

referred to. I thought then, and see no reason for changing my opinion now, that a fuller or more frank explanation of our position in regard to this matter, could not have been given. I am sorry Dr. Lavell thinks otherwise, and attribute his doing so altogether to the annoying and harassing character of the whole trouble—the like of which I trust may never occur again, either in Kingston or in any other school.

Now that what was called “*the astounding offer*” to receive the Kingston students for *half fees*, has been proved to be a fabrication pure and simple, “*without even a single vestige of truth*” on which to rest, that cry has been dropped. Dr. Lavell, and even the CANADIAN PRACTITIONER, however, affect to be much shocked at the bare idea, and I deeply sympathize with their extreme sensitiveness, of something which *never happened*—viz., what Trinity Medical School *might perchance* have done, in regard to receiving the Kingston students, had the co-education of the sexes in all the branches of medicine, which the Faculty had declared to be their fixed policy, been persisted in, instead of abandoned.

It is alleged, that had the Kingston men left as they threatened, and had they been refused by their late teachers certificates of attendance during the first half of the session, as was highly probable, owing to the strong feeling which prevailed; and further, had they gone to Trinity School, that that Institution would actually have accepted the affidavits, or sworn declarations of these young men, in lieu of the certificates which it was not possible for them to get.

Be it specially noted that the only stain upon the characters of these students was simply, that they felt longer attendance as members of *mixed classes* to be intolerable.

I would not, for a moment, express any opinion, nor write a single word here, in regard to any ladies, who see fit to study medicine, but it goes without saying, that the feeling of the Kingston students as to

the *impracticability* of *mixed medical classes*, is shared in by nineteen out of every twenty professors and other members of the profession, and such classes *must be* particularly unpleasant to any ladies who may happen to attend them.

But *would* the above possible action, even had it been carried out, as it was not, have constituted so fearful a charge against Trinity Medical School? Educational and other institutions in all countries, are every now and then, from necessity, laying themselves open in the same way—viz., accepting sworn declarations where formal certificates cannot be got. Under many conceivable circumstances no other course can be pursued; and I submit that it is a most unworthy and entirely unwarrantable aspersion of the character of Canadian medical students to insinuate that such sworn documents would be otherwise than perfectly trustworthy.

To go no further, in the Toronto General Hospital, one of the best in America for the practical advantages offered to students, *certificates of attendance* are signed, on the written declaration of the students; yet who would dream of even suspecting the reliability of such declarations?

But why all this affected horror of what *might have been, but never was*, accepted from certain students who *might* have entered Trinity School but who never did so? Verily there never was a sadder or more puerile exhibition of impotent and foolish ill-feeling than this Kingston fiasco has called forth.

Trinity School never wished a single man to leave any other institution to join her classes, and never will. *Students*, however, have rights as well as *professors*, which cannot with propriety, and should not, be overlooked; and one right most assuredly is, that the unanimous conviction of a class should be courteously received, and dispassionately discussed and acted upon. For circumstances over which students have no control may now and then develop