

POINTED SPEECHES AT MEDICAL DINNER

Annual Banquet of the Western
Medical College Students
Held Last Night.

DR. SAMPSON'S ADDRESS

Brilliant Eulogy of Canada and Her
Resources—Hon. Adam Beck on
Municipal Matters and
Politics.

The 25th annual banquet of the medical department of the Western University held at the Tecumseh House last night was a decided success in every way, and the enthusiasm with which the different speakers were received, spoke volumes for their popularity.

Solos by Mr. Dwight-Edwards, and violin solos by Mr. Martin, Four added greatly to the pleasure of the evening.

The large dining-hall of the Tecumseh was decorated with Christmas greens and the college colors, and presented a very attractive scene, while the spread provided by Miss Host O'Neill was a credit to the house.

25th Anniversary.
"This is the 25th anniversary of our medical department," said Mr. Herbert McCallum, the chairman of the evening, in introducing the toast list, "and I think we may say it is the most successful. Our university is gradually forging to the fore. Our professors are among the most distinguished members of the profession in the province. A university is known by its products, and in that respect our university has no reason to feel ashamed when it can number among its alumni such names as Dr. Roach, Dr. Burkholder, and our esteemed professor, Dr. H. A. McCallum."

Dr. Sampson's Address.
The toast to "Canada" was indeed in worthy hands, and Dr. Sampson, the government annuity representative, stirred the enthusiasm of the audience by his description of the possibilities and prospects of the country.

"I may have said before that we are diving in the most important era in the history of the world," remarked Dr. Sampson. "But in this era, the country is destined to take the greatest place of any nation in the history of this world. In this great century and in this growing country it is necessary that each young man should go out to do his duty."

"We are on the eve of the most important events in human history. In the next ten years many great questions are going to be settled. The struggle in the Empire across the water I look at without fear, because I believe it will work out to make it a stronger and a greater nation."

Three Great Nations.
"There are three nations that are going to play the greatest part in the world's history—Canada, China and Russia."

"There are seven millions of us now, and we have seven millions of the finest people in the world. Consider it. The Province of Alberta can grow thirty times as much grain as it has done this year, and this year the magnitude of the crops from Alberta staggered the world."

"There was a man in Edmonton told me that 67,000 Americans had come into the country during the year, and he didn't know where one of them was."

British Columbia.
"And when you come to British Columbia you have the greatest province in the Dominion. There is a million million dollars' worth of timber in Vancouver, in its mines and fisheries its resources are limitless."

"I doubt if any experience a man can get in this world can compare to a trip through British Columbia."

"The greatest city that Canada will have in a few years to come will be Vancouver, away out on the Pacific Ocean. Before this century comes to an end, I think we will have forty millions of people."

Hon. Adam Beck.
Hon. Adam Beck responded to the toast of "Ontario."

"The city of London," he said, "is rapidly becoming an educational centre. We are perhaps meeting with the success we desire, but if the Government does not see fit to aid us we have the determination in this part of the country to compel them to do so."

"We are at the present time entering upon a municipal campaign," continued Mr. Beck, "and I wish to draw your attention to the petition drawn up in favor of Messrs. Poonock, McMahon and Wyatt, and the ideas that prompted it."

"All are worthy of support," Mr. Beck continued. "The city has gone through too long a period when political leanings were introduced into municipal matters. We have been prone to minimize this thing, but the names attached to the petition will show that this era of politics in municipal matters has come to an end, and I am glad to see that the names of many men of both political parties figure on the petition I referred to. I have always endeavored both in my political life, and during my tenure of the mayor's chair, to treat all alike, and as public men we must have an eye single to the welfare and the ad-

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vancement of the community. The men whose names appear on the petition have been faithful in the positions they have occupied and have gained your confidence.

Those Who Are to Blame.
If the members of the retiring council have been remiss in their duties, and we hear enough of this, we should lay part of the blame upon those who will not sacrifice their own interests to take part in municipal life. I do not wish to censure anyone, but if London has been remiss in anything it is because men who have the power, the time and the ability to serve the city have not done what they could."

Mr. Beck went on to express his appreciation of his nomination as the chief magistrate.

"I hope," he continued, "that with the large list presented you will choose wisely. I am sorry that I cannot accept your offer, but the daily increase of my work makes it impossible for me to accept your offer. I feel that the work I have on hand will take up all the strength and ability I have."

