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WESTERN UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

Shall an Arts Course be Provided and the Youth of London and the West Educated Fully Here?

Important Proposition Made and Action on It at a Public Meeting in Victoria Hall,

Interesting Addresses by the Bishop of Huron, Principal Millar, Prof. Wiltlams, Dean Innes, Rev. J. A. Murray, Mayor Taylor, Chas.

R. Aylward, of the First Congregational Church, made the opening prayer. The Bishop of Huron, who was very warmly received, called upon Professor Williams to read several letters of apology or inability to be present. The first was rom Charles S. Hyman, M. P., who wrote a follow:

eun the minds of Canadian youths all into

one mold."

The following was received from T. H. Bellamy, editor Ingersoll Sun: "I have the some of acknowledging your kind invitation to be present on the 17th inst., re the establishing of an arts course, but owing to another previous appointment I regret my inability to be with you. I am heartily my inability to be with you. I am heartily in sympathy with your proposal and sincerely hope you may be successful in promoting the scheme."

A letter of regret from W. R. Meredith,

M.P.P., which had been mislaid, expressed his approval of the scheme and his wish for

Several other similar communications had

BISHOP BALDWIN. The Bishop then said: The object of calling this meeting together to-night is two-fold-first, to ascertain, in the first two-fold—first, to accertain, in the first instance, what amount of sympathy exists in the community with the educational movement which has been recently developed; and secondly, to find if such sympathy as exists, whether it will show itself in a substantial manner. You are all well aware that the sympathy and good awill of the public has to be obtained if a movement of this kind is to be successful. Whe object that is in view is to supply a higher education to our young men and The object that is in view is to supply a higher education to our young men and women and to provide an arts course without compelling our youth to go to Toronto. You are aware that there is a great educational movement in progress at the present time. A large number of young sen, leaving the tilling of the soli, are seeking professional employment. Wherever you go you find these young men, and the question is, are we in London prepared to meet that desire for higher education and to give it reasonable and honest response? Under the present state of affairs we in this city of London are losing our young men rapidly. They naturally gravitate towards Toronto, because that city presents inlarged opportunities for them. They have the advantages of the educational facilities presented by the institutions successfully organized there, and if we are to retain them it is absolutely necessary that we should be able to supply them with a full educational course. The question now is whether you rill be willing to come forward and support the scieme now proposed in a substantial name. The proposal is to provide the

he scheme now proposed in a substantial namer. The proposal is to provide the opportunity to maintain and take advantage of a full arts course for she benefit fof the whole community. Huron College is already well known as a Church of England training school, but the arts department of the Western University will be professors, and whereas the qualified for that cours promised with great gen \$500 a year at least for the a fourth professor. It was will be OPEN TO ALL RELIGIOUS BODIES,
And there will be equal privileges for all in

In Victoria Hall Thursdaynight an enthusfastic meeting was held for the purpose of
discussing and furthering the proposal to
establish an arts course in connection
with the Western University. The
chair was occupied by the Biahop
of Huron and on the platform were
fave. Principal Miller and Rev. Professor
Williams, of Huron College, the Dean of
furon, Mayor Taylor, Rev. Canon Smith,
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REV. PRINCIPAL MILLER.

Rev. Principal Miller, M.A., was re-ceived with applause. He asked the for-

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THERE WAS WON onferring upon the onditions. This charter bears in abevance as burse, but it has been keep and pre ented from becoming he zeal and enterprise he city, who horoughly organized nedical school which n the highest dop nd which holds quipped maintain and d which holds (Applause.) I point yo tential power existing we wish to develop the don to the utmost we can

into large exercise.

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THIS SCHOOL WAS under the name of Huro been doing a quiet—he recognized—work for Christ's kingdom of the Church of icular. At the line Synod the Binention of his desire to n connection with the akers at a eated by himself and subsequent meeting on the college council met and it was brought beforumber of students wa he accommodation. The rge the building, ta apital account from the ond secured the services essor. The condition ourse could be worked w

you here or anywhere help us to realize that ideal, and I am sure that in God's own good time our efforts will be rewarded, and we will in time find ourselves in a position higher than we dure

ountry. I shall allow that to go without From Entire to personal Part of the way to make the property of institute to be present. The first way from Charles 8. Hyman, M. P., who wrote a first way from Charles 8. Hyman, M. P., who wrote a first way from Charles 8. Hyman, M. P., who wrote a first way from Charles 8. Hyman, M. P., who wrote a first way from Charles 8. Hyman, M. P., who wrote a first way from Charles 8. Hyman, M. P., who wrote a first way from Charles 8. Hyman, M. P., who wrote a first way from Charles 8. Hyman, M. P., who wrote a first way from Charles 8. Hyman, M. P., who wrote a first way from the fir further emphasis. There are various reasons why it would be advantageous to London to have a university in its midst. In the first place it is well known that the Medical School labors under severe disad-

