

which was held in these new biological buildings, Sir Daniel Wilson, in his address, referred to their cost and to the purposes for which the buildings had been erected and equipped so clearly as to leave nothing to be desired on that point. The *Toronto World*, of Oct. 2nd, 1890, reports Sir Daniel Wilson as saying that "Toronto University had spent some \$130,000 on these magnificent buildings to give medical students the best equipped school in Europe or America." We were present on the occasion, and well remember the boasting style of this address, and his mention of a very large amount of money as having been laid out in the way stated. The speaker must surely have felt that the spending of all this public money in such a way was unjust to the general public and to all Ontario's other incorporated and entirely self-sustaining medical colleges, which have built and equipped at their own cost, and very thoroughly too, all the buildings they require, and with such good results that they have gone on steadily prospering in spite of this lavish use of public funds to crush or cripple them. Does the Ontario public, or the medical profession in our province, wish to have public, that is, their own money, used in this unfair way? Happily the medical colleges treated with such gross injustice have not suffered from it—its effect has been to turn the tide of public and professional sympathy in their favor more largely than ever before in their history. Their halls are well filled with young men who, with their friends all over the country, are determined to have the injustice they complain of brought to an end as soon as possible. In view of the facts stated, and of others yet to be referred to, is it not extraordinary that when the restoration of the University Medical Faculty was first mooted, it was distinctly and repeatedly stated, inside and outside the Legislature, by responsible parties in very high position, that it would be entirely self-sustaining and would not cost the country or the University a single dollar?

On the occasion of the disastrous fire of February, 1890, the Legislature at once, and without a dissentient vote, voiced the feeling of the country by ordering the sum of \$160,000 to be given to the University to aid in restoring the burned buildings. At the same time, by the friends of the University all over the country, many liberal donations were given spontaneously. But at this

very time, or almost immediately afterwards, another extensive and very costly building was contracted for, and pushed as rapidly forward as possible.

This is known, since the issue of the Hon. Ed. Blake's recent University Finance Committee's Report, Nov. 1891, as building No. II., in contradistinction to the main Biological Building, which is styled Building No. I. It adjoins the main Biological Department. Completed only a few months ago, this building was manifestly intended for medical teaching purposes, although during its construction this was a carefully-kept secret. It is, to all intents and purposes, a medical school building, including dissecting rooms above, vat rooms for preserving anatomical material below, with class rooms for other medical work between. It may, perhaps, be used for a certain amount of arts teaching; but the official calendar for Session 1891-92 announces that all the teaching of the University medical students of the first and second years will be done in it. This very costly building was also paid for entirely out of the funds of the University, that is, with public money.

In the Finance Committee's Report, above referred to, the cost of Building No. II, is placed at or upwards of \$71,000. It is said that the outlay on buildings and equipments, largely for medical teaching purposes, is one way or another, not far below \$145,000. It is admitted that the Government, as such, knew nothing of the purposes for which this last building was intended, till some months ago, when it was examined after its completion. Most unquestionably the Legislature of Ontario, which voted \$160,000 to aid in repairing the damage done by the fire, had no idea that the most of this sum would be spent in a way never for a moment intended, viz., on dissecting rooms, vat rooms, planned for the study of human anatomy, and for other class rooms, chiefly for the medical students attending this one college, while our other five medical colleges provide and equip every building they require; wholly at their own cost, and impart as good a medical education as is given in any part of the empire, without costing the province, or any one of our public funds, so much as one cent.

Why should our Ontario Government have permitted these great and, to the other medical