

To Council Electors.

The powers of the Council being legally just and admittedly satisfactory, we will now proceed to discuss the manner in which they have been used, the results attained thereby, and their connection with the present College difficulties, but before doing so we will digress by making a few comments.

Those who have been associated with the retail drug business for the last fifteen or twenty years cannot but be aware, however little they may have thought of it, that a complete process of evolution has taken place in the trade during that period. The grocer-druggist has disappeared, his hardware confrere will soon have vanished, and as sure as fate, the day is rapidly approaching when educated skill and experience will be the sole allies in the possession of the aspirant for pharmaceutic success, commercially or otherwise.

Nothing that could be said would more clearly demonstrate the fact that essential changes beyond your power to control were taking place, than the evidence afforded by the associate methods now being discussed and adopted, by the interest now being taken in Council elections and College affairs; by the fact that out of the twenty-four gentlemen who twenty years ago were constituted a body politic and corporate under the name of "The Ontario College of Pharmacy," not one now exercises any control in the affairs of the College; and by the contrast between the active work now necessary at Council meetings, with the pleasure-seeking and essay-reading meetings of a few years ago.

It is no part of the wish of the writer to minimize the efforts and accomplishments of past Councils, who possibly filled their positions satisfactorily at the time, but it is his desire to make self-evident the fact that changes are not alone a part of the past, but are as sure to continue as ever, and that the advent of changes, now foreseen, will not to any appreciable extent alter the current of your interests or those who may succeed you. The controlling powers have got to keep up with the tide or go down in the flood.

Progress is the watchword that carries strength and continuity, and is as essential to the future success of Pharmacy as to that of any other branch of the interests of a young, thriving, and rapidly developing country.

I must ask my readers to excuse digressions of this nature, which will prove to be among the sins of commission that the writer will frequently be found guilty of.

Reverting again to the first clause of this article in connection with the use, benefits and results of the powers of the Druggists' Council and the application of them, we are at once brought down to a consideration of the work devolving on the representatives chosen to manage, in a corporate sense, the legal, financial, educational and protective affairs of the trader.

We cannot all be first, but the lessee of this page must feel more than ordinary pride in the success of his valuable preparations, on page 17. Every Druggist handles it, whilst the Laboratory at Toronto, Ont., can bear witness to the daily increasing demand for it.

(To be continued.)