

PROFESSORS SHOULD NOT RECEIVE PAY

Mr. W. Carleill-Hall, LL.B.,
Expresses This Opinion in
Open Letter

PRESIDENT RESPONSIBLE

Action of Governors, Thinks
Mr. Hall, Not Conducive
to Public Confidence

To the Editor of The Daily News.

I have taken the liberty of writing an open letter to President Falconer about the German Professor scandal, and I am enclosing it to you for insertion in your paper as I believe the matter is of public moment and I know that your paper is a great medium of communication. May I look for its insertion in the next available issue of your paper.

(Signed)

W. Carleill-Hall.

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Mr. Carleill-Hall's Letter.

President Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ontario.

Mr. President:—

Reference to your list of graduates will inform you that I am a graduate of Toronto University and as such I know you will not be surprised if I take an interest in university affairs.

I have not the benefit of personal acquaintance with you, but I believe sir, our identifications with a common alma mater may surely be conceded by you as a reasonable ground for my addressing you now.

I have awaited with anxiety your return to active participation in university matters and I believed you to be a most patriotic gentleman—a gentleman, in fact, who would not compromise with evil but who, as head of a great public institution, would see to it that that institution ever maintained itself in public confidence. You may imagine, therefore, my surprise when I learned of the action of the University authorities anent the so-called "German Professors," and the papers tell us (Are they correct?) that this action was taken at your instance because of your desire for a compromise. Permit me to assert that I have always believed a desire for compromise to be evidence of a weakling, and I say that my opinion is shared by a vast number that if these "Professors" ought to receive our pay, they ought to earn it and that, if they ought not to be allowed to exercise their professional functions, they ought not to be holidaying at our expense. Am I right when I say that the report is that Professor Toews is open mouthed in his sympathy with Germany and with German institutions and with the spirit of militarism? Again am I right when I say that Professor Benzinger has a son fighting in the German battle line against what we believe is right? Am I right in saying, without further specifying, that there has been good ground for laying these professors off the active staff? If I am, will you not concede that I am also right in saying that they should not receive public pay? The university, it is said needs more public support and that representations have been made to justify the Government in devoting more public money to its maintenance. Can you with confidence look for either public or private assistance if it is realized that you use the money to pay "German Professors"? It is said that no action to dismise can be taken unless you advise. Can you explain why you have not advised it? Is it not so that the whole responsibility rests on you and that you are the shield and buckler for the pro-German forces who have thus carried the day? Are the public, whose money you spend, entitled to know what took place and in what way you have discharged the duty im-

posed on you by the high position you occupy as president.

Mr. I have not been ashamed of my university and the progress she has made since I left her halls. But what shall I now say in defence of this action of the governors, for which forsooth you are responsible? It is not necessary for you to acknowledge this letter, but do you not think it is your duty in some way at once to answer these very few questions that our fellow graduates and the public are saying about you and to satisfy this patriotic public that our university is in safe hands when you remain at its head? You see, Mr. President, I am forced to make you responsible for the action of the board because by Section 34, subsection "I" of Chapter 279 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, being "The University Act," it is provided in defining the powers of the Board of Governors, whose actions I criticise, that "No Dean of a faculty or member of such teaching staff shall be removed from office except upon the recommendation of the President of the University."

Believe me Mr. President,

Respectfully yours,

(Signed)

W. Cartell-Hall.