

sible head, and of these the University service should be chief and largest, instead of smallest and most dependent, and without an out-patient department.

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GENERAL HOSPITAL EDICT

'NO BREACH OF UNDERSTANDING'

Says Correspondent — Exclusive Service Agreed to by Staff of Physicians of the Hospital.

Sir,—In Monday's paper you have an editorial containing the following paragraphs:

"Now that we have appointed you upon our staff you shall not serve upon any other hospital staff."

"If the needs of the University demand that members of its teaching staff should hold more than one Hospital appointment, by what inherent right does the Hospital intervene?"

"The edict seems to be an injury to the cause of medical education and a breach of the understanding upon which the University entered into partnership with the General Hospital."

I beg to inform The Telegram that the regulation referred to, so far from being a breach of any understanding, was adopted as the opinion and advice of the teaching staff of the University of Toronto on the Hospital staff prior to the recent reorganization. I have before me a pamphlet, published by the medical faculty under the hand of its secretary, containing memorials presented to the Board of Trustees of the Hospital concerning this reorganization. The staff of physicians of the Hospital, consisting almost wholly of the professors, associate professors and associates in medicine of the medical faculty, after recommending to the Board of Trustees of the Hospital that in the administration of its affairs every endeavor should be made to safeguard and promote the educational interests and clinical facilities of the University medical faculty, made this positive recommendation:

"That Members of the Staff be not allowed to serve on the Staff of another General Hospital."

In another memorial the staff of surgeons and the staff of specialists of the Hospital, consisting almost wholly

of professors, associate professors and associates in surgery and special departments of the medical faculty of the University of Toronto, say:

"We re-affirm the report adopted and recommended by a meeting of the full staff held January 31st, 1906, concerning the limitation of all appointments, other than those held upon the Consulting Staff, to men who are attached to one General Hospital only."

REPORT OF THE FULL STAFF.

At the meeting of the full staff referred to in this memorial the following resolution was "unanimously adopted and recommended to be forwarded as suggestions for the Board of Trustees":—

"It is recommended that members of the Staff of the Toronto General Hospital be not permitted to belong to the Active Staff of any other General Hospital. It being specially understood that Special Hospitals be not included in this veto."

All the recommendations of the full staff were made after the committee appointed for the purpose had obtained exhaustive information and advice by submitting "a list of questions to leading authorities in Great Britain, the United States and Canada, hoping that the elimination of local or personal considerations which might tend to obscure the opinions of those close at hand would make more possible the formulation of a broad plan for the establishment of a great hospital in a University centre."

The Reorganization Committee and the Board of Trustees therefore in adopting this regulation followed the unanimous advice of the full staff composed almost entirely of members of the teaching staff of the University. The reason for the regulation is sufficiently obvious. It is not possible for a physician or a surgeon to properly attend to his duties on the active staff of two General Hospitals. Dr. Osler says:—

"The physicians should not only make their visits at certain stated hours, but stay certain hours."

AS TO APPOINTMENTS.

In view of some of its recent articles, the following extracts from these memorials will be of interest to The Telegram:—

"That vacancies and positions on the staff be thrown open to the whole medical profession, and all applications be