

objection. This view I communicated to various objecting persons, but without the desired effect of wholly removing the objections, which I may say were at that time also entertained by a few of the hospital trustees, one member going so far as to inform me that he intended to endeavour to secure the passage of a resolution by the Board to place the hospital outside the city limits, which proposition was very generally condemned by medical men. Surrounded with these difficulties, no progress could be made, and it was felt that it would be necessary to defer action.

Thus time wore on. During this interval various sites in the park were informally under consideration, amongst others that ultimately chosen, namely: the old Wycliffe College, and the two lots between that property and College Street. I may here say that Wycliffe College had applied to the University Board to lease these two College Street lots, it being pressed on behalf of Wycliffe that there had been some understanding at the time of the lease to Wycliffe that she was to have some special consideration in regard to the College Street lots. I have not had an opportunity of refreshing my memory by reading the correspondence on the subject, so that I speak subject to correction as to the precise nature of the contention, but it was one that the University Board was not prepared to assent to. The issue, however, so far as the University Board was concerned, was terminated by a communication from, I think, the Minister of Education to the Board, requesting the Board not to lease these lots, or to some such effect. I do not speak with positiveness as to the tenor of this letter, not having seen it since it was communicated to the Board, but merely say that the action in question created the impression on my mind that the disposition of these lots was really withdrawn from the Board.

However this was, they remained unutilized, and I assumed that the attitude of Wycliffe, in regard to them, remained unchanged. Accordingly, when it was proposed that the Park Hospital Trust should purchase from Wycliffe College their leasehold property, and the University should make good its undertaking to provide a site by contributing to the scheme the two lots between Wycliffe College property and College street, and that Wycliffe should lease property elsewhere on the same terms as provided in its then existing lease, the proposal commended itself to my judgment as wholly in the interests of the University. It removed what was practically a dead-lock in regard to the two lots, without any sacrifice of University interests, provided that it is conceded that an Hospital is a necessary adjunct to an efficiently equipped Medical Faculty.

Incidentally I may remark that the opinion had long been entertained by the University Board that a mistake had been made some years before in having leased any property between the main building and College-street for private use, and that it would be advisable not to dispose of any more between those limits except for educational purposes connected with the University.