

University of Toronto places upon the government the obligation that it must assist the Medical Department of Queen's University, and also of the Western University. We are not now arguing whether it was proper to use public funds in this way. The fact that medical education has been liberally aided in connection with the University of Toronto, reduces the argument so far as Queen's and the Western Universities are concerned into a *tu quoque*.

All that is now necessary for these two universities to do in order to obtain government help is to knock at the door of the Provincial Treasury with persistency.

"MEDICAL SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL."

Such is the caption for the leading editorial in the April issue of the *Canadian Medical Association Journal*. We must dissent from much that is said therein.

The article goes on to point out that in Toronto the solution is now being worked out of the university having its own hospital. In Ontario there are only three medical schools and there are seventy-eight hospitals. It is to be inferred that in only three of these is really good work done? The medical profession throughout the country will not assent to this view.

The article then goes on to state that "it must be laid down that for a hospital to take first rank its wards must be freely open to medical students, and its staff connected with a medical school. Failing this, the hospital cannot be regarded as of the first order." This, we think, is the very essence of pure assumption. To state that all the capacity for good work is in the heads and hands of the staff of the medical college is going too far. We could point out many hospitals where the cost of maintenance is less, the average stay of patients in the ward shorter, and the death rate lower than in hospitals used for teaching, and whose staffs are connected with medical schools. This is not said in any harsh sense against the splendid work done in these institutions and by their capable staffs; for conditions may differ. Our object is to show that non-school staffs can do as good work.

Then we read "the association of a medical school with a hospital maintains that hospital at the highest level of efficiency in every respect." Not necessarily so by any means. There is no medical school in connection with St. Mary's Hospital, in Rochester, Minn. There is no medical school in Hamilton or Ottawa; and yet the hospitals in these cities are most efficient, and under the control of capable physicians and