

NOT ONE SINGLE MEMBER EXPRESSED THE FIRST WORD OF DISSATISFACTION OR DISAPPROVAL.

Under the circumstances, it is, I think, most unfair that I should be singled out for attack, when I simply acted as an instrument of the Board, completing what they had substantially assented to. Do not misunderstand me, however, as shrinking from any responsibility. Then, as now,

BELIEVED IN THE HOSPITAL SCHEME

as a good one, both financially and educationally, for the university, and I repeat that, if it is allowed to proceed with the hearty endorsement of the university, it will do for our university what similar institutions have done for the great universities of Great Britain and Europe, and what Victoria Hospital is doing for McGill in Montreal. (Cheers.)

In promoting this, as well as all other university schemes, I had no thought of anything but the good of the university, and whilst I had joined with the other of my colleagues on the Board in contributing some trifling sums up to date in connection with the hospital towards defraying the interest on the unpaid purchase money, for which I with others became and am personally liable, I may say to you now that I had contemplated, as some of my colleagues knew, making some further substantial gift of money to that institution.

With such aim then as I had, and with such intentions, I acknowledge to a feeling of regret that, whether my work did or did not meet with approval, there are those who now, in the ferocity of their criticism and of their determination to injure me, are

UNABLE TO SEE A SINGLE REDEEMING FEATURE

in connection with my university work. The more do I regret this on the university's account, lest a generous public might think from the utterances of a few that charitable feelings are crushed out by university training or influence. I have, out of respect for the university and myself, endeavored during this painful controversy to avoid uttering an unkind expression, believing that the interests of this university demand harmony amongst its members, and even at this late date I venture to suggest whether personalities add weight to argument, or reflect credit either upon the writers or the university. Let it not be understood that on my own account, or for any personal reasons, I make any such suggestion. Even in the interests of those who have indulged in them, if I might dare to give them good advice, I would say that neither their cause nor themselves can be benefited by a departure from good taste. A continuance of such a style may convince a fair-minded public that, perhaps, I was not wholly in error in viewing with apprehen-