

hearted way, and not by referring to the motives of those on the one side or on the other. I find in the policy for which you are to a certain extent responsible, and which is, I think, a bad one for the university in the long run, quite enough to keep me from troubling myself about the motives of yourself and your friends; and against that policy, whether it has the support of friends or foes, I propose to fight, in season and out of season, with a determination, I trust, undamped by any failure which the hour may bring. Yours, etc.,

Toronto, Nov. 7.

A. B. MACALLUM.

[I presume that Dr. Macallum, in the above letter, refers to his circular of August 25, when he says I ought to know why he is opposed to me. I may briefly say, with reference to that circular, that the statement that I have done any thing directly or indirectly to lower any standard in the University of Toronto is absolutely untrue. Personally, in a certain sense I cared nothing about the contents of the circular; but, I must confess, its issue caused me no little surprise. Dr. Macallum showed a great amount of magnanimity in accepting a professorship in the university, not because he wanted it, but because he desired to improve matters in the Medical Faculty. His charming method of giving expression to this aspect of his position was really quite touching in its modesty and simplicity. Perhaps the utterances of one so disinterested were worthy of more consideration than they received.

He told us in his circular that he had been for seven years a university examiner in the Medical Faculty. He had, during that time, seen many iniquitous things in the way of standard lowering. It seems to me an extraordinary thing that this great and high-minded man allowed the Senate to remain in ignorance of such facts for many years, and chose the middle of a bitter election campaign to give his information to the public, evidently for the purpose of making capital for himself and his colleagues.

But he didn't solicit votes for himself; therefore, it seems to be all right. Personal canvassing is very undignified. The "come tickle me, Tommy, and I'll tickle you" plan of conducting an election contest is better form. Each candidate in the combination can look holy and virtuous, as he works only for his colleagues, and

relies on a generous reciprocity and the work of a thoroughly organized committee to bring in the votes. I have no desire to quarrel with the method; I rather like it, especially as I find it is such a source of comfort to a man like Dr. Mullin, who, as I thought, had been rather badly treated. I may say in this connection that I hope my allusion to Dr. Mullin was not considered unkind. What I said with reference to him was founded on information derived from one of his warmest friends. I certainly thought that he had gone into the contest with great reluctance.

It is somewhat unfortunate, in connection with Dr. Macallum's non-solicitation of votes, that so many strange rumors have reached us from western towns, where he made friendly calls on the resident physicians. It is well to know, however, that he was probably doing good missionary work, and nothing so wicked as soliciting votes. Will our friends in the west who have wrong ideas on the subject kindly make a note of this fact?

Dr. Macallum intimates that he will continue (as he expresses it) "to fight in season and out of season." I quite believe him; and if he can sacrifice or injure an occasional friend while on the warpath, it will probably give him immense satisfaction, because it furnishes such tangible evidence of his earnestness in his cause. In another portion of his letter he speaks of his readiness "to discuss temperately and fairly," etc.

"Now I submit that these two extracts convey two scarcely consistent impressions" (Macallum.) It may be, however, that the doctor, in talking about discussing anything "temperately and fairly," was simply becoming facetious.—A.H.W.]

Book Reviews.

The Diseases of the Stomach. By Dr. C. A. Ewald, Extraordinary Professor of Medicine at the University of Berlin, etc. Authorized translation from the second German edition by Morris Manges, A.M., M.D., attending physician to outdoor department, Mt Sinai Hospital, New York city, etc. Pp. 495, 30 illustrations. New York: D. Appleton & Co., 1892; Toronto: J. A. Carveth & Co.

A review of an important new work like this should contain at least an allusion to the work.