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MEDICAL EDUCATION IN ONTARIO.

We give below a few extracts from letters received on the subject of Medical Education. The writers give their views with all clearness. The first extract is from one of the best known and most intelligent medical men in the eastern part of Ontario: "I think the position is the right one, that all Medical Colleges in Ontario should be treated exactly alike as regards giving them financial aid of any sort or kind—whether in the way of erecting buildings for medical classes, or of supplying these buildings with such scientific apparatus as may be needed. And also that Government should be scrupulously careful not to give any color to the complaint, that any one of these more than another has an undue share of Government help or favor bestowed on it. This position will be taken by every one, except those personally interested in Toronto University Medical School. So long as the Royal College at Kingston, Trinity Medical College in Toronto, and the London Medical College are doing the very same work, and doing it just as well as the University School, it seems absurd, unjust, and altogether unjustifiable that the Government should allow any of the public funds of the Province, either openly, or in a roundabout way, to be used to aid *Medical* teaching in that Institution. Every Medical School doing the same work should be on precisely the same footing with regard to the Government. Neither the Toronto Univer-

sity Medical College, nor any other similar institution should receive any advantage from the Government, which is not granted to every other Medical School. After all, the 'Toronto University Medical Faculty' is only the old 'Toronto School of Medicine' under another name. Holding these views very strongly indeed, does not prevent me from expressing my very deep grief at the loss sustained by the Arts and Science Departments of the University by the late fire, and my satisfaction that the Legislature has given a good sum to help in rebuilding. But as it has been long proved by the flourishing condition of all our Ontario Medical Schools, and by the high stand their students take at examinations at home and abroad, that in Ontario, Medical Schools can abundantly well be self-supporting. I do hope the Legislature will see that not one dollar of the money it has voted is applied to medical teaching uses."

The next extract is from a medical man in central Ontario, who has evidently been studying the subject he writes about:—

"When I visited Toronto, at the formal opening of the Biological Department of the University, to which the most of Ontario's doctors were invited, I thought that Government was rather lavish in permitting so large an outlay of public money for a building largely under the control of the teachers of a single Medical College. As a graduate of one of the other Colleges, I know that such financial favors are not distributed, but that my institution had had to pay for its own laboratories and scientific instruments, and I was so impressed with the one-sided nature of what I saw that I mentioned the subject to more than one of my friends in Toronto, and at home on my return. I was told by some of the University men in Toronto, that the building belonged entirely to the Arts Department, and that therefore any cost incurred in its erection and furnishing was all right and proper. But appearances were all against this being true.

"When I got home I took the trouble to look over the University Medical Calendar and saw a cut of the building there. On page 17 I read this: 'The lectures and demonstrations in Biology, Physiology, Chemistry, Physics, Pathology, and Bacteriology will be given in the lecture rooms and laboratories of the new building of the Biological Department, and the School of Practical