

and breaks up the peel, so that the spirit penetrates it thoroughly. This process, as also a similar one for tincture of lemon peel, is recommended to the consideration of the compilers of the Pharmacopœial Appendix, shortly to be issued.

DETECTION OF WATER IN ESSENTIAL OILS—(G. Leuchs, *Four. pr. Chem. in Four. Chem. Society.*)—The author found that all essential oils obtained by distillation with water contained that fluid, even though they appeared quite clear. By mixing such oils with several times their volume of petroleum benzole a turbidity is produced, which may be regarded as characteristic of the presence of water. Water was detected in oils of lavender, cloves, spike, cinnamon, rosemary, sassafras, juniper, lemon, bergamot, and gaultheria. The oils of turpentine, cedar, rue, and amber exhibited no turbidity when treated with benzole.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of Canadian Pharmaceutical Journal.

DEAR SIR,—Two days since I received a letter from that eminent man "Whiskey Detective Mason" informing me that he was instructed by the College of Pharmacy to proceed against me for not being properly registered; it is a fact that a day or two before I received his letter I only had paid my fee for the year, but having been absent from the Province the best part of a year, I forgot all about it, and inasmuch as I have not received a copy of the Journal *for a year* I had nothing to remind me of my neglect of payment.

What I should like to know is: 1st. How did Mason obtain his knowledge. 2nd. Did the Registrar permit him to inspect the books, and if so by what authority he allowed a non-member of the College to meddle with its affairs. 3rd. Would it not be better, as in England, for the Registrar himself to proceed against defaulters and persons not qualified, the fines arising from such proceedings to be paid to College fund. It certainly would look more respectable to the Society than employing men of Mason's stamp.

Yours faithfully,

Brampton, May 5th, 1873.

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NOTE.—The reason that our correspondent did not receive a copy of the Journal for nearly a year was simply because he was not entitled to it. By a decision of the Council the Journal was ordered to be discontinued to those in arrears.—EDITOR.