

general profession. The position assigned to these gentlemen need not, and should not, interfere with their relations to the medical colleges to which they may respectively belong. Such a Faculty would act as University examiners in medicine, and being Provincial in character, would be in keeping with the nature of the University, and would attract students for examination from all quarters, besides being entirely free from the great danger, now so keenly felt, of bringing the University into financial trouble, great or small. Any lectures such a Faculty might give would be special as well as optional and open to everyone, and on subjects of such general interest as would be useful to the profession and to the public. The expensive buildings recently erected secretly, but at the public cost, chiefly for medical teaching, may, in the near future, be utilized for other University purposes, and with the Victoria Arts students, now and hereafter in attendance, all extra room will be in demand. This Faculty would be paid for acting as examiners, but the fees of candidates would considerably more than cover this outlay which would be the only expense incurred, so that the Faculty thus formed, would cost the University nothing.

This suggestion, if carried out, would at once restore to the University her lost provincial character in medicine, and would in no way interfere with the most thorough teaching by the University of any branch of Science of value in a thoroughly good general education. Such teaching would, as it should in a State University, sustained by and for the public, be equally and on the same terms open to every student in Ontario. No costly buildings or equipments would be required for the teaching of any subject in the medical course, for this would be relegated, absolutely and wholly, to the several Medical Faculties which exist for no other purpose, and which can, as has been abundantly proved, carry on their work efficiently without public help of any kind. There would then be no danger of the University in any coming time, as under existing circumstances is sure to happen, being openly or clandestinely drawn into financial trouble in directions in which she should neither be asked nor expected to expend her public funds, and for purposes on which it is not right, nor in her interest, nor in the interests of the Province, to spend even one dollar of these funds. She would

be free to use all her resources where they are much needed, and can only legitimately be expended—on her Arts and General Science Departments—which are her special work, for she was intended to provide for the youth of our province the very best general education, but by no means to furnish them with training in learned and lucrative professions. A very large number of our young medical graduates every year go to the United States and to other countries to settle. Is it right that the people of Ontario should pay for the professional education of doctors for the United States or for any other foreign country?

I would refer in a sentence or two to discussions in regard to the Medical Council which are going on. Those who speak of the representatives of universities and of medical colleges as really governing the Council are entirely incorrect. There is not the slightest foundation for such a statement, although it is made to do duty as a special charge against the Council. Having had many years' experience as a member of that body, I state most positively that I have never known a university or medical college representative either ask or receive a single favour—nor have any two or more of these representatives ever combined to carry any matter. Not long after becoming one of its members, I am on record as having written out a motion to increase the number of territorial representatives, which no college or university representative opposed, and only last session of the Council another motion I had the honour of making, was recorded as follows:—

"That the committee appointed under Dr. Williams' motion to amend and consolidate the Medical Act be instructed, first, that the Act be amended so as to provide that no annual dues be levied on medical practitioners for years during which they have not resided in Ontario. Second, to provide that no Institution or Body, which neither teaches nor examines in medicine, shall be entitled to representation on this Council. Third, that no by-law of the Council shall be valid which in any way interferes with the most perfect fairness and public character of the election of members representing territorial divisions. Fourth, that the annual certificate shall be called hereafter 'annual receipt,' so as to meet a very serious sentimental objection."