

our medical colleges go to the United States and to other countries for a living. Are our farmers and all other people in Ontario willing—or is it right that they *should* be taxed to educate doctors to supply other countries than their own? It is hoped that enough has been adduced on this point to show the unreasonableness, and manifest injustice as far as the public is concerned, of continuing to subsidize medical education in the Provincial University. It clearly appears from his letter, however, that the learned President is prepared to go *any* length in endeavoring as far as possible not only to continue, but to extend the evil we complain of. Under all the circumstances of the case, it will, we think, be admitted that sufficient reasons have been given in this letter to justify us in the most strenuous and increasing opposition to an unfair use of public funds, which should never have been allowed to have a beginning, for we again assert, that this subsidizing of one Medical Faculty, is a three-fold injustice—*unjust to the public, to the Arts Department of the University* and last, but by no means least, to the *self-supporting Medical Colleges*, for which, as having chartered them, Government is bound, respectfully submit, to secure absolute fair play, which is all they ask for. Can there be a more reasonable request? Ontario has shown by forty years of experience that medical colleges can be most efficiently conducted on the entirely self-sustaining principle—providing buildings and everything else they require, out of the fees of the students they teach. Should any colleges happen to secure private endowments, this is a matter with which no one has any concern. But as a rule, those which are entirely unendowed, are said to do better work than others, for as their success depends entirely on the ability, zeal and assiduity of their professors and lecturers, these feel necessitated to put forth all the energy they possess, and therefore are believed to do better teaching. It was forty years ago proved, and it is no less decisively proved to-day, that the *quality* of the professional men educated by a Medical Faculty maintained in part at the public expense, is not a whit better, nor do they take any higher standing than others do, towards whose education not one fraction of *public* money has been contributed. To-day, and for many years past, the standing of the candidates from the various medical colleges, at the examinations of the several examining boards in Great Britain, and at the examinations of our own Medical Council, which all who intend residing in Ontario have to take, proclaims this with trumpet tongue over the whole land. There can be no better evidence than this of the extreme unwisdom, as well as the gross injustice of subsidizing as is now done, *one* out of the *six* Medical Teaching Faculties, which, including the colleges for women, exist in Ontario. Our people are sen-

sible and shrewd and quite able to form their own judgment in regard to such matters, and if the future is to be judged of, by the past, the injustice complained of will not be allowed to continue long.

### V.—The President's Garbling.

Sir Daniel refers with much warmth, and in strong language to my reference to the Legislative grant of \$160,000 given to the University after the fire. He speaks of my "making to the Attorney-General, a charge against the authorities of the University (page 4 and page 6), of my letter having been forwarded to him by the Hon. the Minister of Education," with the request for a reply to its grave charges, including that of fraudulent misappropriation of public funds obtained on false pretences." I never made any such charge, and never used, or wrote any such words as are here attributed to me. Had Sir Daniel been a younger man, I would with the utmost indignation have thrown back these words upon him. I content myself with entirely repudiating the idea he disingenuously seeks to convey to those who only see the few extracts he has garbled from my letter, with which even he appears to have deceived himself. Such a thought as the "fraudulent misappropriation of public funds obtained on false pretences" on the part of the "authorities of the University" never once entered my mind, nor has any one of the many who have spoken to me on the subject ever hinted at such an inference as that which Sir Daniel has drawn from my letter. I greatly respect the Senate and the Professors of Toronto University, and would as soon think of charging the Premier of Great Britain with till-tapping, as of doing what Sir Daniel Wilson's letter indicates. What I meant was this—and a careful reading of Sir Daniel's many admissions in his letter, and a knowledge of much to which he either does not refer at all, or passes over very lightly, has only intensified my conviction of its truth—that the legislature of Ontario which voted the \$160,000 referred to, had not the remotest idea, any more than the members of the *Government themselves*, that a very large sum, equivalent to a considerable and possibly the greater proportion of the amount granted, would be spent in erecting buildings largely for medical teaching purposes, and it appears to me incredible, that it should be so spent in this way which, it is admitted, neither the legislature nor the Government for one moment either intended or anticipated. I refer, of course, to the large expenditure for dissecting-rooms, vat-rooms, etc., for the study of human anatomy, and for other class-rooms used for medical education in *this one college*, while all other medical colleges in the Province provide everything of this kind wholly at their own expense. And I have reason to know, that an influential