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- Second.—To furnish interesting matter for and encourage a habit of reading among our pupils and deaf mute subscribers.
- Third.—To be a medium of communication between the school and parents, and friends of pupils, now in the Institution, the hundreds who were pupils at one time or other in the past, and all who are interested in the education and instruction of the deaf of our land.

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### God Save the Queen.

Her court was pure, her life serene,  
God save her peace, her land repose,  
A thousand claims to reverence closed  
In her as Mother, Wife and Queen

Doubtless the present century has witnessed no other event so striking, so suggestive and so pathetic as will be seen in England next week, when the whole world will unite to do honor to the woman who sits in lonely Majesty at Windsor Castle. From every civilized nation in Europe, from every semi-barbaric race in Asia and Africa, and South America, from far off Cathay and from the Flowery Kingdom of Japan, from all the isles of the seas, from the great Republic at the south of us, and last, but not least, from the vast multitude of provinces and principalities and islands and colonies which unitedly compose this greatest empire the world has ever seen, there will be gathered representatives who will bow in genuine homage and sincere reverence before Britain's throne, and pay glad tribute to the worth and dignity of that most queenly of women, that most womanly of queens who sits thereon. For sixty long years she has occupied the highest position in the gift of humanity: for sixty years she has been subjected to that fierce light that over beats upon a throne; her life as child, as maiden, as wife, as mother, as queen has been exposed to the scrutiny of all the world, and to day there cannot be found one voice, even among those who are accounted the enemies of the nation, which will not freely and unreservedly acknowledge that in all these phases of life she has shown over and always the noblest characteristics of head and heart; that to every emergency she has been found equal, to every trust she has

been true. Hers is a character that is fully rounded and balanced, every part in due proportion. The pomp and splendor of her position and the adulation of courtiers have never lessened the kindness of her heart nor the true humility of her disposition, nor have those sentiments of humanity and benevolence which prompt her to enter, as a ministering angel, the hovel of the peasant, ever detracted from the dignity due to her position as Queen; the manifold and pressing cares of state have never induced her to neglect the joys and responsibilities of home life, neither have her duties as wife and mother ever caused her to neglect the affairs of the nation. The full round of her duties, covering a wider field and embracing a greater variety and multiplicity than those perhaps of any other human being, have always, received, each in its season, the attention that was its due. Right worthy, then, is Britain's Queen to occupy her position on the highest pedestal of human greatness, right worthy is she also to receive the homage of all the nations of the earth. The world will never before have witnessed so sublime a spectacle, so universal and spontaneous a jubilation as that which will take place on the 22nd, when the Union Jack will be unfurled on every breeze that blows, when from a thousand battlements and towers and from hundreds of armored vessels the cannons will belch forth a mighty roar of fierce joy, when the whole earth will be girdled with a belt of fire blazing from every hill top, and when there will ascend to heaven the voice of mighty multitudes, as the sound of many waters, chanting the triumphant psalm of the National Anthem. Yet these will not be her chiefest triumphs. Far above all the pomp and pageantry of these visible and audible protestations of loyalty and devotion will she prize and glory in the knowledge that in the hearts of four hundred millions of people whom she rules there glows a genuine love and reverence for and loyalty to their Queen, that the power and permanency of her empire lies not in the compulsion of imperial domination but in the affectionate regard of her subjects, and that, if need should arise, ten million swords would leap from their scabbards to avenge even a look that threatened her with insult. "God save our Gracious Queen" and the prayer of millions of hearts is that for many more years yet to come will she be permitted to continue to exercise her gentle sway over us.

Under thy mighty wings,  
Keep her, O King of Kings,  
Answer our prayer  
Till she shall hence remove  
Up to thy courts above.  
To dwell in light and love  
Evermore there

Dr. GILBERT has been one of the ablest and most successful instructors of the deaf that the United States has ever produced, and when, a few years ago, he fell a victim to administrative tyranny he had the sympathy of an unlimited number of the friends of the deaf everywhere. We hope he may yet be spared many years of usefulness and happiness to labor among the deaf in the extended sphere to which he has devoted his energies during the last two or three years, he has always been a true friend and benefactor of the children of silence. His years few or many his remaining days will be brightened by the knowledge that the measure of his life has been filled up with useful toil and duty well done, and by the assurance that he enjoys to an extent that few men possess, the esteem and affection of tens of thousands of deaf throughout the land.

