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Second.—To furnish interesting matter for and encourage a habit of reading among our pupils and deaf-mute subscribers.

Third.—To be a medium of communication between the school and parents, and friends of pupils, now in the Institution, the hundreds who were pupils at one time or other in the past, and all who are interested in the education and instruction of the deaf of our land.

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An Unflinching Friend of the Deaf.

We deem it a pleasure to refer thus publicly to the Christian benevolence and broad charity of a gentleman who has, by his unostentatious and kind acts, endeared himself to the deaf of Ontario, and especially to those residing in Toronto.

"'Tis only noble to be good.
Kind hearts are more than coronets,
And simple faith than Norman blood."

It was not because Mr. J. D. Naamith, to whom we refer, was drawn towards the deaf members of the community in which he resides by a fellow feeling of deprivation, under similar circumstances of affliction. He is as vigorous a specimen of complete manhood as could be desired, and is as enthusiastic in business matters as he is in religious and charitable work. Prosperous in all his engagements, and recognizing his dependence upon God, as the source of all good and perfect gifts, he felt an obligation to use some of the means with which he was possessed for the good of others. The deaf are reasonably deprived of much that others enjoy and are benefited by, socially and otherwise, and Mr. Naamith's Christian sympathy and benevolence sought to ameliorate their condition, and open a way for their spiritual and temporal improvement. He soon made himself familiar with the means of communication and his zeal, patience and faith as speedily won the confidence and love of those he so generously served. Regular Sunday services were organized at which Mr. Naamith finds time to give spiritual instruction, and assist in other ways to encourage and strengthen the religious impulses of his audience. When trouble or sickness clouds the homes of old and young, he is ready to counsel and assist; and his gifts, though unostentatiously offered, are many and important. In times of rejoicing, when the deaf meet for social pleasures, and sunshine fill all hearts with light and warmth, he is with them to share their pleasures and show his interest in their welfare. Once a year, or

oftener, he provides them with a substantial feast, the expense of which he generously bears, and which must be considerable. On such occasions he is assisted by his amiable consort, who cheerfully second his husband's efforts to do good in any capacity. Amusements are provided, instruction is given, words of encouragement spoken, and life made more enjoyable and useful by such kind and effective assistance. This is the way Mr. J. D. Naamith has won the admiration and affection of the deaf residents of Toronto, and also the esteem of many others who know the nature and extent of the good work so faithfully and successfully done. His presence at the late Convention was hailed with delight by all present and the reception he met with must have been very gratifying to him. We must not omit to mention, in this connection, the valuable aid freely given by Mr. Biglen, who never wavers in his efforts to help the deaf, and make them better citizens and happier men and women. Both are actuated by the truest and noblest principles of true charity, guided by the dictates of religious convictions, and both deserve and receive the heartfelt gratitude of those whom they so greatly benefit. Their reward cannot be expected here, in the sense their work implies, but it is sure hereafter. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

ONTARIO DEAF-MUTE ASSOCIATION.

Their Fourth Convention, Held at the Institution.

A HAPPY REUNION AT THEIR ALMA MATER—
LARGE ATTENDANCE—THOROUGHNESS
OF THEIR TRAINING PLEASANTLY
EVIDENCED—SUPT. MATHISON'S
HEARTY WELCOME TO THE
DELEGATES, ETC., ETC.

For months past the deaf of Ontario have been looking forward to a happy reunion at their Alma Mater. To the bugle call of President Nurse about 170 of the former pupils of the Ontario School for the Deaf responded on the afternoon and evening of the 10th ult, and the happy countenances and flying figures as each contingent reached the Institution, showed how fondly the memory clings to the friendships formed in the years gone by, when lessons were the order of the day and training for the future engaged their attention. The thoroughness of this training is clearly shown by this large number of deaf people revisiting the scenes of their early days.

