

# ONTARIO DEAF-MUTE ASSOCIATION.

The Sixth Convention, held at  
Grimby Park.

THE LARGEST ATTENDING IN THE HISTORY  
OF THE ASSOCIATION. FOUR DAYS OF  
GENUINE ENJOYMENT. TASTING CHAMPAGNE  
TALKS OF CANADA FOR THE  
PHYSICAL, SOCIAL, INTELLECTUAL  
AND SPIRITUAL  
ADVANCEMENT OF  
THE DEAF.



The Sixth Biennial Convention of the Ontario Association of the Deaf was held at Grimby Park on the 16th to the 19th of June, when a most pleasant and profitable time was spent. The names of those present were:

### OFFICERS.

President D. Bayne, Merivale.  
1st Vice-President A. S. Waggoner, Hamilton  
2nd " A. W. Mason, Toronto.  
Secretary William Nurse, Belleville.  
Treasurer D. J. McKillop.  
Interpreters D. B. Coleman, W. J. Campbell.

Honorary Members: Mr and Mrs. H. Mathison, Miss I. M. Walker, Mr. G. F. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ballis, Bellefleur; Mr and Mrs. J. D. Naamith, Miss A. Fraser, Mr and Mrs. Ford, Miss Adams, Mr. A. McIntosh, Mr. F. Moore, Toronto; Rev. Dr. Burns, Mrs. Herro, Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. Baillie, Ingersoll; Mr. Wm Sutton, Simcoe; Mrs. A. Barton, Langton; Mrs. J. W. Hillton, Niagara Falls; Mr. P. H. St. Catharines; Miss M. Bull, Berlin; Miss A. Jones, St. Thomas; Mrs. Randall, Paris.

Avarell, Samuel, Newton Robinson  
Allan, Percy, Toronto.  
Ball, Miss M., Windsor.  
Bridgford, George, Dundas.  
Barton, Mr. and Mrs. A., Langton.  
Ballish, Miss W., Toronto.  
Blood, D., Thamesville.  
Northwick, Miss M., Ottawa.  
Bradshaw, Mr. and Mrs. H., Toronto.  
Brathwaite, J. A.  
Brown, H., Ancaster.  
Brookbank, H., Hamilton.  
Cunningham, Miss S., Oakville.  
Clench, W. H., Kingston.  
Campbell, Archibald, Strathroy.  
Cowan, A. H., London.  
Connelly, Miss I., Windsor.  
Campbell, Miss M., Toronto.  
Clark, A., Aurora.  
Douglas, George, Oronoquia.  
Darnley, James, Toronto.  
Bellefleur, Miss A., Toronto.  
Elliott, Charles.  
Elliott, Miss Laura.  
Elliott, Miss E.  
Fraser, Mr and Mrs. P.  
Flynn, John.  
Foulds, Miss S., Brantford.  
Fisher, John F., Dundas.  
Fretz, Miss H., Grimby.  
Gray, Alfred, Metcalf.  
Gould, W. H., London.  
Gee, Mrs. J. W., Dundas.  
Goodbrand, James, Brantford.  
Gustlin, Mrs. G. W., Mount Forest.  
Grant, H., Hamilton.  
Gates, J., Toronto.  
Gottlieb, Mr. and Mrs. H., Hamilton.  
Gardiner, Miss F., Berlin.  
Gillan, C., Grimby.  
Golds, Mr. and Mrs. Charles, Hamilton.  
Gray, Wm., Toronto.  
Gray, Violet.  
Hollon, Charles, Belleville.  
Hackbusch, E., Hamilton.  
Henderson, Jonathan, Fallowville.  
Harris, Frank E., Simcoe.  
Haines, Miss M., West Hambrs.  
Hambly, Mr. and Mrs. D., Nibleton.  
Hill, Thomas, Toronto.  
Hilster, John, Toronto.  
James, Miss J. A., Ottawa.  
Jefferson, G. F., Toronto.  
Jamieson, Miss E., Ottawa.  
Jaffray, A. H., Toronto.  
Johnson, Thomas, Belgrave.  
Lafferty, Miss M., Windsor.  
Lewis, A., Niagara.  
Luddy, David, Perth.  
Leslie, Ed., Listowel.  
Mason, A. W., Toronto.  
Mortimer, H., Hamilton.  
Mason, Mr. and Mrs. H., Toronto.  
Middleton, Thomas, Horning's Mills.  
Munro, Miss J., Toronto.  
Mathieson, Miss A., Kaminaka.  
Moore, Mr. and Mrs. H., Toronto.  
Murdock, Wm., Halton.  
Moshier, J., Hamilton.  
McMillan, N., Toronto.  
McCornick, A., Charing Cross.  
McKenzie, R., Kincardine.  
McKenzie, R., Newbury.  
McIntyre, Miss R., London.  
McClelland, Mr. and Mrs., Ottawa.  
McKenzie, R. N., Newburgh.  
McMillan, Miss M., Purpleville.  
McPherson, H., Hamilton.  
McKay, Wm., Woodstock.  
McCullough, Miss E., Toronto.  
McLain, M., Cambridge.  
McIntyre, Miss F., Toronto.  
Noyes, Thomas, DeWick.  
Noyes, Andrew.  
Noyes, John.  
Nounan, M., Perth.  
O'Rourke, Wm., Toronto.  
O'Neil, Mary.  
Pattin, S., Stoney Creek.  
Pugsley, Samuel, Charming Cross.  
Pincoules, Mr. and Mrs. John, Poplar Hill.  
Pincoules, Richard.  
Pincoules, Mrs.  
Pike, W. H., Thamesville.  
Patrick, John, Perth.  
Pekard, Ed., Toronto.  
Roberts, Herbert, Jarvis.  
Reeves, George, Lindsay.  
Hibble, Mr. and Mrs. H., Toronto.  
Randall, Robert, Paris.  
Robinson, Miss I., Boleaygon.  
Ryan, Charles, W. Stock.  
Sutton, Mrs. W., Simcoe.  
Staley, Cou. J., Stoney Creek.  
Summers, Wm., Wilkes.

