

delivered at the sixth Summer meeting in Northampton, June 22, 1899. In this address, speaking on behalf of the Association I said:

"We take no part in the contest of methods; we do not insist that in teaching speech to the Deaf you must discard the sign-language or the manual alphabet or any of the other agencies that the good teachers of the past have devised for the benefit of the Deaf. We simply insist:

'that no deaf child in America shall be allowed to grow up *deaf and dumb* or *mute* without earnest and persistent efforts having been made to teach him to speak and read the lips'.

"Under this broad and neutral ground all teachers of the Deaf can meet as friends. We have no wrangling here over the merits and demerits of the sign-language and manual alphabet methods, but simply come together to learn from one another how to teach speech to the Deaf and how best to teach it.

"It is a pleasant thing to see oral teachers and sign teachers and manual alphabet teachers all gathered peacefully together here, working hand in hand, and heart to heart, for this great object."

The Association has held several Summer meetings and has supported Summer training schools for teachers. It makes annual appropriations to the Clarke School to enable it to enlarge its normal training class and supply teachers for other schools. In spite of this assistance, however, the demand for Northampton-trained teachers still exceeds the supply.

In 1899 the Association established a magazine known as the Association Review, now the Volta Review. The Editor, Mr. Fred DeLand, has contributed very greatly to the oral movement by collecting and distributing literature relating to home instruction specially designed to give mothers the information necessary to enable them to begin the instruction of their deaf children at home before they are old enough to go to school. To aid this work Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert H. Grosvenor of Washington, D. C., have given to the Association the Alexander Graham Bell Grosvenor Memorial Fund in memory of their little child, the income to be distributed in the form