Following are the names and addresses of the delegates present—

- Ararell, Sarah, Newton Robinson, Simcoe.
- Ayres, Manuel.
- Allen, Percy, Toronto, York.
- Agnew, Ella, Clinton, Huron.
- Alexander, David M., Lumley, Huron.
- Alexander, Mr & Mrs A., Brighton, Northumbria.
- Balle, Mr. and Mrs. J. C., Belleville, Hastings.
- Hayne, David, Merivale, Carleton.
- Hall, Jessie, Detroit, Michigan.
- Harlow, Agnes, Toronto, York.
- Harzane, Jean, Ottawa, Carleton.
- Hartshorn, John, Canby, Wentworth.
- Hughan, Mr and Mrs Alex., Toronto, York.
- Howley, Culture B., Simcoe, Norfolk.
- Hortwick, Maggie, Ottawa, Carleton.
- Hull, Mary, Belleville, Hastings.
- Hynes, J. H., Hamilton, Wentworth.
- Campbell, Annie, Clinton, Addison.
- Cunningham, Nellie, Oakville, Halton.
- Campbell, Alex., Perth, Middlesex.
- Clark, Arthur J., Aurora, York.
- Clench, William, Kingston, Frontenac.
- Harvey, George, Parrysoot, Muskoka.
- Dickson, George, Parrysoot, Muskoka.
- Dool, Charles, Belleville, Hastings.
- Dool, Thomas.
- Davidson, Howard, Kingston, Frontenac.
- Dean, Joseph, Randolph, Peel.
- Elliot, Louisa, Toronto, York.
- Ellis, Mr and Mrs John L., Toronto, York.
- Fraser, Mr and Mrs J., Toronto, York.
- Fraser, Mr and Mrs John, Toronto, York.
- Fraser, Albert, Pembroke, Renfrew.
- Fletcher, William N., Housey's Rapids, Muskoka.
- Foulds, Sarah, Brantford, Brant.
- Francis, Alice, Huntsville, Muskoka.
- Grant, Hedley, Hamilton, Wentworth.
- Grace, Attie, Waterloo, Norfolk.
- Gates, John A., Toronto, York.
- Goodbrand, James, Ancaster, Wentworth.
- Goble, Charles, Milton, Peel.
- Gallagher, John, Kingston, Frontenac.
- Gottlieb, Mrs. Emil, Milton, Peel.
- Gray, William H., Port Hope, Bruce.
- Goold, Justus, St. Mary's, Perth.
- Harbly, Mr and Mrs, Nobleton, King.
- Howe, Charles, Toronto, York.
- Hazleton, Thomas, Delta, Leeds.
- Haines, Mary, West Flaming, Wentworth.
- Hoy, Robert, Avonlea, Perth.
- Herrington, Isabella, Ottawa, Carleton.
- Hanson, Robert, Kingston, Frontenac.

