

Six New Doctors

Receive Their Degrees Amid the Students' Cheers.

Convocation of the Western University Medical Department

In Music Hall—Interesting Ceremony—A Large Audience.

The fourteenth annual convocation for the conferring of degrees on the medical graduates of the Western University, drew a goodly audience to Music Hall last night. The medico is popular with the fair sex, and the ladies were in the majority. Scores of students filled the galleries and enlivened the programme with choruses, good-natured gulling and heaps of applause, giving a reasonable flavor to the bill of fare.

Rev. D. Watkins, provost of the University, presided, and on the platform were Dr. Moorhouse (dean of the medical faculty), Dr. Waugh, Dr. Hodge, Dr. Arnott, Dr. Meek, Prof. Harrison, Dr. Mitchell, Dr. English, Rev. Canon Smith, Rev. W. J. Clark, Dr. Williams, Rev. A. L. Russell and Mr. S. Woolverton. They were surrounded by beautiful flowers and foliage artistically grouped. The harpers rendered music, soft and sweet, in the intervals. The provost made a brief introductory speech, congratulating the medical department not only on its increase in numbers, but on the excellent quality of the students therein. (Galleries cheer.) The provost pointed out the necessity of students continuing their studies after securing their degrees. Gibson had said there were two education—the one secured in college, the other self-acquired after leaving it. (Applause.)

Mr. R. C. Smith, of Thorndale, was the valedictorian, and read his essay in clear, confident tones. They left their alma mater, he said, with a true and strong love. They had learned to love and respect their professors, not only for their kindness, but for their great mental caliber. (Applause.) They hoped that the Western would soon rank as one of the great universities of Canada. The speaker made a humorous reference in rhyme to initiation day, when

Down the board they had to slide,
With tears in their pants six inches wide.

He alluded with gratitude to the clinical instruction derived at the City Hospital, and paid a gallant tribute to the superintendent and the lady nurses. The need of an improved hospital in London was impressed, in conclusion, he hoped that their highest ambitions would be controlled by the master physician Christ Jesus, who went about doing good.

Dr. Arnott replied to the valedictory, thanking the speaker for the kind reference to the faculty. His college to enter another—the great school of life, the course in which would be harder than in the first. The medical man must be thoroughly educated, as in these days he would meet people competent to judge of his ability, who were not to be deceived by a false show. He urged them to cultivate patience, and to be obedient to all calls regardless of pleasure and personal inclination.

The oath of fealty to the profession was then administered by Dr. Hodge in Latin, and the conferring of degrees began. The six candidates were Messrs. E. C. Weekes, gold medalist, W. J. Stevenson, silver medalist, A. Wind (honors), R. C. Smith, W. Morris and J. H. King. They were presented in turn to the provost by Dr. Moorhouse. The provost repeated the oath in Latin, and touched each graduate on the head with his cap, Canon Smith presenting the diplomas. The new doctors were lustily cheered by the students. The applause was renewed when Dr. Weekes and Dr. Stevenson received the gold and silver medals respectively from the provost.

Dr. Waugh read the roll of honor, and the dean presented the diplomas to the honor men. Mr. Clarke won the first year scholarship, Mr. Tillman the second, Mr. Bell the third, and Dr. Weekes the fourth.

Dr. Moorhouse delivered an interesting address, opening by a grateful allusion to the success of the arts course which had now 150 pupils. (Cheers.) It had flourished. The doctor pointed out the value of the arts department, showing that it was common to all others, and that colleges and universities of learning or science clustered around it. For instance, Oxford University had 21 and Cambridge 17 colleges. Near by all the great English statesmen, poets and professional men, and many English generals, were graduates of these two seats of learning. They had much to do with the greatness and solidity of that wonderful empire.

Rev. W. J. Clark spoke briefly and well, and earned a round of applause. He was well satisfied with the Western University because three of the faculty were elders of his church, an evidence that the education of the students was sound. (Laughter.) Ruskin had said that the man who looked upon his first and work second was a servant of the devil, while he who regarded his work first and his fee second was a servant of God. He hoped that

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would aim to do their duty as in the sight of the Maker of the Universe, and then they should receive the one crowning and over-arching thought, that the doctor in Ian MacLaren's book as a beautiful example of a man who cared not for himself so much as for others.

