

great pleasure which he felt at being present, and said he was sure they were trying to do, in their own little way, all that was possible for the Institution, and would be rewarded in that last great day by having the Master say to them, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto Me."

At this point the Chairman read the following address, composed by an old pupil of the institution :—

*" Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen :*

" Nearly two and a half centuries have passed since King Charles I and his brilliant assembly appeared in Whitehall, London, to witness the wonder of his age,—the feat of John Wallis having instructed a deaf-mute! Since then time and human ingenuity have accomplished wonders in that branch of instruction.

" Behold we are here to-day, not to look upon one educated mute, but a score of them! Christian love and philanthropy have done their share to alleviate the condition of the afflicted—implanting knowledge and universal love in the obscure mind of the uneducated mute.

" On behalf of my brothers and sisters in affliction, and as one who received educational advantages at this institution, I sincerely thank all those who take a lively interest in our welfare and well-being. We cannot reward you with silver or gold, but we can do so by good conduct and an abundant flow of gratitude.

" We hope and pray that your kind words and deeds—your welcome presence here to-day—will ever stand a monument to your generosity and reflect credit on our favoured land and friends.

*" CHARLES W. BUTT."*

Mr. George Hague seconded the motion. He said that our very warmest thanks were due to the noble founders of this institution, which was in the highest degree worthy of our countenance and support. They had been shown that these deaf-mutes were by no means so destitute of mind and brain as might be generally supposed, and, as very often happened to those who were deprived of certain of their faculties, they had been particularly bright in other directions. He said that in caring for these deaf-mutes they were only following in Christ's footsteps, and he hoped they would endeavor to carry out the work in the future with even a greater measure of success than in the past,

The motion was carried.