- James, Ada, Belleville, Hastings.
- Johnson, Joseph, Barrie, Simcoe.
- James, Elizabeth, Oshawa, Ontario.
- Irvine, Ethel, Belleville, Hastings.
- Irvine, Eva.
- Isbister, John A., Lakefield, Peterboro.
- Kelly, George, Glen Meyer, Norfolk.
- King, John, Bagin, Ontario.
- Kennedy, Maggie, Mitchell, Perth.
- Launceston, Annie, Port Granby, Durham.
- Mathewson, Aggie, Komoka, Middlesex.
- Mason, Mr and Mrs A. W., Toronto, York.
- Middleton, Thomas, Horning's Mills, Dufferin.
- Milcent, Charles, Pembroke, Renfrew.
- Mortimer, C. Hamilton, Wentworth.
- Moher, James H., Hamilton, Wentworth.
- Mason, Elizabeth, Toronto, York.
- Moore, Mr and Mrs Henry, Toronto, York.
- Murdoch, William, Belwood, Wellington.
- McClelland, James, Ottawa, Carleton.
- McKillop, Bella, Duart, Kent.
- McKillop, Duncan, Belleville, Hastings.
- Melrose, John, Lynedoch, Norfolk.
- Melrose, J., Toronto, York.
- McMillan, Nell A., Toronto, York.
- McCoy, James, Belleville, Hastings.
- Melaren, Charles, Osgoode, Carleton.
- Melaren, George.
- Melaren, Thomas, Brantford, Brant.
- McIntosh, Robert.
- McChugh, F., Beaufort, Huron.
- Mellie, Mr and Mrs Robt., Kingston, Frontenac.
- Mackenzie, Robert M., New Durham, Brant.
- Nahrang, Oliver, New Hamburg, Waterloo.
- Nahrang, Isalah.
- Noonan, Catherine, Harper, Lanark.
- Nurse, William, Belleville, Hastings.
- Ogilvie, Mrs. Alex., Toronto, York.
- Patterson, Maggie.
- Petli, Myrian, Stone Creek, Wentworth.
- Quinlan, William, Stratford, Perth.
- Robbins, Charles, Vasey, Simcoe.
- Riddell, Mr and Mrs Robert B., Toronto, York.
- Ryan, Charles, Woodstock, Oxford.
- Smith, Charles, Toronto, York.
- Slater, Mr and Mrs B. C., Toronto, York.
- Smith, A. K., Brantford, Brant.
- Hutton, Robert.
- Hutton, Mrs. Mary, Simcoe, Norfolk.
- Smith, Archie, Brantford, Brant.
- Schweitzer, John, Berlinville, Perth.
- Schweitzer, Maggie.
- Seisoua, Robert, South March, Carleton.
- Sours, David, Northfield Centre, Brant.
- Smith, William, Shakespeare, Perth.
- Spinks, Francis W., Blackstock, Durham.
- Simmons, Martha, New Durham, Brant.
- Smith, William W., Lanark, Lanark.
- Shepard, A. E., Brantford, Brant.
- Terrill, Benj., Toronto, York.
- Terrill, Jno.
- Taylor, John T., Inghamton, Simcoe.
- Thomas, Robert H., Oakville, Halton.
- Terrill, Mrs. W. J., Toronto, York.
- Therakston, Martha, Bagin, Ontario.
- Trachsel, John, E. Shakespeare, Perth.
- VanLoven, Mr and Mrs A. P., Morven, Lennox.
- Walton, John, Woodstock, Oxford.
- Watt, Maggie, Guelph, Wellington.
- Webb, Miss, Toronto, York.
- Whealy, Henry, Toronto, York.
- Wright, W. J., Newcombe, Mills, Northumberland.
- Young, Mr and Mrs O., Corbyville, Hastings.
- Young, Joseph.
- Zhuat, Eva A., Hanover, Bruce.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

- Mr and Mrs H. Mathison, the Misses Mathison, Messrs. B. and G. Mathison, Mr and Mrs Alex. Mathison, Dr. Pakins, Miss Isabel M. Alker, Mr D. B. Coleman, Mr W. J. Campbell, Mr T. H. McAloney, Mrs. J. G. Terrill, Miss K. Tompkinson, Miss M. M. Ostrom, Miss Florence Mayhew, Miss L. N. Metcalf, Mr I. G. Smith, Mr Wm. Douglas, Miss A. Gallagher, Messrs. W. Langmuir, J. Middleton, R. O'Meara, J. T. Burns, Frank Flynn, D. Cunningham, Wm. Johnson, Mr and Mrs J. D. Naamith, Mrs. Dr. Foster, Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Ashley, Mrs. Nurse, Miss James, Miss Burns, Rev. J. A. McCanna, Rev. E. N. Baker, Rev. J. J. George, Rev. A. J. Goss.

At 8 o'clock p.m., the Convention was opened in the chapel of the Institution by prayer, Prof. Coleman, senior teacher of the Institution, officiating.

Supt. Mathison then gave the members of the Convention a hearty welcome back to their Alma Mater. The majority of those present had grown up under his guidance and certainly they were a credit to him. He wanted them all to feel at home and hoped they would have a very enjoyable and profitable Convention. Much applause was elicited when he announced that he had received a letter from His Excellency, Lord Aberdeen, wishing them a successful Convention.

Mr. Bayne, of Ottawa, in response, brought up many incidents of his school days and of Mr. Mathison's firm but kind discipline, assuring Mr. M. that all the members present appreciated his kind welcome and finished by calling for three cheers for Mr. M., which were heartily given.