Rev. A. L. Russell was the last speaker. There was no department in which there was so much unexplored territory as in medicine, he said. There were vast regions where the doctor had never trodden, but there were many explorers out. If a London graduate came to a dark jungle he hoped he would not sit down and cry because nobody else had entered it, but that he would chop a way himself and make up his mind that a London man was as capable as any.

"God Save the Queen" closed the meeting.

TOWN AND COUNTRY.

LUCAN.

"Advertiser" agent, W. Hodgins. Lucan, April 8.—The annual vestry meeting in connection with Holy Trinity Church was held in the church on Monday night. Rev. R. H. Shaw, the rector opened the meeting with prayer, and presided over the large gathering, quite a number of whom were ladies. The minutes of the former meeting were read and approved, and the wardens submitted the annual report, which proved to be entirely satisfactory. The prospects for the ensuing year are extremely encouraging. The wardens, Mr. W. Hooper and Mr. J. Abbott, were re-elected, and Messrs. Ellwood and Stanley were chosen auditors. Messrs. R. Fox and W. Ellwood were delegates appointed to attend the meeting of the synod in June. Towards the close of the meeting a number of speeches, complimentary to the rector, were made by parishioners present, and a unanimous vote of thanks tendered him for the kindness and generosity manifested by him towards his people on all occasions. The meeting then adjourned until Monday night, April 20.

Mr. R. S. Hodgins will offer his beautiful residence for sale on the 28th inst., as he intends removing to Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Maguire, of Ingersoll, are visiting friends in town.

Mr. Richard Cooper is again able to be around after a winter's severe sickness.

The written examination of the Lucan High School is as follows:

	Physic.	Literature.	Maths.	History.	Geography.	Latin.	Arithmetic.	Algebra.	Total.
D. Elston	83	75	77	65	94	78	472		
A. Blackwell	71	55	52	62	58	65	456		
B. Gibbard	64	34	58	52	82	57	384		
E. McKay	70	67	59	54	76	45	422		
M. Elston	74	87	62	63	52	70	408		
R. Hamilton	73	52	65	47	93	78	408		
H. Culbert	76	73	44	50	63	95	407		
F. Stanley	59	61	71	60	57	65	393		
G. Munro	82	44	71	62	65	77	402		
L. Bradley	63	48	58	67	67	84	392		
H. Anderson	63	46	70	42	82	37	383		
F. Stanley	58	54	42	54	82	35	382		
G. Dodson	56	71	95	57	38	53	375		
F. Langford	70	80	60	29	44	80	353		
M. Marritt	81	66	53	67	57	55	357		
S. Lewis	39	63	65	64	65	70	354		
H. Langford	80	43	60	72	69	43	347		
M. Hodgins	51	52	62	42	37	60	344		
E. McKay	55	73	39	45	44	59	340		
W. Parkinson	57	41	65	48	65	67	332		
W. Mitchell	40	50	69	57	38	78	330		
S. McFalls	40	49	73	55	35	42	325		
M. Dempsey	32	53	58	57	58	60	320		
A. Dale	56	66	46	68	33	50	319		
B. Farrell	55	70	41	47	37	69	319		
W. Walden	51	53	58	45	54	55	313		
C. Rowe	58	75	39	35	32	45	313		
E. Lewis	26	70	54	66	43	50	309		
R. Ryan	48	43	39	47	33	55	295		
W. Easton	49	64	45	39	28	43	290		
G. Elce	45	45	39	39	22	38	263		
E. Guest	49	41	69	62	80	14	254		
C. Simpson	51	34	40	45	33	21	244		
C. Stanley	44	41	45	45	36	22	233		
C. McCosh	44	41	45	45	36	22	233		
C. McMeen	35	48	23	41	51	30	223		
A. McRoberts	49	44	40	57	47	31	227		
A. Dewar	44	39	39	39	39	39	219		
M. Carter	26	28	19	46	11	35	165		
A. Marshall	53	43	31	35	11	35	162		

LAKE SHORE, BOSANQUET.

