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## History of the Galt Grammar School and Collegiate Institute.

**T**HE Town of Galt has long been known for the unusual beauty of its situation, the excellence of its manufactures, and the prominence of its educational institutions. In the last respect, it occupies a position unrivalled in the country, in that the foundation of its education was laid under circumstances of such a peculiar character, as to give it a distinction held, we believe, by no other town in Canada.

In the early history of this country, when our forefathers were hewing out for themselves homes in the wilderness, the education of the youth was not wholly neglected, and when the opportunity came to establish schools, not only of common, but of higher education, it was readily seized upon by those who had the intellectual development of the community at heart.

Many who attended the Semi-Centennial celebration and Tassie Old Boys' Re-Union were shown, as indeed are all visitors to Galt, interested in educational lore, a rough cast, two-storey building situated on Market street some distance north of the present town hall. That it is of historic interest centres in the fact that it was in the original of that building—Galt's first municipal building—that secondary education had its birth in 1852.

In the upper storey of that unpretentious, old building, which the villagers spoke of as Noah's Ark, a small

band of students gathered together to receive instruction in languages, living and dead, and in such subjects as were not taught in the common school. For purposes of instruction, the Board of Trustees composed of such well known educational pioneers



J. E. Bryant, M. A.

as Dean Boomer, Rev. James Strang, Rev. Hamilton Gibson, Robert Ferrie and John Davidson, engaged the services of Michael Howe, M. A., a graduate of Dublin University, and an excellent classical scholar

However remarkable his ability to narrate in the original the adventures of Ulysses or the triumphs of Caesar upon the battle field, his methods of

pedagogy do not appear to have been strikingly successful.

His fondness for snuff and for newspapers, especially Irish ones, during school hours, and the vigor with which he manipulated the raw-hide to enforce obedience or to punish supposed negligence seem to have been the outstanding features of his scholastic career in Galt.

His residence in Galt was exceedingly short, terminating within twelve months, his withdrawal from his position no doubt being due to the unsatisfactory way in which the school had been conducted.

The trustees then cast about to secure a successor, and as fortune would



T. Carscadden. M. A.

have it, the lot fell upon Mr. Wm Tassie who had been conducting a school in the city of Hamilton.

Mr. Tassie assumed control in 1853, and for twenty-eight years held the principalship of the school, raising it from what might be termed a diminutive private school, to a great public institution known and praised throughout the length and breadth of the land.

Who of the Tassie "Apes" as they are now universally known, does not recall the striking personality of the great central figure of the re-union,

of the man who placed the Galt Grammar School in a position second to none in Canada, and whose influences are felt wherever there is a graduate of his school?

His remarkable success in the management of the school for so long a period was undoubtedly due to his untiring energy, his unceasing industry and the strict discipline which he exercised over all who came within his control. His powers of dominion were so pronounced that very speedily boys were sent to him from every walk and station of life, boys, many of them who were straining the limits of the patience of their parents to the breaking point, and who, as a forlorn hope, were sent to school to be subdued by the indomitable will of its headmaster. Many and frequent were the severe punishments inflicted upon the wayward and the negligent, but out of it all have come many splendid specimens of manhood, men who to-day occupy positions of eminence and trust, who, were they to disclose the inner feelings of their own hearts would ascribe much of the success to which they have attained, to the severe way in which they were handled when receiving their early education at Tassie's at Galt.

The school was very small when Mr. Tassie came to Galt—some seven or eight students—but so quickly did he control the situation, and so early did he become renowned, that pupils flocked to his school in such large numbers as to render the enlargement of the school building necessary time and time again.

It was in no sense a local school, for less than 20 per cent. of those in attendance indicated their post-office address as Galt. Boys came to the school from almost every quarter of the continent, from the Canadian Northwest, the Western States even to Southern California, from distant points of the Maritime Provinces, from many of the New England States and

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a great many from the land of the sunny south. The Elmores and Johnsons from Alabama, the Coldhams and Dick Miller from Toledo, the Fosters, Richardsons, Hulburts and others from Chicago, the Wrights from Detroit, the Lauries, the Essons, Ed Seaton and Jim Sears from Halifax, McKay and Keefer from Ottawa, the Baldwins, Jarvis' and Moss' from Toronto, the Croyns and MacBeths of London, the Senklers of St. Catharines, the Buchanans of Pittsburg, Dr. Crozier of London, Eng., Prof. Scrimger, of Montreal, and a host of others whose names are enrolled amongst those who have reached positions of trust, and who one and all served their apprenticeship under the master workman "the famous Tassie."

Although Dr. Tassie entered upon his duties in the old Township Hall, it was only a temporary home for his school, for the accommodation becoming too cramped, other quarters had to be sought, which fortunately were readily provided by the generosity of the Dickson family, who presented the Board of Trustees with a site on the hill in the north end of the town—the location of the present collegiate institute. On that site was erected a one storey, stone building, now serving as one of the class rooms in the collegiate, but so rapidly did the attendance increase, that in 1859 an extension was made converting the building into a long, narrow structure devoid of all semblance of architectural beauty. Further material progress was marked by the addition of a second storey, and this enlarged building served for a considerable time to meet the demands of the school.

But as the fame of the school spread, and the number of the students constantly increased, a consequence of the recognition of the splendid management of the institution, still further enlargement became necessary, so that in 1870-71 the building as it stands to-day, was completed—not a

perfect conception of architectural beauty to be sure, but serving as it did then its mission of giving an education to all, irrespective of rank or station.

The story of the Tassie regime, which terminated in 1881, would not be complete without a reference to the boarding house feature of the institution, which to many remains as one of the vivid recollections of those stirring and eventful days.

Many of the boys came from distant points, and as it was desirable that



Dr. Crozier.

they should be under the direct supervision, by night as well as by day, of the guiding influence, the Principal, several "authorized" boarding houses were established, the student inmates of which were, one might say, always under the eagle eye of Dr. Tassie. That all was not durance vile within the walls of these domiciles is clearly proven by the thrilling and amusing tales told by those whose fortune it was to be boarders during their stay at the Tassie school.

Of these boarding houses probably the most famous was the Doctor's private residence on Wellington street, around which cluster memories, pleasant and otherwise, of the good, old

days when Tassie was King.

Great was the fame of Dr. Tassie, but it must not be forgotten that there were many who strengthened his arm and gave him noble service in the conduct and guidance of the school. Who of the ancients will forget such men as Chase, McGee, Kilpatrick, Scrimger, Woodruff, Murray, MacRae, Alex. Tassie and others, who toiled and very probably suffered in the great cause of education.

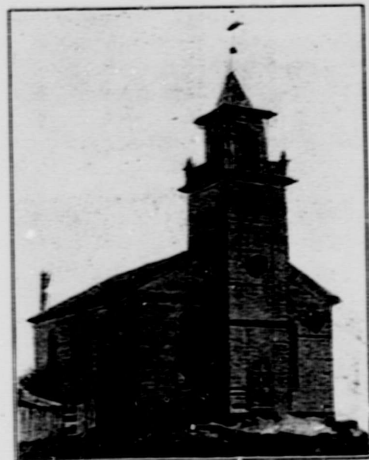
But the end was at hand. The old time methods of education were rapidly becoming revolutionized, and the Doctor, who was extremely conservative, and unwilling to change his methods, found himself facing conditions to which he was unable to adjust himself. The consequence was that with the introduction of yearly test examinations in which the school made a very poor showing, he found his students rapidly deserting him, so at the end of twenty-eight years of great service, he tendered his resignation, which was accepted by the trustees.

The vacancy was filled with but very little delay, by the appointment of Mr. John E. Bryant, principal of Pickering College. That the appointment was an especially fortunate one is shown by the fact that in little more than one year, Mr. Bryant had restored the prestige of the school—lost during the transition period—and had quite restored that popularity and confidence in the school which it had enjoyed in previous years. The abandonment of the boarding house feature and the inauguration of the system of co-education as at present in vogue, renders any definite comparison between the Tassie and the Bryant regimes impossible. Suffice it to say that each man in his day proved himself a giant in education, and laid a firm foundation upon which a superstructure of intellectual development is moving steadily upward to perfection.

Unfortunately Mr. Bryant's prin-

cipalship of the school was doomed to be very brief. An infirmity, deafness, which had been gradually creeping upon him, so interfered with his duties as to make it absolutely necessary for him to withdraw from the position and from the profession, and so, to the great regret of the school and the public, he retired in 1884, after three years of splendid work.

Mr. Carscadden, M. A., who had been English Master of the school during Mr. Bryant's time, was appointed to succeed him, and from that year, 1884, to the present, Mr. Carscadden has guided the destinies of the



Old St. Andrew's Church.

Collegiate, maintaining for it that high character which it has held through half a century.

It only remains to state that much of the success which the school has attained is undoubtedly due to the able support of the citizens and of the trustees, who have always given the school their best services and support, and have sought by every legitimate means to maintain the high position so long held by this, probably the most unique institution in secondary education in the Province of Ontario.

## The Organization, Programme and Events of the Celebration.

**S**OME time ago, the Hon. James Young, writing to the G. C. I. Record, stated that 1902 would be the fiftieth anniversary of the Galt Grammar School, subsequently the G.C.I. Mr. Young suggested that the occasion be observed, and in due time the idea was acted upon. On Jan. 7th, the G. C. I. Board met and took the initiative. A public meeting of the graduates was called, and held in the council chamber. The preliminaries were entered upon, and, at a later gathering, on Wednesday, Feb. 26th, a special committee, that had been appointed, with the late J. Y. Graham as secretary, and Col. Acheson as chairman, presented its report as to the demonstration, and the character and conditions of the same.

The Board of Trade endorsed the proposed celebration on Feb. 27th.

Eventually, the list of officers was completed, with H. Spencer Howell as efficient secretary. July 17 and 18 were the dates chosen for "The G. C. I. Semi-Centennial and Tassie Old Boys' Re-union." Work then began in earnest for committees and officers, and especially for the secretary and his assistants. Several thousand old boys and old girls, too, had to be located and communicated with. The work went steadily on. All this time the programme was taking form, and, when the eventful days arrived everything was in readiness.

### The Programme.

One of the greatest difficulties to be grappled with in connection with the preparation of the celebration was the arranging of a programme which would exclude the possibility of dull

moments during the progress of the Re-union through the two days.

On an occasion of such a unique character as this, various elements had to be taken into consideration.

There was the "old boy," and per-adventure the "old girl" too, now passing into the serene and yellow leaf of old age, with keen visions of his or her school days away back in the '50's, whose joy in the Re-union would largely consist in rehearsing, to former school mates, the lively events of the school room in Tassie's days; the later "old boy," now in the prime of life, and engaged in the active duties of business or profession, whose methods of re-union would be naturally of a more frolicsome character than that of the "oldest boys," the young generation, consisting of those who had but recently passed beyond the walls of their alma mater, and who, in the presence of their elder brothers and sisters, would rather be inclined to preserve a respectful silence, as at, but not participants in the celebration.

