

"We publish in this issue the results of the recent elections for the Senate of the University of Toronto. While we are pleased with the returns in medicine, we have to regret that the unfortunate split in the medical faculty should again have been exposed to public view. Extreme partyism in a medical faculty is generally conceded to be bad. The question naturally arises—who are responsible for this deplorable family fight? We can answer the question somewhat briefly. The friends of Drs. Reeve, Cameron, and A. B. Macallum, who framed a ticket in 1892 for the purpose of defeating Drs. McFarlane and Wright in the Senate election at that time, and with the expressed intention of injuring in divers ways others of their colleagues, are directly responsible for the most lamentable contest that has ever occurred in connection with this faculty.

"We had hoped that the extreme bitterness was dying out, and that the expressions of 'loyalty to colleagues' and 'harmony in the faculty,' which have greeted us in recent years, were not a hollow mockery. We had supposed that there was a general feeling that our bickering in public should cease, and had expected that the old members, Drs. Graham, Cameron, Aikins and Wright, would be unopposed. Such, in fact, appeared to be the general opinion. Some of the extremists of a certain party, however, were determined not to allow this, and secretly organized, with the result that the nomination of Dr. Jas. M. MacCallum was put in at the last moment, and at the same time letters were sent broadcast among the graduates asking them to 'plump' for Drs. Cameron and MacCallum. The friends of Drs. Graham and Wright promptly accepted this challenge, and at the same time worked for Dr. Aikins, who has always been a steadfast supporter of their party in the Senate.

"We do not propose, now, to offer any opinions as to the merits of the two parties; we wish simply to state facts. In the two wretched contests of '92 and '98 one party was aggressive, while the other acted in self-defence, having at the same time a fixed conviction that its views in relation to University matters were correct. We are very glad to learn that many men belonging to both parties—probably a large majority—are heartily tired of this internecine warfare; and we sincerely hope that, in the near future, peace and harmony will exist in a faculty which should show no divisions in connection with the general policy which should prevail among the governors of our Provincial University."

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