

composed of his juniors), which due consideration for the dignity of his office precluded him from accepting, then he must resign nolente volente, or if not previously on the staff, decline the appointment; and in this case it at once becomes apparent that the Hospital Board would control the University appointment—a condition of affairs not to be patiently contemplated for one moment by any self-respecting University.

Mr. White says: "It is not a University Hospital," and the next moment claims credit for having made it as nearly as possible a University Hospital. And why should it not be a University Hospital? Would that fact not simply add to its value and efficiency? Is it not a teaching Hospital? And in order to be a teaching Hospital must not the care of patients be necessarily of the best and most up-to-date description? Is not a teaching Hospital constantly submitted to the most searching criticism of its methods and results? And is not the public value of a hospital inestimably enhanced when it becomes by teaching associations the centre for the dissemination in its pupils of the most recent acquisitions of medical science, and bears upon its shoulders the burden of the health, welfare and care, not only of its own inmates but of the inhabitants of all these regions served by the practitioners it trains and sends forth.

If the new Hospital be not a University Hospital why place it on the expensive site procured for it? If it be in fact a University Hospital with the added responsibility, importance and prestige thereby attached to it, why not frankly have it manned as best suits the University and the higher duty and greater opportunity of service thereby imposed upon it?

There is no natural antagonism or antipathy between the University and the city, and any attempts to create or maintain one if stirred up, are worthy only of the demagogue, the ward heeler and the politician. If there arise any accidental causes of friction between town and gown let all good citizens with one accord strive to minimize and remove them instead of harping upon them and magnifying them until they seem to assume portentous proportions.

There is no good reason why the city of Toronto should not be as proud of the University within her borders as the city of Edinburgh is of hers; and it would be good politics, in the literal sense, if all citizens of Toronto would vie with one another, each doing his utmost in zealous rivalry, to place the capstone of the educational system of the province high upon its acropolis to be seen and known of all men!

There are many other points that might be commented on. It will be noted that in the scheme of reorganization the chair of surgery is not represented on the Advisory Board. The chair of medicine soon will not be, and the Dean is not a member, except as a temporary head of service. Fewer University men are on now than before reorganization, and these of lower rank. Men transferred from St. Michael's staff are not a gain, as the University loses their services there—a fact which a member of the Board of Governors, who is also a member of the Hospital Board, would hardly be credited with overlooking.

To maintain interest, individuality, and solidarity, and the highest efficiency in a service, each service should be complete in itself from outpatient department up, and under the guidance and direction of a respon-