Great thought, therefore, was given to entertainment, and the result was that a program was compiled, which, judging from the interest shown and maintained throughout the celebration, was admirably suited to the tastes of all those who took part in it.

The order of events, together with much information for the old boys, was printed in neat and convenient form, and freely distributed, so that all interested in the occasion might keep in touch with the various phases of the proceedings.

The programme of the Re-union was as follows:

THURSDAY, JULY 17TH.

MORNING.—9 o'clock—Secretary's

office open at the school for registration, distribution of badges, programs, billeting cards, etc.

**AFTERNOON.**—2 o'clock—Addresses of welcome by his worship, Mayor Hawk, David Spiers, Esq., Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Principal Carscadden, followed by five minute speeches from prominent Old Boys.

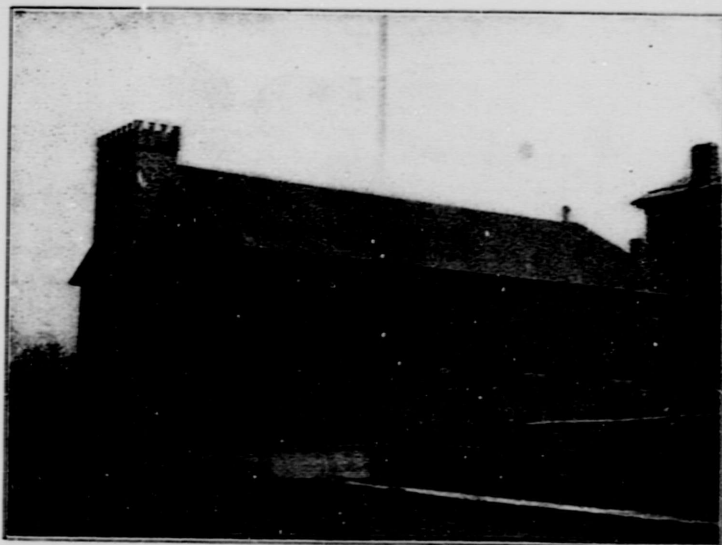
3 o'clock—Football match between two teams of old timers. Hospital ambulance and nurses in attendance.

7 Hurdle race, open to boys who were expelled from school (handicap.)

8 Tug of War, between boys in attendance before and after 1880.

Valuable prizes will be given to winners in the above events.

**EVENING.**—Grand Promenade Concert in Dickson Park by the Band of 48th Highlanders, Toronto, under the direction of Mr. John Slater, assisted by the Highland Pipers and Dancers.



The Old Knox Church.

4 o'clock—The following list of sports, entries free and unlimited :

1 50 yards race, open to boys in attendance before 1880.

2 Wheelbarrow race, competitors to furnish their own barrows.

3 50 yards race, open to boys or girls in attendance between 1880 and 1890.

4 Dribbling race, open to old football players.

5 Ladies' race, spinsters only.

6 50 yards race, open to boys who never stole apples. Evidence to be produced.

#### FRIDAY, JULY 18TH.

**MORNING.**—10 o'clock—Dr. Davies, the talented organist of Knox Church, has kindly consented to give a short recital on the large organ in the church.

The Galt, Preston & Hespeler Street Railway will run an excursion to Preston Mineral Springs, Idylwild Park and Hespeler at specially reduced rates. Cars leave Main street crossing at 9.50, 10.25, 11.00, and the School Grounds at 9.55, 10.30, 11.05, returning to town at 1 p.m.

**AFTERNOON.**—3 to 6 o'clock—

Garden Party under the auspices of the Ladies' Committee on the school grounds.

During the afternoon a cricket match will be played between elevens drawn from the lines of school cricketers, ancient and modern.

No score of more than 100 off one bat will be counted.

By kind permission of Lieut. Col. Acheson and officers, the band of the 29th Regiment will play on the grounds during the afternoon.

At the conclusion of the cricket match, the prizes won in the various sports will be presented by Mr. Carscadden.

EVENING.—The Re union will terminate with a grand banquet in the new skating rink, commencing at 8 o'clock, under the Chairmanship of Hon. James Young. Music will be supplied by Wolstenholme's orchestra. Ladies with their escorts will be admitted to the gallery

"GOD SAVE THE KING"

### The Celebration.

THURSDAY, JULY 17TH—FIRST DAY.

The outlook for a successful celebration was not any too promising, from the weather standpoint. The month of June and early part of July had been most unusually broken with almost daily showers.

Thursday, July 17th, the first day of the re-union, broke dull, with heavy, lowering clouds that threatened each moment to descend in torrents of rain. The prospects seemed disheartening enough, and the hearts of those especially who had given time and thought to the celebration, sank as they saw all their labors likely to be rendered futile by unfavorable weather.

As the day advanced, however, the breeze freshened, and patches of blue began to appear here and there

through the rifts in the clouds, and ere noonday had come, the sun had gained the complete mastery, and was blazing out its golden light from an almost cloudless sky.

In the morning no special program had been prepared. Many of the old boys who had arrived in town the previous evening, took advantage of the opportunity to revisit many of the familiar scenes of their school days. Pleasant memories came back to them as they looked again—in many cases after a lapse of thirty years—on the various points of interest associated with which were many schoolboy pranks, which will remain green in their memories to their dying day. The boarding houses, still remaining, and bearing to this day traces of their occupation by mischievous schoolboys, the familiar haunts up Mill Creek, where wigwams were erected and high revelry was held, the mill dam, the old diving stone, the rocks, were all as voices that spoke to them of the past, recalling to the memory scenes and faces of their boyhood days.

Throughout the morning, the railway stations were the scenes of great animation. Train after train brought its quota of old boys, who were received by their friends or by representatives of the executive, and escorted to the General Secretary's office at the Collegiate, where the duty was imposed upon them of telling who they were, whence they came, what their occupation, and the date of their entrance as students of the school. The answers to these questions having been duly inscribed in a book of registration, the visiting Old Boys and Old Girls were presented with a badge, consisting of the Collegiate Institute and Grammar School colors, bearing the year of admission to the school, and attached to a button having a picture of the principal of the school at the time of admission. This done, the majority of the visitors

wandered through the several rooms and halls of the Collegiate, seeking to discover the whereabouts of the room and seat where they learned their penmanship and Latin roots, or where they came in contact with an educative weapon that in these modern days of model (?) children has almost disappeared—the tawse.

To many, a great transformation had taken place, and very few familiar features remained. An old seat or two, the old slate blackboard, the old



H. Spencer Howell.

arch where the timepiece told the boys how slowly time (in school) was fleeting, were to many of the earlier Tassie pupils all that remained to remind them of the golden days, fifty years or so ago. Many were the enquiries made for the old strap, which in its day and generation proved a generous as well as a hot rod of correction, and for the old bell, whose clang summoned the unwilling student from the cricket field or from his bath in the river, to a renewal of his tasks beneath the vigilant eye of "Old Bill."

Without the school, great changes had taken place, too. The stumps, which in the '60's had graced the playground, and amongst which many an exciting game of football and baseball was played, had disappeared, and in their place an extensive, level campus, velvety and green. Trees and shrubs banked together or marking the boundaries of the campus were a product of the present period, and unknown to the students of the Tassie school. The swimming hole just below the school, where many a boy had dived and sported, had since become a spot unfrequented and devoid of attraction.

Such were the observations and the reminiscent thoughts of the Old Boys as they gathered together in and about the old school to renew acquaintanceships with persons and things that to them had for many years been but pleasant memories.

Shortly after the noon hour, the townspeople and the visitors began to gather on the campus, or to wander through the Institute, waiting until the time should arrive for the commencement of the exercises of the afternoon.

The scene presented, that and the succeeding afternoon, will ever remain as a beautiful picture in the memory of all in attendance. A beautiful summer day, nature appearing in her most beautiful garb, a happy, delighted assemblage intermingling in common fellowship, picturesque surroundings, all combined to form a charming scene such as is seldom witnessed in Galt.

Shortly before 2 o'clock, the 48th Highlander's band, of Toronto, whose services had been secured for the first day of the celebration, opened the program with a medley of Scotch airs, a most appropriate introduction to the program, and a fitting recognition of the Scotch tendencies in blood and custom of the town which its educational institution had made famous.



At a very few minutes after the hour fixed by the programme for the formal opening, 2 o'clock, the Hon. James Young, Honorary Chairman, ascended the platform, which had been erected on the east side of the school. Associated with him on the platform were Principal Carscadden, David Spiers, Esq., Chairman of the Collegiate Board, His Worship, Mayor Hawk, and Mr. John Idington, K.C., of Stratford.

On rising to commence the programme, Mr. Young said:

"Ladies and gentlemen, in opening the proceedings of the Semi-Centennial Celebration of the Galt Collegiate Institute, I do not propose to detain you with more than a few observations. I congratulate you on the prospects of a large and delightful Celebration, and am happy to inform you, that we have present with us the Mayor of Galt and the Chairman of the College Board of Trustees, to extend a civic and social welcome to all, and especially to the Old Boys and Girls, who may honor the town and college with their presence during the proceedings of to-day and to-morrow.

"In undertaking this celebration, two objects have been chiefly had in view. Fifty years, half a century, is a long period in the history of an institution like our Collegiate Institute, and it was felt that not only under the management of the famous Dr. Tassie, but under the more modern and equally successful principalships of Mr. Carscadden and Mr. Bryant, its record has been so memorable and successful for half a century that it deserved to be celebrated in some enthusiastic way.

"Then in the second place, it was felt what a delightful thing it would be to bring as many of the Old Boys of the College together, as possible, to join in celebrating the Semi-Centennial of their alma mater, and incidentally, to see how large and beau-

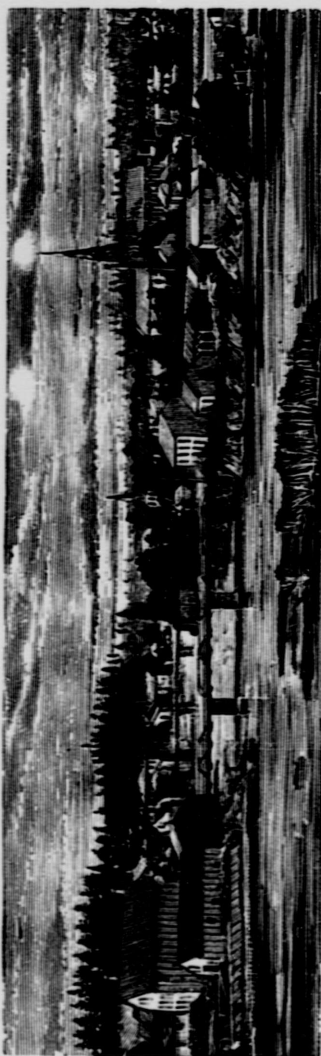
tiful Galt had grown since their school days. This had been successfully accomplished, and former students were present from all parts of the continent—from New York to the Pacific coast—and many well remembered the founder of the school, Dr. Tassie, his handsome physique, his gentlemanly manner, his stately tread, and his inspiring birch! Since his retirement, the Collegiate has been for nearly twenty years, under the principalship of Mr. Carscadden, a gentleman whom all respected, admired and loved, and who had done and was still doing noble work as an educationist.



