

which the people of the United States, especially the young and vigorous western states, respond to the claims of education and philanthropy.

About 100 delegates were assembled in convention, including representatives of every institution in the United States, excepting Kentucky, Tennessee and Texas,—the extremes of the continent east and west (Halifax, N. S. and San Francisco) being both represented, the delegates from these widely distant points, singularly enough, arriving by the same train, and meeting for the first time in the office of the Bates' House in Indianapolis. The Hon. J. W. Longmuir, Inspector of Asylums, &c., for the Province of Ontario, and the undersigned, were the only representatives from the British Provinces—the latter having the honor, or the misfortune—whichever it may be regarded—of being the only Teacher of the Deaf and Dumb in the Convention, from the Dominion.

I had the pleasure of meeting and hearing many of the most eminent members of the profession, some of whom, as the venerable HARVEY P. PEET, L. L. D., of New York—the Nestor of the profession—and the Revd. COLLINS STONE, A. M., of Hartford, the scholarly and courteous President of the Convention,\* have grown grey in the cause of deaf mute education. Since last convention several of the oldest instructors had been called away after forty or fifty years of faithful labour. LAURENT CLERC, the pupil of SICARD, and the friend and coadjutor of the revered GALLAUDET, the founder of the American system, J. A. JACOBS, of Kentucky, A. B. HUTTON, of Philadelphia, and my own father. Suitable memorials of these worthies were embodied in the proceedings of the convention. The following is a copy of the

#### **"OBITUARY NOTICE OF GEORGE HUTTON."**

"British America presents a fourth name to add to our record, that of Mr George Hutton. This eminent philanthropist and sincere christian was born in Perth, Scotland, January 4, 1801, and died at Halifax, Nova-Scotia, February 24, 1870, at the age of 69. His history recalls the essays of those benevolent early laborers in the field of deaf mute instruction, whose memory we revere as the founders of our art. Half a century ago, when there were but two or three schools for the deaf and dumb in Great Britain, and the Braidwood family were endeavouring to maintain a monopoly of the art, Mr. Hutton, a young assistant in a Scottish parochial school, had his sympathies enlisted by their utterly destitute condition, in respect to intellectual, moral, and especially religious instruction of some deaf mutes in his vicinity. Denied access to the only existing school in Scotland, and thus thrown entirely on his own resources, he carved out a path for himself, carrying on, under extraordinary difficulties and disadvantages, the instruction

\*I have just heard with feelings of the deepest regret, that this accomplished and faithful benefactor of the deaf and dumb has been suddenly lost to the cause of which he was an illustrious ornament, by being thrown from his carriage and killed, while driving across the railway track, in advance of an approaching train.

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