

a number of the students having actually left the school, never to return, and that these gentlemen were undecided only as to the direction in which they might go. Had this not been the exact state of things, according to the students' telegram, so far as it could be interpreted by the gentleman to whom it came and by myself, we would have given no answer." "The trouble had come—had reached its unfortunate ending, as we believed, and students who had left, wished to know if they could enter Trinity School,—a considerable number of the members of the old Victoria Medical School class had been received on certain terms, and this formed a precedent."

I may state here the students had not left, as Dr. G. was aware, and he so intimated in reply to my first letter above quoted.

This ended our correspondence on the subject. I could get no answer to my explicit questions as to the alleged proposal. *Could we, therefore, come to any other conclusion, but that the proposal from Trinity was such as stated.* An opportunity was promptly and candidly given to disabuse our minds of any unfairness on the part of Trinity, this was not accepted. We appealed to the only authority we could have access to, without avail. The sword was allowed deliberately to hang over our heads—we must assume for a purpose—and failing in the accomplishment of it—they seek now to get rid of the odium of a dishonourable act. The Trinity authorities are too late in their denial—the mischief is done and cannot be repaired, and we are left to the unpleasant consciousness of feeling that we have been betrayed, and confidence in the honour of a sister institution shaken, if not destroyed.

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February, 1883.

To the Editors of the Canadian Practitioner.

GENTS.—In your February number, you published my emphatic official contradiction of the false statement, that Trinity

Medical School offered to receive certain Kingston students for "*half fees*," and strangely enough, in the same number, this very statement is more than once repeated in an editorial. I am, therefore, directed, again to declare the statement absolutely and unequivocally untrue.

From Kingston students in answer to the question, "how such a falsehood could have originated?" we have, within the past few days, received two communications.

In one, the writer says that "*the first he heard of it was, through one of the local papers*"—that "*such a thing was not talked over, amongst the students,*" until it came from outsiders, and then "*only jestingly.*" Also, that "*no such statement emanated from the students as a body, or I might say individually.*" And further, that "*it is conjectured that some of the friends of the 'Royal' used such statements as a means to lead our Professors to make the present arrangements. We as students, feel, you have been wrongfully accused.*"

In the other letter, speaking for the students, the writer says:—"We regret the '*report*' should have been circulated, and we repudiate the statements that the students here openly and publicly boasted that Trinity School had offered to take students who had paid nothing here (Kingston) '*for half fees.*' We cannot understand how such a statement ever gained currency, and we conclude, it only existed, in the imagination of the original circulator or writer."

One telegram only, in reply to a despatch received, was sent to the Kingston students, and this did not refer directly or indirectly to fees—and this, with a short letter of congratulation, when matters were either fully settled, or in the way of being so, were the only communications sent from Trinity School to the Kingston students.

Thus, there was not even a single vestige of truth on which to base this mischievous falsehood.

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Toronto, Feb. 19th, 1883.