Rich may his question be, a loutish store,  
Full measure, pressed down, and running o'er.

### Addresses to the Queen.

The boys and girls of this Institution are all devotedly loyal to our Gracious Queen, and for many weeks past the favorite topic of conversation has been the coming Jubilee. In consultation among themselves it was decided that the deaf of the Province should give expression to their affection and regard for our Sovereign, and Herbert Roberts and Alno de Bellefeuille were selected to prepare addresses, as given below, which have been duly transmitted to His Excellency, the Governor General to be forwarded to the Queen, as per following—

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,  
BELLEVILLE, ONT. JUNE 3, 1897

To His EXCELLENCY  
LORD ABERDEEN  
GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA,  
OTTAWA, ONT.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.—The enclosed Addresses from the Deaf and Dumb children in the Institution at Belleville are forwarded to you with the request that you will kindly transmit the same to our Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria.

With assurances of respect and regard from all here to Your Excellency.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your Obedient Servant,  
B. MATHISON, Supt.

To Her Most Gracious Majesty, Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland and Empress of India.

YOUR MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY.—Everywhere throughout our grand Dominion, from the ice clad mountains of the north to the sandy shores of our beautiful bays, from Columbia's gold fields to Labrador's rugged coast, cannons are booming, bells are pealing, the whole nation is rejoicing in honor of your Majesty's Jubilee. We, silent children of the Flower Province, cannot, like the more favored of your Majesty's loyal subjects, join with those whose voices are borne towards heaven, laden with words of thankfulness and joy, but we, at least, toss over the mighty ocean our humble homage, and beg you, Gracious Queen, to accept the heartfelt congratulations of the pupils of the Ontario School for the Deaf. Though mutes, our hearts can feel as much love and respect for our sovereign as those of your Majesty's most loyal subjects; and your Majesty's well known interest in deaf mutes so increases these sentiments in us, that it is from the depth of our hearts that we all join in saying "God bless our noble Queen and preserve her to us!" many more years that we may long enjoy being governed by her kind and gentle sway.

On behalf of the female pupils,  
One of your loyal and deaf subjects,  
ALNO DE BELLEFEUILLE,  
Institution for the Deaf and Dumb,  
Belleville, June 1st, 1897

To Her Most Gracious Majesty, Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland and Empress of India

YOUR MAJESTY.—It affords us the greatest honor of our lives to ask your Majesty to graciously allow us, pupils of the Ontario Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb, to express our most heartfelt congratulations on the sixtieth anniversary of your Majesty's reign and glorious rule. During that period your Majesty's great Colony of Canada has made rapid progress in many respects, and to-day it may boast of being one of the wealthiest, healthiest, and most progressive countries in the world, and one of the brightest gems in your Majesty's crown. Our wealth in the forest, the mine, the sea, our rich and boundless plains, our great fresh water seas and our civil and religious freedom can serve only to excite the envy of the outside world. We Canadians are well governed by a Governor General, appointed by your most gracious Majesty, and a Parliament. This great Dominion has at present seven provinces of which Ontario claims to be the leading one and is called the "Banner Province." Among its public institutions is our own Institution founded in 1870 for the education of the Deaf of the Province, and now it occupies a foremost place among the great Deaf-Mute Institutions on the continent. Over one thousand deaf persons have obtained their education at this school, which shows Ontario well deserves the distinction. This Institution is beautifully located on the north shore of the famous Bay of Quinte and about a mile from the city of Belleville. Again we ask your Majesty to graciously permit us to humbly congratulate your Majesty and express the hope that your Majesty may long be spared to reign over a happy, united and glorious Empire.