applied with equal truth to all the projections. And whatever applies to the aspirations of those who are to follow the professions applies equally to the young people of the city whatever their destiny may be. To obtain an arts course at the present time a young man or woman must go to Toronto or to Kingston, and remain therefore the reserve the present the least and present and present

tican to idd not for the course at the present time a young man or woman must go to Toronto or to Kingston, and remain there for three years at the least, and perhaps four years, before the course is completed. Are there not many parents in London that are able to afford such an education for their children? If there are, are the parents ready to send their sons to far distant cities to receive that education, exposed to all the TEMPTATIONS OF CROWDED CITY LIFE? And assuming that they are ready to send their sons, will they dare to send their daughters also? Why should the daughters also? Why should they not have provided for them all the educational facilities that are needed for their future welfare near their own homes? The daughters of London and the West are as able, as vivacious, as brilliant, as are to be found in any city on the continent, and they are certainly far more beautiful. (Applause.) Then, why should they be handicapped in the educational supreme importance that right education for heave been the warriors they proved to be on the battlefield but for the influence of their mothers. It is of supreme importance to see to the right education of women, and to provide for the inoculation of our doughters? It is a matter of tremendous and supreme importance that right education of their mothers. It is of supreme importance to see to the right education of women, and to provide for the inceulation of our mothers of an honorable and intelligent matin such as all Canadians should desire this land to be. (Applause.) Have we given this equipment to our daughters? If not, I ask why they should not be placed.

made this land to be. (Applause.) Have we given this equipment to our daughters at a tin a position to maintain and to envolue. The standard of civilization week, among us? An arts course for your boys in the time to to enposible. Would the establishment of such possible. Would the establishment of such possible. be excess of but for your daughters it is practically mossible. Would the establishment of such a course in this city not be a financial advantage to the people? The wise man has said: "Cast thy bread upon the waters and thou wilt find it after many days." You will find it in the larger and higher deucational advantages which the citizens and residents of Western Ontario generally will be able to enjoy after the university is to put an ethe senate as complement to our system of as a complement to our system of the alumnity to raise understand the senate of the senate they (the dity of offered remaners—are also to have in the near future a normalization of the near future and trials we have had, and residents of Western Ontario generally you the difficulties and trials we have had, and residents of Western Ontario generally you the difficulties and trials we have had, and residents of the neighboring Scottish town of St. Andrews, though with not a tithe of Dundors and a small number of fully equipped. This scheme is not only an advantage, but it is an absolute necessity and the neighboring Scottish town of St. Andrews, though with not a tithe of Dundors population, is famous among education they (the difficulties and trials we have had. Ten years ago a small number of medical men met at the Tecumsch the distance of St. Andrews University of establishing a faculty of needicine in consisting a f

the management of your own affairs, that you will contribute the sum which it is now proposed to raise. London has everything to with and nothing to lose from indorsing the proposition. Are you interested in the Medical School? Then bere are the means by which you can vastly add to it to the standing that they always take in the Medical School? Then bere are the means by which you can vastly add to it to the standing that they always take in the Medical School? Then bere are the means by which you put it is considered in the Medical School? Then bere are the means by which you can vastly add to it to the standing that they always take in the Collège of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and Advantages for your youth? This scheme will undoubtedly supply it for you. Are you interested in providing for yourselves ministers of the gospel well equipped with the highest learning, and ready to meet and combat the infidel and the secularist on their own ground? Here it is provided. The close of the means advantages to true will be of immense advantage to the city to earry it out. If that is the decision of the people, it will form an epoch in the history of the city and of the nation, and your ohlidren and children's children will be thankful to God for having printintoyour hearts to make such an auspise icous beginning in a great work. (Applause.) There are some things I want to say that would be a fart of the people, it will be care the control of the interest of the provision of the provision of the provision of the control of the nation, and your ohlidren and children's children will be thankful to God for having printintoyour hearts to make such an auspise children will be the provision of the pro onliners will be thankin to God for having, put it into your hearts to make such an anapicious beginning in a great work. (Applause.) There are some things I want to say that I would rather leave musaid. I have heard a few remarks made casually with respect to the stipends proposed to the professors in this new department, the remarks undirections. the stipends proposed to the professors in this new department, the remarks unding apparently to imply that they were too handsomely remuuerated; and further, that the faculty of Huron College should accept this work as a labor of love. I am quite sure such remarks proceed from want of thought. Well, the Senate of the Western University propose to pay \$800 a year as a stipend for every professorship, and for every lectureship \$400 a year. If, according to the new arrangement, I were to undertake the charge of classies, it would involve in my case at

