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## PREFATORY.

The inaugural meeting of the "Toronto Association for the Prevention and Treatment of Consumption and Other Forms of Tuberculosis" was held in Association Hall at 8 p.m., May 8th, 1900.

Sir Oliver Mowat had consented to preside if it were possible for him to be present.

The evening turned out to be stormy and for other reasons the time was unfavorable. A large attendance, however, graced the occasion. Sir Oliver Mowat, the Hon. J. R. Stratton, Sir Jas. Grant and Dr. I. H. Cameron were unable to be present.

The speakers who were present and took part in the meeting were as follows:

REV. WM. CLARK, D.C.L., Professor in Trinity University.  
E. J. BARRICK, M.D., President of the Association.

ADAM H. WRIGHT, M.D.

THOS. CRAWFORD, Esq., Member of Legislative Assembly.

REV. WM. CAVAN, D.D., LL.D., Principal Knox College.

JAMES LOUDON, M.A., LL.D., President of Toronto University.

CHAS. SHEARD, M.D., Health Officer for City of Toronto.

REV. C. S. EBY, P.A., D.D., Secretary-Organizer of the Association.

A letter from Sir James Grant makes the record of the meeting complete as a statement of the case now before the public.

A number of first-class artists had kindly consented to participate in the gathering. All of these, so far as they were able to appear, did excellent service and would have been repeatedly recalled by the delighted audience if encounter had not been prohibited.

At a subsequent meeting of the General Board the following resolution was unanimously passed:

"That the best thanks of this Association are due and are hereby presented to Mrs. Brereton for the untiring efforts made on behalf of the entertainment element in the inaugural meeting, and that special thanks are hereby also tendered to Miss Winifred Skeath-Smith and her mother, Mrs. Skeath-Smith, to Miss Maude Snarr and Miss Jennie Williams, who so kindly and voluntarily gave their valuable services to the musical part of the programme, also to Miss Jessie Alexander for the extremely appropriate and artistically rendered selection from the literary picture of Dr. Wm. McClure, and also to Mr. Burbidge, the leader of the Dovercourt Baptist Church Orchestra, the members of which kindly responded to the call, in circumstances prevented their appearing before the meeting. We ask him to convey to all the members of the orchestra our appreciation of their willingness to assist."

"The thanks of the Association are also hereby tendered to the Newcombe Piano Company for the loan of a piano for the occasion."