

CORRESPONDENCE.

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Mr. Jeffrey's Letter.

To the Editor:

✓ SIR,—In *Canadian Pharmaceutical Journal*, May, 1891, Mr. Andrew Jeffrey attempts to write a history of what he calls the "origin of the friction between the Council and the faculty."

It would be more consistent if Mr. Jeffrey would write the whole truth regarding this matter of agreements with the teachers in 1889, and not such portions as suit his purpose at the present time; also other matters regarding the instruction at the College of which he is fully aware, and does not see fit to publish.

Yours truly,

JOHN A. CLARK.

Hamilton, May 8, 1891.

✓ The College Students Love Mr. Shuttleworth. Why?

MR. EDITOR,—I have notice that the great lever that the Professors of our College are using to work up public feeling against the present Council is—the students. They have lost faith in the retail druggist and have fallen back upon the wholesalers' influence, and the students.

Foolish young men to be led away by a little "At Home" or banquet at the Dean's residence occasionally, and a little cheap flattery. That might do for you when your teacher, Mr. Shuttleworth, was your examiner and also Chairman of the Board of Examiners. He was paid by the old Council so much per head for every student ground through his mill. The more he passed the better for him.

If we could only all get a snap like that. But reflect for a moment, druggists, and students especially, of what use was your diploma after you got it, outside of Ontario? None whatever, as the standard was too low. It paid Mr. Shuttleworth, however, and he was so kind to the students, and all the time this was going on you were getting only 400 hours instruction at a cost of \$101, or about 25½c. per hour, and Mr. Shuttleworth earning nearly \$10 per hour.

Along comes the new Council (new regime) which you have been taught in the College were your deadly enemies, striving to pluck you and your beloved Professors at the same time. What did these bad, bad men do? They gradually increased the hours of instruction from 400 to 500 to 650, yes to over 800 hours for \$92 or 11½c. per hour. They took some of the cream off the Professors' salaries and gave it to you in extra schooling. They gave you a diploma which was worth something to you. They are seeking now affiliation with Toronto University for your good.

They are spending \$13,000 to enlarge and equip the present College building for the benefit of the students. And yet some of you are so unreasonable as to say, what help is that to us who are now at College? Be reasonable, boys, look at the facts, and do not be hoodwinked.

RETAIL DRUGGIST FROM THE EAST.

To the Editor:

✓ SIR,—In the *Canadian Pharmaceutical Journal* for October, 1890, pages 30 and 31, the editor makes certain statements which are not correct.

The intention of this editorial article is to convey to the minds of the druggists of the Province, that the action of the Council in cancelling the engagement of Mr. Shuttleworth as teacher in the school was caused by, what editor Shuttleworth calls, spite on part of the President of the College, and bases his claim for such upon a certain conversation over a part of the report of the Registrar-Treasurer as published in the *Canadian Pharmaceutical Journal*, March, 1889, and which is not the same as upon the minute book of the council proceedings.

This talk was in the office of the Registrar, and Mr. Shuttleworth's statement of same as printed in the journal, is another instance of misrepresentation, which has been so prevalent of late regarding the work that has been done by the members of the Council of our College.

The following letter will not require any explanation from me:

Toronto, Jan'y 27th, 1891.

We, the undersigned, were present when Mr. Isaac T. Lewis made the statement that the editorial article which appeared in the *Canadian Pharmaceutical Journal* of Oct. 1890, pages 30 and 31, referring to a conversation held in the office of Registrar-Treasurer, between J. A. Clark and E. B. Shuttleworth, was certainly not a correct account of such, and that Mr. Clark made no apology to Mr. Shuttleworth, and further that Mr. Shuttleworth acted wrong in the publication of this article as it appeared in the journal.

JOHN J. HALL,
J. MCKEE,
A. B. PETRIE,
J. H. MACKENZIE.

Thanking you Mr. Editor for the courtesy you have shown to me in publishing the various communications that I have sent you, I am

Yours truly,

JOHN A. CLARK.

To the Editor:

✓ As the following address from a member of the Council of the Ontario College of Pharmacy, so fully coincides with my own views in regard to college matters, I take the liberty of requesting that you publish it in full in your next issue, believing that it will awaken a deeper interest in these matters by the druggists of the province.

Yours truly,

ONTARIO DRUGGIST.

To the Retail Druggists of Toronto:

GENTLEMEN,—The radical changes that have taken place in the teaching staff of

the College naturally attract attention, which has been, and no doubt will be, kept up by those that have been interested in the salaries that have been attached to such positions. The present Council gave notice of the termination of the engagement of two of the Professors last August, and since that time many things have been said which would lead the druggists to believe that the action of the Council was due to personal spleen and spite.

I may say that on my introduction to the Board, some two years ago, I knew no faction and was not in any way prejudiced, my sympathies naturally inclined towards the Professors, who were Toronto men. I cannot therefore be honestly charged with a feeling of enmity to any regime. During the first session of the present Council the question of placing the teachers upon a salary basis came before the Board. This move I considered right and voted for the change. This was the outcome of the amendments to the Pharmacy Act which became law in March, 1889. The Council were for the first time enabled by these amendments to control the School and dictate mode of payment to teaching staff as well as other details necessary to make the School efficient. From the fact that all students are compelled under the Act to attend at least onesessionatourCollegeandanothercourse at a college which must be approved of by ours before they could receive our diploma, you will readily see that an opposition school such as was threatened under the Act of 1884, and which might have seriously crippled our College, could not be successful under the new Act. I confess the present, like every other Act, is not all that can be desired, but it is decidedly better than any former one.

Great exception is taken by some to any Council attempting to legislate the wholesalers out of the privileges enjoyed by them under former Acts of their own framing, and they glory in the fact that they succeeded in preventing such legislation, and that the Council which brought forth the amendments were unsuccessful in that respect. I appeal to you as fair-minded retailers, whether any wholesaler should have all your privileges and at the same time be freed from all the responsibilities of the Act, and I hope that the day is not far distant when we shall have such legislation as will debar these men from registration. Why should an apprenticeship served with a wholesale drug house rank the same as that served with a retail dispensing chemist? Yet such is being done. I may say, that under the old system the Lecturers received all of the fees up to \$3,000.00; all over that amount was to be equally divided between the College and the faculty. Such a system was not, in the Council's opinion, for the best interests of the School, and they endeavored to adjust the question of salary and control the fees.

This being one of the first acts of the new Board, I came into close contact with