

examination from all quarters, any lectures the faculty might give would be optional and special—and on such subjects of general interest as would be calculated to do good to the general profession, and to the public. The extensive buildings recently erected at the public cost, and now used chiefly for medical teaching purposes could be well utilized by the University—for example, for a mineralogical lecture room and laboratory, which are much needed. Some other departments of this work could readily use the newly built dissecting rooms which, being lighted from the roof, would be admirably adapted for many useful purposes.

II.—Mineralogy and Geology in the University of Toronto.

To the Editor of the World:

SIR,—In your notice of the last meeting of the University Senate it is stated, with regard to a report from a special committee appointed to inquire in the department of mineralogy and geology, that certain temporary accommodations in the biological department have been arranged to the satisfaction of Prof. Chapman, leaving the question of more permanent accommodation for future consideration." May I beg to assert most emphatically that the proposed arrangements are in no way satisfactory to me, except as the merest temporary expedients? By an abuse of power I have been thrust, against my strenuous protest, into the medical portion of the biological building, where I have to share with the medical faculty an anatomical theatre as a lecture room, into which dead bodies are constantly brought,

and in which it is not possible to make proper arrangements for the efficient teaching of my subject. Of course, if I can have nothing better, I must do the work as I best can; but were I to say that an arrangement of this kind was "satisfactory" I should be wanting in duty to my students and the public, as well as to the University itself.

• I have asked that some disinterested person, some expert accustomed to teach natural science, be invited to report upon the requirements and the present state of the department, but this does not seem to meet with approbation. I have reason to believe that the Government of Ontario would willingly see this department—so important in a country like ours—put upon a proper footing, but some occult influence seems to stand in the way. One would suppose that my experience of more than forty years as a professor in this country and in England, and the fact that my name has obtained honorable mention in a score or more of British, American, French and German works, would entitle my opinion to some consideration; but as medical students do not attend the department it seems impossible to obtain due recognition of its value. Whilst large sums have been spent and are being spent on other departments, any accommodation would appear, in the estimation of the university authorities, to be good enough for the Department of Mineralogy and Geology, but the public must not suppose that I am willing to endorse this view or to accept the situation without protest and complaint.

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