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THE STUDENT CONVENTION.

The Convention, in point of numbers, of unanimous sentiment, of the fellow-feeling created, and of the practical and well-defined conclusions arrived at, was an effective success. In spite of the examinations held in almost all the colleges, and the large number of those who had left town previous to Thursday, the attendance was barely accommodated in the spacious hall on Temperance Street. It was indeed a gathering of the clans. Every community of free students in Toronto, with the unavoidable exception of Trinity College, was numerous and oratorically represented. As speaker after speaker mounted the platform, each one voicing the opinion of a different body of students, the enthusiasm became such as to forbid the idea of its being temporary. Whatever else may miscarry, will not now alter the fact that a union of students has taken place. Nay, more; there cannot be a doubt but that the Union is established. The Convention will have revealed to the general body of students their hitherto unknown numerical strength, the field for organization thus opened, and the influence and power thereby resulting. Is it likely that this welcome revelation will be unheeded by these men whose youth, energy and ambition make them the *spes gentis*? Not if they are Canadians.

THE KINGSTON UNDERGRADUATE MASS MEETING.

"The Senate of the University having refused to entertain the petition of the students with regard to the coming vacation, a mass meeting of students was held yesterday in the science class-room to consider the question. Numerous speeches were made, which were all pretty much on the one side. The following motion was carried unanimously: 'That no student of this University shall present himself at lectures on any day between the following dates: December 22, '81, and Jan. 10, '82; and further, that any student presenting himself at lectures on any day between the dates named shall be consigned to the tender mercies of the *Consursus Iniquitatis*.'"

The above extract is from the *Kingston Daily News*. Assuming the statement to be correct, we believe the great majority of Toronto undergraduates will heartily endorse the action of the men of Queen's College. That a petition for extension of holidays should have been thrown out without good and stated reasons might be passed over if the petitioners were schoolboys. But young men in University are not schoolboys, and to treat them as such betrays the petty tyranny and narrow-mindedness of the second rate schoolmaster. We hope and expect the Kingston undergraduates will adhere to their resolution.

UNIVERSITY AFFILIATION.

No. IV.

I have now traced the meaning of the term "affiliation," in connection with the University of Toronto, through several Acts of Parliament, and found that, under our present constitution, it implies, on the part of the affiliated college, (1) the right to send up to the University examinations those students who have completed the University course, and (2) the right to send a representative to the University Senate. In the case of University College it means the right to have three representatives, a state of affairs which may yet give rise to discussion and amendment. I have shown that the Senate are authorized by law (1) to hold examinations at affiliated colleges, and (2) to accept the examinations of such colleges as substitutes for certain examinations of their own—powers which have actually been put in exercise by the governing body of Toronto University.

There remain only two more statutes to be referred to, namely, 40 Vict., chap. 65, which incorporates Trinity Medical School, and 41 Vict., chap. 71, which incorporates the Western University. Under the present constitution of the University of Toronto, the "Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, and Senate" may recommend to the Lieut.-Governor in Council the disaffiliation of colleges already affiliated, and in 1876 they took upon themselves the responsibility of recommending that the affiliation of any medical school then "assumed to exist" should cease. The reason assigned for this startling step was, that the whole question of medical school affiliation might be "reconsidered." The Lieut.-Governor, with an amount of confidence in the wisdom and good intentions of the Senate which is quite phenomenal in a sceptical and cynical age, promptly acted on the recommendation, and accordingly both the Toronto School of Medicine and the Trinity School of Medicine were disaffiliated. Each institution applied for reaffiliation as a matter of course, but the latter was given to understand that so long as it continued to be the "Medical Faculty" of the University of Trinity College, its application could not be entertained. Steps were at once taken to secure for it a separate Act of Incorporation as the "Trinity Medical School," and early in 1877 this was granted by the Legislature. Section 12 of that Act, the only one of any importance in the present discussion, is as follows:—

"If at any time the said corporation shall deem it advisable or expedient that the students of the said Trinity Medical School should be enabled to procure University honors or degrees in medicine, surgery or midwifery, it shall be lawful for such purpose to affiliate the said Trinity Medical School with any university or universities appointed to grant such degrees, upon such terms as the said school and such university or universities may agree."

Those who were at that time paying any attention to University matters will recollect that the italicised words in the above section gave rise to a great deal of acrimonious discussion. The obvious and avowed intention of those who introduced them into the bill was to enable the students of Trinity School to graduate in both Toronto University and Trinity University, while many of our own Senate and Convocation were strongly opposed not merely to double affiliation but also to dual undergraduateship. A