

will give as much as 50,000 cents to our University. In the matter of money, therefore, it will be seen that Toronto and little Zurich are as far apart as the two poles.

They don't object to medical faculties in connection with universities in any part of the world, excepting this Province of Ontario. Zurich, like most of the important universities, has a medical faculty. Our correspondent, who, by the way, is not connected with the Toronto Biological Department, tells us that the facilities of Toronto University, in the primary subjects, are quite equal to those of Zurich, and that its physiological laboratory is decidedly better. He adds, incidentally, that he has not seen a physiological laboratory in Europe that is superior to the one planned and conducted by Professor Ramsay Wright. In the Pathological Department, Zurich is far in advance of Toronto. This fact has been appreciated for some time by the friends of the latter, and it was hoped that the Government of Ontario would give some assistance in this direction. As the Government, however, has not shown any aggressive spirit in the matter, the friends of the medical faculty are raising a fund by subscription, to aid in the teaching of this important subject.

In the matter of clinical teaching, Zurich, in some respects, stands ahead of Toronto, but the methods of the latter have improved so much lately that she is not far behind her German sister. We understand that efforts will be made during the coming session to make the clinical teaching in Toronto more thorough and practical than it has ever been before. There is no reason why the medical teaching in Canada should not be equal, in all respects, to the best in the world. We are glad to know that professors of the University of Toronto are fully impressed with this fact, and we are pleased to be able to state that six members of the staff are spending a goodly portion of the summer in studying the methods of teaching, both primary and final subjects, in the best British, French, and German medical colleges.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO AND THE CITY OF TORONTO.

The defeat of what was known as the University By-law, by an overwhelming majority, was a great surprise to many, both in and out

of Toronto; and we are frequently asked, What does it mean? We cannot undertake to answer the question; but will try to state briefly the position of matters. Many years ago, the authorities of the University gave to the city certain lands, known as Queen's Park, and the Queen and Yonge Street Avenues. There were certain conditions connected with the gift, which compelled the city to carry out certain provisions in connection with maintenance, etc. The city failed to fulfil its portion of the contract, and finally the courts decided that it had forfeited all rights to said lands, which consequently were to revert to the University.

The position of things at this juncture was deplored by all, and after several conferences between University trustees and members of the City Council, with the Mayor, it was agreed that the city should get possession of the park and avenues without any restrictions, and should give to the University \$6,000 per annum to endow two chairs—such chairs to be chosen by the city. It was thought that the city could easily give such a sum to the University; and on the part of the trustees of the latter, it was considered that, although the sum was small, under the circumstances it was better to accept it, and thus remove all causes of friction between the two. After the disastrous fire, offers of assistance came from all nations, in all climes. It was proposed in the City Council that Toronto should give the University \$50,000. After some considerable discussion, a scheme was proposed which would cost the city little or nothing, while it would be a great benefit to the University; that was, to give the University a lump sum of \$200,000, instead of \$6,000 a year forever. As is well-known, the by-law to grant the \$200,000 was defeated by about four to one. Little wonder is there that the result created surprise.

The outside offers of assistance have materialized, and princely gifts, especially for the library, are coming in from all quarters. Toronto, which derives more substantial benefit from the institution than all the world besides, is the only place in the world that has positively refused to raise a finger to assist the University in its time of distress. Fortunately, it will make no difference to the University. It will be restored, and far more than restored. A little