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The Pharmacy Act obtained a second reading on Thursday, Nov. 25th; and on motion of Dr. McGill, was referred to a Select Committee, composed of Hon. Mr. Wood, Messrs. Boulter, Baxter, Rykert, Pardee, Matchett, and the mover. A meeting of the Committee was appointed for Wednesday, Dec. 8th, but as it was found impossible at that time to obtain a quorum, owing to the great press of business before the House, the meeting was postponed until the succeeding Friday, when, from a like reason, a further postponement was found necessary. On both occasions the committee on legislation, appointed by the Society, were in attendance to make such explanations as might be required. Several amendments were spoken of and discussed—of course, in an informal way—and from the general tenor of conversation, it appeared evident that the measure was regarded with unequivocal favor by the House.

Up to the present time, nothing further has transpired, but as soon as it is possible to

get the members of the committee together, business will be proceeded with, so that the bill can be brought forward for a final reading before the close of the session.

THE JOURNAL.

The present number of the JOURNAL will be forwarded to every druggist in Canada whose address we have been able to ascertain. It is hoped that those who are not members of the Society, or subscribers, will at once favor us with their names, as the next number marks the commencement of a new volume. The JOURNAL is the only paper in Canada which is published in the interests of chemists and druggists, and, as such, certainly claims their support. Whether such support is merited by actual worth may be readily decided by referring to the contents of our second volume, issued with this number. We question whether any journal of this class can show a larger or more varied amount of useful information as the record of the year—certainly none for the same amount of money. The JOURNAL is not only the cheapest in this continent, but in all English speaking countries. The aim of the Pharmaceutical Society, of which it is the organ, is not to make money, but to promulgate knowledge, and, by every means within its power, to further the cause which it has espoused. We ask mutual aid in the undertaking, and trust our friends will respond.

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On some new Substances extracted from the Walnut.

Dr. Phipson, F. C. S. read a paper, on this subject, before the British Association, in which he announces the discovery of a new species of tannin—for which the name *nucitannin* is suggested. The new substance was obtained by digesting the skin of the walnut in alcohol, and possesses the property, when boiled for several hours with dilute hydrochloric acid, of splitting up into glucose, and a red substance, which the author proposes calling *rothic acid*. This acid is described as a brown amorphous substance, combining readily with bases; soluble in alcohol; and having the composition $C_{22}H_{12}O_{14}$. The rothates of potash, soda, and ammonia are soluble, the rothate of silver forms a fawn colored precipitate, becoming darker by drying, but not very sensitive to the action of light. The preparation, properties, and composition of *nucitannin*, are reserved by the author, for a future paper.

LEGISLATURE OF ONTARIO.

Second Reading of the Pharmacy Act.

THURSDAY, NOV. 25, 1869.

After recess, Dr. MCGILL moved the second reading of Bill No. 11, "To regulate the sale of poisons, and respecting chemists, druggists, and apothecaries." He said the necessity for such a Bill had been felt for a long time, as well by the community at large as the druggists themselves. This necessity had been felt in consequence of the number of uneducated men throughout our country who had entered into the druggist business. They assumed (he meant the word in its fullest sense) that important business without education or experience to fit them for it, and serious blunders and fatal mistakes were of frequent and alarming occurrence. Instances of fatal mistakes from ignorance on the part of druggists, were on the increase, notwithstanding the fact that they were increasing in general intelligence and education. The public felt that it was high time to put a stop to these frequent mistakes, and this measure was now introduced for that purpose. The amount of injury was greater than was at all supposed by the public, for many a constitution had been ruined by over-doses of powerful medicines given by ignorant druggists who undertook to prescribe for ailments about which they knew nothing. The respectable, educated chemists felt that they required protection from such men. They required that men should be educated and serve an apprenticeship before setting up as druggists themselves. They should be required to come up to a reasonable standard, and be submitted to a fair examination. This was all the druggists required, and it would be only fair to grant them this protection. The Bill before the House was calculated to give that protection. It was not designed to be severe against any one now engaged in the business. It proposed to allow all such to continue their avocation, and was only designed for the future. Such an Act was in force in all the civilized nations of Europe, and it was proposed to have such a measure passed in the United States. Quebec was also asking for such a Bill; and before the close of the present session of the Legislature of that Province they would have it. Wherever this law was in force, it had worked well. There were over four hundred druggists in Ontario, of whom about three hundred had united for instruction in their profession. These were unanimous in favour of this measure; and the hundred that did not belong to the Association did not oppose it. He might almost say, therefore, that the druggists of Ontario were unanimous in favour of it. He hoped the House would receive it in the light in which it always did all measures calculated to promote the public good.

Mr. BAXTER approved of the principles of the Bill, and suggested that it should be referred to a Special Committee. The object of the Bill was to form the druggists into a close Corporation, and it would be well to exercise some care in passing it.

Mr. MATCHETT coincided with the hon. member for Haldimand (Mr. Baxter) that care should be exercised in passing it. He, also, would recommend that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee.

Mr. BOYD desired to call the attention of the House to the fact that this was a measure