

AID FOR THE WESTERN UNIVERSITY IS URGED UPON THE GOVERNMENT

Dr. H. A. McCallum Deals With the Subject at Medical Students' Dinner—Mr. Beck Promises to Do His Best—A Splendid Gathering.

The banquet of the students of the Western Medical College, held in the Masonic Temple last night, proved to be a brilliant affair. In point of numbers it was far ahead of any similar event as yet held by the students, while the guest list included a number of gifted speakers, who did themselves proud during the evening. The Ontario Government, the city of London, the faculty of the college and all the learned professions, were represented. The banquet hall was decorated for the occasion, purple and black, the colors of the med, being everywhere observable.

In replying to the toast of "Our Faculty and Graduates," Dr. McCallum, in an able speech, called attention to the claims of the Western Medical College upon the Ontario Government for aid. Hon. Adam Beck, who was present, spoke on behalf of the Government, and he promised to use his influence to secure assistance for the college, declaring that he considers Queen's has had more than its share of the Government's attention, while London has been neglected. He did not commit the Government on the matter, however.

During the evening solos were rendered by Messrs. Allan Blackwell and C. J. Plink, and a selection on the harp by Mr. Angelo Cortese was awarded hearty applause.

President T. McQuaid presided, and the guests of honor were seated on his right and left. They were Senator Coffey, Hon. Adam Beck, Mayor Campbell, United States Consul Culver and others. President McQuaid welcomed the guests on behalf of the faculty and students. He scored heavily when he prophesied that the sometimes designated harum-scarum medical students of today might become staid and honorable citizens in later years, even as the many aged medical men he saw around him had once been harum-scarum students. (Laughter.) He then introduced the toast list.

Senator Coffey.
Senator Coffey responded to the toast of "Canada." The Canada of the past had a great history, but what must be said of the Canada of today? In Canada there are many nationalities, but all enjoy freedom, while license stands aghast. In literature, science and arts, in statesmanship, in medicine, Canada does not take a second place to any nation in the world, all things considered. As the lakes mingle with the St. Lawrence and the St. Lawrence in turn conjoin with the ocean, so may the peoples of Canada mingle together and work on for the common good. Tremendous applause was given the senator when he concluded.

The United States.
Col. Culver's name was coupled with that of "The United States." He would not be a good American if he did not rejoice with Canadians because of the great progress of Canada, which means the advancement and growth of free institutions, which Canadians fully appreciate the responsibilities which rest upon the builders of a new nation, and no nation views with more favor the growth of Canada on a broad foundation than the United States. Canada is undergoing vast projects which will yet result in the tremendous growth of the west. One of these is the Grand Trunk Pacific, which penetrates the heart of the wheat belt of the west and ends like a rainbow in a mine of gold on the Pacific. Then there is the building of the Georgian Bay Canal, a project which, when completed, will connect the great lakes by canal with Montreal. He gave Canadians this message: The people of the United States wish Canada God-speed and trust that the present good will of the two nations will grow so that their friendship will be inseparably cemented. (Cheers.)

Aid for the School.
"Our Faculty and Graduates" was responded to by Dr. McCallum, professor of pathology in the school, and Dr. McMillan, of Detroit, a former Londoner.

Dr. McCallum drew attention to the interesting fact that the Western Medical School is 81 years old, the first medical school having been established under the patronage of Col. Talbot in 1824, under the direction of Mr. Chas. Duncomb, licentiate. One John Ralph gave the first course of lectures. It is nearly a quarter of a century since Bishop Hellmuth conceived the need of and the ultimate success of a university in our city. A medical faculty to this university was soon afterwards formed. As a medical school we certainly began where we could grow, what is more, we have grown, are growing, and will continue to grow in numbers and equipment to the end of time.

In December, 1901, I spoke at your banquet, and attempted to forecast our progress in the near future. We had begun our first session with seven students had an attendance in that year of seventy-seven. I predicted that at the end of ten years from that night our college roll would number a hundred and fifty students in medicine, and at the end of twenty-five years it would exceed two hundred and fifty. One of the subsequent speakers described my speech as a wild flight of imagination. I am here tonight to make an answer to that critic, and it is, that the class of seventy-seven of four winters ago has rolled up to a hundred and ten. The employment of same probabilities will show you that long before the remaining six years have expired our college roll will greatly exceed a hundred and fifty. (Cheers.)

