

PROVINCIAL PHARMACISTS.

ANNUAL MEETING OF ONTARIO'S DRUGGISTS— THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS—DRUGGISTS AS OPTICIANS.

The second annual meeting of the Provincial Pharmaceutical Association was held in the lecture hall of the Ontario College of Pharmacy yesterday afternoon, President **William Murchison** (Toronto) in the chair. There was a small attendance of members, the fair or other counter attractions apparently militating against a large gathering.

The first business on the agenda was the President's annual address. This was an exhaustive and interesting effort, covering a good deal of ground. The speaker claimed that the objects of the association were as follows:—(1) To unite the Ontario drug trade commercially, as it now is legally and educationally; (2) to foster such a relationship between druggists and physicians and members of other professions as will strengthen our position, while tending to the promotion of the public welfare; (3) to encourage an investigation of the natural products of our country of interest to the pharmacist; (4) to generate a Canadian pharmaceutical system, which will give us the prestige we should properly enjoy as educated pharmacists; (5) to cultivate pharmaceutical literature from native talent, and to encourage original chemical research by members or graduates of the Ontario College of Pharmacy; (6) to establish a code of ethics which will serve to maintain a correct relationship between our members, and (7) to support the Council of our college in all matters pertaining to the educational training of our apprentices and to advise with them upon legal measures sought to be secured.

Taking up each of these objects the President elaborated thereon, and urged upon the meeting the various means by which he considered the desired ends might be best attained. At its conclusion a very cordial vote of thanks was tendered the speaker for his able address, and the association ordered it to be printed.

The business of the session was then proceeded with, the first item being the consideration of the report of the Committee on By-laws, which was discussed and adopted with slight alterations.

Mr. R. S. Muir of Walkerton then read a very useful and practical paper entitled "Druggists as Opticians," in which he dwelt upon the value, and even necessity, of a thoroughly accurate knowledge of the laws of light, reflection and refraction, and a scientific understanding of the principles governing the testing of sight. He also pointed out that the intelligent handling of this branch of the business was a legitimate and valuable source of additional revenue, and gave many useful suggestions to aid his fellow-members in developing the department. The essay was much appreciated, and a warm vote of thanks recorded in acknowledgment.

Owing to the small attendance it was decided to close the proceedings at that session instead of continuing to-day, and for the same reason the present officers were re-elected en bloc by resolution.

The association then adjourned, after deciding to convene again next February.