

## AMERICAN CONVENTION OF INSTRUCTORS.

### A REVIEW OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

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The Seventh Convention of Instructors of the Deaf and Dumb has just held its session, at the Indiana Institution, having convened on the 24th and closed on the 26th instant.

The Convention was largely attended, much more so than on any previous occasion — delegates were present from nearly every Institution in the United States.

Among the more prominent members were Harvey P. Peet, L. L. D., Emeritus Principal of the New York Institution, who may be justly styled the Nestor of the profession, and who, although he has passed the allotted period of three score and ten, is still vigorous and alive to the true interests of the deaf and dumb; Isaac Lewis Peet, Acting Principal of the Institution to which his distinguished father was so long the head, and his worthy successor; the Rev. Collins Stone, the erudite Principal of the Hartford Asylum, who was appropriately honored by being selected as the presiding officer of the Convention, and who so ably and satisfactorily performed its duties; Thomas Gallaudet, D. D., Rector of St. Ann's Church for Deaf Mutes, in New York city, the only church of the kind in the world; E. M. Gallaudet, L. L. D., President of the National Deaf Mute College, in Washington City.

Honorable mention should also be made of J. Scott Hutton, Principal of the Nova Scotia Institute; of Hon. J. W. Langmuir, Inspector of Asylums, Prisons and Public Charities, Ontario, Canada; of John G. Brown, D. D., so ably representing the interests of the day school at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; of the Hon. L. J. Dudley, Director of the Clark Institution, Northampton, Massachusetts; of James J. Barclay, Director of the Philadelphia Institution.

Nor would we forget the genial and affable Palmer, of North Carolina, or his modest and worthy neighbors, Walker, of South Carolina, the gentlemanly McWhorter, of Louisiana, or the dignified Covell, of Virginia.

Due meed of praise should be also awarded to the younger members of the fraternity, who, if they lack in experience, are by no means deficient in zeal in their noble calling.

Among the older teachers who should share equally in the honors of the institutions with which they are connected, may be mentioned, Rev. John R. Keep, of the Hartford Asylum; Professor Samuel Porter, of the Deaf Mute College; G. C. W. Gamage, of the New York Institution; William Willard, one of the first pupils in the United States, and the pioneer of deaf mute instruction in the State of Indiana.

There were also present many deaf mute teachers and lady teachers with whom we failed to make acquaintance. Not to particularize further, the Convention, we may venture to say, was composed of as dignified and intelligent body of teachers as ever gathered to consult in regard to the interests of education and humanity.

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