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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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TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1901.

The New York Institution is in luck. The late R. G. Dunn left it a bequest of \$6000. We do not hope any of our rich friends would die, but we hope that when death does come we will be remembered in a substantial manner.

It is now claimed that the Chinese discovered America. So far as anyone can claim this distinction we stand by Columbus, for the only discovery that is worth considering is the one which is followed by permanent possession. But since America is the oldest part of the earth's surface, and for aught anyone knows was the first to be peopled, it seems to us that the talk about who discovered it is somewhat needless.

A good laugh is said to be better than medicine, and in this age of hurry and grasping ambition people are almost forgetting how to laugh in the old hearty way. It is well, therefore, that our daily and weekly journals should devote considerable space to humorists, but it is greatly to be regretted that greater discrimination is not used in selecting jokes. A large proportion of these humorous anecdotes are based on religious incidents and have a very marked and inevitable tendency to lessen respect for religion; and even the name of the deity is often used in connections that are simply blasphemous. The marriage relation, filial duty and judicial probity are also common subjects for improper humorists. By all means let us be merry, but let us see to it that we do not enjoy our laughter at the expense of those virtues and principles which form the basis of good character and reverence; for there is no doubt whatever that the kind of jokes referred to above are a direct and very fruitful cause of the all too common disregard manifested now-a-days by our young people for religion, justice and home in fluence.

The Sixteenth Meeting of the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf.

GALLAUBET COLLEGE,
Washington, D. C., Dec. 15, 1900.

To the Members of the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf.

It has been decided by the Standing Executive Committee of the Convention to accept the very cordial invitation of the authorities of the Le Couteux St. Mary's Institution for the Improved Instruction of Deaf Mutes to hold the next meeting of the Convention at Buffalo, New York, and within the walls of the Institution.

The Convention will be called to order at eight o'clock in the evening of Tuesday, July 2, 1901, when address of welcome and responses will be made.

The Sisters in charge of the Institution will be happy to provide for the entertainment of one hundred ladies, at the very reasonable charge of one dollar per day. Sister M. Donihou has been appointed Local Committee of Arrangements, and to her due notice of purpose to take advantage of the offer just mentioned should be given.

Arrangements have been made for the accommodation of male members of the Convention, and others in excess of the number to be entertained in the Institution, at Statler's Pan-American Hotel, now in process of construction, very near the principal entrance to the Exposition grounds. This hotel is to be a first class establishment, its proprietor being a caterer and restaurant keeper in Buffalo of reputation and high standing. The charge to members of the Convention, from one hundred and twenty-five to one hundred and seventy-five, will be two dollars per day for lodging (in no case more than three in a room), breakfast, and evening dinner.

All persons availing themselves of these special rates who are not already members of the Convention but are eligible to membership will be expected to become members at the Buffalo meeting. The conditions of membership are as follows:

"All persons actively engaged in the education of the deaf may enjoy all the rights and privileges of membership in the association on payment of the prescribed fees [\$2.00 the first year and \$1 annually thereafter] and agreeing to the Constitution."

Luncheon will be served daily in the Institution to all members of the Convention at a charge of twenty-five cents to those living outside.

Assurance is given by the authorities of the Exposition that low rates will be accorded by the railroads of the country to visitors to the Exposition.

Particulars as to the conditions under which others besides active members of the Convention may take advantage of reduced rates of board will be published later.

The many inducements, usual and unusual, to the people of our country, and of other countries, to visit Buffalo during the summer of 1901, will, it is believed, draw a large attendance upon the proposed meeting of our Convention, including many delegates from our sister countries, both on the North and on the South.

The buildings of the Le Couteux St. Mary's Institution are new and very beautiful, having a fine hall for the meetings of the Convention, and convenient rooms for exhibits, committee meetings, etc.

The Chairmen of Section Committees are already at work on the programme of proceedings, which will be duly published in the *Annals*.