The Bylaws Condemned.
"We are about to vote on a series of bylaws. I intend to vote against all of them, because I do not think that the public has been fully informed regarding them. I do not think we need an underground system for the wires. You are compelling part of the wires to go underground, while there will be others that will not go underground till they are compelled by law."

"I don't think that the proposed garbage system has been sufficiently considered," Mr. Beck declared. "We might want to use the refuse for heating or lighting, but until we decide this we should not take action."

"If this city wants one thing more than another, it is radial railways. Unless we have them our commercial industries will suffer. We are not keeping pace with the larger towns and cities in the country, and these are matters that we should consider seriously."

Sister Institutions.
The toast of "Sister Institutions" was responded to by representatives of Toronto, Queen's, and McGill Universities.

Mr. Smirle Lawson, the famous left half of the Varsity Rugby team, was the representative of Toronto University, while Mr. Bailey and Mr. Shepherd represented Queen's and McGill, each bringing the greetings of their respective institutions to the Western Medical College.

The toast to the undergraduates was very ably handled by Mr. Johnston and Mr. Graham, who caused a good deal of laughter by their witty local touches.

In answering the toast of "The Learned Profession," Rev. Richard Whiting, of the First Methodist Church, remarked: "I do not care whether I evolved out of simpler forms or not, but the question that does interest me is what am I now?"

Theology has reached the place where a man has a right to think for himself, and no living power should be able to take that right away from us."

Mr. John M. McEvoy.
Mr. J. M. McEvoy in responding to the same toast, made one of his usual brilliant speeches.

"I think that every young man should thank the Supreme Being, that his feet tread the land of promise, but material prosperity is not everything. The greatest thing that the nations of the past have given us has been the memory of the thoughts of the best men they bred. And young men in Canada have a better opportunity to think big thoughts and to do big things, than any of the great men of the past. We are face to face with large opportunities, and we should do great things, for the big men of the world have been made by doing big things."

The Faculty.
The toast of the "Faculty and Graduates" was responded to by Drs. Balfour and Fisher.

"If a medical college cannot get along without a hospital," said Dr. Balfour, "but it is equally true that it is connected with a medical college, and so I think that the city of London should treat the medical college generously."

Dr. Fisher spoke of the interest that the graduates were taking in the students and college.

The toast to "The Ladies" was responded to by Mr. Brown in a very bright and witty speech.

The Officers.
The officers of the medical department are: Honorary president, Sir John Carling; president, W. H. McGuffin; first vice-president, E. C. Oxford; second vice-president, J. I. Green; third vice-president, W. H. Avery; secretary-treasurer, S. J. Coulter; 12 executive committee, W. H. Taylor; 10, C. H. Dunfield; 11, L. R. Yealland; 12, A. S. Mutterer; 13, reception committee, J. O'Brien; 10, W. Knight; 11, C. E. McMehen; 12, R. M. Luton.

Those Present.
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LIEUT. PEARY'S FRIENDS SCOFFING AT SCHLEY

Call Proposition to Send Commander's Data to Denmark
"Absurd."

Washington, Dec. 24.—Rear-Admiral Schley's demand that Commander Peary submit his polar data to the consistory of the University of Copenhagen for verification, following that body's repudiation of Dr. Cook, has raised a storm among the membership of the National Geographic Society, which gave Peary a clean bill of health.

The leading members claim that the scientists of the United States would be demeaning themselves if they acknowledged that their findings needed verification. There seems to be no disposition to withhold from the Copenhagen board the data filed by Peary, but there is a well-defined opposition against turning it over to the Danish scientists for official action.

The argument advanced by Schley that such examination would remove all question of doubt from the claim of Peary is accepted as rather gratuitous. The records of Peary have been found unimpeachable by American scientists and therefore the question is not whether Peary is right, but whether the scientists are wrong.

Nothing Is Gained.
"Nothing can be gained by submitting Peary's data to the University of Copenhagen," said Professor Gannett, who was chairman of the committee that passed on Peary's proofs, "and I don't see any reason why he should The committee which passed on his papers is fully qualified to arrive at an unbiased conclusion, notwithstanding almost every member is acquainted with Peary. I need not say that the investigations were carried on along scientific lines without regard to the personality or the standing of either claimant."

Rear-Admiral Chester, who attacked Cook's data some time ago, denounced the proposition of Schley as "absurd." He declared he did not believe the University of Copenhagen would consider making a request for the proofs and that the whole matter was a mare's nest.