April 4.—The mad dog scare continues.

Lake Huron is breaking up rapidly with the wintry storm that has been raging these three days. Alexander Whyte leaves for Manitoba next week.

Jim Brand is able to be around once more, after having been laid up all winter with rheumatism. Everyone is glad to see his smiling face again.

Catching fish in the creeks is a favorite pastime with numerous gallants around here.

Edmund Collins and his wife are both laid up with pleurisy. The former is scarcely expected to recover. Their son, James Collins, is a very delicate health in British Columbia.

Laura Howland is spending a fortnight on the Lake Shore with her relations.

AILSA CRAIG.

"Advertiser" Agent, C. Walker. Ailsa Craig, April 7.—About 11 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the residence and store occupied by Mr. John Morgan, through a defective chimney. But for the timely aid of our fire brigade, who were on the spot within a few minutes, with hose and engine, much damage would have been done. The special collection in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday afternoon and evening in aid of the Armenian sufferers was well responded to by the congregation. Amount, \$55.

A TEMPERANCE VICTORY.

Denver, Col., April 8.—In most cities and towns of Colorado elections were held yesterday. The contests were entirely on local issues, although the Republicans as a rule put party tickets in the field, and in most cases polled their nominal strength. In many smaller towns the liquor question was at issue, and almost invariably the temperance element won. Women were well represented at the polls everywhere.

PREMIER GREENWAY AND ARCH-BISHOP LANGEVIN.

Winnipeg, April 8.—Both Premier Greenway and Archbishop Langevin left for the east yesterday. There is no political significance attached to the simultaneous departures, however. Premier Greenway goes via St. Paul to Toronto on immigration business, while Archbishop Langevin left by the C. P. R. to visit his aged father at St. Isidore, Que. Both deny that the school question has any connection with their visits.

Will Keep Him.

Mr. H. Matthews Retained as the School Board's Architect.

Warm Discussion Over a Proposal to Dispense With His Services.

Why the Motion Was Made—"Nigger in the Fence"—Settling an Account—"Building"—Increasing Salaries.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education was held in the council chamber last night, with the following members present: Trustees Dr. Campbell (chairman), Stephenson, Griffin, Bradford, Dr. Teasdale, Keenleyside, Anderson, Dr. Wilson, Buchner, Wilkins, Greenlee, Martyn, Sanders, Burdick, Johnston, Hunt, Bayly and Logan, Secretary McElleran and Sergeant-at-Arms Merritt. The only matter which was not shrouded through in a hurry was a notice of motion by Trustee Wilkins, "To dispense with the services of the present architect of the board, Mr. Matthews, and leave all work to be done this year open to public competition." In support of the motion Trustee Wilkins said it would be unfair to give the drawing of all the plans to Mr. Matthews, especially when so many new schools were to be erected this year.

Trustee Johnston seconded the motion, and said there were several buildings in the city, and if the board or other would not go inside of Mr. Matthews' office. If the board gave Mr. Matthews full charge of the new schools, and there were several buildings who would not enter his office, the School Board would pay pretty high prices for the buildings. Mr. Matthews did not pay a cent of taxes in the city, and Mr. Johnston contended it would be unjust to give him all the work and freeze out other architects, who pay taxes.

Trustee Buchner asked Mr. Johnston to name some of the builders.

"I can name four or five of them," said Trustee Johnston, "and when I make a statement at this board I can stand by it."

Trustee Greenlee opposed the motion, "It is an apparently innocent one," said Mr. Greenlee, "but if you turn it over you will find underneath it the name of a certain gentleman—I will not say his name, but it seems to me a scheme to turn Mr. Matthews out and give another man a position."

Trustee Buchner put up a strong defense for Mr. Matthews, saying that he had given satisfaction in all his work. "Dismiss Mr. Matthews," said Mr. Buchner, "and you will ruin him forever in his business."