D. Spiers, Esq., Chairman G. C. I. Board.

"Many pupils of Mr. Carscadden and Mr. Bryant, as well as those of Dr. Tassie and the earlier days, are already here, and more will be here this afternoon and to-morrow. I am glad to see some of them are to take part in the games, for we shall then see how much they have improved in football and cricket since they left school. These games have been chosen because they were the games played when they were boys at the College, and it is hoped that during their progress, old friendships may be revived, old reminiscences may be discussed, and such merry social inter-

course and enjoyment prevail among both citizens and guests, that this Semi-Centennial Celebration may prove a great success, and long re-



When Galt was young.

main a pleasure and a delight in the memory of all who attend it."

"I have now much pleasure in calling upon Mayor Hawk, of Galt, to

give the civic address of welcome.

Mayor Hawk stepped forward, and said:

"Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, I am pleased to see the Old Boys, ex-graduates of the Galt Grammar School and G. C. I. I am glad that they are present to celebrate this Semi-Centennial. Most of you, I believe, have come for a good time, to renew old acquaintances; and if you are at all like myself, you do not want to listen to speeches. I extend to you our hospitality. The town is wide open, enjoy yourselves to the utmost, and, when you depart, take with you kindly, affectionate thoughts of Galt and its people. Ladies and gentlemen, the town is yours."

Chairman Young—"I now introduce to you Mr. David Spiers, Chairman of the High School Board. He has been a member of the Board for 28 years. It may be longer, but it's certainly a quarter of a century."

Mr. Spiers arose and said: "I cannot tell you how delighted I am to meet the old students, male and female. Dr. Tassie, you know, was a governor, and ladies are not governed; they govern. However, provision was made for them in time. I may not be a Tassie Old Boy, but I do think that I am an old Tassie boy, for I have been on the G.C.I. Board for 28 years continuously; and I welcome you back to the old town, old associations, old haunts. Galt's institutions are open to you, including the churches; and to-morrow morning you'll see the old church (Knox), which you used to attend under Tassie's watchful eye. When I say that all our institutions are open to you, I wish to make one exception. The doors of the lock-up have been locked, and the key lost. This condition of affairs will continue during your sojourn here. With this exception, you are at liberty to go where you wish. Forget your white hairs, those of you who have them, and have a

good time. Before I close, I wish to speak of a personal matter. It is this: 'I reside in the old Tassie house on Wellington street. There, many of you boarded, and there you will find many of your carvings and initials. The Tassie boarding house is open to you; all are welcome to revisit it. Some of the Old Boys called this morning, and my daughter showed them through. One saw the mystic letters, "E.M." "Why," said he, "that's Marshall's work." Gentlemen, let me repeat, you're welcome to the old Tassie boarding house, where Mrs. Tassie presided so graciously, and with such motherly kindness. A noble woman was Mrs. Tassie; and there's no one here to-day who knew her, who does not recall with affectionate gratitude her lovable qualities. Take my parting words: Enjoy yourselves thoroughly in the old town, and when you leave, may you be happier for your return to the scenes of your boyhood. I hope to meet you all again, fifty years hence at the Centennial. If not, then farewell; and God be with you till we meet again."

Principal Carscadden, connected with the G. C. I. for nearly twenty years, was next called upon.

Mr. Carscadden said:

"Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, it affords me much pleasure to extend, in the name of the citizens of Galt, a hearty welcome to the visitors who have come from near and from far to be present and take part in the Semi-Centennial of this famous, this venerable, and, to very many of us, this dear old institution.

"You have come in response to feelings that are among the noblest of our nature, feelings of affection for old companions, and old and familiar places, veneration for the memories and associations of your school days. For many months you have looked forward, with pleasant anticipations to renewing the friendships and the

memories of former days. We are glad to have you come. We bid you welcome to our homes and hearts.

"Once more you are in the beautiful town of Galt, much changed for many of you since you last walked its streets and explored its surrounding hills and woods and dales. We wish you a good time. We will do all we can to make it such. We hope you will go away with pleasant memories of your visit, with renewed strength and vigor, with higher hopes and higher aims for the duties of life.

"In the name of the venerable institution, in the name of its staff of teachers, and its Board of Management, in behalf of the citizens of Galt, we once more bid you all welcome, and express the hope that many who are approaching, or, who have already come to the middle of life, may live to assemble on these same grounds, under as bright a sky, and amidst as beautiful surroundings, fifty years hence, in the year, 1952, to celebrate the centenary of this dear, old school."

Now came the Old Boys.

Mr. Idington, of Stratford, was first.

"Mr. Young has taken liberties with me," began Mr. Idington, with a smile, "but, I suppose, our long friendship entitles him to these liberties. I had no idea when he asked me to step upon this platform, that I was expected to speak. I observe now that he has not forgotten the courtesy of his political days. Ladies and gentlemen, I am glad to be here. When I first heard of this celebration, I decided that I would be here, and here I am. I am pleased to meet old friends, like Colonel Strang, Hugh Strang, Tom Wright, who was the brightest scholar of his day; Dr. Cassidy, Dr. Harbottle and others. They are much the worse for wear, though scarcely so young as I. But then, they have not enjoyed the high and healthful altitudes of Stratford. The

highlands, you know, infuse greater vigor than the lowlands. I echo the tributes to Dr. Tassie. It is forty-five years since I entered this school, and during that entire period I have been proud of the salutes that we Tassie boys used to receive, "Tassie's Apes, Tassie's Apes." We are all proud of that grand old master, and, if we have followed in his footsteps, and have toiled as he toiled, we have done work for Canada. Tassie made a mark equal to that of any of our great Canadians. Emulate Tassie's example, cherish his memory and be like him in his thoroughness, industry and integrity. If we do all this, we shall deserve just such praise as we are according that great man, Dr. Tassie."

Mr. Young—"I will now call upon another Tassie boy who has reflected honor on the old Tassie School. I refer to Dr. Digby, of Brantford.

Dr. Digby responded. "I have had a good deal of pleasure to-day," said he, "and I promised myself fully as much or more, but I am afraid that Mr. Young has spoilt it by asking me to speak. A few minutes ago I was asked to captain an Old Boys' football team. 'Assuredly,' I said, 'I shall be pleased to lead the Old Boys, and to victory.' With such responsibility on my shoulders, ladies and gentlemen, you will see that I have little time for speech-making. But before I lead my cohorts to football and fame, I should like to say a word of Dr. Tassie. In my opinion, he was as far a superior to the educators of his day as Oxford or Cambridge is to the smaller Grammar Schools of the present. He was a noble man, a noble teacher; and he did his duty—even to the strap. I am glad of Mr. Spiers' reference to Mrs. Tassie, for she merited all that he said of her. I was with the Tassie's in their little house over the river, and, later, in the house on Wellington street. Mrs. Tassie will never be forgotten by

'Tassie's Apes.' Ladies and gentlemen, I have been glad to come here, and I thank Galt for the privilege allowed me. I am proud to mingle with the Old Boys, and unite with them in honoring Tassie's name and fame."

Colonel Strang, of the American army, whose home is in Genesee, N. Y., when called upon, climbed over the benches as nimbly as a young boy.

"I thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for the associations into which I have been thrown to-day. So powerful have these been, that they have almost overcome me. Sometimes, there comes a sensation that we have lived at some other stage of the world's existence. To-day, looking at this beautiful town, and remembering what Galt was in my day, I feel that my first experience of the town must have been in some previous state of creation. I believe that I am the only one here to-day with a '52 badge. If there's another '52 emblem, I wish the wearer would make himself known, for I want to see him 'real bad.' I was at school under Dr. Howe in the old hall, and then came up here with Tassie as Principal. I need not tell you how Galt has changed, but I desire to say that the lapse of 45 years since I went to the States, has not taken away my appreciation of what I see when I return. On the three or four occasions of my return here, I have had the satisfaction of meeting old friends and their descendants. A kind welcome has always awaited me, and it has greeted me to-day. The school of my day and the school of to-day are altogether different, so I shall not compare them. Suffice it to say in conclusion, that I am glad to be here, and to meet the old graduates."

Mr. Watt, barrister, of Guelph: "I am glad to see you all, though I recognize very few. I was here in '56 and the following years, but the boys of

my time present to-day, are so changed that I do not know them, and I can easily believe that they fail to remember me. I appear before you as an exhibit, though I admit that I am not handsome. Having exhibited myself, which must have been Mr. Young's wish, I shall step down."

Mr. Young next called on Mr. Thomas Wright, son of the late Alex. Wright, of Kay street, Galt. Mr. Wright is now a professor in Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., and is one of the most eminent scholars of the Union. Prof. Wright, not being present at the moment, A. Tassie was asked to speak.

Alex Tassie, of Listowel, a nephew of the Doctor, and one of his assistants did not think it proper that he should speak at length at a Tassie demonstration. Still, Mr. Tassie felt that he was justified in saying of his distinguished relative that he was thorough, and inspired his boys with a love of books. As for the speaker, Galt was replete with precious memories, and he was happy to return.

Mr. Young—"The Rev. Jas. Strang, a valued minister of this town, was also a Trustee of the Public School, and of the Galt Grammar School. We have heard one of his sons; I now call upon another, Hugh I. Strang, Principal of the Goderich Collegiate Institute."

After confessing that the honor was unexpected, as he was to speak at the banquet on Friday night, Mr. Strang gave a neat little speech, brimming over with mirthful, yet appreciative, allusions to the old school and its history. He mentioned some of the old names. "Of those who bore them," said Mr. Strang, "many are missing. I am exceedingly glad therefore, to meet Dr. Digby. I wanted to see him most especially, for I do not think that we have met since we left school. If there's any of my crowd here, I wish he would disclose himself, for I want to shake his hand.

As to the old school, it is not so old as mine, but its grandmother, also. The Galt Grammar School sent me out, and I have sent out others. Since my arrival here, I feel so young that I shall go back to Goderich with a new lease of life and strength. This school sprang into prominence almost immediately, and it warranted its success. Your Galt press spoke of me as the oldest living Tassie boy, so I feared that I would wear a label to that effect. I learn, however, that there are two Tassie boys who were taught by the old master in Hamilton, in the forties. We are honoring Tassie, but might I not suggest that we should evince some appreciation before men die. Mr. Bryant succeeded Dr. Tassie, and Mr. Carscadden succeeded Mr. Bryant. Mr. Carscadden is still with you; tell him occasionally that you value his work. Few schools can say, with Galt, that they have had but three principals in half a century. Goderich, however, can surpass Galt in this respect. Goderich has had only three since 1844; and if the Lord spares me, we may make it a century."

The Rev. Mr. Richmond, of Knoxville, sunny Tennessee, next appeared. Of handsome presence, and in the prime of life, this Southern minister was warmly welcomed.

