

Victoria Medical College, when, in common with all other medical colleges in Canada, a grant was given to it by Government for some years. This has no sort of connection with the subsidizing of medical colleges with public funds in 1894. These grants ceased entirely as long ago as 1869.

Medical Colleges might be better to-day, more energetic and more self-reliant, if they had never got any grants.

7. I cared nothing for the grant when Victoria had it, and am decidedly of opinion now, that had no grant at all ever been given to the medical colleges at that time, the country would have been so much the richer, and the medical colleges would very likely have worked even harder and better than they did, and to-day would be none the poorer, and might cherish without even one exception, that noble spirit of indomitable energy and self-reliance which is the grand secret of all real success, and which now characterizes them all, except the one to which Dr. MacCallum belongs. I am not at all sure, indeed I do not believe, that the miserable spirit of mendicancy which he persistently exhibits and appears to glory in, pervades his own faculty to any very great extent,—nay, I respect many of its members far too highly to think so. Dr. MacCallum is wonderfully mistaken if he thinks that the getting of the grant long ago by the medical colleges was ever kept a secret. Everyone knows it. It is a matter of medical history, and it is well that those public grants are now a matter of *ancient* medical history.

If Public Aid should, unwisely, ever be given to Medical Colleges in the future, as is most unlikely, it will be given to every college—not to one only.

8. Dr. MacCallum should know that, if ever in the future public funds should unwisely be spent on medical education, every medical college will have an equal share. When we have so many of our

doctors, educated here, actually settling in the United States and elsewhere to practise, it is absurd to think of taking the people's money for their medical education, but most outrageous to propose to do so in the interest of any one college, even although Dr. MacCallum does happen to be one of its younger teachers.

The grant which occupies so much of Dr. MacCallum's two letters, which ceased twenty-five years ago, has really no more to do with the question now under consideration than the Tower of London.

The real point, which Dr. MacCallum is always forgetting.

9. The point being discussed is, purely and simply, whether, in 1894, with a very abundant supply of thoroughly good doctors, educated in Ontario at no cost to the people, it would be either *just* or *wise* to return to the policy of giving State support of medical education, which, in 1869, was deliberately and wisely abandoned as at once both foolish and needless.

Dr. MacCallum greatly troubled because, in an old letter, the much older grant was inadvertently unnoticed. And further troubled about another quotation from another old letter, which was long since fully answered and explained.

10. Dr. MacCallum is much troubled because, in an old letter of mine, written years ago, forgetting for a moment the old grant, I spoke of Victoria Medical College as "entirely self-supporting." Had the thought of that grant crossed my mind at the moment of writing, I would, of course, have added, "with the exception of the small grant the College received in common with every other teaching medical institution." The truth is, it was not given when I joined Victoria College, had ceased before I left, and, twenty-five years having since passed away, I very seldom think about it.

Dr. MacCallum parades a quotation from another old letter of mine, written