

dents held meetings at the college building, but in separate rooms, and communications passed between them, but instead of coming to a settlement, the affair was only aggravated, the students being determined to secure what they had asked for, and which, as was afterwards proven, was more than could be legally granted. But as both parties were desirous for the continuance and prosperity of the Royal College, we felt confident that an amicable settlement would yet be obtained, if some of our influential citizens would step in and endeavor, by kindly mediation, to bridge over the gap, and, we are glad to say that this "consummation devoutly to be wished" was finally attained through the energetic and painstaking efforts of four Kingston's prominent men, namely, Mayor Gaskin, and ex-Mayors Gildersleeve, McIntyre and Pense. To these gentlemen the City of Kingston owes a debt of gratitude which we are sure is deeply felt, if not already expressed, for the retention in our midst of an institution like the Royal College, of whose standing and influence the citizens have such good right to be proud—and the Faculty as well as the students have cordially thanked the mediators for their services and are pleased with the results, for it was frankly acknowledged that but for their mediation a rupture would have taken place which would have proved disastrous to all concerned.

These gentlemen made it their special business on Thursday afternoon last to interview the members of the Faculty as well as some of the prominent students, and then having arrived at the facts in the case, they attended, by request, a Faculty meeting on the same evening at Dr. Lavell's office, being cordially received. After a discussion of an hour or two, what appeared to be a solution of the difficulty, was arrived at, namely, the proposition for a double course of lectures, one for each sex, and the visitors emerged and wended their way to the College "den," where the students were anxiously awaiting their arrival, with a promise of the Faculty not only to do the double work involved in this double course, but to abandon the admission of female students as well, especially so long as the Colleges of Canada were not in full harmony upon the subject. The proposition, virtually, to all intents and purposes, involved the formation of a separate and distinct medical college for women. Furthermore the Faculty guaranteed additional clinical lectures to the students, if they will attend.

Upon their arrival at "The Den" the deputation received an enthusiastic reception from the assembled students, who evidently felt that in these gentlemen they recognized "friends indeed." After submitting the mediatorial proposition each member of the deputation addressed the students, and in forcible and eloquent language the advantages of the proposition were pointed out as allowing both Faculty and students to retire from their former position gracefully, by practically granting all that the students had a legal right to ask and preserving the honor of the College towards the ladies. The students would be guaranteed complete lectures, and whether real ground existed for the alleged suppressions was therefore aside from the question; and they could point to the students of other colleges who were looking to them to fight the battle against co-education. They had succeeded in demonstrating that a separate ladies' college was the only practicable scheme. They had made sure the fulness of their own education and could not reasonably go further and say that the ladies should be forced out altogether, and be deprived of theirs, since they would no longer interfere with their course in any way.

The deputation being requested to remain, and cheerfully giving their assent thereto, an animated debate was commenced, in which nearly every student present took part, questions being very freely put to the visiting gentleman, and as freely answered. Finally, good judgment as-

serted itself, and the following resolution was carried at one a.m. without a dissenting voice, although two or three students declined to vote at all, though they felt the proposal to be a good one: "*Resolved*—That having heard the gentlemen who have acted as mediators between the Faculty and ourselves, and the assurance that in future the Faculty agree to give an education to the male and female students separate and distinct in every particular, and that it is not their intention to admit females in the future, we accept the same as a satisfactory settlement of existing difficulties."

A vote of thanks was then tendered to the deputation, and they were given three hearty cheers and "For they are jolly good fellows." The students then escorted the gentlemen to their respective homes and received from each their thanks and congratulations.

This is what one of the deputation has said of the "boys": "From a serious lot of anxious debaters, now that the trouble was over, they became a jolly lot of students, relieved of a serious trouble, and with the love of their Alma Mater fully restored. In spite of appearances in their late determined rebellion they regard their Professors warmly, and this was demonstrated by their visits to the residences after the settlement to give them farewell cheers ere they left to-day for their homes. The students, in spite of the prolonged absence from their classes and excitement of the week, appeared last night uniformly steady and decorous, and are a body of young men whom it is worth while undergoing even a more prolonged and delicate mission to once more bring into the best of harmony with a local institution."

The following letter closed the official correspondence:

*To the Secretary to Students of the Royal College:*

DEAR SIR—I am in receipt of your letter of this morning, enclosing a resolution passed at a meeting of the students last evening and desire to say that the Faculty accept the suggestions of the gentlemen who have interested themselves in their present College difficulties. The Faculty agrees to give in future to the female students now attending College a medical education separate and distinct in every particular from the male students, and as the Faculty believe that under existing circumstances, co-education in medicine is a failure, there is no intention of admitting female students in the future.—I am, yours faithfully,

FIFE FOWLER, Registrar.

December 15th.

Thus harmony has been restored, the dignity of the Professors maintained, and the object of the students attained. The new arrangement virtually creates a new medical school in Kingston, so that the good old city takes the lead of all others in the Dominion, having one medical school for women and another for men only. It will be seen that by this new departure the Faculty of the Royal College alone are sufferers since, in order to make matters agreeable all around they have taken upon themselves a double set of lectures. This involves not only a heavy strain upon their mental and physical endurance, but makes a serious inroad upon their time, which, to medical men, is valuable.

That the Professors are willing to undertake double work is an evidence of their deep interest in the College and, also, that they are willing to meet all reasonable requests of their students.

Long life to the Royal! and may she ever in the future, as in the past, send forth sons who shall distinguish themselves in the paths of science, and thus reflect credit upon their Alma Mater.

WHEN should a very æsthetic young man propose to his lady-love? He should Oscar Wilde day light is fading