London's Opportunity.
The amalgamation of the Universities of Toronto and Trinity has led to the amalgamation of their schools of medicine. Their student body, therefore, has become massive and unwieldy. If the university authorities are to restrict their classes in medicine to 500 students, and I have an abiding impression, not without evidence to sup-

port it, that this course will be adopted at the university in the near future. Her present classes number, roughly, 750. We would therefore have 250 students, to be taken care of by the medical school of Kingston and London. What will the municipality of the city of London do for us to enable our college to have from 300 to 400 students in the near future? I need not dwell on the institution of this kind, giving it in which it is placed and converting the city of London into a medical and surgical center for Western Ontario. (Applause.) We have a right to complain of the attitude in the past of the city authorities, and a still stronger right to complain of a denial of our rights by the Government of this Province, as the just rulers and dispensers of gifts in their trust and keeping. (Hear, hear.) The peninsula of one-fifth of the Dominion, a population of the metropolis of over one million people—the most influential and wealthiest agricultural community in the whole Dominion.

Where Students Come From.
It is the rich agricultural sections that furnish the raw material for all departments of higher learning. Roughly speaking, one-half of the graduates and one-half the students in all departments of university work of Toronto, Queen's, Victoria, Trinity and McGill have been born in this Province. Principal Peterson, of McGill, told me that the most prolific field from which they obtain students in the whole Dominion was Western Ontario. I might say in passing that it was a subject of mingled surprise and pride to myself to hear Principal Peterson say that he was well and favorably impressed on the working of the London Medical School, and that we were doing as good a work as any school in the Dominion. Besides supplying the raw material for the four provincial universities, and McGill of the Province, Quebec, how many of our bright young men of Western Ontario have been educated in Anna Arbor, Detroit, and Buffalo colleges? Let me tell you what I myself do know. The adjoining school section to my boyhood home, known as the Skelving school in the township of North Yarmouth, furnished about one dozen young men to be educated by the colleges and universities of Michigan. The London Tabernical School has had, since its establishment, four or five students from this same school section. The same school section from the time when the township was a vast, unbroken forest up till tonight has furnished but two university students to the other Canadian provinces. In the face of such facts as these, how can a man say that there is no necessity for a university in London? Within a radius of 60 miles around London, there are enough young men and women seeking university education to make a university with the largest classes in any city. Kingston, less than one-third our size in population, has a large, live university and medical school, in the most Government, because of Kingston's pride and enthusiasm, granted them the School of Mines, a palatial building containing many scientific laboratories, the maintenance of staff, is to be borne by the Province.

A Little History.
Two weeks ago a deputation from Queen's University waited upon the Government of Mr. Wilton, asking for the establishment of a hygienic institute, costing \$75,000, with laboratories in physiology, pathology, bacteriology, biology and pharmacology. The deputation pointed out that both the late Government and the present one have spent enormous sums in the erection of buildings, laboratories and laboratory equipment, together with paying salaries of the present Government, and I trust they may see fit to make some pronouncement upon this subject. (Hear, hear.)

We are honored tonight by the presence of Hon. Adam Beck, a member of the present Government, and I trust he may see fit to make some pronouncement upon this subject. (Hear, hear.)

Praise for Colleges.
Dr. McMillan referred to the fact that he is a former student of the Western Medical College. A medical college, he said, is a very important institution to foster in any city and in any country. The graduates of the Western Medical College are making their influence felt, and are fostering a fraternity among all peoples in all parts of the world. He declared that the graduate of the Western Medical College is not a person to be feared, but a person to be respected. He is a person who has been educated in the best of the world's scientific knowledge of the German school, and he is not overly scientific. The greatest criticism aimed by Americans at Canadian students is that they are not practical, but he discounted this. Western medical students in good stead in fight, which stands them in good stead in fighting disease. But the student who has been cultivated more and more, so that the graduate might continue to learn after he has left the school. He made the statement that he does not believe a man

can become a thorough all-round physician before he is 35 years of age, and he is at his highest point of usefulness and knowledge when he is 40—the age at which that eminent Canadian, Dr. Osier, would chloroform men.