He also drew attention to the fact that the Royal Geographical Society of England and the Geographical Society of Berlin had already acknowledged Peary as the discoverer of the pole, and that the latter society had planned to honor Peary in Berlin next year. Also he touched on the verdict of the due d'Abuzzi, himself an explorer of no small fame, that Peary had placed foot on the apex of the world, as additional proof why the demand of Schley might well be ignored.

A cablegram dated Copenhagen to J. Howard Gore, one of the members of the special committee named to look into the Cook data unofficially, announced that the Danish scientists had sent their report on Cook's data to the National Geographic Society. The report and the field notebook of Cook will probably be reviewed by the committee early next month.

PRESENTATION AT BELMONT

Members of Knox Church Bible Classes
Appreciate Teachers' Services.

At the close of the Christmas entertainment in Knox Church, Belmont, on Monday evening, Mrs. Mark Wilkins, teacher of the young men's Bible class, was presented by her class with a very beautiful mantel clock. The presentation was made in behalf of the class by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Currie, in a brief address of appreciation and the esteem in which Mrs. Wilkins is held by her class and the satisfaction the kind recognition of her faithful services afforded to all her fellow-workers.

Immediately afterward, Mr. A. H. M. Hoy, in behalf of the senior ladies' Bible class, presented its teacher, Mrs. Currie, the pastor's wife, with a handsome jardiniere, as a token of loving appreciation of her long and untiring labors. Both ladies were taken completely by surprise, but managed to give expression to their heartfelt gratitude in a few well-chosen and graceful words. This was brought to a close one of the most enjoyable entertainments in the history of the Sabbath school.

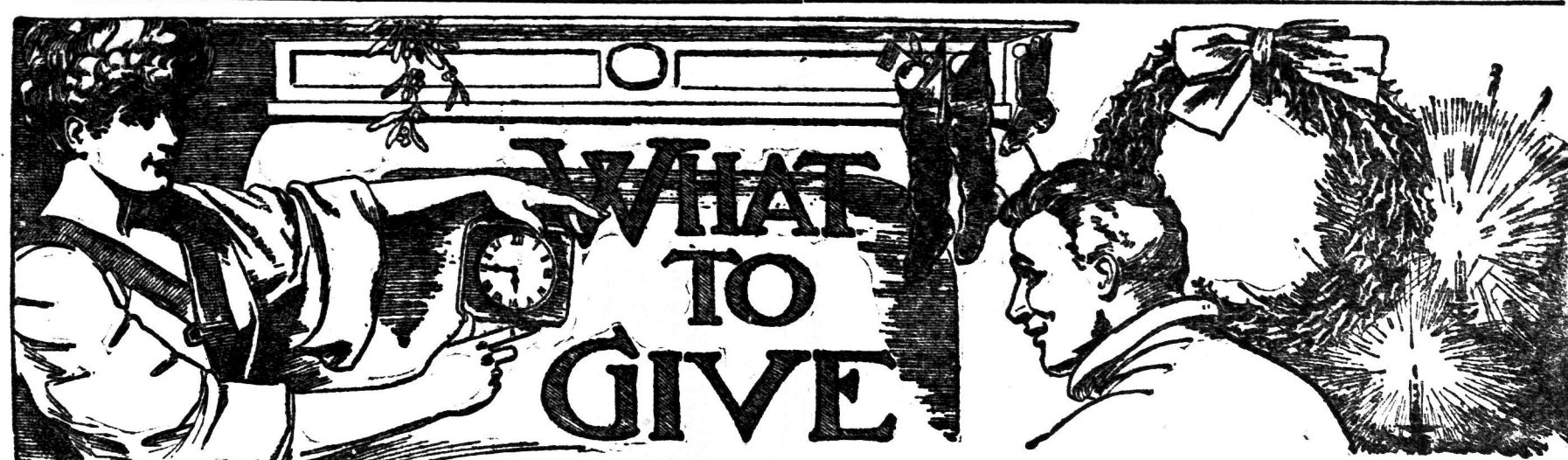
All the programme was given by the Sunday school scholars, and reflected much credit on the teachers who had their training in hand. Knox Church Sunday School has certainly an efficient staff of officers and teachers, and the work is making most satisfying progress.

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During the winter months C. P. R. Transcontinental train No. 1 will be discontinued. Last through train will leave Montreal at 10:10 a.m. on Dec. 28. On Dec. 29, 30 and 31 this train will run through Montreal to Calgary. On and after Jan. 1 train No. 1 will run between Winnipeg and Calgary only. Train 97 which leaves Montreal daily at 10:30 p.m. will run as usual during the winter months.

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