

would have easily understood the *maliciousness* of the impression conveyed in the correspondence above alluded to, of persecution *because* these gentlemen had been students of the University of McGill College; why they should have stated that I had selected them from amongst other students who were attached to no particular college, *simply*, because they came from McGill College. They would have had truth on their side, had they frankly avowed that their classical education did not permit them to aspire to the honour of a degree of M.D. in Laval University. With a little less charity I could detail a long history, while on this subject; but as this article is destined to go before the public, I forbear from so doing. The place occupied by these two gentlemen in the University was not so conspicuous as to cause their absence to be remarked, nor regretted, and there is a sad lack of modesty in the desire evidently entertained, of making the public believe that their departure from the Laval University has brought down its hatred on them, and on the institution which admitted them. You are aware of the fact, Sir, that the professors here are *peculiarly disinterested* as to whether the number of students be great or small; their salary is invariably the same, and paid by the University, consequently they cannot be much affected on this head, by the loss of one or more pupils.

You say that as long as the visiting physician acts as such, all students who follow the practice has the right to accompany him and profit by his remarks. Nothing can be more in accordance with my own ideas and no one denies them that right. On the other hand, you admit that when the visit is over, and when he enters on the functions of professor, he has the right to expel all who do not wish to conform themselves to the regulations respecting his lectures. This is again *precisely* my manner of viewing things, and this has been *exactly* my manner of acting.

I have reason to expect from your impartiality, that you will give to this rectification a place in the columns of your interesting Journal, in which I have also been condemned "without a hearing." Nevertheless I do not complain, as it has furnished me with an occasion of rectifying certain errors which might have had some weight with those who have studied the question through the medium of the press only.

The individuals who, for some time back, have *caused* my name to be brought before the public; who have exhausted their utmost powers in endeavouring to pick a quarrel with the Laval University, or with some of its professors, for purposes of their own, will most probably profit of this occasion to return to the charge *with their ordinary weapons*. I have, however, neither time nor inclination for these epistolary combats, and leave them free scope. Moreover, I have narrated the facts simply; those who witnessed them can certify to their veracity. No well disposed and disinterested persons will think it necessary for me to repeat what I have already said, and I care very little for the opinion or impressions of the rest, as it would be almost absurd to endeavour to convince them or disturb their preconceived ideas.

I have the honor to be, with great regard,

Your obedient and humble servant

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