After expressing his delight at being present, Mr. Richmond said that he had come one thousand miles to honor Tassie, for whose memory he had the highest regard. Mr. Richmond had had some experience of college life, and he had always held Dr. Tassie up as an inspiration. "I would," said Mr. Richmond, "that while Tassie lived he could have had such a gathering as this to cheer and encourage him." The Galt School was holding its own, though not in the same sense as the man of whom Mr. Richmond told in a funny story. "We are behind you educationally, down South," remarked Mr. Rich-

mond, "but, I am pleased to say that an educational revival is now in progress. At the present in my own city, Knoxville, eighteen hundred teachers are in convention, exchanging ideas, and deriving encouragement. In regard to the Galt school, having begun so well, having laid the foundation on a broad and solid basis, great things may be expected from the new, the present regime."

Mr. Waterous, manufacturer, of Brantford, was on the list of speakers

gress and prosperity. Windsor was built on piles. Mr. Martin had often urged the people of Windsor to build as solidly as did Galt, and he would again urge this course on his return.

Mr. Young—"We have heard the Old Boys, but, so far, we have not called on the Old Girls. But, then, there are no Old Girls. To me, they are always young and beautiful."

Mr. Young—"We have heard from the American army; and we have a representative of the Canadian army



David Spiers' Residence, formerly Dr. Tassie's Residence and Boarding House.

but did not happen to be in earshot when called. So a young Old Boy of 77 faced the audience, in the person of Mr. John R. Martin, of Windsor. Born in 1825, Mr. Martin had begun his education in the '40's; Dr. Tassie was then in Hamilton. There was no danger that Dr. Tassie's name would be forgotten, either by his students, or by those who had heard of him. Mr. Martin congratulated the old school on its success, and the old town. Galt was built on a rock, and to that Mr. Martin attributed its pro-

gress and prosperity. I should like Major Tassie to come forward. Well, as he does not seem to be in sound of voice, we shall be pleased to hear from Mr. Powell, of the Inland Revenue, Guelph."

Mr. Powell, too was elsewhere, holidaying doubtless with some of the Old Boys, so Prof. Lochead, of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, took the floor. "I do not know why he should call on me," he said, "unless it is because I taught here from '89 to '94, and I have an interest in the Old

Boys—and the Old Girls. It may be that the Chairman's object was to leave a good impression. If so, he chose a handsome man. I thank you, Mr. Chairman, for asking me to speak; this is a wonderful gathering; and there is great rejoicing. As for myself, I am only a farmer now; and this, by the way, recalls to mind an evidence of Principal Carscadden's farm rearing. I called at his hotel in Toronto, when there was a vacancy on the staff here. 'Come out for a walk,' he said. I went. He saw me walk, or trot, and then said, 'You'll do'; and the farmer's boy is still principal.' Prof. Lohead wished the old school well, and the old Boys and Girls a happy re-union.

Mr. Young—"The Old Boys are yearning to kick the football, to run races, to disport themselves generally on the green."

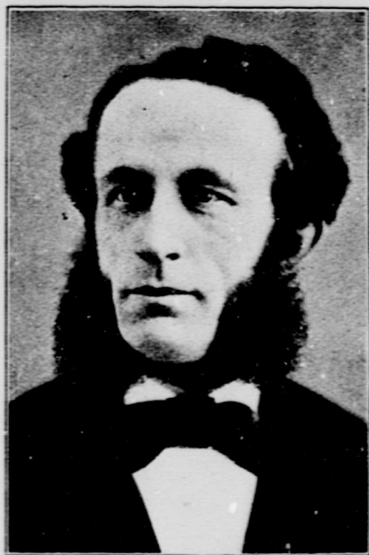
Mr. Young—"Before dispersing, however, I would ask you to give three rousing cheers for the old school." The audience responded right lustily, and then assembled along the touch lines of the football field to watch the first event of the afternoon's program of sports. This was a game of association football, played by the kickers of ancient times, wherein all rules governing the game were suspended for the time being, and each man was allowed to navigate the ball towards his enemy's goal, in a manner the most convenient, provided, of course, he did not lay his hands violently upon it.

The teams were distinguished as the Blacks and the Whites, though as the game progressed, the disparity of the color of the sweaters became less and less noticeable, and when the whistle blew at the conclusion of the game, it was a debatable question as to which side some of the Whites had belonged. The teams lined up as follows:—

Whites—Goal, W. A. Young, Galt; backs, Dr. Pollock, of Cleveland, Dr.

MacKendrick, of Galt, (capt.); half-backs, R. R. Robinson, of Galt, J. J. A. Weir, of Berlin, and T. W. Murray, of Toronto; forwards, Rev. Jos. Elliott, of Ailsa Craig, D. Buchanan, of Pittsburg, Dr. Trotter, of Hagersville, J. Y. Murdock, Jarvis, Jim Elmslie, Milwaukee.

Blacks—Goal, J. W. Williams, Galt; backs, W. W. Wilkinson and W. E. Evans, of Galt; half-backs, Rev. Mr. Williamson, Dr. Dan. Buchanan, of Galt, (capt.) John Barrett, of New York; forwards, Dr. Guy Hume, of



Geo. A. Chase, M. A.

One of Dr. Tassie's Assistants

Toronto, Chas. McTague, of New York, Thos. Kelleher, of Stratford, Dr. Washington Buchanan, of St. Catharines, L. Kennedy, Galt.

Referee—J. R. Blake, J. P.

After a very hot (for the players' personal comfort) contest, the Blacks won by a score of 2 to 0.

The various races were immediately afterwards proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—

1. 50 yards race, open to boys in

attendance at the G. G. S. before 1880—1st, J. Kay, of John Kay, Son & Co., Toronto; 2nd, Wm. Phillip, Toronto.

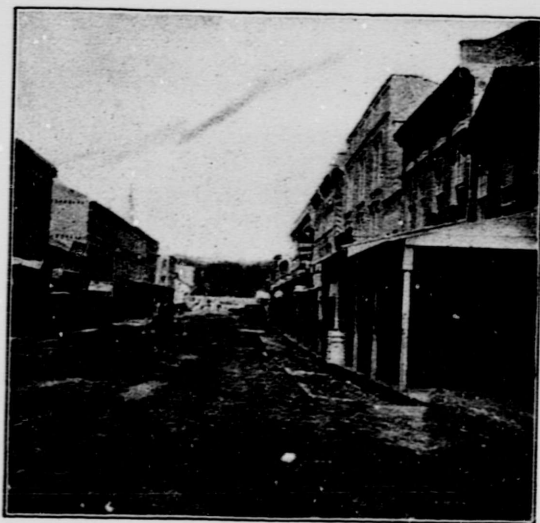
2. 50 yards race, open to boys and girls in attendance between 1880 and 1890—1st, J. R. Blake, J. P., Galt; 2nd, Dr. Charlton, Hespeler.

3. Dribbling race, open to old football players—1st, George Hancock; 2nd, J. A. Elmslie, Milwaukee.

4. Ladies' race—1st, Helen Strong; 2nd, Ethel Tovell.

Highlanders' Band. As the evening drew on, the campus became less and less the scene of activity it had been throughout the afternoon, and long before the sun had disappeared beneath the horizon, the last of the visitors had departed to prepare for the evening's entertainment.

Towards 8 o'clock, a throng of citizens and visitors began to move towards Dickson Park, where a band concert was to be given by the 48th Highlanders' Band. This feature of



Main Street some twenty years ago.

5. 50 yards race, open to Old Boys who never stole apples—1st, T. J. Hamilton, Fergus; 2nd, Peter Perry, B. A., Fergus.

There were no entries for the event, hurdle race, open to boys who were expelled from school. There were runners afloat, however, that several duly qualified candidates for this race were on the grounds during the afternoon.

The sports being ended, the remainder of the afternoon was spent in pleasant intercourse, and in enjoying the fine music provided by the 48th

the programme passed off to the enjoyment of everyone in attendance. The night was an ideal one, being warm, clear, and the moon at its full; the music of an excellent character, and the audience a most appreciative one of the programme, provided by Toronto's now celebrated military band.

#### FRIDAY, JULY 18TH—SECOND DAY.

The second day of the celebration and re-union broke dull and threatening, but ere the middle of the forenoon, evidences began to gather indicating another beautiful day. These evi-



dences did not deceive, for by noon the sun was again shining from a cloudless sky, its heat tempered by a fresh north westerly breeze, which rendered the day the most comfortable possible.

The programme for the second morning was of an informal character. Through the thoughtfulness and kindness of Dr. Davies, an organ recital was given at 10 a.m., in Knox Church. This church was very largely attended during student days.

ing out and in of heavy boots," "the frequent slamming of doors during service," "the aisles filled with people rushing home before the benediction was pronounced," "the striking up of the collection by means of boxes nailed to long sticks," the precentor, Prof. Maitland, whose tuning-fork was ever in demand "to raise the tune." Memories, too, not unmingled with sadness, crowded in their minds, recalling faces that no longer would appear in their midst, voices that no



Old Boys of the Collegiate Institute who played cricket.

Many of them were back in the pews, which they had occupied as students years ago, others of them, whose custom it had been to attend divine service in the old Knox church, which then stood upon the site of the present market square, had pleasant visions of the scenes and incidents of the sacred edifice, which they knew during their school days. Many of them would recall, as one of themselves has put it, "the old barn-like structure, on which plainness and bareness could go no farther," "the clamp-

longer would speak to them of the good old days. It was, therefore, a good thing for the Old Boys to re-join under the influences, and, to some degree, amidst the surroundings, that had marked their presence in the good old school days.

In a sonorous, magnificent fantasia, one of his original compositions Dr. Davies introduced, with infinite tenderness and sweetness, those time-honored melodies, "Auld Lang Syne" and "Home, Sweet Home."

The second number was a selection

from Wagner's "Jaunhauser" given with pleasing effect. The Intermezzo "Sylvia," and Salome's "Grand Choer" were splendidly executed.

Just before the close of the programme, Rev. R. E. Knowles, pastor of Knox Church, spoke a few words of welcome, and in eloquent language referred to the teacher whom they had gathered together to do honor to.

Themselves again as in the golden days of boyhood. Some there are upon whose brows there rests still the dew of youth, some who watch the receding shores as the distance wraps them about with charm, and some whose heads are white with the snows of many winters.

"I bid you welcome to the old town, to the old church, to the unfor-



Col. Sharp's Cadet Corps.

"I feel to-day," said Mr. Knowles, "as one who hears the chime of cathedral bells above the din and discord of earth's common strife. The tender feelings of our natures are awakened by the gentle touch of memory, and we are gathered here from every part of this broad continent to take up the past as though it were as yesterday, and to bear our-

getting hearts and firesides of those who knew you in the days of yore. It was in this church that our great master, Dr. William Tassie, worshipped for so many years. Yonder in the gallery, he sat, in placid dignity, and in the northern gallery, opposite to him, his serried ranks of scholars. It was in yonder pew that he sat, where his thoughts went par-

tially toward heaven and partially toward his earthly cares. It was in that pew that he was accustomed and very earnest to both watch and pray.

