

"PROFESSOR."

Abuses of the term and a Remedy.

(Adolphus Ludzwig.)

We all admire old institutions and old terms, but when I hear and see an honorable term, which properly belongs to the best and most learned men of the land, bandied about and used by every quack and ignoramus that struts about the country, I feel like raising my voice against the abuse of a designation which should characterize learning and ability. Before speaking of the grosser abuses, allow me to say one word against the tendency at the present time to prefix "Prof." to the names of persons, who, either from lack of experience, or ability, have not yet shown that they are not worthy to be so called, which I hold is a libel on the legitimate use of the expression. No person ought to be allowed to use the term, (or if it be changed, one having the same signification), until he or she has demonstrated that they are eligible for the distinction.

At the present time, however, the phrase has become so hackneyed that a man of any distinction does not care to have the term used in connection with his name. Every dog-trainer, cow doctor, tooth puller, pain extractor, lumbago curer, organ grinder, trapeze performer, juggler, and a thousand others, all have the prof. mucilaged on the anterior end of their appellation. To protect those who are legitimately entitled to the use of the term a change ought to be made, either restricting its use to proper persons, or else finding a new title for men who have demonstrated that they are entitled to some mark of respect, which the world is willing to bestow upon them in consideration of their abilities, but when every fellow, who has a little (or perhaps I should say, a great deal) too much of the commodity, commonly known as "cheek," and makes use of it in a public manner, then it is time to call a "halt," or a change.

To give an illustration. One of the youngest Professors from one of the leading institutions in the Province, was in a hotel of a certain flourishing town, when a telegram came in addressed to Prof. ——. As the polite clerk handed him the message he blandly inquired, "Got a Company on the road Professor?" Our young pedagogue resented the insinuation in the bleakest manner possible, by replying in terms near the free-

ing point, that he was *not travelling with any company of performers*. Such is the repute in which this once time-honored phrase is held that foolish men fondle it, honest men pass it, and wise men eschew it. In the world the ignorant wonder, the medium ridicule, and the learned pity.

What then can be done? One of three things *will* be done, and *either* of *two* things ought to be done. Either find another designation for teachers in Colleges and Universities, or, secondly prohibit the use of the present one by any except those who are entitled, or thirdly allow things to go on as they are.



E. A. Globensky, well known to the '88 class, is now taking a course at the Oise Agricultural College, Beauvais, France. "Globe" has been at that College for nearly three years. He will graduate this summer, then take a year's cruise through Denmark, Sweden, Norway, and the British Isles, returning to Canada next year, when he will start a dairy farm in Quebec.

In a late issue of the "Independent," of Grimsby, Ont., we noticed a description of a herd of Holsteins, owned by J. C. McNiven, and Son, of the Landsdown Farm, Winona, Ont. Mr. McNiven and his son William, '86, have a large and well selected herd, headed by the yearling bull "Sepkie," a first prize taken at the Hamilton Exhibition last fall. These gentlemen are evidently doing good work in their vicinity, owing in part, no doubt, to the knowledge received by the latter gentleman while at the College.

We are pleased to note that in the recent report issued by the Dominion Experimental Farm, Mr. Shutt, the chemist, pays a high tribute of praise to A. Lehmann, B.S.A., late of this College, now assistant to Mr. Shutt. We cannot do better than to quote from the Report, Mr. Shutt's own words, in reference to Mr. Lehmann: "By the technical skill and ability he has displayed in chemical analysis, by his untiring industry and by the warm, intelligent interest he has evinced in the work,