On behalf of the male pupils,  
I have the honor to be  
Your Majesty's loyal servant,  
HERBERT W. ROBERTS,  
Institution for the Deaf and Dumb,  
Belleville, June 1st, 1897

Haroldus Forgetto, one of the brightest boys in Mr. Denny's class, also prepared the following address:—

To Her Most Gracious Majesty, Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland and Empress of India

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY.—Whilst from every part of your vast empire, millions of devoted subjects are rising in spontaneous joy and greeting and thanksgiving in commemoration of the completion of the sixth year of your most remarkable and illustrious reign, we of the Ontario Institution for the Deaf, however humble and unworthy, beg to be allowed a voice in the general concert of praise, respect, admiration and love. To our chiefs shall we leave the proud task of duty celebrating the advancement of the nation in the various elements of civilization under the benign and enlightened influence of your Majesty's rule. "Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war" it is the understanding and prosecution of humane principles that have not only created contentment and loyalty among your people, but likewise opened every avenue of progress and unfurled the glories which are the British boast. To us, your domestic virtues no less than your royal dignity have been a source of profound regard

and affection. Faithful spouse, loving mother, as your private life was an example and advantage to your reign has been glorious and happy. Among the many acts of kindness with which your career is adorned, do we not remember that your Majesty was pleased to learn the alphabet in order to converse with the deaf of a cottage and show your sympathy for their needs and consolation. It is therefore from the fulness of our hearts that we breathe a tribute to your Majesty in this most joyous anniversary. May the God of peace, of love and of mercy prolong your days and spare the monarch's reign to a loyal, faithful, loving people.

On behalf of our good teacher, loving people, the pupils of my class,  
I have the honor to be,  
Your Gracious Majesty's  
Humble and devoted subject,  
HARMUDAS FORGETTO,  
Institution for the Deaf and Dumb,  
Belleville, June 1st, 1897.

### A Kind Message.

On Friday morning, the 11th inst., the teachers and pupils all assembled in the chapel to welcome Mr. A. B. Davidson of Newmarket, the official examiner. He was introduced by Superintendent Mathison and made a brief but pleasing address, in the course of which he said that when he had said good-bye to Hon. E. J. Davis at Toronto that morning, Mr. Davis had requested him to tell the boys and girls here that he had not forgotten them nor his pleasant visit here. He thought of them every day and wished to do all he could for them. Mr. Davidson said it gave him great pleasure to convey that message because he knew that Mr. Davis was their true and sincere friend, and whatever he could do for them in his position in the government he was sure would be gladly done. In reply Mr. Mathison said he and all of them were very pleased to receive Mr. Davis' message, because he believed him to be their true friend. In the past the government had given them many good things and he hoped they would now recognize their growing necessities and give them a new school building.

The Michigan Mirror has suspended publication for the summer. We rather regret that it has done so, as we had still two or three things we would like to have said to it, but since it cannot now reply of course we will do nothing so un-British as to hit a man when he cannot hit back again if he is so inclined. The Mirror can have the summer to cogitate upon the point at issue, and read up a little about Canada and its institutions; and next fall, if it so desire, we can renew the controversy unless as is quite likely, it will then freely admit that, with the further light it has obtained on the subject, it has been convinced that we were right and it was wrong. Meantime, we desire to inform our esteemed brother that the fishing down in this part of the country is very good, our climate is about perfect and our hospitality is unbounded; and we will be truly delighted if he can spend a part of his holidays with us. If he will do so we can assure him a good time; and his own observations will convince him that Ontario is a place that no one would ever emigrate from with any hopes of finding a better

Prof. Hammond, Superintendent of the Kansas Institution, is the latest recorded victim of administrative tyranny in the States. He has been compelled to resign in order to make room for some favorite of the powers that now be in that State. Mr. Hammond has been exceptionally successful both as a teacher and as a superintendent, and it is really too bad that the deaf should be deprived of the services of such an able educator and so true a friend because of the requirements of party exigencies—that euphonious phrase that covers such a multitude of shameful deeds. It is sincerely to be hoped that the deaf will not permanently lose Prof. Hammond's services.