"I wish to pay my tribute to Dr. Tassie's massive memory, to his stateliness, his kindheartedness, his thoroughness, his genius of mastery, his uniform success with the characters and minds of those entrusted to his care. I speak with a greater feeling, because I was Tassie's last boarder, and his last matriculant. I was, as it were, the last to pass through his hands, not in that vivid and physical and feeling way known to so many, by an operation, which I have seen him perform hundreds of times.

"There was, yesterday, on the grounds of the old Grammar School, a man who was a Tassie boy in 1839; I went forth from him in 1886. What a span of years and a multitude of experiences are enclosed between the dates of those two boys, both of whom received the mighty impress of a man who supremely illustrated the power of personality. This was Tassie's great strength. The tone of his voice, the glance of his eye, the flavor of his individuality, all these were but the highway to his aggressive soul.

"Next to the great master, toward whom our thoughts go back to-day, we cannot doubt that they will cluster about the schoolmates of other days, who are far sundered from us now, or who have entered into their final rest. What numbers there are before me, of those who realize that the silent voice is the loudest voice, the empty chair is the fullest chair, and the absent one is the most present one. Strong and true and immortal are the friendships of schoolboy days, and a great gathering, such as this, is an eloquent witness to the divine within our natures, which cherishes the memory of absent faces, despite time and distance, and the years in ruins, and which will remember

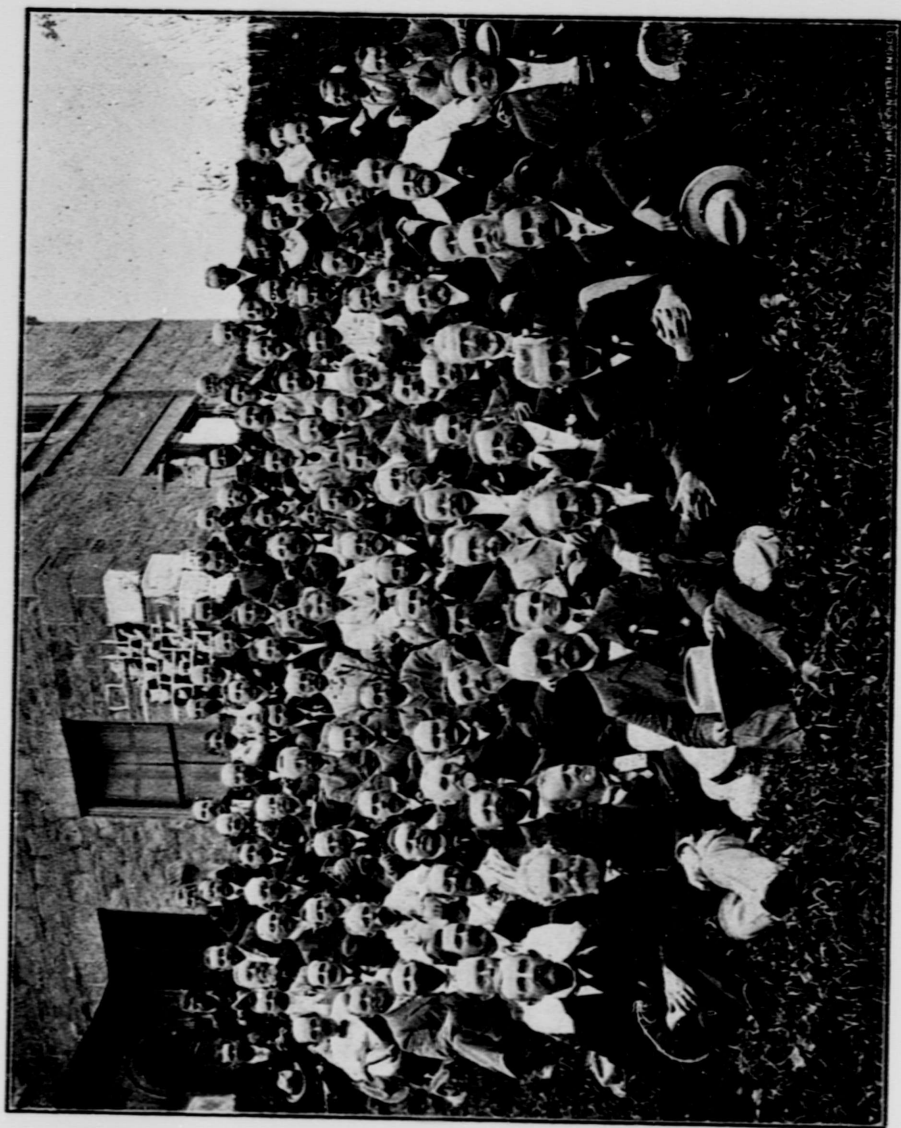
"though everlasting memory be everlasting pain." How eloquent to us was that immortal melody, but a moment since pealed forth from the majestic organ, finding its echo in a thousand hearts that hold their sacred treasures in the deathless grasp of memory:—"Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and the days o' auld lang syne." Or how many are there to whose minds recur the plaintive words of the Irish singer:

"When I remember all  
The friends, thus linked together,  
I've seen around me fall  
Like leaves in wintry weather:  
I feel like one, who treads alone,  
Some banquet hall deserted,  
Whose lights are fled and garlands  
dead,  
And all but he departed."

Or, perhaps, there are some of you sprung from the loins of English heroes, whose minds revert to words more delicate and exquisite than those already quoted:—

"And the stately ships go on  
To their haven under the hill,  
But oh, for the touch of a vanished  
hand,  
And the sound of a voice that is still!  
Break, break, break,  
At the foot of the crags, oh sea!  
But the tender grace of a day that is  
dead,  
Will never come back to me."

"And now in the name of a thousand kindred hearts of those who cannot gather with us here, in the name of all the interests that were bound up in the hallowed days of boyhood, in the name of that prophetic hope which has kept us struggling on from boyhood to youth, from youth to manhood, and from manhood into age, I wish to ask you of your welfare through all these intervening years. What struggles they have seen; what arduous conflict; what midnight



Group Picture of the Old Boys present at the Reunion.

darkness ; what fleeting joy ; what twilight triumph. Which of us has attained to our high ideals, which of us fulfilled the ambitions that are cherished in secret hope. Which of us has not learned that "joy has its moments, but sorrow has the whole of life." Someone has beautifully said, and how true we feel it now, that till the heat of middle life, the enchanted castle is ever just before us, toward which we press, with eager footsteps and expectant hearts, panting for the satisfaction that we vainly think is now within our grasp. But, lo, some morning we awaken and are dismayed to mark that the enchanted castle is now behind us, receding into the small shagows of relentless night. We have passed it in the darkness, and the ideal once cherished is now reverently laid to rest, the ambition once palpitating with high hope is now the corpse of an old time treasured purpose -- and we realize that but the same peace of mediocrity is to be ours to the end. Let it even be so. Life is not lost to us, though it has brought to us no coveted prize, no emolument of wealth, no pinnacle of fame, no delirious hour of high renown. It has surely brought to us, at least, some friends, tried and true, some worth of character, snatched from bitter and unremitting conflict, some dignity of discipline, some whiteness of robe, though much tribulation, some sympathy with weary fellow creatures, some genius to identify duty with delight, to welcome joy with calmness, and to greet sorrow with reverence, some confidence in the high resolve and purpose of God to make us better men through our environment of conflict and of care.

"We shall soon part again, and go our various ways : again upon the air there'll die the shout of boyish laughter, which our hearts have not forgotten, but have taken up so readily, now when we meet as boys again ; back to the sterner paths of duty and

of conflict must we go, but in our secret hearts we will cherish the memory of the vantage days from which we have looked back upon the forgotten days of yore. But it is better farther on ; with courage shall we face the coming days, and all that dim futurity, across which the veil is woven by the hand of mercy ; we will play our part as men, and endeavor to be worthy of the splendid traditions of the man and the school whose names we boast, striving to fulfil the poet's high injunction :—

"Build me more stately mansions, oh,  
my soul,  
While the swift seasons roll.  
Leave the low, vaulted past,  
Let each new dwelling, grander than  
the last,  
Shut thee from heaven with a dome  
more vast,  
Till thou at length art free,  
Leaving thine outgrown shell by  
Life's unresting sea."

After the recital, a number of the visitors took advantage of the facilities provided by the G., P. and H. railway, to take a flying visit to Preston Springs and Hespeler, enabling them to see the advances made by these two enterprising towns during the lapse of time since their last visit.

The event of the afternoon was the garden party, which was held on the Collegiate campus, and at which about two thousand citizens, pupils and ex-pupils were present.

Very complete arrangements had been made by the Ladies' Committee for the entertainment of their guests, and in no respect could greater success have crowned their efforts.

Everything was conducive to the enjoyment of the occasion, the weather was delightful, sweet music was furnished by the 29th Battalion band, the Reception Committee was untiring in its attendance on the wants of the guests, and the Old Boys were

again privileged to enjoy their favorite game of cricket.

The officers of the Ladies' Committee were Mrs. C. R. H. Warnock, President; Miss Blain, Secretary, and Miss Dykes, Treasurer. The Decoration Committee had at its head Mrs. J. P. Jaffray, whose fair assistants were Miss Flossie Shurly, Miss Helen

members of the Board and a large concourse of people. Mr. Hugh McCulloch, sr., trustee, selected the spot, just north of the Institute, in front of the skating rink.

Sometime previous to the hour set for the commencement of the garden party, a meeting of the Tassie Boys was held in the Collegiate, to consider



Girls' School, North St., Galt.

Strong, Miss Leslie and Miss Julia Jaffray.

At about five o'clock, at the suggestion of Dr. Soper, of Pittsburg, Pa., an elm tree was planted on the lawn by Mr. George H. White, apothecary, Jersey City, N.J., and Col. John R. Strong, lawyer, Genesee, N.Y., in memory of the Semi-Centennial. The ceremony was performed in the presence of the mem-

bers of the Board and a large concourse of people. At this meeting a resolution was also passed, that some fitting memento of Tassie should be arranged for. Several plans were suggested, such as, erecting a statue or bust, or in providing for a permanent scholarship.

After considerable discussion, it was left to the local committee to

make such arrangements as were thought desirable.

At six o'clock a meeting of the Bryant Boys was held to discuss the project of placing an oil painting of J. E. Bryant, ex-principal of the school, in the Institute. The meeting was strongly in favor of carrying out the scheme, and a strong committee was appointed to bring the project to completion. This committee consists of: Rev. John Robertson, Port Dover; Rev. Joseph Elliott, Nairn; W. G. Barnes, Green River; J. R. Blake, B. A., Galt; J. Wesley Williams, Galt; Anthony Ochs, M.D., Hespeler; W. P. Thomson, M. D., Toronto; J. E. Elmslie, Milwaukee; Miss J. Hume, Toronto; Miss S. Blain, Galt; Miss J. McIlwraith, Galt; Miss Symington, M. D., Napanee. Mr. W. E. Evans was appointed secretary, and J. N. MacKendrick, treasurer.

