

great solemnity, say, "*Nil nisi bonum de mortuis.*" One cannot wonder that such a writer of such an anonymous letter hopes that the DOMINION MEDICAL MONTHLY may be "an ephemeral venture in journalism," but even in expressing this hope, though he did not see it, he pays a compliment to the character and success of the MONTHLY, as jealousy never fastens its fangs in a failure.

W. H. B. ATKINS.

MY ANONYMOUS CORRESPONDENT.

An anonymous letter appeared in the *Mail* of June 2nd, referring to the DOMINION MEDICAL MONTHLY, with which I have the honour to be connected, and incidentally referring to me, not by name, of course, to which I would have no objection, as in counter-distinction to the correspondent in the *Mail*, I am not by nature a coward. This gentleman, who is, in my opinion, exceedingly discourteous to his profession in that he uses the public press for his pleasant communications, shows himself about as ignorant of professional ethics as of the matters which he proceeds to discuss in his letter. For his information and those of the profession—not the lay public who may happen to be interested—I would say that I am a graduate of Trinity Medical College in Medicine, a graduate in honours in the Science Course of the University of Toronto, and have the highest respect and the most sincere desire to assist either Alma Mater. For this reason I objected to the Arts Faculty, of which I am a graduate, being impoverished by the expenditure, as stated by Sir Daniel Wilson, of \$130,000 to aid medical education. As I had the pleasure of paying for my medical education, I do not see why I should be called upon to pay taxes, in order that a few gentlemen, politically related to the

powers that be, should draw salaries and prepare competitors against me.

It is well known that the Legislature granted \$160,000 for the reconstruction of the university buildings, the university had thrown up its hands in despair, educational want was stalking abroad through the land, yet they could spend \$130,000 to benefit the gentlemen aforesaid, not the university, not my Alma Mater.

I am very pleased to see that the sum of \$5,000 a year, which was earned by my old professors of the Arts Department, and was handed over to the gentlemen of the Medical Department, is now retained by the Arts Department, and my Alma Mater correspondingly benefited. Further, I am pleased to see that buildings which cost some \$70,000, which they formerly had rent free, but which were rated at \$30,000 for the benefit of the Medical Faculty, who now pay the magnificent rent of \$1,200 per annum, is a step, but only a small step, in the right direction, *i.e.*, towards relieving my Alma Mater from the burden which designing men and subservient politicians have placed upon her. But I am pained to see that my Alma Mater has allowed the gentleman who is principally responsible for this to order himself an LL.D., which was the highest honour she could confer upon the man who got such satisfactory letters (to himself) from Sir Daniel Wilson upon this subject.

If there is any further information that my anonymous correspondent would like to have it will be cheerfully furnished, if that gentleman is not afraid to put up his head so that we can turn up the returns and find how much salary he is drawing for protecting the University Medical Faculty.

Yielding second place to no one in my desire to assist my Alma Mater, whether in medicine or arts, I remain, my anonymous correspondent,

Yours sincerely,

W. B. NESBITT.