

completed, I find that negotiations are being undertaken of an entirely different character, having in view, not the perpetuation of a distinct Trinity Medical Faculty, and of the long-continued and phenomenal success which that Faculty has achieved during the more than three decades of its existence, but the bringing about an "amalgamation" of our Medical Faculty with that of another University.

Of this proposal I do not and cannot approve. It was mooted some time ago, and I was then, as now, strongly opposed to it, and I can truly say that all (for the exceptions are very few and far between) of our sixteen hundred medical graduates, and all the members of successive classes whom I have ever heard refer to amalgamation, are as much opposed to it as men can be, and I do not wonder at this, for they realise that amalgamation would mean, and must mean, no matter what terms may be offered, extinction only, both complete and prompt.

My *esprit de corps* at once rose against such a proposal. I could not bring myself by any effort, to entertain it. It so clashes with my sense of duty and of honor to my dear old College, and so conflicts with my common-sense when I think of the past success of so many, many years, and of the certainty of success in the immediate future, provided the proposed new buildings were only a little more than begun on the proposed sites (and this could easily be financed with the help actually promised to us), that I felt there was nothing left for me to do but simply to withdraw, as the only possible way of expressing my intense disappointment and disapproval of the "amalgamation" suggestion.

I know our graduates and students think as I do, as well as a very large section of the public, comprising all our true friends everywhere.

It was never proposed, so far as I know, to hand over our own charter to Trinity University, a charter obtained with so much labor (for I had that to do) and at a very considerable outlay, for the mere purpose of effecting an amalgamation of our Medical Faculty with that of the University of Toronto, and to hand it over in order to secure our own immediate and complete extinction as a teaching body. How can we, if we refer to the fly-leaf published in our Calendar and widely distributed for the past two years, proceed to take the very course we had expressly proclaimed ourselves as having finally and definitely decided against? (See Calendars for 1901-02 and 1902-03.) The fly-leaf and the present discussion of "amalgamation," if framed together, would be truly a curiosity. The plan which I, as well as all our students, expected our University and College to take, and in the approval of which we were