Shepherd, A. F., Toronto.  
Shilton, John, Niagara Falls.  
Scrimgeour, H. M., Sarala.  
Smith, Arch, Brantford.  
Spinks, F., Blackstock.  
Slater, R. C., Toronto.  
Smith, A. F., Brantford.  
Simmons, M., New Durham.  
Sutton, E., Brantford.  
Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. L., Toronto.  
Swanson, A., Belleville.  
Smith, Charles, Toronto.  
Thomas, R. H., Oakville.  
Tuttrell, D., Florence.  
Thompson, Wm., Hamilton.  
Thompson, Wm. M., Thamesville.  
Terrell, Mrs. W., Toronto.  
Terrell, Fred.  
Terrell, H.  
Terrell, John.  
Times, Wm., Hamilton.  
Thomas, B. M., Toronto.  
Wark, W., Sarala.  
White, Ed., Charing Cross.  
Wheeler, Mr and Mrs. F., St. Catharines.  
Wilson, Mrs. C., Toronto.  
White, Henry.  
Waters, Miss M.  
Zinger, Miss E., Berlin.



R. Mathison, M. A. Sec'y.

The first session was held on Thursday evening, the President, Mr. D. Bayne, of Merivale, in the chair. Prof. Jas. C. Ballis of the Belleville Institution, opened with prayer, after which the President gave his opening address. He expressed his pleasure at meeting them all again and emphasized the advantages to be derived from such a Convention. Many of them felt the lack of social intercourse since they had left school and it was to make up for this and to give the deaf an opportunity of meeting together that prompted the founding of the Association. In addition, it was helpful for them to have an interchange of views and experiences, as thereby they were mutually encouraged and assisted. He hoped that their meeting would be a most pleasant one to all present.

The minutes of the last Convention were then read by the Secretary, and approved, after which the Treasurer, Mr. D. J. McKillop, presented his report, which was adopted. It showed a great improvement in the financial condition of the Association, due largely to the strict economy and careful management of the Treasurer. The total receipts were \$4245, and the expenditure \$4377, leaving an adverse balance of \$132.

The President then read a paper prepared by Mr. Thos. Hazelton, of Delta, on "How to Manage a Business." The writer urged that the deaf should endeavor to go into business for themselves in preference to working for others. He believed that by industry, by carefulness in regard to buying, by avoiding bad debts and by strict attention to business they could all succeed as he had done.



D. Bayne, President.

Brief addresses of welcome were then given by Mr. Noah Phelps, President of the Camp Grounds Corporation, and by Rev. Dr. Burns, of Hamilton, who was occupying his cottage at the Park. Mr. Nurse then gave in signs and pantomime an amusing story, after which the meeting closed with prayer by Dr. Burns.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

On Friday morning, after prayer by Prof. Coleman, Mr. H. Roberts, of Jarvis, gave a short address on "The Inner Experiences of the Deaf." He first contrasted the condition of the deaf who live in the city with those in the country and dwell on the disadvantages of being deaf, the disappointments they met in their social and business relations with the

hearing, of the thoughtless indifference for the feelings of the deaf among many of the hearing, which so deeply wounds their susceptibilities; but in spite of the heart burnings, blighted hopes and crushed ambitions the deaf are happy, and the present gathering demonstrated that the deaf were fully able to stand well socially, and able to compete successfully with the hearing in many lines of business. He closed a good address by urging them not to be easily discouraged, for with patience, perseverance and industry success was sure.

This was followed by a very interesting paper on "Fruit Culture," by Mr. R. M. Thomas, of Oakville. He said that he had lost Eden by disobedience of God's command, but he believed that every man could make a little eden of his own, filled with sweet flowers and luscious fruits. He then referred to the different kinds of fruit best adapted to this Province and pointed out the conditions of climate and soil necessary to their successful cultivation. He placed the apple first in importance, as the most useful, easily-raised fruit, and one whose period extends nearly throughout the whole year.

