

# To Council Electors.

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We have now given in this page from time to time, a somewhat disconnected, though fairly accurate account, of the trouble between the Council and the College Staff, and while endeavoring to show fair play to both parties, we have naturally, as every one does, taken sides. In doing so no personal feeling has influenced us. We have so far been, and shall continue to be, solely upon the side of the druggists. As the stump speaker would say: "We believe in representation of the druggists, by the druggists, for the druggists; and not representation of the druggists, by the druggists, for the Professors."

In the City of Toronto, where the personal influence of the Professors can be exercised to a greater extent than elsewhere, those who are running for the Council in their interests, put this question direct to the electors whom they canvass: "Are you Shuttleworth, or anti-Shuttleworth?" As anti-Shuttleworth in that case must mean the Council, and as the Council means the druggists, we have no hesitation in indicating how the choice should be. We have misjudged the druggists of this Province if they can be induced to select men to represent their division upon the Council of the Ontario College of Pharmacy, whose only and avowed object is to support the claims of disobedient servants, and continue an unseemly division which should never exist, in a body whose true aim should be the furtherance of united and continued effort to benefit those they have been elected to represent, in an educational, a professional and a commercial sense. The business of the druggist of to-day can yet be improved by Legislative enactment, and nothing is more certain than that such cannot be obtained while a party supposed to be one in securing it, is in reality divided in itself and pulling in different directions. If union is strength, dis-union is weakness. If the Council and College staff are united in furthering the interests of the College, good results will ensue; the reputation of all will be enhanced, and peace and harmony will prevail. If disunited, the interests of the College will suffer; the reputation of all will be impaired; and discord will prevail. Which are you aiming at?

Few will deny that Professors Suttleworth and Avison are entitled to a good deal of credit for the good work they have performed. None were anxious to have their connection with the College severed; all were willing to have them fairly and equitably remunerated; but none other than partizans were willing that a matter of reasonable contract should induce the Professors to institute an opposition to the constituted authority such as even the worst treatment would warrant. If the Professors have been treated unfairly, we will be pleased to hear their defence. Defence, in their position, is quite within their rights, but offensive opposition is assuredly not. It has been stated that the Professors were forced out because they would not sign an unreasonable agreement; but, judging from such official statements as we have been able to reach, we should say it was because they would not sign any at all of any kind, and had intimated semi-officially that they did not intend to, but were willing to collect excess pay under a verbal agreement, which did not specifically define their duties.

This is the last letter we can at present write under the heading "To Council Electors," as e'er another copy could issue, the cause which called forth the articles on this page will have been a thing of the past. Upon your vote now depends peace or discord. We advise you to choose wisely. Select those men who have your and the College interest at heart; who have the time and inclination to render you the best service in their power; and who are possessed of abilities such as will reflect credit upon the Division they represent, and the Profession they seek to advance and maintain.

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