

Senate, to insult the professors, less the two who have a guarantee.

9. A few years then of adversity to the Faculty, caused by small classes, would sweep away the small reserve on hand, and leave the scheme in a position totally unable to pay those who did the most valuable part of the work. The professors, under these circumstances, would have little left for their labours, except the knowledge that they had discharged important duties to the University for the sole purpose of securing the money needed to pay expenses, and furnish the salaries of two colleagues and some assistants and lecturers. If the Faculty can be strong on such an adjustment, one can imagine a great oak securely rooted on the top of a little sand heap.

10. The opposition at the present moment is very keen. The numbers attending the Medical College in London are increasing. The Kingston College is making decided headway. McGill is in a better position than ever with new and splendid hospital facilities. Trinity Medical College is active and united, and making herself strong in a good staff and a steady, fixed purpose. These colleges will continue to attract increasing numbers of students. The total number of students to be educated in medicine is likely to decrease, rather than increase. The profession is now fearfully crowded, and young men will turn their thoughts to other callings. The number of Ontario young men that go to the United States to study in American colleges with a view of practising there, is on the increase. This can be abundantly proven by taking the college announcements of ten years ago, and those of last year, and comparing the numbers marked from Ontario. This will become more marked under the five-year regulation of the council. One of the greatest difficulties, however, in the way of the Faculty, is to be found in the divided state of the college work. The student in the future shall make strong objection to taking one part of his course in one building and the other in another building. The whole body of students in this way never get fully acquainted. The primary men are shut off from the final men. This condition of things is very injurious to the life and progress of any college. No doubt it will begin to have its full effect as soon as the students realize that the Park Hospital scheme is not likely to

materialize. Indeed the hospital may be a thing of the past. Under these circumstances there is now little hope that the students shall ever be gathered together to do their work, as was the intention at one time. Students are thus limited to two sessions of hospital facilities.

11. But there are other features about the condition of the Faculty that does not impress the outsider favourably. Why all this contention in the Faculty? One faction warring against the other is not the best method of producing strength. "A house divided against itself is sure to fall." Just look at the letters in the public press; or, see the letters that have been sent out through the country. or, think of the intriguing that took place last spring over the reorganization; or, bear in mind that all this will be repeated in the future, at the next election in three years, at the next partial reorganization in three years, and at the next general reorganization in five years. The signs of dissolution are much more evident than are those of evolution.

12. The five-year term of office is not going to work well. A man may be very faithful in the discharge of duty, but the interests of friends have to be served. From one reorganization to the other a Senate election, or even two Senate elections may take place, the chancellorship may be changed and the government defeated at a general election. In this way the Medical Faculty will come under the control of a new set of potentates, who will try their hands at the construction and reconstruction of the Faculty, which, of course, will mean the introduction of new blood on the grounds of friendship and politics, and not merit. The man, who for the time has "the pull," gets the plum. Great care should be exercised in the first place to get the proper staff. but once this is done, their positions ought to be made secure. Fancy an arts faculty retiring every five years for re-election, or the staff of an asylum, or the judges of the supreme court. This plan would cause chaos in a very short time. The effect is paralyzing on effort. No matter what may be said to the contrary, it leads to jealousy, intrigue, unscrupulous ambition, wire-pulling and all the evils of the election system. The ear of a committee man is worth more than many years of hard work for the college. Once on the staff a man will begin to make himself strong.