

\$5, in all  $\$37 \times 60 = \$2220$ , paid into Medical Faculty funds for second-year's fees, all earned by University-paid (Arts) teachers.

\$2040 first year's fees.

2220 second "

\$4260 paid into the *Medical Faculty Funds* each year, from first and second years' men alone.

This is positive proof, therefore, that the Biological Department of the Provincial University is hard at work earning a large yearly *bonus* for this one Medical Faculty, which *bonus* the fees of every medical student, wherever he may come from, goes to swell, while for the *other* Medical Colleges it does absolutely nothing, but is used as a bait to draw away their students if possible. Even the Women's Medical College in Toronto, where the Faculty get nothing, or next to nothing, for their hard and good work, had, last winter numbers of her students thus drawn off, their fees going to increase the *Medical Faculty bonus*, and their names to swell the numbers in attendance.

It will be observed that all the "subsidizing" and medical teaching in buildings erected with *public funds* just referred to is in connection with some of the *primary branches* of the curriculum. It is consoling to the independent medical colleges to know that at the recent medical council examinations, where the competition is perfectly fair, and between students from all colleges, the standing taken by students coming from these colleges was such as to prove that while the *subsidizing* referred to, and the *buildings erected out of public funds* is a glaring injustice, the teaching given in these independent colleges, who build and equip their own laboratories, etc., etc., is fully abreast of any in the Province. For the one candidate who took honors *this* year and the *two* who took honors *last* year came from an independent medical college; and while the *average* percentage of *rejections* in the primary examinations of the *council* this year was 50, the percentage of primary students from the only independent college regarding which I have been able to procure accurate information who failed in their examinations was only *twelve and a half*; and I have no doubt that the other independent medical colleges can show very similar results. This fact

alone not only speaks volumes *against* the great *wrong*, the manifest *unfairness* which is done these independent colleges on the one hand, and in favor of the *great excellence of their teaching*, despite this injustice, on the other.

Your assertion as to my having "attempted" years ago "to destroy the Kingston Medical School" is absolutely without any foundation. In March, 1883, THE CANADIAN PRACTITIONER published a full explanation of the circumstances you allude to. At that time, also, one of the then Editors of THE PRACTITIONER, who was every inch a gentleman, called upon me and asked me regarding the matter. I showed him and told him all I knew, which was exceedingly little, and he expressed himself disgusted and surprised at any one having tried to stir up strife by attempting to make *something* out of *nothing*. I have a copy still by me of the letter published by THE PRACTITIONER, either in the March or April number, 1883, and to this letter I refer anyone who wishes to know anything further about an old falsehood, which long ago was shown to be such. Your object in reviving it is evidently the amiable one of trying to kindle unfriendly feelings towards my colleagues and myself amongst the Kingston faculty; but happily this cannot easily be done, and not at all, by a method which all will agree with me in characterising as most contemptible.

As this is a purely *public*, and in no sense a *personal* matter, I have calmly, and without any personalities, fully answered all that seems to call for notice in your editorial.

Your reference to "Hysteria," "Hyperaesthesia," etc., are entirely out of place, as is also your use of the term "Valley of Despair." I have no anxiety or fear of any kind for the future, for I think far too highly of the innate sense of justice on the part of the public, the Legislature, and the medical profession of Ontario, to be in the least afraid that the wrongs now complained of by our independent medical colleges will be of long duration.

I think highly enough of the University of Toronto also to hope that at no distant day she will again be in medicine an examining and degree-conferring body only, having every one of our medical colleges affiliated with her, each of these having *one*, and by law (like the law of the medical council) *only one* representative on