

leading professional men of the city. Dr. Beemer, Superintendent of the Mimico Asylum, presided, and Dr. A. A. Macdonald and Prof. Cameron occupied the vice chairs. Others at the head table beside the guest of the evening were:—Col. A. E. Gooderham, Prof. Lang, Mr. John King, K.C., Dr. C. K. Clarke (Superintendent of the Toronto General Hospital), Prof. Vander Smissen, and among those who spoke were Col. Gooderham, Mr. King, K.C., Prof. Baker, Dr. R. A. Reeve, Prof. Cameron, Dr. Temple, Dr. A. A. Macdonald, Dr. Sheard and Dr. King. One of the interesting features of the function was the reading of an ode to Dr. Wright by Prof. Ellis. The address of presentation accompanying the sterling silver service was signed by all present, and was read by Dr. Fotheringham.

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### THE TROUBLES OF TELEPHONE GIRLS

Dr. George M. Gould (*Med. Review of Reviews*), on Eye-Strain and Occupational Diseases, quotes the Report of the Royal Commission of Canada, before which physicians from the University of Toronto were called to give their testimony as to the illnesses resulting from telephone-operating. These facts, conditions or diseases were found to exist: Reaching upward injuriously affects the nervous system; nervous debility; faces showed indications of weakness on account of strenuous employment; eye, ear and throat all strained; nervous hysteria; constitution and nervous system injured; wearing down of nervous system; optic and auditory nerves strained; debilitating to the nervous system; girls burn up more energy than they produce; most exhausting of all occupations; injurious to eyesight; produces headache looking at the holes; prevents rest; cannot sleep when they go home; cannot eat well; reaching is hard and injurious; eye-troubles, headaches and nervous troubles; affects the eyes, and through the eyes the general system; the most trying of occupations; throat, chest and nervous troubles and headaches; nervous prostration and nervous breakdown; after three years unable to perform the ordinary occupations of womanhood satisfactorily; fainting; strain on nervous system through eye and ear; nerve fagged; nervous exhaustion; strain upon the optic nerve and muscles of the eyes; difficulty in fitting the plug in—they seemed to scrutinize it closely; the nerves governing the extra-ocular muscles which focus the eye