

did, and that it would have better become the latter to have quietly pocketed the affront, if indeed it were one. There can be little doubt that Dr. Aylette has been for years past making a handsome percentage upon the cash of the Southern Students, and the wonder is to us that they could not take care of it themselves, or if they possessed more than they needed for present wants, that they did not deposit it in some solvent bank to their own order. The whole affair, originating out of a deepfelt interest in their welfare by Professor Draper, will we hope teach them a lesson which they will not soon forget.

The Medical Department of the New York University has for the last few days been the scene of some excitement, originating in a personal difficulty or misunderstanding between two of its Professors, of no especial interest to the rest of mankind, and which might better have been kept private, but which having been made public, demands a passing notice, if for no other reason than to correct the misrepresentation and exaggeration of the affair that have appeared in some of the City papers. It is in no sense a political difficulty, as has been made to appear by some sensation papers, nor is it true that fifty Southern students or even one-fourth of that number, are about to sail in the *Marion* to-day for the Sunny South in consequence of the affair.

The facts are simply these: Dr. Aylette, a Southerner by birth, but a graduate of the University, and for several years past a resident of this City, has for some years been connected with the Medical Department, not as a member of the Faculty, but as a private teacher, being allowed to sell tickets to the students for a private "quiz" of his own. This position he has held, not, as appears, from any especial talent he possessed as a medical teacher, but because from his Southern birth, connections and acquaintances, he was supposed to be able to influence Southern patronage, for which it is well known that the University Medical College particularly caters. It appears that during the present term, several Southern students who have deposited money with Dr. Aylette on their arrival in this City, had complained to Prof. Draper, the Dean of the faculty, as well as to other professors, that their deposits were returned to them in uncurrent funds, on which they had to pay a heavy discount, and in some cases they were unable to get any return at all. These complaints, however, it may be as well to state, were generally made as an excuse for not purchasing their tickets sooner than they did, as the regulations of the College require, or for paying for them in uncurrent funds. Prof. Draper accordingly wrote a note to Dr. Aylette, in which he requested an answer to several specific queries, based upon the above complaints. Dr. Aylette at once construed the letter as a personal insult, and instead of answering it, or waiting for mutual explanations, read it to his class, and accompanied by such comments as the state of his feelings suggested. His friends in the University called a public meeting, the letter was communicated to the newspapers in connection with the proceedings of the meeting, and thus the whole affair, which might, and should have been disposed of privately, became a matter of public notoriety. The unexpected publicity thus given to this subject, together with the denunciatory resolutions passed at a meeting of some of Dr. Aylette's friends, induced Professor Draper to resign his position as a member of the faculty. His colleagues declined to accept his resignation, and meantime his friends in the College had rallied to his defence, and have held meetings to consider the cause of the difficulty, and to decide what action is to take place in the premises. At the last meeting, held yesterday afternoon, Mr. Lawson, of Virginia, in the chair, the committee appointed at the previous meeting to investigate the facts, and to draft resolutions, reported that they were satisfied that Prof. Draper had sufficient proof in his possession to justify him in writing the letter he did to Dr. Aylette; at the same time they decline to express an opinion as to the truth of the charges implied in the questions propounded in the letter. They also express their undiminished confidence in the gentlemanly qualities of Prof. Draper, their high estimation of his ser-