



SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.



AN ARTICULATION CLASS—ONE OF SIX.



MISS JAMES' CLASS.

Notes of the Convention.

The photo was struck a little too early as a large number arrived after it was taken.

Mr and Mrs. Bradshaw, of Toronto, received many congratulations from friends on their recent marriage.

The little daughter of Mrs. Ward fell down the steps of a cellar, but happily escaped without injury.

Miss A. James' mother and brother were at the Convention, and of course Miss James was correspondingly happy.

Messrs. Darny and Elliott brought along their cameras to take a few snap shots by way of mementoes of the gathering.

In Brantford the deaf felt perfectly at home and were not annoyed by being stared at, the people there are accustomed to mutes.

Miss Agnes Mathison had no trouble in finding a seat for her photo, she arrived just in the nick of time for that purpose.

The hymns signed at the Sunday services by Misses James, Gardiner and Hutchison were beautifully rendered and will not soon be forgotten.

There were several happy mamas among the delegates and they had reason to feel proud of their children, for finer little ones it would be hard to find.

Mrs. Terrill's proposal to place a tax of \$5 on all bachelors met with general favor among the beneficiaries; the Association funds would flourish if that were done.

—Mr. Nurse thought that he could surely beat the President in a foot race, but Bro. Smith placed his solid avoirdupois squarely in front and stayed there.

—Jas. Henderson found that "pride goes before a fall," and hit the dust on the bicycle track while showing off his bicycle attachments before admiring ladies.

Mr. David Bayne made the longest journey from the east; he and Mr. Hazelton, of Delta, and Mr. Fred. Crozier, of Westport, were the only delegates from east of Belleville.

A number of members who arrived on Friday evening and Saturday were disappointed in not meeting Mr. Mathison, who was compelled to leave for home on Friday afternoon.

In the married ladies race, Mr. Braven, of Buffalo, kept up her Belleville reputation as the best runner among the girls at school and easily defeated her married sisters.

—A large number of hearing people attended the Sunday services and were surprised and pleased to see that the deaf could hold and enjoy religious services as much as themselves.

While practicing for the bicycle races, early on Friday morning, Messrs. Golds and McKay came into collision resulting in McKay's wheel getting broken, but he soon got it fixed.

Bro. Sutton felt altogether too susceptible to female charms to keep the gate at the park and collect the tolls, so he delegated the job to Mr. Thomas, who is made of sterner stuff and raked in the shekels from all alike.

—We are neither prophets nor the sons of prophets, yet we feel quite safe in predicting that several interesting matrimonial events will shortly occur as one beneficent though indirect result of the gathering. We could mention names but we refrain.

—As many of the delegates as could do so, visited the Institution for the Blind and were cordially received there and every attention shown them. Much surprise was expressed at the attainments of the blind as shown by the exhibits of their work.

During the photo taking process, a lounge sneaked into the group, evidently thinking that he was in good company, but the quick eye of Mr. Mathison spied him out and enquired if he were a deaf mute. No, said the man. Then quit if you please, and be quit.

—Mr. and Mrs. Braven, of Buffalo, Mr. Ward, of Los Angeles, Cal., and Misses Ball and Connelly, of Detroit, were the only friends from across the border and their presence added much to the enjoyment of the occasion as they are all bright and intelligent deaf-mutes and formerly Canadians.

Pres. Smith deserves the thanks of every one for his labors to make the delegates comfortable, and much of the success of the gathering was due to his untiring efforts in all directions. The hotel and boarding arrangements were very satisfactory indeed, as were also the location and the fitting up of the hall for the meetings.