



HAROLD CLARK, D.D.S. 1862-1943

Born in Newtonbrook, Ontario, in 1862. His father, of United Empire Loyalist Stock, was brought up on a pioneer farm in Prescott County, Ontario, and his mother came from the north of Ireland.

He came to Toronto in 1876 and got work in the old Globe newspaper office. After two years here, he returned to school, and won two scholarships at Ryerson School: one for 2 years tuition at Jarvis Collegiate Institute, Toronto, the other for 2 years at the Toronto School of Art. He gave up his art studies and got his matriculation and teachers certificate. In 1881, he secured a license to teach from the County Model School, at Yorkville, now the Jesse Ketchum School. Became master of the old Davenport Public School. While teaching, he received, in 1883, his first class certificate from the Toronto Normal School. Then he became master of the Public School at Brockton, and in 1885 became Assistant Master of the Wellesley Public School, then master of the George St. School, and finally Duke St. School.

Before leaving Brockton School, he became interested in medicine, and commenced his course at the Toronto Medical School. He turned to Dentistry before he finished this course, and graduated from the Royal College of Dental Surgeons in 1893.

Upon graduation, he accepted the position of Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics in the School of Dentistry, Royal College of Dental Surgeons. - a post he held until 1908.

He was associated with the late Dr. R. G. McLaughlin in promoting the Dentists Legal Protective Association of Ontario, and was its President for many years.

Was made a life member of the Toronto Academy of Dentistry in 1934.

Was an honorary member of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons and had represented his colleagues on the Board of Governors of the Ontario Dental Society, the Toronto Dental Society and the Toronto Academy of Dentistry.

He was a charter member of the Canadian Club of Toronto.

He assisted Dr. Vagt in organizing the Mendelssohn Choir in Toronto in, 1894, acted as secretary for a while and was for 25 years Vice-President of the Organization. He was also a member of the Toronto Choral Society and the Haslem Vocal Society.

Was a member of: the Royal Canadian Institute, and on its council for some years; the University of Toronto Senate; the Toronto Canoe Club; the Empire Club of Canada, and on its executive for a number of years

He retired from practice in 1939, after 46 years as a dentist.

His hobbies were: a library of over 3,000 volumes, furniture building, and photography.