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THE PRINCE OF WALES AND THE MEDICAL MEN

(The Manchester Guardian)
The Prince of Wales was in a specially happy vein this evening when replying to the toast of his health proposed by Lord Dawson of Penn. who presided at the 156th anniversary dinner of the Medical Society of London at the Hyde Park Hotel.

Lord Dawson made a felicitous allusion to the days of the King's Evil humorously contrasting the remedies of the royal touch with the severer methods of the healing art in early times. "Fourteen doctors," he exclaimed, "by the bedside of Charles II! You can have too much of a good thing. (Laughter.) The result was inevitable. (Laughter.)

The Royal touch, he said still lived. It was the human touch—at the service alike of the individual and the body politic. It was the genius for joy and friendship. (Cheers.)

The Prince of Wales, acknowledging the toast of his health, said:

It is a common boast of members of the medical profession that they practise the oldest science known to man. I do not think there can be any doubt about it—it is almost impossible to imagine an age so fortunate as to need no doctors. I except the only reason why there were no doctors in the Garden of Eden was that Eve obviously knew the familiar prescription. "An apple a day keeps the doctor away." I am half afraid that if I speak lightly of the medical profession the members of this Society may retaliate at the end of the evening by drawing up some terrifying diagnosis which will keep me in bed for the rest of the summer.

However, I am not seriously alarmed. As one who has had a long experience of the kindness of heart characteristic of members of your profession, I should be ungenerous if I did not feel thoroughly at home in such a company as this. Nobody who has had as much to do with hospitals military and civil, as I have can have failed to discover that there is something about the art of healing which has a particularly good effect on those who practice it, whether he is in a regimental mess or a ship's ward room, whether he is a hospital man

or a general practitioner, the doctor is always a man of many friends. And talking of the G. P. I. should like, in passing to pay him a special tribute. On him, in the long run, the health and well-being of the community depend, and in his hands to a great extent is the honor of your profession as a whole.

The Prince Nonplussed

Medical research is valueless to humanity unless humanity can benefit practically by it; brilliant doctors like Lister would labor in vain unless there was some medium through which the fruits of their labor could be broadcasted, so to speak to the great mass of the sick and the suffering among the community. The hospitals are such a medium. They are at once the universities and the workshops of medical science—the centres to which come both the doctor to get further technical knowledge and the patient to get his share of its practical application. Without the hospitals medical science would be, comparatively speaking, a barren thing.

Welcoming three distinguished physicians from the United States, the Prince unwittingly raised the heartiest and largest outburst of laughter of the evening. "A country," he said, "to which we owe a great deal." A little nonplussed for a moment by the roar of laughter, the Prince smilingly joined in the joke, remarking with simulated severity at the end of it:—"We are talking about medicine, not about money." (Cheers and laughter.) Being a fellow-guest with the visitors from America he could not, he explained, welcome them to that gathering, "but as a sincere friend of America I welcome them to our country." (Cheers.)

"A few years ago," said Mr. Lloyd George, proposing "Medicine," "it would have been with fear and trepidation that I would have ventured to address a gathering of medical men." (Laughter.) But he spoke now with more confidence in coupling the toast with one of its most distinguished representatives—Lord Dawson. (Cheers.) He laid stress on the importance of giving attention to the housing of the people.

WIDOW NOLEN, HARVARD MAN'S FRIEND, DIED LAST WEEK

(Boston Globe.)

Full many a parchment framed upon the wall
The children think, was won by father's deeds
And midnight oil, and brain-work.
Not at all!

Father was one of Widow Nolen's weeds.

"Widow Nolen" died Tuesday after two years suffering from illness.

"Widow Nolen" it is fair to say had taken more college degrees than any other man who ever lived. It is just as true to say that he had entered as many boys in Harvard as any prep school in the country. Yet for himself his modest AB and his AM won in two years of work in biology have sufficed.

A whole generation of Harvard students knew him as "the Widow" or "Widow Nolen". The origin of the title is not known, though a dozen alleged derivations have been given. Thirty years ago a few students called him "Biddy" Nolan; they thought that Biddy was a carry-over from their days in the lowest grammar grades, when every woman teacher was known as "Biddy".

Few knew his real name which was William Whiting Nolen. He was a Philadelphian and was born July 16, 1860, the son of Charles Willard and Abigail Williams (Whiting)

Nolen. He showed as a boy a studious intent and an ability which after going through the Central High School of Philadelphia, won him a "summa cum laude" degree from Harvard in 1884.

Upon his graduation he became an assistant in biology at Harvard while working for his master's degree which was conferred in 1886.

By this time he had already conceived the germ of the idea which grew into his life work. He had begun to give what were known as "seminars" tabloid views of the work in various popular courses in the college curriculum.

These "seminars" which consisted of lectures for two or three days immediately preceding midyear or final examinations aimed to coach students who had neglected or forgotten their work so that they could pass examination.

At the beginning they were felt to amount of cheating. It soon became obvious however that such seminars had a perfectly proper and ethical place in the scheme of things and they were given openly and without objection from the college authorities. Mr. Nolen used to buy the notes in various courses from students who took them fully. He had rooms at Massachusetts av. just opposite Boylston Hall. And his idea prospered amazingly.

It grew until lately his school occupied the time in whole or in part of 52 instructors and gives instructions every year to 450 students. It has almost entirely changed its character, however instead of consisting of seminars to undergraduates who are behind in their work, it has become also a real preparatory school where boys go who for any reason feel insufficiently prepared to tackle the entrance examinations.

Mr. Nolen's death occurred early Tuesday morning in Little Hall, Cambridge. Funeral services will be held on Friday at 3 p.m. in Christ Church, Cambridge. Burial will be on his private estate near Forest Hills.

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