

numerous societies, would require a comparatively small number of medical men: (2) the public would lose the services of the ablest men, for as a rule it would be only second or third class men who would submit to the humiliating terms imposed by the societies: (3) the rapid decay of medical science, and the lowering of the social status of the profession. This scarcely requires proof; it is self evident—What professional man that entertains even the most modest estimate of his just claim to the respect and esteem of his fellow men, would consent to place himself in a great degree at the mercy of every noisy demagogue belonging to the "society." Once he accepts the appointment, every member will have a voice in his dismissal, and therefore he is forced to pander to the ignorance and prejudices of all. His bread and butter depends on his subserviency. The medical men will come to occupy very much the status of the Russian clergy, who are more the slaves than the religious instructors of the gentry, and even of the middle classes. All this will necessarily lower to a lamentable degree, the literary and scientific standard of the whole profession as a body. Much more may be said, and ought to be said on this subject, but I feel that I have already trespassed far too much on the space allowed to correspondents.

Yours truly,

Feb. 12th, 1878. ONE OF THE PROFESSION.

AFFILIATED MEDICAL SCHOOLS

To the Editor of the CANADA LANCET

SIR,—In the issue of the LANCET for February, I noticed a paragraph to the effect that the Toronto School of Medicine has been advertised for the past three years as the Medical Department of Victoria College, Cobourg. I was much surprised at this statement, and have been at some pains to look into the matter, and have been much struck with the following facts of which sooner or later some notice must be taken by the Senate of the University of Toronto. On page 25 of the Victoria College calendar for 1877, will be found the following:—

"MEDICAL DEPARTMENT—PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Students intending to graduate in Victoria University, are recommended to attend lectures in the Toronto School of Medicine, from which school certificates of attendance will be accepted by the medical examiners of this University."

Then follow the names of the different members of the Faculty of the Toronto School of Medicine: Drs. Aikins, Wright, Richardson, Ogden, Thorburn, Barrett, Oldright, MacFarlane, &c., &c. At the close of the announcements in the medical faculty, the calendar says:—"Additional information may be obtained from Dr. Aikins, President of the Toronto School of Medicine."

How a pious Methodist, like Dr. Aikins, could say in the face of this, in his letter to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, asking for the disaffiliation of all medical schools connected with the Toronto University with a view to a re-arrangement, "that the students of the Toronto School of Medicine can avail themselves of the degree of the Toronto University *only*" is a mystery. (See Return No. 32, 40 Vic. 1877, page 10).

Some may not be aware of the fact that this school being thus advertized is in direct contravention of, at least one of the conditions of affiliation lately laid down by the Toronto University and which are the same for every affiliated school, and of course equally obligatory upon all. The condition thus contravened is the first resolution, passed June 12th, 1877, by the Senate of the University of Toronto, and is as follows:—Resolved firstly: "That no medical school or college should be admitted to, or continued in affiliation, which is, or becomes, connected with another University, either as its medical faculty, or by its professors or lecturers being examiners for the degrees, honors, scholarships, or standing, of another University, *or its holding out in any way* that its examinations will be accepted by another University, as entitling to degrees, honors, scholarships, or standing—Provided that this shall not preclude any one, or more individual professors or lecturers *bona fide* becoming examiners in another University—the intent being, that the faculty of any affiliated college, or any part thereof, shall not be permitted to substantially conduct the examinations of their own students for degrees, honors, scholarships, or standing in another University."

Any school applying to be affiliated shall be informed of this regulation, and shall be required to enter into an undertaking to observe it, subject to the express condition that upon breach of such undertaking, the statute shall be repealed and affiliation cancelled."

Yours respectfully,

M.B., TORONTO UNIVERSITY.

March 13th, 1878.