

GOOD WORK TO BE STOPPED.

City is Pressing Dr. Adams for Payment of Taxes on Dental Hospital.—Short Sketch of the Philanthropist's Kindly Actions.

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Many of the poor children of St. John's Ward, some from the Boys' Home and the Girls' Home, with their parents and friends, assembled yesterday afternoon at the Dental Hospital of Dr. J. G. Adams to practically bid him good-bye, since it is altogether likely that this free dental hospital will be closed up. The reason for the discontinuance of the institution on a free basis is that the city is pressing Dr. Adams for the amount of taxes due on the large building he occupies at the corner of Elm and Teraulay Streets. Two years ago this Toronto philanthropist bought the building, and since he was treating poor patients without charge, he was given to understand at that time by the civic authorities that his place would be exempt from taxation. However, things have changed, and yesterday the bailiff was sent in to seize the goods there in payment of the taxes.

Twenty-nine years ago yesterday the doctor and his wife came to Toronto to engage in missionary work, which they both felt they had been called to do. His wife died some years ago, but still the energetic helper kept up his good work. He employed at times seven and eight operators, and the amount of aid he has given to Toronto's poor gratuitously is enormous. His Sabbaths the doctor has spent in doing missionary work, and finding poor people who needed the assistance of himself and operators.