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THE BANQUET.

THE annual banquet of the Aesculapian Society was held in Grant Hall on December 17th, and was in all respects first-class. Much credit is due the president and his energetic committees for the clock-like precision with which all the details were worked out. The toast to the Legislature was proposed by Dean Connell and responded to by the Hon. W. J. Hanna, Provincial Secretary. Mr. Hanna spoke in part as follows:

I should like to say, by way of explanation, that when I received the summons from the sons of Aesculapius to appear before them to-night, and to show cause for my coming, I felt that there was trouble ahead for me. I do not know very much about the Aesculapian family. I never had a very intimate knowledge of the inside working of the family, if I may be permitted to use the term. It is true, I have met a few of the boys, and two or three of the girls, but not having a personal acquaintance with the old man, it was certainly up to me to scurry around and find some one who had, and I found him; one who apparently knew what he was talking about, who had washed up the buckboard occasionally, and looked after the cows, and perhaps had done some chores about the house and in the garden, while the doctor was down in the blacksmith's shop talking politics. From him I found that the old man was very much like the boys. He had lived a life of service. He hadn't received very much pay for it so far as records show, and more than that, he suffered somewhat from the petty jealousy of his fellow-practitioners.