

From section 28 it would appear that the names of offenders against the Act may be erased from the register, on resolution of the Council of the Society.

Appended is a list embracing all the principal poisonous substances, to the number of thirty-seven, these, with their compounds, are held to be poisons within the meaning of the Act.

We hope the druggists of Ontario will give the proposed bill a careful perusal. It is of vital importance that a measure of some description be passed, and it is the interest of all concerned that the law be as perfect as possible. We shall be happy to receive the suggestions of our brethren, and solicit an expression of opinion on the subject.

CANADIAN PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY.

The regular monthly meeting of the Society was held at the usual place on Wednesday evening, 2nd inst., with the President in the chair.

After reading and adoption of minutes of last meeting, the following were received as members:

PRINCIPALS.

Dr. Henderson, Ailsa Craig.
Wm. Fead, Orangeville.
E. H. Parker, Kingston.

ASSISTANTS.

Jno. Gibbard, junr., Napanoco.
Samuel Smith, Mount Forest.
L. Yeomans, Toronto.
W. Nuthall, "
J. Heaks, "
Alb. Cornell, Hawkesville.
Charles Scott, Clinton.
John E. Nevills, New Hamburg.
John S. Lesslie, Orangeville.
John Blogg, Toronto.
R. Whitehead, "
John Buchan, "
Wm. Mitchell, "
H. Macdonald, "
E. Le Maitre, "
Fred. Clarke, "
F. Barrett, "
T. Jones, "
K. Miller, "
J. Hatty, "
W. K. Graham, Brampton.

Communications were read from the Secretary of the Montreal Chemists' Association, giving particulars of the Lecture arrangements made by that Society, and one from Mr. Lowe, of Amherstburg, which will be found in another column. The Secretary was instructed to make suitable replies.

The Committee on Legislation presented the draft of a proposed Act of Parliament,

which was read by the president and discussed by the members.

On motion of Mr. Shapter, seconded by Mr. Hodgotts, a Committee consisting of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Mr. R. W. Elliott, and the mover, was appointed to take the necessary steps to obtain its passage during the present session of the Provincial Legislature.

The paper for the evening being called for, Mr. Shapter read one on Pharmaceutical Ethics, which at its close received a warm vote of thanks, moved by Mr. Hodgotts, and seconded by Mr. Massey.

Meeting adjourned.

The name of Mr. James W. Jackson, of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, was accidentally omitted in the list of names proposed at a former meeting.

The attention of members is desired to the fact that the second yearly subscriptions are due.

BACK NUMBERS.—Nos. 1 and 3 are out of print, but there are still a few of the remaining numbers, which may be had by addressing the publisher, Mr. J. M. Trout. The price is ten cents per copy.

Montreal Chemists' Association.

The usual monthly meeting of this association was held last evening in the Chemists' Hall, Toupin's Buildings, McGill street, John Kerry, Esq., President, in the chair. After the usual routine business, Mr. S. J. Lyman delivered a lecture on "The Chemistry of Odors," which occupied over an hour, and was listened to with marked attention and interest. The qualities and nature of odors were described and illustrated, with many interesting facts and experiments. The mode of preparing perfumes was detailed. The uses of odor as a guide to the insect for food, and thus fractifying the plant, by conveying the pollen from flower to flower, were pointed out, as well as a new theory that the perfume of the flower, by its power of absorbing radiant heat, protected the plant from changes of temperature. This was illustrated by the wonderful experiment of Tyndal on the relative capacity of different odors to influence radiant heat. The sources of odors from flowers, animals and chemicals, were alluded to. Samples of linseed oil, which the lecturer had extracted from linseed, and oil of cloves from the clove, by means of sulphide of carbon, without pressure or distillation, were exhibited, and the attention of manufacturers was directed to this wonderful solvent, which bids fair to supersede the hydraulic press in preparing oil from seeds. The lecture was of great interest to the practical chemist, as well as to the student of natural history. At the conclusion a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Lyman, and his lecture highly commended in addresses by the Rev. Dr. DeSola, Dr. Hingston, the Chairman, Mr. Mercier, and Mr. Gardner. As Mr. Lyman has been requested to repeat his lecture in public for the benefit of the General Hospital, we forbear giving further details—*Montreal paper.*

Communications.

A Word of Encouragement.

Amherstburg, Dec. 1, 1868.

DEAR SIR,—Enclosed is an order for the sum of Four Dollars, being the amount of my annual subscription to the Society.

I take this opportunity of expressing the pleasure I feel at the progress the Society has made. Every suggestion that I could make has been completely anticipated. This accounts for the absence of propositions or suggestions from those members not resident in Toronto.

I am glad to see that you have made provision for a course of Lectures for the education of junior members, and hope they will profit by them, and thank with you that the materials for illustrating the lectures should be provided by the Society, and not by the student, as some may shrink from attending on account of the expense. But this will cause an outlay which should be raised by a small voluntary contribution, from the Principals, both in Toronto and in the country, as we are all interested in this our first attempt to establish a school to educate our rising members.

Whatever steps may be taken in this matter, I shall be ready with my contribution towards the same, whenever called upon.

I remain yours truly,

JOHN LOWE.

We are pleased to be able to state that arrangements have been made to carry out the suggestions made by Mr. Lowe, and that without exhausting the funds raised in Toronto. The class numbers 27, and is in successful operation. Mr. Lowe sets a splendid example in sending his second year's subscription without solicitation. It will take years of economy to accomplish the objects in view by the Society, under the most favorable circumstances. Economy without a regular income will never achieve one of them.—*Ed.*

Hints to Young Men in the Trade.

The following remarks appear in the *Pharmaceutical Journal*, (England), and, although directed to the young men of Great Britain, are equally applicable in Canada:

The present time seems suitable for addressing a few remarks to our young men, especially as the Pharmacy Bill is drawing attention to the qualification of chemists. Great diversities of opinion exist in some minds as to the necessity of such a superior training; in fact, some have said that such extra training and scholarship spoil a man for business. It is to try and upset these opinions that the following views are expressed.

Some have great faith in unions and societies for improving trade; and societies may, in some cases, be of service; but the time has arrived for our young men entering the trade to have correct views, as how much or how little a society can do. Many of us at times are apt to be like the quack politicians of our day, who think they can settle all the affairs of the nation with accuracy and ease, and