want the means of showing the great benefits that it would be to the city, and this scheme is destined to fulfill that. It is brought forward for the purpose of removing disadvantages such as your Medical School now labors under, and if it success it will be of incalculable benefit to the city. (Applause). What I have said in reference to the Medical School may be applied with equal truth to all the professions. And whatever applies to the aspirations of those who are to follow the professions applies equally to the young people of the city whatever their destiny may be stand in your way. (Applause.) then no mere financial difficulty will stand in your way. (Applause.) Whatever movement you enter upon, believing it to be for the GOOD OF YOUR FELLOW-CITIZENS,

and the glory of God, depend upon it no earthly power will be able to stand in the way and obstruct your progress. (Applause.) Believing, as I do, in the justness of the scheme, of the absolute necessity of it in London if London is to attain to its full stature, to attain that primacy in Western Ontario which is its own by right, I heartily espouse it and commend it to the intelligence, the public spirit and generosity of my fellow-citizens.

Professor Williams was heartily applaud-

ed at the conclusion of his particularly able

exposition.
Principal Miller asked permission to say a word why it would be absolutely impossible to take up a chair without the full remuncration. He was independent, and did not want to sweep anything into his coffers; but he did not dare touch the chair without the full stipend. It would be unfair to his successor to do so.

MAYOR TAYLOR. Mayor Taylor gave assurance of his hearty support of the scheme. "The exhearty support of the scheme. "The expense of maintaining young men or young women in Toronto is considerable, and, as Rev. Mr. Miller has pointed out, while we are loyal to our sons and daughters we would also be working out our own interests if this proposition was carried out. The population in the immediate vicinity of London is considerable. Our city now numbers about 33,000 and the county of Middlesex is as populous and as wealthy as any in the Dominion. I feel that it would not be a heavy burden for London and vicinity to maintain the university. (Applause.) I believe there is no doubt the money could be provided, and I would have great pleasure in assisting in any manner possible. (Applause.) DR. MOORHOUSE.

Dr. Moorhouse felt assured the case had been made out well on behalf of the Western University. "I speak on behalf of a part of that university," said the doctor, namely the faculty of medicine. (Applause.)

tion. The senate accepted conditionally the offer. They appointed four professors and four lecturers in art subjects. There was a classical, a mathematical, a moral science and a modern language professor. That would be conditional upon the sinews of war being of war being the people are not so liberal but, of course, those who held these offices would be available for re-election.

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and a great many would be naturally drawn into the line of medicine, and we would reinto the line of medicine, and we would receive benefits in this way. (Applause). There are also benefits which would accrue to the city in a pecuniary way. Retired merchants and farmers would come to London for the higher education of their children, while the students residing here would also add their quota to the maintenance of the city." (Applause)

CEARLES JENKINS. Charles Jenkins, of Petrolea, one of the ablest of Anglican laymen in this diocese, was called upon for a few words. He told a good story of an audience being melted to tears by the preacher's eloquence excepting one man, who remained obdurate. When asked why he did not shed tears, he replied: "Oh, I do not belong to this parish." (Laughter.) The speaker also came from another place, but his sympathics were with the object now in view. "I read an editorial in one of your papers," said he, "that presented the case very fully, and if the presented the case very fully, and if the presenting up this subject so as to educate the public mind, I have every confidence that the scheme will be carried out as they anticipate. (Applause.) I can only point a good story of an audience being melted anticipate. (Applause.) I can only point out the necessity of higher education, for, as Professor Williams has said, all people desire to

TAKE AN ARTS COURSE
before they devote themselves to the profession which they adopt. The educational
history of England is full of lessons
to us in this connection. The United
States is becoming very wealthy and colleges and universities are being established.
The feeling has got into the minds of the
people and the question is if here you are
prepared to enter into it without waiting
for the millionaires." The speaker urged
the necessity of high ministerial education. the necessity of high ministerial education Dergymen should be able to meet the kepties on their own ground. "Competition has begun to be very keen and an intellectual time needs proper intellectual furnishing. When the mind of this community is thoroughly awakened I think they will see it in their highest interest to support this movement in the fullest way." MR. JOHN CAMERON.