The committee was instructed to procure an oil painting, at a cost of not less than \$250.

### The Banquet.

The G. C. I. Semi-Centennial is an event of the past. The Tassie Old Boys' Re-union has come and gone. The closing night's magnificent banquet in the new rink was the conclusion of one of the most remarkable and memorable gatherings of the age. The event itself has deviated from the platform of the present into the corridors of the past, but it will be long before fond memory, however fugitive, shall cease to recall the red letter dates in the annals of Galt and G. C. I., July 17 and 18, 1902. The "Old Boys" and "Old Girls" returned to the old town and the old school for a brief space, and now they are gone, each to his or her place of abode, some to the confines of the American continent.

From first until last, from the opening until the close, from the inaugural on the old school campus until the

final feast, tender feeling for the old master, Tassie, appreciation of by-gone staffs, and respect for the present faculty, filled each heart.

If "verses in stone are vainly spent, and a man's good name are his monument," then Dr. William Tassie and the Galt Grammar School, now the G. C. I., will have honor until the world ceases to be, until time ends.

The new rink, the last night, was the scene of the most notable assemblage in Galt's history. The guests, the occasion, the decorations, all tended to unite the past with the present, to bridge the expanse of years, and to take one back to the days of Tassie and of Tassie's Apes, to the time of Mrs. Oates and her taffy; of Baikie and his boys, and—still further into dim recesses—of Howe, Tassie's predecessor. Then reviewing the Tassie decades, the mind, less burdened by time's relentless flight, reached a later period, when Bryant succeeded the great Tassie. The Carscadden era, may it long continue, was the last slide in the kaleidoscope of grateful remembrance. Thus, there were very few present unaffected by the banquet, the speeches, the associations and the flood of recollection that they conjured up. 'Twas a never-to-be-forgotten night, the sweet significance of which will linger long, perfumed by the fragrance of the past, by the incense that burns when the flame of sentiment ignites the lamp of memory, illuminating the corners and crannies of the long ago, and warming the cockles of the heart. Youth remains, or returns, and time's ravages are defied, for

When time, which steals our years  
away,

Shall steal our pleasures, too;  
The memory of the past will stay,  
And half our joys renew.

### THE BANQUET.

Four tiers of tables extended from

end to end, a glittering mass of linen, silver, flowers, with an Old Boy in each chair. White-haired men,—and hairless men. At the sides and in the galleries, the ladies sat, an attractive, if not an active factor in the function.

#### THE WALLS SPEAK.

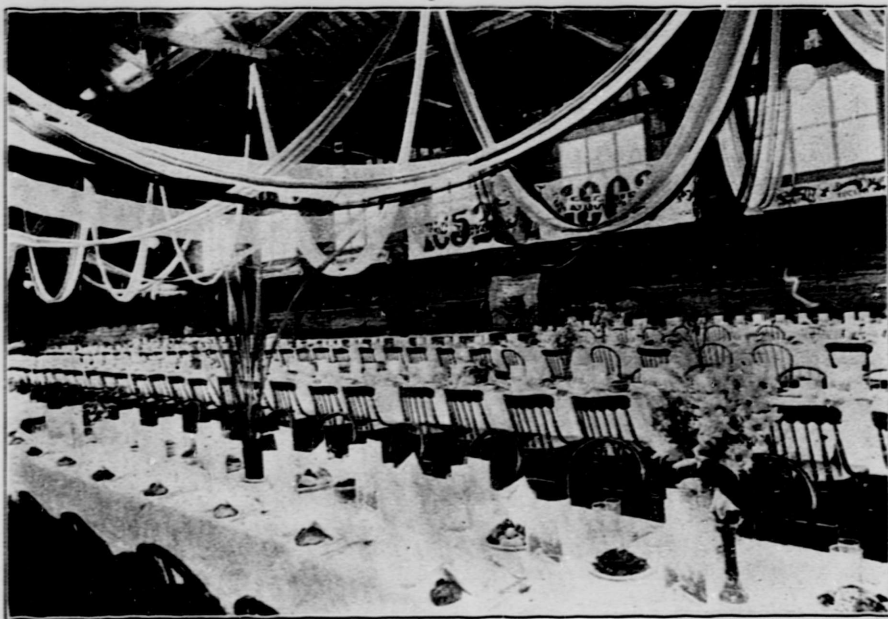
Walls may have ears, but these had voices, and thus they spoke: "Baikie Apes: oh, where are they?" "Howes'

"Rich House Boys—Captain Sharp's Men."

"Tassie Apes—Dill Apes."

#### THE GUESTS.

Table No. 1—W. G. Dakins, Toronto; W. F. Cockshutt, Brantford; Rev. Mr. Richmond, Knoxville, Tenn.; Prof. T. W. Wright, Schenectady, N. Y.; Andrew Cant, Buffalo; Ex-Ald. Hugh Cant, F. A. Scott, Wm. Willard, Galt; Dr. Walter Willard, J. C. Wil-



View of the Banquet Hall.

Veterans, Bryant's Beauts," "Dickson's Bush," with the wigwam and camp fire in the foreground. "Don't forget Goose Hollow and the donkey; the rocks are still there; Tye's Bush, alas, no more." "Disce aut discede; manet sors tertia caedi." "That football team, what's the matter with Galt?"

"1852-1902—Old Boys' Welcome."

"Carscadden's Hopefuls."

"Sabine Apes—Woodruff's Apes."

lard, Toronto Junction; Richard Willard, J. N. MacKendrick, H. M. Hunt, Jos. Wrigley, Galt; E. W. Crannell, Burlington, Vt.; Postmaster W. S. Turnbull, Rev. R. E. Knowles, Galt; F. W. Griffiths, Niagara Falls; Jas. Morris, Alliston; Wm. Cowan, Galt; John Idington, K. C., Stratford; the Hon. Jas. Young, the Rev. John Ridley, David Spiers, Galt; George H. White, Jersey City, N. J.; John W. Jones, L. L. B. Hamilton; Col. Laing

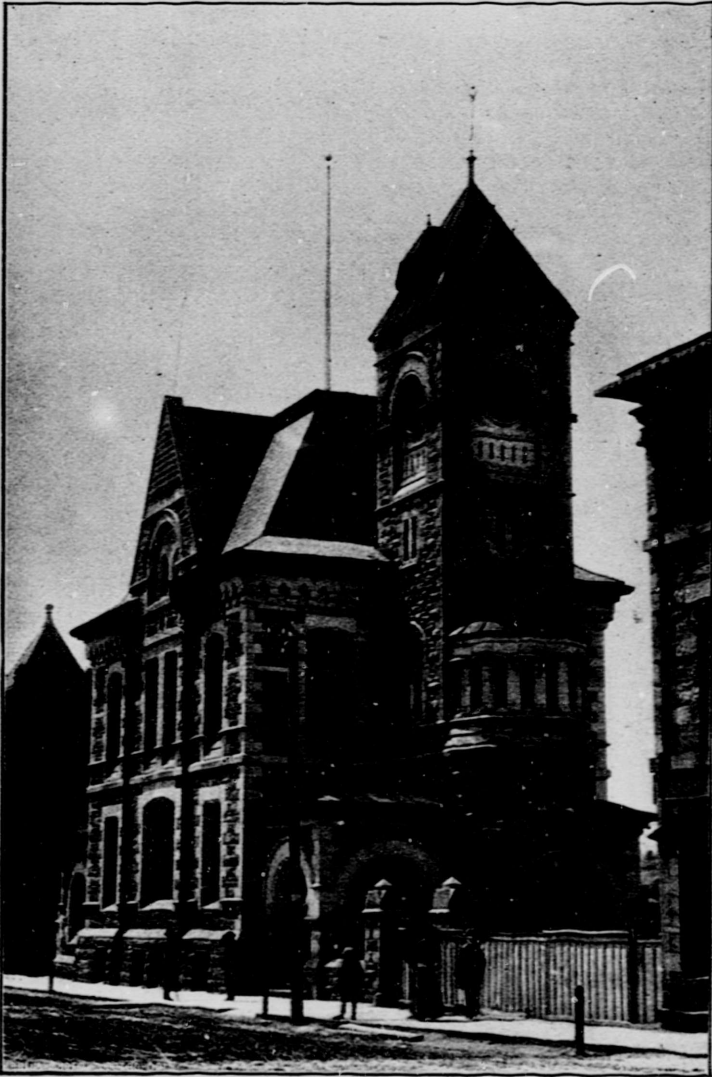


Cowan, Galt ; A. G. Elliott, Blythe ; Capt. Dixon, Toronto ; Surgeon Major Keefer, F. S. Jarvis, D. McGregor, James H. Cowan, Galt ; J. H. Landreth, Berlin ; Lester H. Weaver, Hespeler ; R. K. Mearns, Galt.

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#### AT THE LADIES' TABLE.

The following ladies were at the table reserved for the ladies :

Mrs. Brvant, wife of ex-Principal Bryant, Philadelphia ; Mrs. Carscadden, wife of Principal Carscadden ; Mrs. Gibson, wife of ex-teacher Goodwin Gibson, of Toronto ; Mrs. MacKendrick, wife of ex-teacher J. N. MacKendrick, Mrs. Brouse, Brockville, ex-Principal Girls' School, '74 ; Miss Blain, Galt ; Miss Symington, M. D., Napanee ; Mrs. Norris, Sault Ste. Marie ; Miss Gachan, Ithaca, N. Y. ; Miss Warnock, Galt ; Miss Elmslie, Galt ; Miss McCallum, Galt ; ex-pupils.

#### THE FEAST.

"Banquets and wine are suited for pleasant mirth. If you have a voice, sing ; if pliant arms, dance ; and by whatever talent you can amuse, mause"—Ovid, *Ars Amatoria*, Book I.

The menu, so eloquent of the old days, was as follows :

Mock Turtle Soup  
Tassie-Ape Consomme.

Mayonaise of Salmon.

Mill Creek Suckers.

Cucumbers with Paregoric Sauce.  
Bread and Butter Rolls.

Boarding House "Scrape."  
Roast Spring Chicken from Beverly Street Coops

Individual Jellied Tongues Ancient and Modern.

Sugar Cured Ham a la Tawse.

Roast Lamb, Mary's Pet

Green Salad from Gardens of Baikie-  
Apes.  
Potato Salad \_\_\_\_\_ Rolls and Butter.  
Berries and Cream from Hanifan's  
Cow.  
Macaroons \_\_\_\_\_ Fruit Cake.  
Lady Fingers.  
(Box from home by express.)  
Neapolitan Ice Cream, Assorted  
Cakes.  
Taffy from Mrs. Oates' Store.  
Fruits of the Season.  
(Stolen) Nuts. Raisins.  
Tea \_\_\_\_\_ Coffee \_\_\_\_\_ Lemonade  
Mammy Schmidt's Pop  
Apollinaris  
Claret Cup \_\_\_\_\_ Ginger Ale  
Friendship and Fellowship.