With cordial greetings from the Committee to the members of the Convention, and to all engaged in the work of educating the deaf, or interested therein, the hope is expressed that the Sixteenth meeting of the Convention may surpass, in numbers and interest, all that have preceded it.

EDWARD M. GALLAUBET,
President of Convention.

PAN-AMERICAN HOTEL.

This much talked about hotel is to be erected on Elmwood Avenue, almost at the gateway of the Pan-American Exposition grounds and only a few blocks from the Institution for the Deaf.

The new structure is to be 400 feet long and 357 feet wide, with rectangles and courts and will have accommodations for 5,000 guests. There will be 1,500 rooms, furnished with 2,000 double beds, and space for 1,000 cots or single beds. The restaurant will be 108 feet long and 88 feet wide and will seat

between 800 and 900 persons at one time, beside which there will be additional restaurant accommodations provided on the ground floor. The building will be only three stories high and every room will be within reach of the ground, in case of emergency. It will be covered with staff, after the fashion of the exposition buildings, and will be profusely decorated. The hotel will cost \$100,000. It is being erected by E. M. Statler, who will personally conduct it, and it is the largest "Pan American hotel" contracted for to take care of some of the thousands of visitors expected at the Exposition. Others are talked of, but none on such a stupendous scale.

The proposal to have the next Convention of teachers of the deaf at Buffalo during the Pan American Exhibition seems to meet with pretty unanimous approval. Of course there are some disadvantages in having it at that time, but these will be much more than offset by the very great advantages.

Superintendent Mathison has sent an invitation to all the Members of the Ontario Legislature asking them to visit the Institution before the session begins. Several have already accepted the invitation and we hope that many others will do so. No person can adequately appreciate the work accomplished in such an Institution as this, or comprehend our requirements, except by visiting the Institution and seeing for himself, and we wish that all the members could spend a day or two with us every session.

Tasks for the New Century.

The New York *Journal and Advertiser* has been collecting opinions on "What is the Most Important Task of the Twentieth Century?" Here are some of the replies:—

The union of the English-speaking nations—that will be the first long step toward the millennium.—*Conan Doyle.*

I wish to see realized in the twentieth century the utter stupidity, criminality and uselessness of war.—*Mac Norlan.*

I hope for the disappearance of class animosities, and for that end a general recognition by the rich of their duties to the poor.—*Sir Edmund Monson.*

The hope of the new century is the union of the English-speaking race in the interest of education, liberty, peace and civilization.—*Ian MacLaren.*

The task of the twentieth century is herculean, alas! Europe and America in arms do not make a beautiful promise for the future of the world.—*Francesco Crispi.*

Considering the events of the last years of the nineteenth century, I would like to see the triumph of justice in all the possible acceptations of that word—the triumph of right over force and human imbecility.—*G. Clemenceau.*

I hope for the promotion of unity by greater simplicity of worship and more inwardness in religion. I hope for arbitration instead of war, and for the triumph of justice and universal brotherhood over our greed of gain.—*Elna Lyall.*

I hope the growing power of civilized sentiment will enable the coming century to witness some effective practical steps toward placing international relations upon a basis more in unison with the peaceful fulfillment of human destiny.—*Marquis Ito.*

During the last quarter of a century greed for gain had been gradually obscuring the inalienable rights of the individual. I know of no more imperative task for the twentieth century than the restoration of man in his rightful position of paramount importance.—*William Jennings Bryan.*

I should like to see the profession of arms, now considered by many the most honorable, held in the twentieth century to be of all human occupations the most dishonorable. I should like to see the killing of men under the name of war abolished and the earth thereby freed from its foulest stain.—*Andrew Carnegie.*

The twentieth century must produce nations that will give as much evidence of mutual tolerance as intelligent individuals have in their relation with one another. Although nations have to maintain proudly their self-respect, they

lack sadly now in courteousness their respective susceptibilities.—*Mir-Perrier.*

I hope the twentieth century will witness the evolution of a gentlemanship, and it will be recognized that nation is and must be judged by the average man. The riches of a nation are not in gold or trust, and are not to be judged by ostentatious splendor or by a vulgar display of brilliant talents, but only in the ability to mint great average men.—*Grand.*

OTTAWA NOTES.

