

no part of the fees for a year or two at a time, in order that College needs might be the better served, would have been a complete answer to the Foundation's charge of "Commercialism," and it would also have fairly disproved the Foundation's main thesis that "The Laboratory sciences have been starved that small dividends might be paid to generally prosperous practitioners."

The whole report regarding the the Halifax Medical College, from the very first line to the last, is distinctly unfair and misleading.

At the very outset the College is described as a "proprietary school."

This is misleading. The Halifax Medical College is not a "proprietary school" at all in the sense that some of the United States schools are.

The members of the College corporation hold no stock or anything of the kind, and have no individual legal claim whatever in any property or funds of the College, either as dividends or otherwise.

The Halifax Medical College is no more a "proprietary school" than is any university in the country.

The College collects its revenue, including fees from students, and disburses those revenues as it thinks best in the interest of the educational work in which it is engaged.

If the College Corporation votes an honorarium to the professors and other teachers, they get it: if the Corporation does not vote such honorarium, they do not get it, and have no legal claim for it or any sum whatever.

The small sum which the College Corporation usually distributes each year among the teachers are in no sense dividends or salaries, but are entirely analgous to the honoraria distributed among directors of banks and other corporations, and among

the members of other public bodies, such as the Halifax School Board, not at all by way of dividend or salary, but merely to mark and promote regularity of attendance and attention to official duty.

If a professor or other teacher neglects to give a lecture or demonstration, he loses his honorarium for that hour.

This system has been found to work well in the business world in promoting regular attendance at meetings, and it is also found to work well in the College, and perhaps ought there, especially, to have a place, since nearly all the teachers are engaged in busy practice, and often find it by no means easy to attend to their College duties.

But still I am bound to add, what I know to be a fact, that the teachers one and all think a great deal more of their college work and of their service to medical education, than they do of the small honoraria which merely mark their regularity of attention to duty.

It now occurs to me, Gentlemen, that in giving you this little account of how this Carnegie Foundation report was manufactured or arrived at, I have incidentally given a fairly complete refutation of most of the charges urged and uttered against the Halifax Medical College.

I may here just mention another deliberate omission in the Foundation's report, though it was specially called to their attention in the Halifax "Comment," namely, that the Halifax Medical College provides teaching in Psychiatry, at the Nova Scotia Hospital for the Insane, an institution of some 400 beds, which, under the present highly competent superintendent and his able predecessors, has ever been conducted on the latest and most approved methods for the care