

April
Third
1922.

Dr. F. G. Finley,
273 Bishop Street,
Montreal.

Dear Dr. Finley:-

I am attaching herewith an anonymous communication received by me with reference to Professor Barbour.

I may say that some time ago I heard the same criticism and spoke to some of his associates in the Science branches of the Medical Department, but they were not able to tell me very much. I would like if either you or Dr. Scane, or both, would attend one or two of Professor Barbour's lectures and let me know the merit there is in this criticism. It might be well to speak to Barbour. Doing so could do no harm and might do a great deal of good. I advise no delay in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

C O P Y.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal, McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir:-

I respectfully ask you to read the following objections to the course in Pharmacology.

1. Professor Barbour's lectures are very uninteresting and in most case incomprehensible.
2. His command of the English language is very limited, his pronunciation poor, and he rarely manages to get through a sentence without stumbling and repeating himself so much that his meaning is lost.
3. He rushes through the Monday and Thursday lectures in order to be able to waste the Friday period in a kindergarten quiz
4. He often lectures over the hour making it very difficult to get to the following clinics on time.
5. Owing to the general dissatisfaction with his lectures the class sent a delegation to him to ask for a comprehensible summary of his course. He flatly refused.

If you could find time to come and sit through one of his miserable lectures you would be able to see these things for yourself.

Henry Gray Barbour,

Born March 28, 1886, Hartford, Connecticut.

A.B. Trinity (Connecticut) 1906.

M.D. Johns Hopkins Medical School, 1910.

Fellow in Pathology, Johns Hopkins, 1910-11.

Research student, Freiburg, 1911; Vienna, 1912;
London, 1913.

Assistant Professor of Pharmacology, Yale Medical
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DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACOLOGY

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April 1, 1921.

Dr. J. W. Scane,
Assistant Dean, Faculty of Medicine,
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Dr. Scane:

My visit with you and the other members of the McGill Faculty of Medicine on Wednesday was most thoroughly enjoyed and your hospitality greatly appreciated. I was certainly very favorably impressed with the situation at McGill, but most particularly with the evident desire to provide every facility needed for the proper carrying out of new developments.

You have requested a brief statement of the conditions which in my judgment would serve as a proper basis for the Department of Pharmacology in the event of a mutual agreement that I should be appointed as head. They are substantially the same as those indicated in our conversations of Wednesday, namely, a minimal annual budget of \$15,000., including the professor's salary of \$6,000., and the provision of more adequate space than is at present devoted to the department.

As regards the latter point there should be an addition of floor space approximating in size the adjoining room which is at present used as an auditorium. Provision for animals should be made similar to the room now devoted to this purpose in your Department of Experimental Medicine.

Gathering from your statements on Wednesday that it would be difficult for the University to meet these conditions fully during the first year, I may say that the postponement of their ^{complete} consummation until the year 1922-23 would not prevent my accepting the appointment now.

I enclose herewith a short sketch of my career together with a bibliographical list, as you have suggested. Under another cover I am sending you also a nearly complete set of reprints.

With renewed assurances of the great pleasure with which I recall the day I spent with you, and hoping that you have recovered entirely from your illness, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Henry G. Barbour.

Barter *asst prof. Yale*

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Montreal, May 20th 1921

To: Sir Arthur Currie K.C. M.G. K.C.B.
Principal McGill University

My dear Sir Arthur Currie
I beg to enclose copy of letter
which I have this day placed in the
hands of Dr. Scane,

yours very respectfully

A. D. Blackader

answered
personally
May 20th

236, MOUNTAIN STREET,
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May 19, 1921

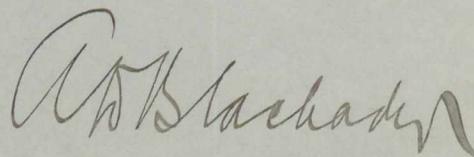
Dr. J. W. Scane,
Assistant Dean, Faculty of Medicine,
McGill University

Dear Dr. Scane,

I desire through you to place in the hands of the Principal and the members of the Faculty, my resignation from the Chair of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, which I have now held for nearly thirty sessions; also my resignation from the Chair of Pediatrics, which, first as a lecturer, afterwards as professor, I have held for nearly forty years, not including two years of extra mural teaching given in a small dispensary on St. Urbain Street to all students who chose to attend. I may add that during the whole of this period my work has been done without any remuneration from the University. Nevertheless, credit has accrued to the University, for McGill has been recognized throughout America as a centre of advanced pediatric teaching during almost the whole of this period.

In placing both resignations in the hands of the Faculty I desire to state that I leave the Faculty the option whether one or both take effect at the end of this Session, or of the Session next year, as may best suit their convenience in arranging for the teaching of the subjects.

Yours very sincerely,



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236, MOUNTAIN STREET,

MONTREAL.

June 12th, 1921

To Sir Arthur Currie G.C.M.G. K.C.B. &c.

Principal McGill University -

My dear Sir Arthur -

In the extreme press of work of
Examinations and various Committee
meetings of various kinds your very
courteous letter regarding my resignation
has remained unanswered.

I thank you very kindly for your
reference to the work I have been able
to carry out for the Faculty and the
University - I had not purposed
until three weeks ago, sending in my
resignation until next year, but as
I understood from Dr. Seane it would

facilitate other Appointments I have
once acquiesced in the suggestions
he made.

I hope to carry on for a little
longer as acting Editor of our
Journal, and in a twelvemonth or
so, if the price of publication are
not too high to bring out a small
text book on Therapeutics for my
students of past years, and which
may be deemed suitable for the
students of our faculty for a few years
to come.

With Sincere Expressions of respect
Yours truly
W. Blackader