From our own Correspondents.

Your correspondent got home in Ottawa but very seldom lately. I am very familiar with the home and quiet community. We gathered over, that Mr. Willie Wigget spent his Xmas holidays in Sherbrooke with his wife and mother; Mr. Wilson spent his father's and in Montreal, and Mr. Halliwell and Shouldice in Montreal.

Mr. McGillivray has been working in the new jail and courthouse in Hull for seven or eight weeks and talks of returning to his father's soon, as we would stand his father is pretty well advanced in years and in poor health.

Mr. Shouldice is still working in Jamieson's bakery and is quite satisfied with his employer and fellow craftsmen. Miss Borthwick had her cousin, Mr. Rod's Mills down to see her during the Xmas holidays.

Our genial and enterprising friend A. Gray, of Metcalfe, came to the conclusion that the old proverb "two are better than one," and took unto himself a partner to share his sorrows and joys. The young lady he chose being Miss Eva Jamieson, a graduate of your school and daughter of Captain Jamieson, formerly of the 18th regiment.

The happy event took place at the residence of the bride's father on New Year's day. Only the immediate relatives were present; but the ladies of Ottawa turned out and gave them a send-off at the station. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Fieth, Baptist Minister of Ottawa. The happy couple have the best wishes of all in their new married life on the first day of the new century. I enclose a list of the wedding present and donors:—

- Dinner knives and forks Mr. F. Jamieson
- Dining room lamp Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Berry
- Blankets and bed linen Mrs. M. E. Jamieson
- Berry net and rug Mr. and Mrs. F. Jamieson
- Silver pudding dish Mrs. Wm. Edmond
- Silver butter dish Mr. and Mrs. F. Jamieson
- Butter dish and knife Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Jamieson
- Whisk-holder Mr. and Mrs. Jordan
- Painting Miss Jessie McFarlane
- Silver berry spoon Mr. and Mrs. F. Jamieson
- Miscellaneous Mrs. M. Borthwick
- Bottle Mr. Holland
- Parlor lamp Mr. and Mrs. W. Jamieson
- Silver crest stand Mrs. W. A. Jamieson
- Silver sugar spoon Mr. and Mrs. L. Jamieson
- Ring Mr. Chas. Howe
- Set tea knives Mr. and Mrs. Gusquard
- Painting Misses Grey
- du Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Grey
- Cheque Mr. W. A. Jamieson
- Toilet mat Miss Bertie Jamieson
- Hair brush and combs Robert Jamieson

We have had fine sleighing now for nearly six weeks. Although changes from cold to mild have been very frequent we have had no thaw worthy of the name yet.

D. Bayne sent his heavy sleigh and team of horses up to the lumber stacks and he is all alone, but he is used to his own company and does not sigh for change.

Wishing The Mutes, Institute and all a happy New Year and prosperous start into the new century.

Meldon's New Book

A new book by Charles M. Meldon, the famous author of "In His Steps," never fails to excite the interest of thousands of readers. "Born to Be" is the title of the latest book by Meldon, and the advanced sheets indicate a very strong book indeed, one of the most interesting to the thoughtful reader, which with a master's hand unites the cankers of social life, of domestic unhappiness, of the broader world's ills, of social reform at the very heart of society—are laid bare, with delicate, but none the less with unflinching truth. The Canadian have been secured by The Book Publishing Company, Toronto, but as they will not appear in book form for some time the publishers will run it as a serial in "The Presbyterian Review," beginning with the issue of the 3rd inst. Considering the readers of that paper have this most interesting volume in advance.