

ness. The few cents saved on the prescription may be profit, but if it is at the expense of quality it is a distinct loss. The physician has a right to know by whom and how his prescription is dispensed, because there are honest and dishonest druggists. He has a right to demand that some thoroughly competent and reliable dispenser compounds it. He has also a right to see that his patients are not overcharged.

Druggists have not treated the physicians fairly. Some of them placard their stores with Bunyon's Remedies, Dr. Blink's Sure Cure-All, etc., in such a manner that physicians become disgusted. They counter-prescribe, fill repeats without orders, or make up an extra bottle for a friend, and do many other things that are not right. They say that the doctor does not treat them fairly, by allowing his prescription to be filled anywhere. There exists overcharging by druggists and percentage receiving by doctors, but we believe that these are only in rare instances. As a rule, charges are fairly made by honorable druggists. We believe that in a city the size of Toronto there is room for three or four, at least, thoroughly reliable dispensing chemists, who will handle *no patent nostrums whatever*. No objection could be raised to keeping perfumes and toilet articles, but in every other respect they should be simply dispensing chemists. If such announce themselves, we believe that they will receive the support of the physicians. Who will try the experiment?"

Quebec Pharmaceutical Association.

PHARMACY PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS.

The Preliminary Board of Examiners of the Pharmaceutical Association of the Province of Quebec, held their quarterly examinations for students entering the study of pharmacy, in Montreal and Quebec, on Thursday, January 7th, when twenty-eight candidates presented themselves in Montreal and one in Quebec, and of these the following, named in order of merit, passed: R. C. McMichael, Roger Pasquin, J. E. Hillman, Gilbert Carriere, Donat Balanger, J. Bte. Orvilleurs, Christopher Urwick. These will be entitled to be registered as certified apprentices. The following candidates passed upon all subjects but one, namely: J. C. Martel and J. A. Langeher, Latin; F. G. Dastons, arithmetic; for which subjects they will be required to present themselves at the April examination. The rest of the candidates were referred back for further study.

The examiners were the Rev. L'Abbe Verreau, of Jacques Cartier Normal School, and Professor Isaac Gammell, of the High School, Montreal, with Mr. J. E. Dube as supervisor in Quebec.

The next examination will be held on the first day of April, 1897.

Montreal College Students' Dinner.

The pill machine, our emblem dear,
La pharmacie forever.
God save our Queen, and Heaven bless
The pharmacist forever.

The annual dinner of the students of the Montreal College of Pharmacy was held February 5th, at the Balmoral Hotel, and proved one of the most successful ever held in the history of the college. The attendance was large, the decorations tasty, the menu excellent, and the responses to the various toasts thoroughly enjoyable.

The president, Mr. Achille Gauvin, occupied the chair, on his right and left being Profs. Reed, and Lecours, and Messrs. Muir, Chaplain, Morrison, and Williams.

The president made an eloquent speech, alluding to the proud position which Canada held amongst the colonies of Great Britain—its prominent men and its vast resources.

"The Pharmaceutical Association" was proposed by E. Thivierge and responded to by R. W. Williams, of Three Rivers, president of the association.

"The Montreal College of Pharmacy," proposed by L. Desrosiers, responded to by Mr. W. H. Chapman.

"The Professors," proposed by A. Choquette, responded to by Dr. Reed and Prof. Lecours.

"The American Pharmaceutical Association" was responded to by its president, J. E. Morrison, of Montreal.

During the evening a very fine programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered, the contributors being Messrs. O. Mathieu, H. Choquette, J. Troitier, F. Woolley, J. Bte Bisailon, and J. A. Goyer.

Letters of regret were read from Sir William Hingston, Dr. Rottot, Professor Pfister, and Prof. Bemrose.

The gathering broke up about 3 a.m. after singing the "Marsellaise" and "God Save the Queen."

Death of a Well-known Drug Traveller.

It is our painful duty this month to record the sudden death of Mr. R. Caldwell, at Poul's Hotel, Meaford, on the morning of the 4th inst. The deceased retired on the night of the 3rd after taking the drive from Owen Sound in good health; in fact, he had told his Owen Sound customers that he never felt better in his life than he did on Wednesday, and the heart trouble which had given him anxiety during last year had entirely disappeared. But after retiring he awoke about 4 o'clock with a feeling of suffocation, but was able to go and arouse a medical man who slept at the hotel, who followed Mr. Caldwell to his room, and on arriving there was commencing to treat deceased when the latter complained of the coldness of the room and immediately expired.

In the death of R. Caldwell the mem-

bers of the drug trade of eastern and northern Ontario misses one of the best known travellers who called upon them to solicit orders.

Commencing travelling when but a young man, not quite of age, he was almost continually on the road for twenty-five years, and during that time represented Winer & Co., Haswell & Co., Lowden, Inglis & Neil, and finally Evans & Sons, for which house he travelled during the past twelve years.

During this long career he made numerous friends and was favorably known over the whole of Ontario, and was fully conversant with the ins and outs of the trade over that section. That he will be missed by all is only too true, and his "advice card" will be wanting in the mail of those friends who looked eagerly for his coming.

His word was his bond, and his business integrity was unquestioned. So that he was looked upon as an example to the younger members of the travelling fraternity in his continual interest in the welfare of his firm and also of his customers.

The profession at large extend their cordial sympathy to his widow and only daughter, who have been so suddenly bereaved.

Mr. Caldwell was of Scotch parentage, and came to this country when quite young.

His home was at Belleville, where he was buried February 6th, according to the rites of the Church of England, of which he was one of the wardens at the time of his death.

Legal.

Wilson v. Lyman.

This was an action brought by Archdale Wilson & Co., Hamilton, against The Lyman Brothers & Co. (Limited), Toronto, for an alleged infringement of patent and trade mark.

The case was tried at Hamilton before Judge Rose, January 25th and 26th. The plaintiff's contention was that the defendants were putting up a fly poison paper in the same style and shape as that of the plaintiffs, and using the word "pad," which they claimed they alone were entitled to use as applied to fly poison paper. They also claimed \$5,000 damages, and asked that an injunction be granted preventing defendants from continuing the alleged infringement. A large number of witnesses were present on both sides, and a good deal of interest was manifested by both the wholesale and retail trade. The defence was that the word "pad" is a common word, and could not be monopolized by any person or persons, also a denial of any infringements.

J. J. Scott, of Hamilton, assisted by S. H. Blake, Q.C., of Toronto, appeared for the plaintiffs, and Thompson, Henderson & Bell for the defendants. Judgment was reserved.