Hon. Adam Beck
Hon. Adam Beck spoke to the toast of "The Province." He spoke of his boyhood, that though much is heard of the wealth of the Province, it is difficult to realize exactly what the expression means. In addition to the mineral wealth we have the water wealth, and this is almost incalculable. This wealth is not going to Americans, but to Canadians, who have prospered for the minerals, and are now enjoying them. We spoke of the necessity of conserving the timber limits of the Province, and of the Ontario Government going extensively into the work of reforestation. New Ontario is now turning out some of the finest crops and cattle in the world, while everywhere are coal and mineral lands. Niagara power means that of the 300,000 people in a section of Ontario, 1,500,000 will enjoy this cheap power. Winnipeg is now negotiating for cheap power generated from a river falls, and if Ontario intends to compete with the west it will need to develop its natural power resources at once. He hoped the Government would be able to solve the problem of cheap power for the people of Ontario. If it costs \$5 per horse power in London, Niagara power should be available to all the public utilities to be operated by the people of the Province. The London Street Railway as one of these utilities.

As to Government Aid.
Reverting to Dr. McCallum's statement that the Governments of the past had not dealt fairly with the medical college, Mr. Beck said that he wished to assure the faculty and students, and the people of London, that he had used his best efforts to secure for the college that which it has sought from the Government, and which it has not yet obtained. He was not in a position, as a cabinet minister, to express himself as desirous as he desired to do so, to say that he considered Queen's University had more than its share, while the western district was overworked. But now the demands of the west must be considered. He hoped, with the aid of the Government, that it was possible to secure for the Western Medical College. Continuing, Mr. Beck said there should be a matriculation examination where the students can secure the training they need. And he hoped that the incoming council of London will work toward this end. It was a pity that Mayor Campbell had taken a second term, as he had a great interest in the college, and could be relied upon to look after any move in its welfare. He hoped that an infectious hospital, which soon be established in London, would be a great help to the students, as consumptives are needed, and it seems to the medical men of London to set a barrier in the way of every effort for the establishment of a sanatorium for the care of consumptives. He pledged himself to use his influence with the Government to assist in the establishment of such an institution. (Cheers.)

Mayor Campbell.
"Our Hospitals" elicited speeches from Mayor Campbell for Victoria Hospital, and Rev. Father Tobin for St. Joseph's. His worship declared that the city of London has every reason to be proud of the hospital accommodation it has for the rich and poor in Victoria and London. Speaking to the students, he said it was only in the hospital that the student can secure a proper knowledge of medicine and surgery, and he hoped that the medical college and the hospitals should be brought close together, so that the hospitals and the college might profit.

He agreed with Mr. Beck that a maternity ward should be added to Victoria Hospital, but unless the students were allowed to go there, of what use would the ward be to students? The patients are not injured by permitting the students to study in the ward. Rather do the patients profit, as they get the very best clinical advice. It is to the professor's interest to give the best advice he is capable of giving, and this results in good to the patients. As a member of the Ontario Medical Council he knows something of the students of the Province, and he told the Western Medical College men they have nothing to fear from the students of other colleges in Canada. In conclusion, he advised the students in this age of specialties, to not neglect the specialty of the general practitioner. (Laughter.)

Rev. Father Tobin.
Rev. Father Tobin said that though St. Joseph's Hospital, when it was inaugurated, was no larger than the mustard seed of the Gospel, it was now a large, important and flourishing institution. It is a source of pride, not only to those who control it, but to every citizen of London. The hospital owes much to the physicians of this city, who have at ways done all in their power to assist it. Of the students, he said that their admission to the hospital had added much to the prestige of the institution, and in themselves gentlemen. The hospital has also done much to break down the barriers of race and creed, which had for too long divided the people of London. Through the hospital Protestants and Catholics had learned to know each other better. Intolerance and bigotry in London would long since have died out had it not been that some politicians and some newspapers, who should have known better, had given intolerance a few hydropic drops, which had brought it back to life for awhile. He paid a warm tribute to the good work of Victoria Hospital, closing with the hope that both hospitals may join hands and continue in the good work of healing the sick.

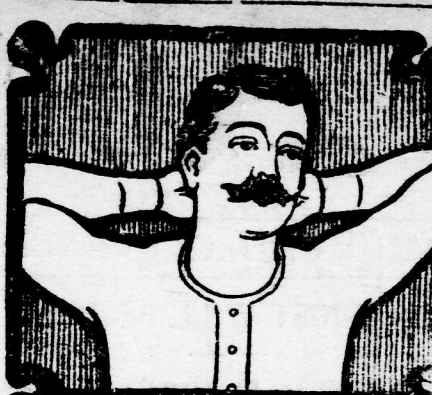
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