President Nurse, in his address, paid a very touching tribute to his immediate predecessor in office, the late Prof. S. T. Greene, who was the founder and first President of the Association. He referred to the steady growth of the Association and pointed out the benefits of a united membership, advising a careful guardianship of the interests of the Association, and showing the importance of a judicious selection of officers. He mentioned the fact that not 1 per cent, of the 170 pupils that had passed through the Institute had become a non-abler to the laws of our country. He pointed out the advantages of meeting in convention and refuted the claims of a few who say that the conventions of the deaf are a mistake, and showing clearly that from such conventions the deaf are encouraged to live useful lives, and to make greater efforts to attain success in life. Here Mr. Nurse referred to the great loss the deaf of the province had sustained in the death of Prof. Ashley, a man with an intellect liberally endowed with a depth and power possessed by few, and always deeply concerned in all that pertained to the welfare of the deaf. Mrs. Sylvia C. Ball, in graceful signs,

presented a paper on "Women's Work and Mission." She alluded to the well-known fact that in the past ages women held a position much inferior to the opposite sex, and traced back the steady growth of their advancement which has now placed them on an equal footing with men, not only socially but in spheres of higher education, commerce, etc. Mrs. Ball here outlined the preparation necessary for a model woman that she may take her appropriate place in the world and fulfill her mission here in caring for man and making the character of the growing generation. She emphasized the fact that "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world," and also stated that women were now supplanting men in literature, science and art.

An acrostic poem, entitled "Welcome Back to Alma Mater," composed for the occasion by Mr. Thos. Willis, graduate at the Institution, was then read by himself and interpreted in signs to the deaf by Prof. Coleman, as follows:

WELCOME BACK TO ALMA MATER.

Welcome back to Alma Mater
Each dear and valued friend
Loving hearts are here to meet you
Come some pleasant days to spend
Our noble home in beauty grows
More lovely than of yore
Each year has added to its beauty
Brighter ventures than before
All who've lived within its halls
Can never forget the happy days
Kindness made the days seem short
Though order reigned supreme
Our triumphs in the field of sport
Always are recalled with pleasure
Long after school-days pass away
Memory will hold no brighter treasure
A pleasant time I wish you all
My dear and loving friends,
As years pass by, may we all return
To tell of the mercies Our Father sends
Each must uphold our Alma Mater
Be as patient as the sun, and without stain

After some preliminary business the meeting adjourned.

SUNDAY SERVICES

On Sunday forenoon Prof. Coleman delivered a very clear and impressive discourse, taking for his subject "The Ten Commandments." In the afternoon Messrs. Byrno and Bayne gave short addresses on "Grace and Truth" and Messrs. Fraser, Nurse and Grant also spoke for a short time on the subject of "Prayer."

Prof. Ball's signing of "Abide with Me," and Mr. Nurse's signing of "Every Day and Every Hour," which entered into the afternoon exercises, were much admired.

MONDAY, JULY 1894

This morning's session was opened with prayer by Mr. Grant, of Hamilton. Mr. T. Hazleton, of Delta, gave an interesting paper on "The Relations between Employer and Employee." He advised the deaf to begin with low wages if necessary, and he had no doubt that they would in a short time, by a faithful performance of their duty, receive higher wages, and that in times of depression it was folly to go on strike when wages were lowered, as they would assuredly get their wages raised when the depression was over. He urged them to maintain a kindly feeling and obedience to their employers, and never to allow themselves to be tempted to taste "the war-dropping cup."

Prof. Coleman, of the Institution, addressed the Convention on the "Origin of Society and Government." The first form of government was patriarchal. The father ruled the family without reference to any code of laws, either secular or moral. When the families increased or became too numerous for the patriarchal head to rule they separated and the fathers of each branch assumed governorship. This form of government continued after the dispersion and on down until the Egyptian captivity. Moses arose, led the Israelites out of bondage, and then the Theocracy was established. Coming down later a kingdom was established, through which line Our Lord was directly descended. Then came the establishment of smaller and closer friendly societies. First the church, then secret societies, benevolent societies, mutual aid societies and now the Ontario Deaf-Mute Association. He admonished the members of this national society to abide in Union and Good Will, and wished them abundant success in the future.

Mr. A. E. Smith of Brantford, the Secretary, then read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed by the members of the Association.

The following letter from Prof. P. Denys, of the Institution, was inter-