

Defects in organization are ascribed to a plethora of professors, due to the effort of the University of Toronto to find places in its new Faculty of Medicine for the professors of Trinity Medical College, who had agreed to sink their individuality as an independent Faculty and work with their former rivals under a common flag. Dean Clarke advocates but one head for each department of medical teaching. If each of these departments were to be looked at as an office for the despatch of business, public or private, it would seem that a single head, supported by competent assistants, should carry on the work with less friction than if several co-equal rivals were striving to outdo each other in the same department. An army works well under one general; a railway company succeeds best under one general manager; a cabinet thrives under one premier. These are self-evident propositions. However, genuine rivalry among medical lecturers is not in itself a bad thing, or a common thing, either; and although it may not seem consistent with that beautiful regularity which appeals to many minds, is preferable to the stale uniformity of an inferior lecturer in an important department, who, according to the one head theory, has no corrective influence brought to bear on him, unless it be the unflattering inattention of his listeners.

If lecturers in a department of medical teaching were allowed to advocate conflicting methods of diagnosis and prognosis; if, worse still, an allopath, a homeopath, and an osteopath, in rotation, were allowed to lecture on treatment, to the same class, the effects of their rivalry would be confusing. But, as the medical teaching of the University of Toronto is homogeneous and representative of one school of medicine, it is not at all clear how a plethora of competent lecturers and teachers accounts for the badly equipped condition and poor showing of some of the undergraduates at the examinations of the University of Toronto and the Ontario College of Physicians and