

written in a friendly spirit. Coming so soon after, as it seems to most of us, an unfriendly effort to abolish the medical faculty of the University of Toronto, we note with pleasure the evidence that better counsels will in the future prevail among the authorities of Trinity Medical College. Many of us have felt for thirteen years that a union of our forces in Toronto would be in all respects beneficial. The University of Toronto made friendly advances to Trinity in 1887, and offered to make that institution a part of its medical faculty. As that offer was rejected, we have always felt since that nothing further could be done until Trinity viewed matters in a different light.

We regret exceedingly that Trinity took a course in connection with the introduction and promotion of the McKay Bill that caused considerable irritation in Toronto University circles. But we hope that the authorities of our Provincial University are big enough and broad enough to consider any new questions that may arise in a fair and judicial spirit. Trinity, as a rival not always friendly, has been to some extent a source of embarrassment both to Toronto University and the Government. Would it not be possible, under changed circumstances, to make her a source of strength to the Provincial University?

We are told that some members of the Trinity staff are in sympathy with the views expressed by Drs. Anderson and Fotheringham, some are lukewarm, and a few are opposed—the numbers of each class not being given.

From a University of Toronto standpoint we are given to understand that some are in favor of the establishment of closer relations between the two Faculties, some are opposed to any such proposition, while many, perhaps the majority, will give the matter careful consideration before deciding as to their actions.

We have in view especially two things—the interests of our great Provincial University and the interests of higher medical education in Ontario. We are unreservedly opposed to anything like an abolition of the Toronto Medical Faculty; but we believe, at the same time, that a fusion of the Faculties of Toronto and Trinity would greatly strengthen the University, and produce a stronger medical college than any which has heretofore existed in this province.