Mr. John Cameron was next called on.
He said: The question before us to-night is

THE D normal schools, law courts, industrial exhibitions—no doubt plausible things could be said in favor of that view. But without desiring in the least to raise sectional or geographical predjudices against Toronto-for of Toronto, notwithstanding its grasping disposition, we are all in many respects proud—it may be fairly said that at this moment we are not called upon to look after the interests of Toronto. Toronto is abundantly able to do that for herself. We may, therefore, be excused for regarding this question as of special interest to Western Ontario, as well as to Western Ontarios, and the Senetactor of the Western University to establish an arts course, and pledges itself to raise applied exclusively for that purpose, of which sum the Senate of the Western University to establish an arts course, and pledges itself to raise applied exclusively for that purpose, of which sum the Senate of the Western University to establish an arts course, and pledges itself to raise and of the Western University to establish an arts course, and pledges itself to raise of the Western University to establish an arts course, and pledges itself to raise of the Western University to establish an arts course, and pledges itself to raise of the Western University to establish an arts course, and pledges itself to raise of the Western University to establish an arts course, and pledges itself t ern Ontario, as well as to Western Ontario's capital city, and we cannot be justly blamed, if to use a fisherman's saying often quoted by the late Sir John Macdonald, we prefer, within proper limits, to "keep our ain fish-guts for our ain sea-mews." (Laughier.) First, then, would there be real advantage to Western Ontario and to London in having in their midst a university as complete which K'r. to Western Ontario and to London in having in their midst a university as complete and efficient as, for example, Queen's, of which Kingston is so justly proud? Second. Is it immodest to claim that Western Ontario can establish, and push forward and farther and farther push forward, a completely efficient university? Is it immodest to claim that if Kingston has become a university center, so also can London become a university center? Third. Is the whole idea a veritably practical one, and is it also an immediate one? Or is it

Is the whole idea a veritably practical one, and is it also an immediate one? Or is it too visionary to be entertained? As to the first, there are real advantages to a section of country and to a city in becoming

A SEAT OF HIGHER LEARNING.

The necessity for young people going far from home to complete their education is obviated. There is an inducement to well-to-do heads of families to locate near educational advantages. A university and attendant colleges, with their professors, and officials, and students, with the expenditures incident thereto, are as financially desirable as manufactories, and really more permanent. The difficulty as to a country's manufactories is that there can never be enough of them to satisfy the various cities. Then, nothing so desirably car never be enough of them to saving a various cities. Then, nothing so desirally advertises a locality as being the seat some noted educational establishmen Suppose we could transplant here to morro what would be the equivalent of Oxford Cambridge or Harvard! Dundee famous the world over for it marmain S while the neighboring Scottish town of St Andrews, though with not a tithe of Dun dee's population, is famous among educa tionists as the seat of St. Andrew's Uni

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lic schools, its collegiste institute, not their own with all comers, needing only, in addition to a Western Normal School, a strong, efficient, well-equipped, well-endowed Western University to crown the educational edifice. (Applause.) As to the third query—whether the idea is practicable or visionary—I maintain that it is practicable, provided the scheme is set forth and as a contract of the people, rich and not so rich, Episcopalian, and Presbyterian, and Methodist, and Congregationalist, are among its contributors, while either on the Senate, the University Council, or Board of Trustees, all denominations are at least informally represented. The primary advantage held by London and Western Ontario, is possible of a chester of the contributor of the contributors of the contributors, and the contributors, while the contributors, while the contributors, while the contributors, and the contributors, while the contributors, and the contributors are contributors, and the contributors are contributors, and the contributors are contributors and the contributors are contributors, and the contributors are contributors and the contributors are contributors. by London and Western Ontario, is possession of a charter. It is not likely that onother university charter will ever be granted in this Province. This factmakes our franchise one of great value. Then you have already the London School of Medicine. It has won its spursand proved its efficiency as a teaching institution, and will yet be did nucleus for what it is now projected.
Then there is the great advantage of the
backing and support of those who are the
backing and support of Huron College. is calculated to be

GREATLY BENEFICIAL TO WESTERN ONTARIO and to this city, and it is a scheme distinctly practicable—provided always that it is set forth and promoted in a manner to appeal, as it should, to Western Ontarian

THE DEAN OF HURON.

ppear as an advocate for the centralization | ed by Rev. J. A. Murray, the following of everything at Toronto—universities, resolution: "That this meeting views with normal schools, law courts, industrial exproval the steps taken by his Lordship

"My heart," said he, "is in sympathy with the movement, and I think I am speaking (Continued on page 5.)

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