

ther vote nor voice in the general fiscal concerns of the University, nor in the business of other Faculties—only soliciting that their department may continue to participate justly in any pecuniary aid which the State may render to the University.

Indeed, so satisfactorily have the financial affairs of the University been conducted by the Board of Trustees, that your Memorialists see no cause to suggest change in that respect. They, however, believe that, without any expression of disrespect toward the Trustees, or of distrust of their intelligence or motives, they may question their capacity to manage, without the aid of the Faculty, the affairs of a Medical School in a manner to secure the approbation and patronage of the medical profession.

The Trustees, in their memorial to your honorable body, felicitate themselves on the present prosperous condition of the University. In regard to its pecuniary affairs, we admit it with pleasure; but surely, the medical department, cannot be said to be prosperous, when it is notorious that the number of its pupils has regularly diminished, till at this session, the Faculty are instructing a class much smaller than any which, for 15 years, has frequented the halls of the University. Indeed, the declension in the medical classes, is universally known and spoken of and has so far diminished the emoluments of the chairs, as to cause the Faculty the loss of a distinguished professor, to obtain whom, your Memorialists had made changes in the school, which involved an expense to them, as individuals, of ten thousand dollars.

Not only has the school declined, but the reputation of declension which has gone abroad, must necessarily be an obstacle to its resuscitation.

This declension of patronage, must either be owing to inefficiency on the part of your Memorialists in the discharge of their duties; or to misgovernment on the part of the Trustees; for when we look abroad, we find that other institutions, less favorably located, are decidedly prosperous. Whether any delinquency on the part of your Memorialists has been the cause, we leave the public to decide; but it will not be difficult to show that acts of the Trustees, well meant undoubtedly, have precipitated the decline.

For instance; the Board of Trustees saw fit, without