Flags, hands and hearts were united, shown in the decorations, in the words spoken, and in the motives that prompted them.

Webb was the caterer.

Wolstenholme's Orchestra played.

Words and music, alike, were enjoyable.

Following the dinner came the oratory.

#### HIS MAJESTY THE KING.

Hon James Young, Chairman, in toasting the King, said he would attempt no eulogy of His Majesty, but he was sure all Canadians regretted that his coronation had to be postponed in consequence of his dangerous illness and hoped for his speedy recovery. It was said of his mother, that she was a most womanly Queen and a most queenly Woman, and if King Edward followed in her footsteps, he would prove the most manly King and the most kingly Man that ever graced the British throne

"He's a king, a true king, that dares do aught, save wrong; fears nothing but to be unjust."—Marston.

His Majesty's health was drunk with acclaim, and "God Save the King" sung in joyous and voluminous unison.


#### PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

Mr. Young, from what he had read and heard, believed Col. Theodore Roosevelt was worthy to rule over the great Republic to the south of us, and we do not forget that the United States is a great kindred nation, largely of the same blood, having the same language, the same laws and the same literature. Never since the revolution of 1776 had the relations between the Republic and Great Britain been so cordial as now, and it would be fortunate for Christianity and Civilization if the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack remained for ever as lovingly intertwined as they were at the present time.

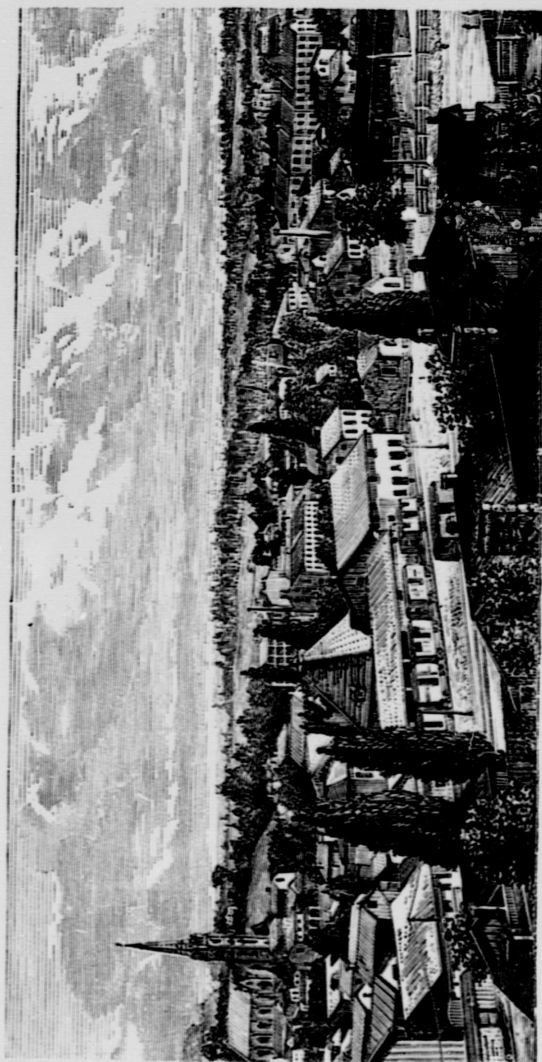
Richard Miller, of Seneca, Falls, N. Y., responded: "I wish to thank you for the honor of replying to this toast; it's one to which any American might feel proud to reply. Before I take up the toast proper, I wish to say that while I am not a Canadian, Canada is my alma mater. Thirty-five years ago under Dr. Tassie, I acquired the rudiments of my education. We have left the wreath on the grave of Tassie. We remember with fond feeling the imperial Chase, the scholarly Murray, and McRae, the Chesterfield of his day; our hearts go out to those who assisted Tassie in the work which he installed. Ladies and gentlemen, I come from a foreign state, from a foreign people, yet bound by the tenderest ties. In the United States, hitherto, our superlative of speech, in regard to warm welcome, has been 'Southern hospitality'; but, when I go back, I shall substitute 'Canadian hospitality.' And next to the United States, my own country, I shall say, 'Canada is the best.' I wish to say one word for myself, before I refer to the President. I wish to thank Galt's distinguished citizens for their kindness to us; and I desire to express my appreciation of Hon. Jas. Young's

tribute to my President. He is not unknown to me I knew him as a boy ; I know him as a refined, a cultured, a scholarly man. Again let

dent, ex-officio. He is, in a way, because of the assassin's bullet, and by the laws of his country ; but he is worthy of the office he holds. Roosevelt's politics and mine differ, but Roosevelt will win out, for he's on top. Still, as Prof George Charles would say, he is a foeman worthy of my steel. If I were in the States, and this were November, I might be roasting Roosevelt instead of toasting him, but he is all right. He took the initiative at the time of the Martinique calamity, and when King Edward was stricken down he did not wait for Congress or Cabinet, but cabled his sympathy, in which his country joined. The heart of the people is true, is strong, and it will never see our two nations divided. As far as the north lies from the south, as far as the earth is from the stars, so far is war removed from the two great English-speaking nations of the earth. There are two flags, but they are not in hostile camps — they are entwined ; and so long as they remain as they are to-night, they make for the peace of the universe, the civilization of the

globe, the mental, moral and material welfare of the whole wide world." 

Mr. Miller was cheered to the echo



Another view of Galt in the old days.

me thank the citizens who have given so much of their time and money to our entertainment. As to President Roosevelt, some say he is only Presi-

## THE OLD SCHOOL.

Mr. Young, in proposing the toast, of the evening — "The Grammar School and Collegiate Institute" — said, "What a host of sweet and sad recollections crowd upon the mind!" It was a tempting field, but he deemed it fitting on this occasion to leave its flowers to be plucked by the many distinguished old boys present, who were so well able to do it justice. He felt it his duty, however, to congratulate all concerned on the great success of this celebration. They had a grand day yesterday. They had a still grander one to-day, thanks to the old cricketers, the success of the ladies' garden party and their royal hospitality. Like good wine, their celebration grew better with age, but as he looked over the vast audience before him, he felt that its crowning success was to be found in the large and magnificent banquet at which they were then assembled. It was a grand assemblage, and the inspiring scene was rendered all the more beautiful and brilliant by the bright glances which were scintillating from all the galleries around them. In toasting the old Grammar School and Collegiate Institute, no greater honor could have been done them, than that so many of their alumni should have assembled from such long distances to celebrate the commencement of their second half century. They deserved this great honor, however, for they had done a noble work for education during the last fifty years. If they asked for proof, he would point them to the large number of distinguished and successful Old Boys gracing this banquet, and to the hundreds of others all over the continent, whose hearts were beating in unison with theirs. Some of their old fellow students had gone abroad, like Dr. John Beattie Crozier, who had won such fame in London, that some classed him with Mill, Carlisle and Spencer,

while many were in the United States, some in Newfoundland, Cuba, South America, California, Manitoba, and British Columbia. One Old Boy had written from New Mexico and another had come to Galt from the frozen peaks of the Yukon! But wherever the Committee had located Old Tassie and College Boys, their letters breathed undying attachment to Galt and the old College, and he was sure he voiced their sentiments in saying, that we heartily reciprocated their sentiments, and are proud that, with scarce any exception, they have done honor to Galt and the old College by the distinction and success which so many of them have won at home and abroad. The toast was received with ringing cheers.

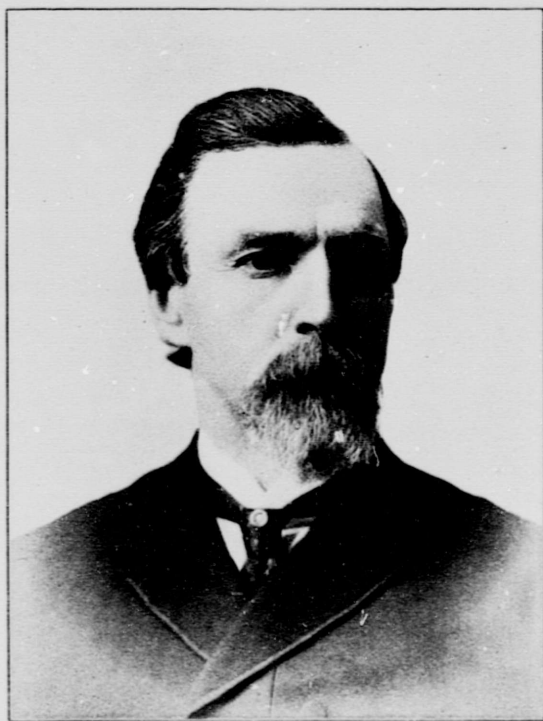
"But for a test (perhaps the best) our pupils and adherents may be distinguished instantly by person and behavior."—Aristophanes.

W. G. Eakin, of Toronto, and Dr. Kitchen, of St. George, were respondents.

Mr. Eakin, told of how Jack Cade invaded London four hundred years ago, and sentenced a man to be beheaded ten times for erecting a Grammar School. Mr. Eakin asked, "What would have happened to Tassie had that example been emulated in his time, for Tassie's Grammar School was the greatest of all Grammar Schools. The Galt school was the best by all odds, and the G. C. I. has continued its success, though limited in a residential way. This is the only occasion in my career when the flight of time has been so impressed upon me. When I remember that this is the Semi-Centennial, and that it is thirty years since I was here, I recognize that I am getting old. Some of the Old Boys have grey hair; others have no hair at all. Such thoughts are depressing, but we are here to congratulate ourselves on our connection with the school. I haven't time to enter upon the

flood of school recollections, but I seem to recognize in much of the menu, the cook whose mince pies we used to love. I wonder where she is? Is she dead? As to Tassie, his school followed in the footsteps of English schools. The latter are responsible for the national character of England, and I believe that the Galt Grammar School served the same purpose on this side of the Atlantic.

Dr Kitchen, of St. George, arose with some diffidence to respond to a toast so important, but he did it justice. He related several Tassie incidents, and paid the old master sincere and admiring tribute. "It's a pity," said Dr. Kitchen, "that we do not appreciate our great men more in life. If we could see him to-night, —and he were here—with his stately stride, his cane held by the middle,



HON. JAMES YOUNG, Chairman Celebration Committee.

Ladies and gentlemen, I desire to thank the citizens for the good time they have given me. My one thought of to-day is that is it long enough; I could wish several days in one. I am glad of the day that I came here; I am proud of my association with Tassie's school."

his hat in his hand, he would be the most astonished man possible. Tassie came here in 1853, and took charge of boys whom no one else could control. In my days, parents who could do nothing with their boys, sent them to Tassie. And I remember that Dr. Tassie once said to one boy, "Joe,

your heart is a little hell' " One of Dr. Kitchen's stories of Tassie was as follows: "W. H. Reynolds, a young lad of great promise, once said his lesson very badly. 'Give me your father's address, and I will write him,' said Tassie. Reynolds did not comply. Tassie repeated the command, and Reynolds replied, 'My father is in heaven, where you will never go.' " Dr. Kitchen's Tassie school days began 42 years ago, and his address was of peculiarly thrilling interest to the other Old Boys.

