

such a profitable matter. The college has made a good deal of money out of it, even after paying the amounts (which Mr. Clark thinks so large) to the lecturers. "Cheap labor" will not be as profitable to the college beside lessening the quality of its instruction and its reputation. Why should Mr. Clark assume that members of the Council and others, who differ from him, are "Tools to carry out the work of the editor of the *Pharmaceutical Journal*?" Such an assertion is false and insulting.

The sequence to Mr. Clark's letter may be seen in the notice of dismissal given at the last meeting of Council to two of the lecturers. This is what he has been *waiting* at for a long time, and I believe it to be a very serious blow at the interests of the college, and one that will take years to recover from, no matter how good men may be engaged to fill the places of the two dismissed.

The sympathy of many of the druggists and of their apprentices will be with the two gentlemen who have been unjustly dealt with. Mr. Jeffrey and I resigned our seats in the Council, as a protest against, what we believe, to be a very unwise course, and think, that when the matter is understood by the druggists of Ontario, that they will approve of our action. The college was in a fair way to prosper, but the miserable bickerings that have occurred during the last three years, are likely to keep it back, and to interfere with any extension of our present privi-

leges, which may depend upon the good will of the medical men, as well as the Legislature.

J. E. D'AVIGNON.

Windsor, Ont., Sept. 10th, 1890.

EDITOR CANADIAN DRUGGIST:

Sir, Your timely article in a recent number of the "CANADIAN DRUGGIST," is in striking contrast to some of the opinions which appear to be held by other journalists who claim to represent the drug trade. In a late number of an American publication, an article appeared in relation to the registration of sale of *any* poisonous articles by the drug trade. While I am quite willing to admit that too much care can not be exercised in the sale of articles of this class, I think there is danger of carrying it too far, and of converting our existing legislation, which fully provides for these matters, to a ridiculous extreme. Why, Sir, if we were to go through the whole Pharmacopœia, how few things would we be able to see that could be sold with impunity. A certain amount of latitude must be allowed the vendor—and the idea of a druggist being responsible in the case of a sale of patent medicines containing poisons, is too absurd. Let the responsibility in this case rest between the manufacturer and the consumer, the druggist acting only as a middleman for the sale of the preparations. It strikes me, that if a little more attention

was given to the prohibition of the sale of many things by those not engaged in the drug business, but who merely sell patent and other goods in our lines as leaders for their trade, it would be much more productive of good results, than the continual desire which seems to impel some people to find out some little technicality, which might be worked up into a case against an unoffending

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