

The Rev. W. S. Barnes Moved

"That this meeting, in view of the just claims of this institution to a hearty support, commends it to the liberality of the Protestants of the Province of Quebec, and returns its hearty thanks to those who have so liberally remembered them in the past by bequests and legacies."

He said that a perusal of the last annual report assured him that the Institution had a warm place in the hearts of the people both of the City of Montreal and of the Province of Quebec. He did not think, however, that the favor was all on one side, but the obligation was mutual, as it was a great privilege given to the people of this city and province to assist in a work of this kind, and not only should the managers be thankful to the benefactors of the Institution, but the benefactors ought to be grateful to the managers for giving them an opportunity of doing good with their abundant means. He referred to a kinsman of his who was a deaf mute, and who was also a clergyman in the American Episcopal Church, and to the useful work which was doing among the deaf-mutes under his charge, and described the system of articulation—which had been so satisfactory that many of the deaf-mutes were no longer mute, but only deaf—as a wondrous triumph of science, and concluded by asking their earnest sympathy and support in this great work.

Mr. Thomas White, M.P., seconded the resolution. He said the Institution appealed to the Protestants of the Province of Quebec. It had always occurred to him that the Protestants of the Province of Quebec were situated in a peculiar position in relation to institutions of this kind. In every other province, and in Ontario especially, such institutions were the special charge of the Government, but here, owing to a difference in race and language and to our disagreements as to the methods of carrying on such work, they were left largely to the benevolence of the Protestant inhabitants, and these certainly had shown themselves always ready to accept that responsibility. They asked but one thing, and that was that the money which they contributed should be wisely expended. In the case of this Institution he might say that he had that day received from the department of Records a report of the Superintendent of Public Institutions in Ontario, and referring to the deaf-mute establishment at Belleville, he had been curious