1853 The latter was a man of grand presence and a thorough gentleman. There were only about 12 scholars when he took charge, but the school increased rapidly, until it became the most popular one of the kind in the Province. He had been on the Collegiate board when Dr. Tassie was principal, and did not hesitate to say he was one of the grandest High School masters in the school we ever had in Canada. Some thought their old friend, Dr. Crozier, whom all admired, had been a little too caustic on



Entrance to the G. C. I.

A quartette, E. Hetherington, T. C. Pearse, W. A. McCutcheon and R. J. Spalding sang "Old School Chums," music arranged by Mr. T. C. Pearse.

#### PAST HEAD MASTERS.

The "Past Head Masters" was the next toast. The chairman said he recalled, quite distinctly, when the school started under Dr. Howe, of Dublin University, in 1852. He was succeeded by Dr. William Tassie, in

the worthy Doctor in his famous book, "My Inner Life," and he doubted if some of those present would have been so successful in business, law, medicine and other walks of life, if the Doctor had not tickled them up occasionally with his inspiring birch! When the Tassie regime ended, the Board of Trustees found a worthy principal in the person of Mr. John E. Bryant, who had come all the way from Philadelphia to be present. He and Mr. Carscadden introduced the



more modern High School system, and he believed the School never stood higher, nor never turned out better scholars, than it is doing at the present time.

Dr. Howe, Dr. Tassie and J. E. Bryant, M. A., were honored under this head.

"The doer of the work is gone, but still the work remains." Avid to Livia Augusta.

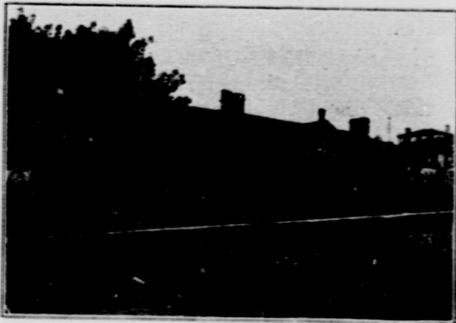
Major W. T. Tassie, of Toronto, nephew of the late Dr. Tassie, Geo. H. White, Jersey City, and John E. Bryant, of Philadelphia, responded. Major Tassie emphasized the work that the old masters had done, not for the individuals, but for the nation, for they were nation builders.

Mr. White gave a vivid description of Dr. Howe, who taught him over 50 years ago. Dr. Howe was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, and was a native of Belfast. He was a typical teacher of that age, very similar to Dr. Tassie, and the most severe disciplinarian that Mr. White had ever known. He had his faults, but he was a man of extraordinary mental capacity. He was wonderfully familiar with the classics, but, unfortunately, expected his pupils to be equally familiar. "If we weren't as apt as we might be," said Mr. White, "woe betide us, for Dr. Howe's rawhide was ever ready. He was typical of his day, but might not do now, his tawse and rawhide contributing largely to the mental stimulation of his scholars, and the same, I suppose, can be said of Dr. Tassie. Of Dr. Howe I have always wondered, in the line from 'The Deserted Village,' how one small head could carry all he knew."

John E. Bryant, of Philadelphia, Dr. Tassie's successor, was enthusiastically received. "I offer for myself and my old pupils," Mr. Bryant said, "my sincere thanks to the people of Galt and to the committee for this opportunity of returning to the old town and the old school, once so dear and

familiar to us. But you have been rewarded, for the Re-union has been a most felicitously devised affair, with a felicitous conclusion in the form of a banquet. The Galt school is one of which the whole country is proud. I say to you, try to maintain the old traditions of your school; and I hope that you will keep the beacon light of education and intelligence burning as brightly in the future as in the present and past."

J. N. MacKendrick—"Some ask, what is Mr. Bryant doing to-day? His hearing failed, and he retired from teaching. He is now managing edi-



The house in which Dr. Beattie Crozier was born. tor and treasurer of the Book Lovers' Library, Philadelphia.

Miss Warnock sang and was encouraged. Mr. R. S. Strong moved her a vote of thanks, which met with general approval.

#### CHAIRMAN'S CONGRATULATIONS.

The chairman, the Hon Jas. Young, tendered his congratulations on the great success of the celebration. "We had a grand day yesterday," he said, "and we had a grander one to-day, thanks to the old cricketers, and, especially, to the royal hospitality extended to us by the ladies."

#### THE GIRLS, TEACHERS AND TAUGHT.

"Woman seldom does things by halves, but often by doubles."

W. J. Millican proposed this toast. "We had little opportunity to culti-

vate the subject under Tassie, but most of us, I doubt not, have improved the time since then."

The "Old Boys" toasted "the girls" with much enthusiasm, and sang "For they are Jolly Good Fellows."

Miss Symington, M.D., responded. She recalled Dr. Tassie's opposition to girls, but the latter were tolerated eventually; and the tendency was broadening. There was a time when no woman was allowed at a banquet, but the time would come when they would be allowed even fuller rights. The university was open to them, and woman's sphere would expand still more. Miss Symington was one of the pioneer girls taught by Tassie in a little branch school here, dedicated to young ladies.

Miss McCallum gave two recitations, one a Habitant gem, by Drummond. The audience was delighted.

#### "CANADA."

This was proposed by Major Keefer.

W. E. Cockshutt, Brantford's noted orator, excelled himself. In giving Canada's boundaries, he borrowed an American's reference to the United States. "This country," said Sam, "is bounded on the south by the Antarctic circle; on the west by the setting sun; on the north by the Aurora-Borealis; on the east by the Day of Judgment." These are the boundaries of the U. S., and we are bigger than they. So much for territory, but territory doesn't make a country. It's the men, and when I say men, I embrace the ladies." Mr. Cockshutt was reminded of Dr. Tassie's refusal to allow any pupil who made a mistake in English literature to go back to correct it. Tassie's maxim was, do not retrace your steps, go on and profit by the mistakes of the past. Mr. Cockshutt admired the man and his motto.

William McIlroy sang "Heroes and Gentlemen." The rendition evoked favorable comment.

#### G. C. I. BOARD AND STAFF.

The Rev. W. G. Wallace, Toronto, proposed the toast. He took pride in the fact that the Galt Grammar School in its prime had but one rival, Upper Canada College, and that while the latter had its Oxford and Cambridge graduates, Dr. Tassie held his own. Conditions and times had changed, but the G. C. I. of to-day was keeping up the reputation of the old school.

David Spiers, Chairman of the G. C. I. Board, and A. De Guerre, B.A., of the faculty, responded.

Mr. Spiers did homage to Dr. Tassie, who was his intimate friend; and Mr. Spiers thought that the present Board and staff were living up to the name and fame of Tassie's time.

Mr. De Guerre eulogized the G. C. I. Board, which had always been composed of able and competent men. In referring to the staff, he said that a lady had been added, a successful innovation.

Master Foy, boy soprano, sang, "The Holy City," and was obliged to reappear.

#### SISTER INSTITUTIONS.

Principal Carscadden, of the G. C. I., was the proposer. Principal Hugh I. Strang, of the Goderich Collegiate Institute, replied. There were 132 Collegiates and High Schools in Ontario, and the 131 congratulated the G. C. I., and all of the 132 were of equal merit. Mr. Strang, in closing, hoped that he would leave behind him such an enduring name as had his own father, for 25 years a Galt minister. Mr. Strang was one of the oldest Tassie boys, and he did not forget what he owed his early preceptor.

#### GALT, PAST AND PRESENT.

John Idington, K. C., proposed the toast.

Ald. Hayhurst responded, laying stress on Galt's educational and manufacturing fame.

## "THE OLD BOYS,"

It was now morning, but Mr. Knowles held the closest attention. Mr. Knowles was one of Mr. Tassie's last pupils, and he pronounced a beautiful panegyric on "Canada's Dr. Arnold." Speaking of the two countries represented, Canada and the United States, he said, "There is no line between us, we revere friendship, and, as the clock strikes the hour of parting, we drink a toast to the silent years, which fail to kill the chivalry which lives in the Star Spangled Banner and Union Jack." Tassie had not lived in vain, was Mr. Knowles' opinion.

A. Lee, Toronto, C. H. Waterous, Brantford, Mr. Powell, Guelph, W. Higginbotham, Philadelphia, W. K. George, Toronto, and other Old Boys spoke to the toast, and from the heart.

## THE G. C. I. RE-UNION.

From far and from near they are meeting to-day,

Renewing the acquaintance of youth,  
Some slower in step and dimmer in eye,  
And the heart beating feeble, forsooth;  
It's the "Old Boys," they say, but youth  
you'll find there,

And the halcyon days of prime,  
So strong was their love they were drawn  
by its tie.

Unloosed in the march of time.

They meet not again on the fall of this earth.

Those hearts so noble and true,  
Who learned in our school and played on  
its sward,

Ere the lessons of life they knew.

There recounting the scenes and the joys  
of their youth

And passing through each anew,  
With a shake of the hand they are greet-  
ing again

The friends that ever were true.

—DR. HARBOTTLE, '59.

## Appropriate Auspices.

Those who had charge of the affair were :

Chairman—Hon. James Young.

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His Worship, Mayor Hawk.

Rev. J. L. Smith, M. A., D. D., ex-Chairman of Board of Trustees.

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Adam Warnock, ex-Trustee.

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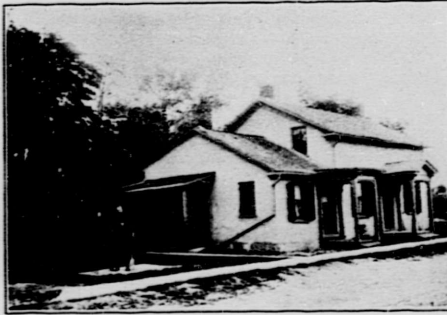
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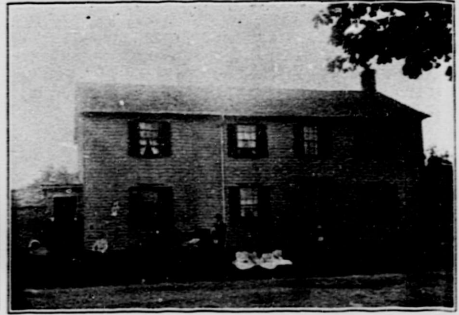
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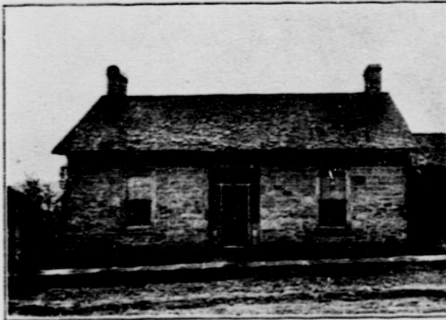
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