

be introduced early in the coming session, and would soon be upon the statute book. The Poisons Act, though passed more than 30 years ago, the Government so far had refused to bring up to date. The sale of poisons should certainly be under the control of the Pharmacy Board, as in all other British dominions. They must keep on agitating until the desired object was attained. During the year they had lost an energetic, painstaking Secretary (Mr. R. A. Palmer), who had entered into business in a country township; his departure was greatly regretted. The finances of the association were flourishing; the credit balance was £50 after all liabilities had been paid. The annual dinner proved so great a success that members looked forward with interest to the next to be held shortly. Members did not use the rooms to the extent the committee thought they should, and he hoped to see an improvement in this respect during the coming year.

Mr. E. C. Woodward seconded the motion. He hoped the new committee would arrange a series of ambulance lectures during the winter like that delivered to the association last session.

Mr. W. A. Tyerman, a member of the Wellington association, thought it a pity such slight mention was made in the report of early closing. Dunedin chemists should lead in this matter, and set a good example. It only wanted a little pressure to secure success. He would be glad to give his assistance towards bringing it about. They should make another effort and not wait for the law to compel closing.

The Chairman said they had tried voluntary early closing on several occasions. They arranged for 8 p.m., and subsequently 9 p.m., but both broke down. Because of one or two the rest were kept at their post. No voluntary arrangement could again be arrived at. They had come to the conclusion that nothing short of legislation would bring about the reform they desired. (Hear, hear.)

The report was unanimously adopted.

The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. T. W. Kempthorne; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. W. Wardrop and A. M. Loasby; Secretary, Mr. D. White; Treasurer, Mr. R. A. Ewing; Committee, Messrs. Johnstone, Woodward, A. Bagley, W. Elder, F. Willis, and T. Davis; Auditor, Mr. Thomson.

Mr. Hotop, of Queenstown, expressed his pleasure at being present. Such meetings tended to foster brotherhood among chemists. Regarding early closing, he agreed with the remark that nothing short of legislation would compel chemists to close at a reasonable hour.

Mr. R. A. Ewing moved as a recommendation to the incoming committee that they should try and get medicines urgently wired for taken by the train right up to the moment of starting. This had been allowed until recently, but a change of stationmasters had altered affairs. The prompt despatch of medicine was a matter of great importance, and if the railway officials were allowed to treat medicine as ordinary merchandise the consequences might be very serious, even to the loss of life. Mr. Ewing's remarks were indorsed by Mr. Woodward.

A vote of thanks to the retiring Secretary was carried on the motion of Mr. Johnstone. Before the members separated light refreshments were handed round.

PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND.

COUNCIL MEETING, BRISBANE, APRIL 17, 1901.

Present—Messrs. D. J. Clarke (President), F. W. Simonds, W. Taylor, H. D. Thomason, and the Secretary (Mr. E. Chas. Blake).

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters Outwards.—Copies read and approved.

Letters inward were of an unimportant nature, chiefly relating to the payment of subscriptions.

FINANCIAL.

The Honorary Treasurer's statement of receipts and expenditure for the two months ending April 16 was read and received.

Subscriptions had been received from W. F. S. Fox, W. S. Cottew, W. R. Hodgson, G. Watkins, J. R. Raymond, J. P. J. Gordon, J. Geddes, J. Wilkinson, W. Clayton, A. Crofts, A. J. Costello, P. J. Hains, E. Saunders, I. L. Hodgson, J. L. Adams, T. Parker, C. Ridgley, J. Lewis, P. V. Armati, J. C. Minnis, J. W. Ayscough, F. C. Allen, C. H. Hughes, J. Bearkley, H. Rowland, J. Davidson, A. Chippindall, C. H. Ward, E. R. D'Weske, E. N. Symons, J. Saunders, C. R. Clarke, C. Morley, J. von Berger, J. F. Touzeau, J. Turnbull, A. F. Campbell, O. P. Cray, W. Troup, J. Davies, T. de Bracy, H. J. Boreham, G. T. Elworthy, A. E. Dimmock, T. D. Rutter.

Accounts amounting to £5 1s. 4d. were passed for payment.

NOMINATION.

Mr. A. E. Dimmock was nominated as a member of the society.

FOOD AND DRUGS REGULATIONS.

The Secretary stated that he had seen Dr. Ham, the Commissioner of Health, who would be pleased to receive recommendations from the Council with reference to the standards to be appointed under the regulations of the Health Bill relating to foods and drugs.

Mr. Taylor having intimated that it was likely to be his last attendance at a Council meeting, as he was shortly leaving for Clermont, the President and members present, whilst wishing Mr. Taylor success in his new sphere, regretted that they were to be deprived of his services as a councillor, and referred in very kindly terms to Mr. Taylor's long association with the society and Council.

Meeting terminated.

The College of Pharmacy Classes have commenced with an attendance quite up to the average. The students from the country include Messrs. Green (Townsville), O'Reilly (Mackay), Park (Charters Towers), Pfitzenmaier (Rockhampton), and others are likely to join later in the session.

PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

COUNCIL MEETING, ADELAIDE, APRIL 18, 1901.

Present—The President (Mr. H. Bickford) and Messrs. White, Parkes, Coudrey, and Young (Hon. Secretary).

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Accounts for £4 7s. 11d. were passed for payment.

STUDENTS AND LABORATORY CHARGES.

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting of the Council (January 17) the students had been entered on the course of studies for the current year. With the approval of the President, he had procured a platinum crucible for the class doing volumetric work, and had issued the society's metrical weights on loan. He had acted on the wish expressed by the Council at the December meeting, and collected a further deposit fee of 10s. for laboratory charges from students taking Inorganic Chemistry. In asking that this might be confirmed by the Council, he would suggest that it be resolved that a rebate be allowed to the students of the excess of this amount, as shown on the account of laboratory charges of each student presented by the University at the end of the year.

It was resolved that the fee for laboratory charges be £1, and that the excess, if any, be rebated at the end of the course.

MR. HILL'S LETTER.

This was a letter from Mr. C. S. Hill attached to his resignation as a member of the Board, in which he criticised the educational facilities at present adopted by the Council, to whom the letter was referred. The points of the criticism were:—(1) That growing dissatisfaction was expressed with the educational facilities and the examinations (vide synopsis); as they stood they were held to be expensive, exacting, and unsatisfactory. (2) The course taken covered a wide area, with