

The plan was deemed advisable where its object was the gathering in of pupils of a tender age as preparatory for the institutions, and as such commended.

The next paper was from the pen of J. C. Covell, of Virginia. Subject, "Purity, Dignity, and Antiquity of the Sign Language." In the language of the reporter "the paper was brief, learned and enthusiastic."

J. L. Noyes, Principal of the Minnesota Institute, read the following paper on "Compulsory Education in its Application to Deaf Mutes," urging the necessity of legislative action in the matter, upon the principle that a large proportion of this unfortunate class are deprived of the advantages of education through the selfishness of parents or guardians who keep mutes at home for the sake of their labor.

P. G. Gillett, Principal of the Illinois Institution, followed next in order. Subject—"On the Organization of an Institute for the Deaf and Dumb."

His paper was highly commended, as was evinced by the resolution which followed, offered by Dr. Johnson, of Alabama, "That the sentiments as expressed by Mr. Gillett in his paper are the sentiments of this convention."

Isaac Lewis Peet, of New York, next read a lengthy and instructive paper, entitled, A "Practical View of Deaf Mute Instruction," setting forth the system practiced in the New York Institution, and holding out the idea that it is a progressive and effective one.

A paper from the venerable Dr. Peet was then read by his son, which was received with demonstrations of great pleasure by the Convention. Subject, "On the Progress of Deaf Mute Instruction."

Papers on articulate speech for the deaf and dumb were read by Mr. Cochran, of Wisconsin, and also Mr. Bangs, of Michigan. In the discussion which followed, the Hon. Mr. Dudley, of Massachusetts, gave an interesting account of the Clarke Institute, where articulation alone is used, and the success which had followed in this mode of instruction in the case of his daughter, who was born deaf.

Mr. Hutton, of Halifax, upon invitation, gave a brief demonstration of a method of printing signs instituted by his father, with a view to make a dictionary of the sign language. A committee was appointed to take the subject under advisement and report upon its practicability at the next convention.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Barclay, of Pennsylvania, that a committee be appointed to report at the next convention as to the propriety of offering facilities for the instruction of such pupils as manifest an aptness for drawing in the art, which was adopted. A resolution was also adopted, offered by the same person, that a committee be appointed, to report at the next convention, on the subject of the intermarriage of deaf mutes, and deaf mutes, and of those nearly related, in its relation to the offspring following such unions.

Dr. Peet, from a special committee, reported notices of the deaths of Laurent Clerc, John A. Jacobs, A. B. Hutton and George Hutton, eminent educators of the deaf, who had died since the last convention.

An invitation from Mr. Covell to hold the next Convention at Staunton, Virginia, was referred to the Executive Committee for final decision.

By resolution the time for holding the next Convention was fixed at 1873.

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