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... REASONS ...

Why "Amalgamation" with Toronto University Medical Faculty is not Approved of by Many of Our Best and Most Experienced Medical Teachers, and by all our Medical Graduates and Students.

I.—The mere suggestion of such a thing now is most distasteful to every medical graduate of Trinity University wherever he may be found, and to every student attending Trinity Medical College.

II.—When suggested some time ago, the suggestion alone did much injury in many ways for two consecutive years. The plan proposed proved not only a failure when first made, but a failure which was felt to be insulting beyond description to the Medical College. What was offered as "amalgamation" had it been accepted would have been a humiliating annihilation, so far as we were concerned. It was of course promptly declined. "Amalgamation" was at that time definitely and finally *decided* against by the College, a decision which was scattered broadcast in the calendar for two consecutive years.

III.—From the moment it was thus announced in two successive calendars, that all "amalgamation" negotiations were at an end, the College has done well, and but for the "amalgamation" negotiations, the coming session, 1903-4, would have been one of the best in its history.

IV.—“Amalgamation,” no matter by whom proposed or what its character might be, would extinguish the College entirely, so far as our name, and our long and successful past history go, and to this we object in the strongest way, and regard it as, in all respects, most undesirable. Although it is the very thing most desired by those who seek its extinction, and is strangely urged by some who appear to see no disadvantage in such a result.

V.—Were the previous objections not sufficient to exclude the idea of amalgamation of any sort, and were such a proposal made and agreed to, it is certain, that for practical teaching purposes the formation of one huge medical school by merging two medical schools, each already large enough, into one would inevitably prove to be a failure. In London, England, the rule is, and always has been, to have several medical schools, no one of them very large. Each secures as good a teaching faculty as possible for itself, and not so large as to be unworkable. In Edinburgh there are two medical schools. The students there, owing to the large number in attendance, are obliged to employ “Grinders” who abound, and whose charges equal, or sometimes exceed, the fees paid for the regular medical classes. Huge faculties and huge classes can not in the nature of things do justice either to individual lectures or to individual medical students. The interest of teachers in students individually is, under such circumstances, simply impossible. Hence the wisdom of the London plan of having several medical schools, each of moderate size. Two schools are needed in Toronto, for the number of students who come here every year to study is nearly seven hundred, and soon will be larger. The North-West is filling up rapidly and doctors will be required

there in considerable numbers. Besides this there is a constant demand outside of the Dominion for medical men educated in Canada.

VI.—Were Trinity Medical College extinguished by being amalgamated with any other medical faculty, another medical school, would, without doubt, be at once established. For more than fifty years there have always been at least two medical colleges in Toronto when, with a very much smaller population, two were much less necessary than they are now, and in six months, or a year we would see another medical school formed if such a blunder were permitted, as to allow Trinity Medical College, with its honored history as a distinct medical teaching body to be blotted out by amalgamation or in any other way.

VII.—Trinity Medical College, after thirty-two years of success, has earned for herself a high place amongst the medical schools, not of Canada alone, but of the world, and to suffer her to be extinguished by "*an amalgamation*," would not be an advantage, but a great blow to practical medical education in Ontario, and for this reason the very suggestion is little short of a crime.

VIII.—Even were the position of Trinity University to be lowered by "*federation*," Trinity Medical College would have no difficulty in securing in Ontario all the University recognition she requires for the graduation of her students.

IX.—No one hinted at, or favored "*amalgamation*" of the Medical College except under the influence of those who without being perhaps aware of it, are led by the views of Toronto University's special friends, who see in TRINITY MEDICAL COLLEGE a well and long established college which

is a powerful rival of their Medical Department. Toronto University regards this department as the right arm of the University, and if by its "amalgamation" the *annihilation* of Trinity's *Medical Department*, which is regarded as her right arm, could be secured by those who would like to weaken her, it would be considered as excellent policy although disastrous in the extreme to Trinity University's best interests.

The above views were brought to the notice of the authorities of Trinity University long after the public notice of the proposed new buildings appeared in the Press in March or April—so they were well informed, but shut their eyes to the real truth, and rushed on the policy of destroying the Medical Faculty on the pretext that thereby Medical Education might be advanced.

