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To the Editor CANADIAN DRUGGIST:

DEAR SIR,—At a meeting of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Association of the Province of Quebec, held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., the following resolution was passed unanimously, namely:—That on May 1st next the annual registration fee of licentiates of pharmacy be reduced to the original amount, namely, five dollars, and that the annual registration fee for certified clerks and certified apprentices remain the same as before.

E. MUIR, Registrar.

Editor and Teacher.

(TWO OF A KIND.)

Editor CANADIAN DRUGGIST:

Thank you very kindly Mr. Clark for your last letter to THE CANADIAN DRUGGIST. The information there given is just what every druggist wants: a knowledge of where his money goes.

I don't begrudge paying my four dollars a year when my apprentice gets some benefit from it, and I the protection I need and desire: but I very naturally am surprised to learn that our Great Parental Pharmacy Instructor has in the past used our Councillors for his own pecuniary benefit, by getting their authority for the establishment of a school, which he has taken the fees from, while permitting them to foot the bill for expenses. I am even ready now to credit the assertion, if made, that the balance of my four dollars, after paying for the *Journal*, was used for that purpose.

I am sorry that I can't send this communication to our *College Journal*, but when our Vice-President, Mr. Hall, is refused permission to make use of its columns for explanations to us, I am afraid that the dollar a year I am also obliged to pay towards its support will not secure me any greater favor, at least, I won't beg for what should be my right. I am only sorry that I have to squander a good dollar for so poor a purpose.

For years Prof. Shuttleworth and his friends have been educating us to believe that his self-sacrificing devotion to the *College* made it what it is. Only a year ago, according to his own statement, we had an example of his willingness to bleed again for the *College*, "if its financial position required it," when he knew well that its finances were never in such good shape, and that the Council would not for a moment look upon such an offer excepting as election clap-trap, to be used just as it is being used by his friends. President John A. Clark's letter, in last month's issue, is somewhat calculated to dispel the 'halo' with which Mr. Shut-

tleworth had encircled himself, and which has dazzled our eyes so long. Let us have a little more of such internal thunder and we will arrive at the truth, although it be to demolish our idol.

And so it appears that it was not our self-sacrificing hero at all who built up the *School of Pharmacy*, but poor Mr. Heys, who worked from 1873 to 1883 against every kind of opposition to get together a class of young men to educate as druggists; and just as his hard work was about to be rewarded, up springs our hero, who, backed by his friends on the Council Board, gets through a resolution to rent rooms and equip them as a teaching school, to be known as the only *College* school to be recognized by the Council; all this of course at the expense of the Council, whereas Mr. Heys paid his own expenses.

This clever, though questionable act of Prof. Shuttleworth, enabled him to appropriate the vocation, the labor of years, and the scholars of Mr. Heys, and at the same time to cut off all other rivals in the field of free competition. It was a clever piece of strategy, worthy of a Von Moltke, and has been rewarded each year since by a salary of over \$1,800; of course we must not omit the fact that three hours a day for seven months during the winter season was given as a return. The Council, at the time, secured the services of Mr. Shuttleworth as editor of the *Journal* for the modest additional sum of seven hundred dollars, thus paying him out of their limited revenue over \$2,500 per year. The Professor and Editor had still plenty of time to devote to lecturing in Trinity Medical School, and to carry on a manufacturing laboratory as well. In addition profits from advertisements in the *Pharmaceutical Journal* were his, and a most satisfactory result was the consequence—all was peace and quietness.

This, together with the contract for editing and publishing the *Canadian Pharmaceutical Journal*, was an eye-opener for me. That *Journal* is a beauty. The druggists of this Province can't understand its nature. It is time the Council took us into their confidence and opened up some of these nuts. The *Journal* is a beauty, but the *Journal* contract is beautiful, and our Von Moltke, who is quite equal to such emergencies, made it so. Here it is out of the nutshell. It was made in 1883, with the blessed privilege of renewal at the end of five years. Very good, the five years came to an end under present Council auspices, and they had to renew or go to law, which latter course they had better have taken as it will have to come to that anyway. To begin, look at the pages of the *Journal* up to 1883. No advertisements, no efforts made to make it pay by either editor or Council, yet how easy it would have been to get advertisements for a journal with an assured subscription list of 700 druggists. The result was the Council lost money every year, but Mr. Shuttleworth wasn't offering to bleed for sweet charity's sake just then. Oh, no! he accepted for his services as editor \$500 per year, and

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