

secured a controlling voice in the new Council, the hatchet should now be buried and peace proclaimed. Such persons know but little of the motives which still influence the irresponsible elements of the Council. If our opponents in that body were open to conviction on points where their financial interests are involved, and could be made, like the rest of us, to look at matters from a purely professional standpoint, there might be some reasonableness in this view. Their past actions and their present attitude, however, alike prove that they are to be beaten and not won into acquiescence—that, if we are to obtain from the medical schools and their satellites a profitable recognition of the rights of the profession, it must be, not by an exhibition of mistaken generosity, but at the point of the sword. That they still hug the delusion that they can continue the stupid concealment of the past and prevent us, in the Council, from exposing the extravagance and mismanagement of the last five years, is well shown by an incident which has just occurred. In blocking out the work to be attempted in the coming session it became necessary to apply to the Registrar for a return respecting the sums paid to the Council examiners, the number of papers read by each, the number of candidates presenting themselves at each fall examination who had not written the previous spring, etc. This information was asked for nearly three months ago. The request was forwarded by the Registrar to the President on the 8th of February, by him referred to the Executive Committee, and by it flatly refused. But all intimation that it was refused, was withheld till yesterday (the 12th inst.), lest, had we received it during the session of the legislature we should have obtained it—as in a previous case we were driven to do—by a motion of the House.

I shall probably more fully discuss this unworthy subterfuge in my next letter. Meantime I may remind you that the information sought was asked for in the interests of the profession, to be laid before the Council at its approaching session—that it involved no expense whatever, that it was within the prerogative of a member of the Council to seek and to obtain it, and that its refusal was either a piece of blundering incapacity or autocratic insolence. I may further ask you to remember that it was refused by an Executive Committee appointed by a moribund Council, at a stolen session, and composed of three persons—a University appointee, a president whose constituency publicly declared in the recent elections its want of confidence in him, and a homœopathic ex-president, discredited throughout the profession by his unblushing perversion of facts in his official address last June.

Yours, etc.,

Port Perry, April 13th, 1895.

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