

Combinations will be formed to secure extra power in the Senate.

13. One member of the staff who happens to have a dearly beloved friend on the committee, seeks the aid of another member of the staff who has a dearly beloved friend in the Provincial Government, and these two again combine with a third who has the innings with several members on the Senate. In this way a strong pull, and a long pull, and a pull altogether is the result. For the time being they are victorious, and in this, as in similar affairs, "to the victors belongeth the spoils." By the end of five years, however, this "combination" is broken, and a new one takes its place. The key that once unlocked the door to position and emolument has been lost. Someone else comes along who has found the magic word, he whispers "sesame," and those in power say, "receive of the treasures that others have earned, enter into the fruits of others' labours, thou favoured one." The doors open wide, and some new professors are made, and there is great joy in high places, and they sit down together.

14. Some might be foolish enough to think that the five-year plan will have the effect of spurring on the teachers and making them energetic in the discharge of their duties. This cannot be shown to be the case. Healthy rivalry in the different departments will have this effect. The Arts Faculty in the University of Toronto is second to none on this continent, and yet it is not spurred on by a triennial, or quinquennial house-cleaning. The Medical Faculty in McGill is certainly a good one, and there the professors do not require to give an account of their stewardship every few years. The scheme is a very poor one, indeed, and shall yet prove the greatest rock in the course of the University Faculty in Medicine. Now that certain persons have obtained professorships, perhaps an effort may be made to change the statute, so as to make the appointments permanent. It remains to be seen what the friends at court will do in this matter; but, judging by what has taken place, such a further step is quite conceivable.

15. That the picture just drawn is not an exaggerated one, the following little incident will abundantly prove: I have learned from several sources, that last winter, towards spring, one of the younger men on the teaching staff said, that "there was a

combination formed, and that unless one was in that combination he would get nothing: and, further, that he was in the combination." Here, then, is an example of the very point.

16. One more point which I think is very important. By the report of the Committee on the Medical Faculty, \$7,000 must be used for certain working expenses that must be paid out of the 40 per cent. of gross earnings. Now, 40 per cent. of \$17,500 is exactly \$7,000. Should the income in any year fall below \$17,500, there will be a difficulty at once. By statute, the 60 per cent. portion, for the teachers, cannot be touched for the purposes covered by the 40 per cent. portion. In like manner, the government have stated emphatically that public funds must not be used. Here, then, is a rock of real danger to the Faculty. If the earnings are less than \$17,500 in any year, the Faculty will not be able to meet its payments under this heading.

17. Finally, almost every physician in the Province now is familiar with the fact that certain professors gave their influence to defeat Drs. McFarlane, Wright and Aikins at the recent Senate elections. They were, however, elected fairly and well, and with the exception of Dr. Cameron, a former representative who practically withdrew from the ticket, the ticket of four was thoroughly routed. The medical graduates, then, of the Universities of Toronto and Victoria, have not approved of the policy of these professors. Under this protest from the graduates, I would think that the honourable course for these two gentlemen would be to resign their positions on the staff at once. Very possibly the authorities could be induced to accept their resignations, and make an effort to fill their places out of the large number of intelligent medical men who have voted against their views. Indeed, it is very questionable if harmony can ever be restored among the former friends of the Medical Faculty so long as these two retain their positions on the staff.

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*Doctor*— "Ben, what's your face so bunged up for?"

*Ben* (sadly)— "Dat fool, George Williams, done it. I was at the cake-walk las' night, and all I say to his gal was, 'Good ebnin, Miss Annie, you's lookin' quite pregnant dis ebnin.' What make him hit me, doctor?"