

To Council Electors.

Readers of this page will readily have recognized the unwillingness displayed in our last article to launch into Council troubles in connection with the college staff.

We didn't desire to prejudice in any way the interests of the professors, and therefore waited until the change was made before proceeding to discuss the pros and cons relating thereto. That disability has now been removed, and we are free to consider the matter from every point of view. Our last article ended by a reference to the work devolving on the druggists' representatives the Council. In a late article, we quoted from the Pharmacy Act the duties and powers of this body, as laid down therein, in the interests of the professors they represent. A consideration now of how they have discharged those duties and powers will possibly be the means of throwing light on many parts of the vexed subject which now seems dark.

Prior to the Council Elections of 1887, the affairs of the college seem to have been managed very largely by Prof. Shuttleworth, under sanction of an existing Council, which either had unlimited confidence in his ability to do so, or a very limited amount of confidence in their own abilities to perform the obligation their selection as Councilors imposed on them.

At anyrate such appears to have been the position of affairs when the election for that year approached, as we find that what was termed "new blood" sought to introduce itself.

It may be that it considered the old blood had become vitiated, belonged to a preceding generation; lacked vitality to continue through another term, or that it had become so conservative that it wanted to parentalize the position for all time. At any rate what was then the nucleus, now the backbone of the present Council, made an earnest bid for the support of their confreres, when, as you are all aware, they came out last on the first count, and first on the recount, but only after they had made a legal fight for it, a fight which practically commenced then and ends now, when their last opponent has been obliged to give into their hands a management which he has so long contrived to hold, and which he has not relinquished without making a fight for its retention such as will establish a precedent in that particular sphere of action.

It has been patent to every observer who has watched College affairs with any degree of interest, that the privileges and powers accorded Prof. Shuttleworth by the old regime, have been gradually withdrawn by the new regime, who, whatever sins they may have to answer for, are freed from the charge of inertia. They took hold of the position with the avowed intention of performing themselves the work attached thereto; of husbanding the finances, and of raising the School to a place, such as an institution—provincial in character and supported by at least two-thirds of the entire number of druggists in the Dominion—is entitled to and should be expected to assume.

The demand for the writer's Preparations on page 17, are not only provincial but continental.

(To be continued.)