The paper was followed by an animated discussion, referring specially to the currents and other destructive insects, and the best methods of destroying them. It was participated in by Messrs. Nurse, Mason, Bayne, Sutton, Pettit, Roberts and Lewis. Many interesting points were brought out, in fact it was quite a Farmers' Session.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Friday afternoon session opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Burns, after which the reverend gentleman was asked to make a speech. He said he was very happy to see them all looking so well and happy. He had never been with the deaf before and this was the first time he had tried to hear with his eyes. He was, however, not ignorant of the work being done at the Institution, and he was greatly pleased to know that all of the graduates of the Institution were able to earn a comfortable livelihood, and that all of them were respected and law-abiding citizens, not one being in the penitentiary, not one of them a pauper.



A. S. Waggoner, 1st Vice-Pres.

This was due, no doubt, to the sober teaching they received and to the power of concentration which the deaf possessed to a much greater extent than hearing people. The more he studied them the more he was impressed with the fact that every avenue of approach to nature and to a knowledge of God and his works were open to them quite as well as to hearing people. We are all apt to fancy that people who are not as we are, who are deprived of some faculties we enjoy, must be unhappy, but in this we were wrong. There were compensations for all our deficiencies, and the deaf seemed to enjoy life quite as much as hearing people do.

Rev. Mr. McCaughan, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, and recently from Belfast, who was on the grounds, next made a brief address. He said he was very glad to see them all. This was not the first time he had addressed deaf audiences. He had frequently lectured to the deaf in the north of Ireland. Once he had given them a humorous lecture and he was as much amused with the gestures of the interpreter as the audience was with his lecture. In Belfast the deaf have a mission and a club-room, and recently a hearing minister had bequeathed to them \$35,000 for the erection of a new assembly room. He had visited the Institution at Belleville and had been surprised and delighted with the work being done there and the results attained.

R. Mathison, M. A., Superintendent of the Institution, was then called upon and was enthusiastically received. He said he was very much pleased to be with them and to meet so many of the old

pupils again, and to be assured that they were all so happy and comfortable. Most of them had gone to the Institution when they were small boys and girls, and year after year their minds had expanded and their knowledge had increased, and then they had gone out to occupy honorable positions in the world. Since the Institution was founded, 27 years ago, 1,100 pupils had gone out from its halls.



A. W. Mason, 2nd Vice-Pres.

Last year he had sent a circular to all of those whose addresses he knew, and had received some 700 replies, and he was delighted to know that, with only two or three exceptions, every one of them was in comfortable circumstances and all were respected, law-abiding, useful members of the community. The officers and teachers of the Institution endeavored by example and precept to instill into them right principles, and all the old pupils testify to the lasting benefits they had derived from the instruction so faithfully given. It costs about \$50,000 a year to maintain the Institution, and it was money well spent, and he was glad to know that not a member of the Legislature demurred to voting the amount required. Not one of the old pupils was in jail and but one or two had ever got into trouble of any kind. The attendance at the Institution last session was 275, and they could have 300 if they tried, but there was not room for any more. He expected soon, however, that a new school building would be erected and then there would be room for all. All connected with the Institution worked very hard, but there were many encouragements, and this meeting was one of them. At the meeting in Brantford two years ago the citizens remarked upon the good behavior of the members. At conventions of hearing people there are nearly always some who misbehave and get into trouble, but every deaf-mute present at that convention behaved as ladies and gentlemen should, and not one was seen under the influence of liquor. He looked upon all of them as his children, not only while they were in the Institution but also after they had left. So far as possible he kept himself informed of the place of residence and the circumstances in life of everyone who had ever attended the Institution, and an ex-pupil never wrote to him without receiving a prompt reply. All the officers and teachers felt and maintained the same interest in the old pupils, for the success of the pupils was the success of the teachers. He wished all of them to accept his heartfelt wishes for their future happiness and prosperity.

Mrs. Ballis then gave a very suggestive and interesting address on "Manners and Morals." She pointed out many of the violations of good manners and of the rules of etiquette which many people were guilty of and warned the deaf against imitating those evil examples. She then explained in detail the principal rules of etiquette at the table, in social life, while travelling and in business relations, and urged on all of them to strive at all times to deport themselves as true ladies and gentlemen, taking as their guide the Golden Rule, which contained the essence of all true courtesy.

Mr. Nasmith was then asked to say a few words. He told them he had a message to give to them. Before he left Toronto he visited the bedside of Mrs. Howe, mother of the late Charles Howe, who is very sick and does not expect to recover. She said, "Tell them that I love them over you." All day long her mind seemed to dwell on the deaf and even in her dreams her spirit was with them. He said that when any of the deaf came to Toronto he hoped they would attend the services for the deaf there. He did not think the city was the best place for the deaf. There were many temptations there and it was harder to earn a livelihood in the city than in the country, but if they did go to Toronto to live he hoped they would