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## The Convention.

We heartily congratulate the Ontario Deaf Mute Association on the very decided success of their convention, it being the unanimous opinion of all present that it was the most pleasant and interesting ever yet held. This gratifying result was no doubt largely due to the fact that it was held at the Institution, which is an ideal place for such a gathering. When held in a city thousands of attendances are all together only while assembled at the various sessions. Here, on the contrary, they were all living in the same building and were thus constantly associated not only during, but also between the sessions, and they thus had ample opportunity for renewing old acquaintances and for making new friendships. Then, again, a large proportion of the members of the Association are graduates of the Institution and it is always a great pleasure for them to see the old school again, to live over in memory the events of the past, and to recall the trials endured and the triumphs achieved in classroom and on campus, and that the Institution occupies a warm place in the affections of the old pupils was evidenced by the demonstrations of genuine delight with which they once again traversed its halls and visited the familiar scenes of their school days. No less gratifying was it to witness the heartiness of the greetings between the old pupils and the officers and teachers of the Institution, thus giving evidence that the pupils recognized in them their truest friends and that the relations of teachers and pupils had been of the most pleasant and harmonious character. Altogether the Convention was a most delightful one in every respect and will no doubt be regarded as a red letter day in the lives of all present. Nor can we neglect to once more express our gratification at the character and appearance of the members of the Association; and we confidently assert that in point of respectability, intelligence and demeanour they were equal to those composing any other gathering ever assembled in Belleville; and that every member present was earning a good livelihood and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his friends and neighbors, is ample evidence to the value of the instruction and training given at the Institution, as well as to the industry, aptitude and high moral character of the deaf themselves.

## ONTARIO DEAF-MUTE ASSOCIATION.

The Seventh Convention, held at the Institution.

ANOTHER HAPPY REUNION AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING. MRS. MATHISON'S HEARTY WELCOME TO THE DELEGATES. RACES, GAMES, ETC., ETC.

The Seventh Biennial Convention of the Ontario Deaf Mute Association was held in the Institution on June 16th to 19th. The attendance was very large—perhaps the largest in the history of the association, there being over 200 present. Superintendent Mathison and Miss Walker had made ample provision for the comfort and welfare of their guests and had given tangible expression to the heartiness of their welcome by the beautiful and elaborate decorations throughout the building. In the main halls and dining room hundreds of flags and banners were suspended from ceilings and walls, while the assembly room was transformed into a bower of beauty by the profusion of tastefully arranged flags and bunting and drapery, the piece de resistance being a portrait of Superintendent Mathison surmounted by a coat of arms arranged amid beautiful festoons of drapery and bunting.



R. Mathison, Sup't. Inst. Pres.

The following are the names of those present.—

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Young, J., Madoc.  
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### SATURDAY EVENING.

The first session was held on Saturday evening and was devoted chiefly to addresses of welcome and responses thereto. The president of the association, Mr. A. C. Smith, of Stratford, was unable to be present owing to illness, and the chair was occupied most acceptably by Mr. P. Fraser, of Toronto, the vice-president of the association. Prof. Coleman opened the proceedings with prayer, after which the minutes of the last convention were read by the secretary, Mr. Nurse. Then followed a scene appropriate to these times of patriotic ardor. Mrs. Moore, of Toronto, attired to represent the Queen, accompanied by her little son in khaki uniform, ascended the platform followed by Miss Ethel Irvine, of Belleville, and Misses Elliott, O'Neil, Ballagh and Munro, of Toronto, who recited most gracefully in signs, "God Save the Queen." The young ladies were all dressed in flowing white robes trimmed with the national colors, and each one carried a small flag, which she waved enthusiastically at the close, the whole effect being very pretty and inspiring. Superintendent Mathison then gave a brief address of welcome couched in most felicitous terms and breathing that spirit of devotion to the deaf and solicitude for their welfare which has characterized his twenty years of faithful service in the position which he has so ably filled; and that the deaf fully appreciate his efforts and regard him with feelings of warmest affection and esteem was demonstrated by the hearty reception accorded him. He extended to each and everyone a most cordial and wholehearted welcome to the institution, and he was happy to see so many present. He was glad to

see so many deaf friends present, and those also he heartily welcomed. Men and women present, married and with families, for him to recognize the girls who came to the Institution years ago, and who passed various grades and then came to the world to take their place, scarcely any exceptions made a credit to themselves, to the and to the institution, and respect and confidence of the in which they lived. He wanted to know that the deaf were honest, industrious men, earning their own living by standing upon their merits and adding their afflictions or sympathy or special consideration of their deafness. At the they had always tried to that of independence and self-reliance, and he was glad to see evidence of the value and of the instruction they had hoped they would all receive and pleasure from the course, knowing that they all would visit the old school again, brought the matter before the ment, and by the courtesy of Stratton, at his request, was supported by Dr. Chamberlain were permitted to meet here, they lived isolated and for various parts of the country would greatly enjoy spending here in their old school, and intercourse with those with whom they could converse freely in their own language. He himself and other and teachers were present to show sympathy and good will, but not intend to interfere in the proceedings. The convention of the deaf and they were to themselves in their own way, were quite as capable of doing as people, and he hoped they would both profit and pleasure from being together. Everything was done to enhance their enjoyment to make them feel at home. On behalf of himself and of all with the Institution, he had the most hearty welcome, and hoped they left for their homes they would feel the better for having been here, and would carry away pleasant recollections of all the officers and teachers of the Institution.



P. Fraser, President.

Mr. Fraser, of Toronto, responded to the address of welcome. On behalf of the deaf assembled there from all parts of the Province, he thanked Mr. Mathison for his kind and cordial greeting, and was a pleasure to them all to see Mr. Mathison, whose sign name was recognized by every educated deaf person in the Province. His kind and genial welcome they knew came from his heart, and they had grown up under his care, and he had left upon their memories a strong and deep impression of his friendship. The recollection that they had tried away in their minds when they were at school was not that of a stern taskmaster, but of the father of a great family wisely and kindly, and one whom they were glad to meet more. Most of them were once there, now they were men and women, and they met that day with feelings of gladness and delight. To them the school in which they were taught was much more than the schools of the children are to them. To the deaf the old school is the true home of their minds, where their understanding was first born into light and freedom, the first page of an old book in which was shown one of the first signs of the alphabet invented for the deaf was a bird and suggestive engraving. On the left is shown the picture of an imprisoned bird set free, and on the other is a pedicled lip unfettered. These are good symbols of what had been done for them there, when their imprisoned minds were set free and their power of expression unlocked. He hoped Mr. Mathison and all associated with him in the work of the Institution would meet