," of surprising attenuation, took his departure; feeling somewhat anxious, we called at a late hour in the evening, and found the patient in a state of stupor, which there was no mistaking. An examination of the pupil revealed dilation to an alarming extent. We advised a discontinuance of the medicine, and went home in deep meditation on the marvels of homœopathy. Next morning evident signs of salivation were experienced by the patient, and the evening found it thoroughly established. During our visit, next evening, we met the doctor, and on enquiry found that the mercurius had been administered in the form of "our corrosivum," and in the dose of the 1,000,000,000th part of a grain; and the belladonna, which was described as a "pharmaceutic tincture," in the same considerable amount. Being a man of peace, and not wishing to reveal our ignorance of the action of these remedies, we avoided discussion by expressing our astonishment; but, although knowing there are heights and depths of therapeutical knowledge to which we have not yet attained, we must confess to having misgivings as to the degree of attenuation in which the medicines were exhibited. It may be that potency of the "pharmaceutic tincture" affected the vision of the worthy doctor, preventing a proper appreciation of quantity; or a slight mercurial tremor may have caused his hand to shake while apportioning the dose of "our corrosivum"; of this we know not, but at all events the effects were realized, and it will be well for writers on the action of these remedies to make a note of it.

Death of Prof. Graham, M. A., D. C. L., F. R. S.

The death of this eminent chemist is reported in the London papers. He was

born in Glasgow, in the year 1805; in 1834 he received the Keith prize of the Royal Society, for his discovery of the law of the diffusion of gases, and his talent was again recognized by that body by the award of the Copley medal in 1862. The discovery of dialysis is due to Prof. Graham, as also the recent contributions to science in regard to the supposed metal hydrogenium. He was well known in his official capacity of Master of the Mint, and his *Elements of Chemistry* will serve to perpetuate his memory in the minds of many grateful students.

Classical Lore vs. Practical Knowledge.

A contemporary says that mythologists tell us that Io died because of her intense love for Jupiter; the charm of the romantic story has, however, been completely destroyed by the chemist discovering Io-dide of potassium.

Change of Time of Meeting.

The attention of members of the Society is called to the change in regard to the regular monthly meeting. In future it will be held on the first Friday in the month, instead of the first Wednesday as heretofore.

Owing to an accident to the machinery, this issue is delayed a few days later than usual.

CANADIAN PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY.

The regular meeting of the society was held at the usual place on the 6th inst. The Treasurer was called to the Chair—After reading and adoption of minutes, the following gentlemen were proposed and accepted as members:—

PRINCIPALS.

S. Holden.....	Markham.
Jno. Urquhart.....	Oakville.
Henry Pafford.....	Niagara

ASSISTANT.

J. P. May.....	Toronto.
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An application for membership was referred back to be endorsed by some member, in accordance with the resolution recently adopted.

A communication from Mr. Hart, regarding the publication of the Journal, was read, and the Corresponding-Secretary was instructed to say that the present agreement with the printers would not terminate for some time yet, so that no fresh arrangement could be made.

The Committee appointed at the August Meeting to consider the advisability of holding a reunion of some kind in connection with the Society, reported that under existing circumstances, and taking into account the more serious and weighty matters at present before the Society, it was deemed better to defer the conversation until the close of the lecture season, when in all probability, from