

excellent model on which to reconstruct the medical faculty. It costs nothing, either for buildings, or equipment. Its professors are not salaried—and what teaching they do is of so general a character as to be interesting to any one who wishes to be considered well educated.

The law faculty does not compete at all with the self-sustaining law school connected with the Law Society. And it is a question that presses for an answer why Government should ever have consented to make the medical faculty the very opposite of all this—very costly to the public and to the University—and actively competing with the excellent medical colleges which admittedly teach medicine quite as well and cost the public nothing. And it would be very easy to use the buildings recently erected at such great public cost to aid in carrying on the University Arts and Science Departments with full success.

The teachers of the various branches of the Science Department being entirely paid out of the general public funds of the University, which are public funds, it is *most objectionable* that they should form a part, or be advertised as forming a part, of any *one* medical faculty whether that of the University itself or any other. The adoption of this principle is called for by the Provincial University. The mere charging a sum as rent against the medical faculty of the University, as is now said to be proposed, or arranged for, fractional as it is, in proportion to the great cost of the buildings, will not meet the case. Many of the best friends of the University of Toronto are of the opinion—and their number is fast increasing—that were she to apply her entire energies and resources to develop her Arts and Science Departments, she would find *ample, and to the country, most profitable work* for any number of coming years, and work regarding which no complaints of injustice would be made. But in a province like ours, where there is a sufficient number of excellent medical colleges in operation and all of them have been so long self-sustaining, there should be no subsidizing now, of any one of them, directly or indirectly.

If there must be a medical faculty in Toronto University, it should certainly be as purely and squarely self-supporting in every respect, as all the other medical colleges are, and in that case, without interfering with the autonomy, or the legal rights of any of these colleges, our Provincial Uni-

versity might ally herself by special affiliation and be friendly with them all, instead of occupying as now ^{the} the undignified and unprovincial position of being a keen and a most unfair, because a subsidized, competitor with them for every student—and this, notwithstanding the fact, that some of these colleges have been for many years affiliated with her. A just and liberal policy of this kind would attract many students for graduation in medicine from all the teaching colleges, who are now, as is their undoubted right, being educated in the institutions of their choice, and who under present circumstances would not think of such a thing. But it is the Government which can and should, as speedily as may be, bring about such changes as will forever put an end to unfairness, and establish what is just and right on a firm basis—a basis which shall be equally just to each of our medical colleges, of which Ontario and her Government have good reason to be proud.

There is still another and a very glaring abuse, long since pointed out, but still entirely uncorrected. The overwhelming evidence of figures proves that State paid University professors are, and have been, ever since 1887, earning a large yearly bonus for the medical faculty of the University, which bonus, the fees of every medical student, wherever he may come from, goes to swell, while the respective medical faculties of all the other medical colleges get nothing but what they themselves earn. This abuse, is as follows: In the University of Toronto, under a special University Statute, approved of by the Government before it could come in force, all fees paid by medical students go into the funds of the "medical faculty," and not into the "General Funds" of the University. Since 1887 Physiology, General Chemistry, Practical Chemistry, Biology, including Botany and Zoology, have been taught to the medical students of the University of Toronto by professors and other teachers, whose salaries are wholly paid out of the "General Funds" of the University.

These medical students pay very much the same fees for this teaching, as are charged in all other medical colleges in Ontario, in which colleges however, every teacher is paid solely out of the fees he individually earns.

The fees paid by every 1st year's student for the branches above named amount to \$34, and the