

under some serious disadvantage and that disadvantage, it seems, was the inadequate equipment and apparatus of Minto House, especially in the departments of anatomy and physiology.

The present crisis may be expressed in one word. Without the knowledge of those interested, Minto House has been sold. The present arrangement, unsatisfactory as it is, is ended. There is now no means by which a medical student who is a woman may study medicine at Edinburgh. And what is the function of a university? The citizens' meeting unanimously passed a resolution expressing regret at the failure of the University Court to provide medical education for women, and asked that body to make "such arrangements as will afford an equality of opportunities for training to all to whom it offers its degrees." The *Edinburgh Scotsman* says:

"This protest and appeal is well-timed and well-put. The situation into which the medical education of women has been allowed to drift in Edinburgh is unjust to the women students, and not creditable to the University authorities. As it concerns the efficiency and the reputation of the University, it must concern also the city and the community in which the University is placed. The claim that is made for adequate medical education and for equality of opportunities for the women who come up for degrees can be put on bare grounds of justice. The University has undertaken responsibilities which it is apparently not prepared to discharge. It has, indeed, through the action or inaction of the Court, fallen into a position that is not inconsistent only, but unreasonable and untenable. If not now, at some near date, it will be forced to choose between giving up any pretence of taking oversight and direction of the medical education of women, and complying with the claims moderately put forward at last night's meeting. Either of these courses may be justifiable. But if the first be adopted, and Edinburgh University ceases to grant degrees while refusing to provide the necessary training to female students in medicine, account must be laid with the loss of prestige and repute which Edinburgh would thereby sustain as a school of medicine. Even financially, this alternative has aspects which cannot be regarded lightly. It has been stated that the fees from the women students of medicine amount to some £2,800 a year. The claims of the University in appealing for funds to the Government and to the Carnegie Trust would be gravely weakened if it decided to have nothing