

# THE CANADIAN PHONETIC PIONEER,

A Monthly Journal, Devoted to the Spread of the Writing, Printing, and Spelling Reform.

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[Had this art (Phonography) been known forty years ago, it would have saved me twenty years hard labor.—Hon. Tho's H. Benton.]

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## The Convention.

Below will be found the Minutes of the Convention held in Toronto on the 24th ult., at which, besides the appointment of other officers, a Council of twenty-four was appointed to draft the Constitution and Rules for the "British American Phonetic Society," as it has been termed. There were only about twenty persons, in all, present at the convention, most of them from Toronto. We were sorry to see so few phonographers from the country present, but when the next general meeting is called, we hope to be able to report better things of them. A meeting of the Phonetic Council will be held, we presume, some time this month, in Toronto, at which everything will be arranged so that we shall be able, we hope, to announce the Society in working order, and ready for the receipt of proposals for membership, in our next.

As to the offices, we believe they could not well have been better filled, with the exception of that of President, which certainly ought to be occupied by some one of greater dignity than our humble self. However, as the friends present seemed to think it best, we have consented to hold the honors in trust for a limited period, ready to be delivered over to some person who will wear them more to the Society's credit than we are able to.

## Convention of Phonographers.

A Convention, composed of phonographic writers, of various professions, was held pursuant to public notice, at the Phonographic Institution, King Street, Toronto, on Thursday evening, 24th of March, at 6 p. m.

It was moved by Mr. J. E. McNally, of Aurora, and seconded by Mr. A. Webber, of Toronto, that Mr. W. H. Orr of Oshawa take the chair. Carried.

The chairman then briefly explained the object of the Convention, viz: to form an

association for the union and co-operation of the friends of the Phonetic Reform in the spread of phonetic writing and printing.

After some discussion, it was moved and seconded, and carried unanimously, that the association to be formed be termed "THE BRITISH AMERICAN PHONETIC ASSOCIATION."

It was then moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. J. E. McNally, and carried unanimously, that Mr. W. H. Orr be elected President of the Association for the first year.

Moved by Mr. A. Webber, seconded by Mr. Lewis, of George St. School, Toronto, and carried unanimously, that J. K. Edwards, Esq., M. A., of the Montreal Transcript, be elected Vice President for the first year.

Moved by Mr. S. Goutier, of Toronto, seconded by Mr. W. Kennedy, and carried unanimously, that Mr. Augustus Webber, of Toronto, be Secretary of the Association for the first year.

Mr. W. stated that he could only accept the position *pro tem.*, and would give the use of his office, free, for the good of the Association.

Moved by Mr. J. E. McNally, seconded by Mr. W. Kennedy, and carried, that Mr. Albert Andrews, of Aurora, be elected Treasurer for the first year.

Moved by Mr. A. Webber, seconded by J. E. Doyle, of Hamilton, and carried, that an Executive Council, consisting of twenty-four members, including the officers, be elected.

The Convention then proceeded to nominate the members of the Council. The following persons were chosen:—Rev. G. Douglass, Rev. W. R. Parker, Mr. David M. Phelps, Mr. Wm. Buckingham, Mr. Warring Kennedy, Mr. Stanislas Goutier, Mr. Wm. Henry Phillips, Mr. J. Boxall, Mrs. J. W. Elliot, Mr. Wm. Hall, Mr. R. Lewis, of Toronto, Rev. Joseph Wild, Mr. John E. Doyle, and Mr. Samuel Clare, Hamilton, Mr. C. S. Powers, Newcastle; Mr. Wm. Halstead, Cobourg; Mr. J. E. McNally, Aurora; Miss Mary E. Ward, Chatham; Miss Anna Orr, Bowmanville, and Mr. Wm. H. Oldright, of Halifax, N. S.

Moved by Mr. A. Webber, seconded by Mr. R. Lewis, and carried, that the Phonetic Council be empowered to draft the rules of the Society, at a meeting to be called for that purpose, and that Phonographers and well wishers of the cause, throughout the country, be invited to forward their names and contributions to the Secretary, without delay.

Moved by Mr. Goutier, seconded by Mr. Webber, and carried, that Mr. Orr vacate the chair, and that Mr. Kennedy take the same.

Moved by Mr. McNally, seconded by W. H. Phillips, and carried unanimously, that the thanks of this meeting be due to Mr. Orr for the interest he has taken in the spread of the Writing and Printing Reform, and also for his able occupancy of the chair during the evening.

Moved by Mr. S. Goutier, seconded by Mr. W. H. Orr, and carried unanimously, that the thanks of this meeting be due to Mr. A. Webber, for the action he has taken in promoting the formation of the present Association, and also for the use of his rooms for the business of the same.

After some remarks from Mr. Orr, Mr. McNally and others, as to the progress of the Reform, the Convention adjourned, subject to the call of the Executive Council.

A. WEBBER,  
Secretary.

EVER-CIRCULATORS.—Again would we urge upon students of Phonography who have acquired the ability to write, imperfectly though it may be, to seek the establishment of an ever-circulating manuscript magazine in their neighborhood, for their own and also for their fellow Phonographers' profit and entertainment. Mr. A. Andrews, of Aurora, reports that the one with which he is connected is producing valuable results to all engaged in the enterprise, and the several correspondents take an increasing delight in their Ever-Circulator. The method of establishing and conducting Ever-Circulators was given in detail in No. 1. of the Pioneer.

☞ We have learned nothing, since last issue, respecting the Fountain Pen.