Trustee Hunt supported the motion on the same grounds as Mr. Wilkins. Trustee Anderson, however, characterized it as the most unworkable piece of business that could possibly be conceived. It was brought in as an attempt to blast the reputation of a building just started in professional life. "What has Mr. Matthews done that the board wants to dismiss him?" asked Mr. Anderson. "Has he entered into a collusion with some builders to rob the board? There is something underneath the whole thing—a 'nigger in the fence.'"

Trustee Keenleyside had, as he expressed himself, heard Trustee Johnston's "cock and bull yarn" about the contractors and Mr. Matthews some weeks ago, but he took no stock in it.

Trustee Logan said underhand tricks had been resorted to by another architect, and that the board should be careful. Such a person could not be trusted.

Dr. Campbell—Order! That is out of the question.

Trustee Logan—Very well. But I doubt if Mr. Johnston could produce any contractors who refuse to go into Mr. Matthews' office. I am willing to bet \$10 that he cannot.

If there are any such men they are playmate contractors, who cannot do a decent job.

The vote was then taken, and the motion lost on the following division: Yeas—Trustees Hunt, Johnston, Wilkins, Martyn, Griffin and Stephenson—6. Nays—Trustees Logan, Bayly, Burdick, Sanders, Greenlee, Buchner, Wilson, Anderson, Keenleyside, Bradford and Teasdale—12.

Mr. C. J. Beal, secretary of the trustee board of the Dundas Center Methodist Church, wrote that the board was not responsible for the delay in the settlement of the account in connection with the occupancy of the institute. Trustee Beal asked that a meeting be arranged between the trustees and School Board, when the matter could be fully settled.

The resolution of the communication caused a little argument as to the terms on which the institute was leased to the church for its Sunday services.

Mr. Anderson said he had a farmer living at 832 Dundas street, London, who said:

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A meeting with the church representatives was decided upon. David Robb again applied to have his

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A similar application was presented by Mr. Robb and refused some consideration the question.

Miss Lottie Tyrrell was granted three months' leave of absence on account of ill-health.

Trustee Hunt presented the report of No. 2 committee, which was adopted. It recommended the payment of accounts amounting to \$142 57, and added that it had been found necessary to abandon a room at the Waterloo street school, as the owners required it.

No. 1 committee recommended that the establishment of a fifth form in connection with the public schools be laid over for three months. The arrangement for the accommodation of the class which it had been found necessary to discontinue at Waterloo street school had been left with Inspector Carson and Trustee Griffin. Mr. S. J. Latta, principal of King street school, and Mr. Barron, music teacher, have received an increase of \$100 in their salaries. The committee recommended that the salary of the principal instructor at the Collegiate Institute be continued until the summer holidays, at \$50 per month.

The report was adopted with slight amendment.

When the report of the audit committee was presented, Trustee Logan asked why he had not been notified of the meeting. He had asked the secretary of the board a week ago to post him on the committee's meetings, but he did not reply.

"If they do not want me at the meetings," said Mr. Logan, "just let them say so, and I will stay away."

A notice of motion to increase the salaries of Principals Stewart Eckert, Kirk and McQueen was presented by Trustee Sanders, and caused another discussion, suitably arising over a proposition to raise salaries.

Trustee Stephenson strongly favored the raising of the salaries. "Mr. Eckert," he said, "has been teaching in the schools of London for 25 years; Mr. Stewart for 21 years; Mr. McQueen for eighteen years; Mr. Kirk for eight years."

Trustee Logan and Sanders wanted the notice referred to No. 1 committee, which was decided upon.

"If we keep on making increases we will have the inspector and principal of the Collegiate Institute at the head of the parade," said Trustee Griffin. He gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that a fee of \$10 per annum be charged all resident pupils attending the Collegiate Institute, the same to be collected in the following proportions: \$4 on the opening of the term after the midsummer holidays; \$5 on the opening of the term after the Christmas holidays; and \$3 on April 1 of each year.

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