

take to make this Medical Faculty a credit alike to our country and our provincial University. I may go a little further and say that we are quite ambitious, and have a very strong desire to make our Faculty equal in all respects to the best medical colleges in the world. We have no wish to shine simply by reflected glory from the institution which has honored us so highly; but are extremely anxious to bring to it some solid strength and add something to its reputation. We would like to do for it what the medical faculties have done for Edinburgh, Cambridge, and other universities to which I have before alluded.

We have certain views about the duties of the State in relation to the teaching of science, especially biology and bacteriology, but I have nothing special to say in that connection tonight. Our views are known to the authorities of the University, and are likely to receive due consideration at the proper time. Unfortunately, the urgent needs of all departments increase more rapidly than our revenues. We may differ in opinion as to where the greatest urgency exists, but all agree that at the present time the greatest possible caution is required in deciding upon any new expenditures. The recent report of the committee appointed by the Senate and the Board of Trustees respecting the revenues and requirements throws a flood of light on many important questions connected with the growth of our University. It is well known that we are deeply indebted to our distinguished Chancellor for the immense amount of labor he expended in connection with that report, and for the great good which has been accomplished therewith. It is a grand thing for our University to have among her governors and advisers such a man as Edward Blake, especially when he is so ready to give her the full benefit of his marvellous capacities for work and the wondrous intellect which directs his methods.

I may say, without going into particulars, that the Medical Faculty has agreed to act for the present in consonance with the spirit of that report. We have to consider the fact that we are now recovering from the effects of the sad calamity which befel us when a large portion of our main building was destroyed by fire on the night of February 14th, 1890. We have to remember that the chief force of that severe

blow fell on the Arts Faculty; and while we extend to her our warm sympathies, we desire to go farther, and give her all the assistance we can in her hour of need.

However, from our own point of view we have some very urgent needs, which we feel none the less because we are not at present asking for assistance from the Government or the Senate. One of the most important of these is the necessity for a better equipment of our pathological department. We reached the conclusion some time ago that something must be done in this direction, and the members of our Faculty with a number of their friends subscribed between four and five thousand dollars to be expended for the purposes of pathology. The amount is not large, but the act shows that we have occasionally a very practical method of overcoming any difficulties which may beset us. We claim no special credit for it, however, as we are simply following in a humble way the good examples that are so frequently presented to us by the generous friends of the University in various directions. I am glad to be able to announce that a certain portion of this money is now being expended in fitting up a pathological laboratory which will be available for our students during this session.

It gives me much pleasure to refer to a very generous act on the part of our students, who appear to have as keen an appreciation of the necessities of the times, in a medical sense, as the members of the teaching staff. An organization exists among the students which is called the "University of Toronto Medical Society." This society decided last session to appoint a pathologist and pay him a salary of \$200 per annum. He will be expected to work under the guidance of our lecturer in pathology, to assist the students in their study of this important subject, and also to engage in original research. So far as I know, this action is unprecedented in the history of medical colleges. The amount may not seem large, but our students are not, as a rule, millionaires; their fees are high, their wants are many, and they can ill afford to indulge in many extras. It gives me unbounded satisfaction to offer my hearty congratulations to our students for the generous impulses which have caused them to contribute this sum of money towards so worthy an object.