

"Last evening a meeting on behalf of the Deaf and Dumb was held in the Drill Shed. Notwithstanding the unfavorable state of the weather and the attractions of a Concert at the same hour, the attendance was large. Letters of apology from His Excellency the Governor and Bishop Kelly were read, expressing their regret that owing to disposition they were unable to attend, and each enclosing a donation of five pounds. A letter of apology from Judge Robinson was also read, enclosing a donation of eight dollars and expressing regret at unavoidable absence. J. S. Hutton, Esq., Principal of the Deaf and Dumb Institution, Halifax, then delivered a very able and instructive address, explanatory of the condition of deaf-mutes and aid of which their instruction is conducted. He also dwelt forcibly on the strong claims which such sufferers have on the sympathies and aid of the benevolent, and of the Government of every country. Mr. Hutton then brought forward two youths, pupils of the Halifax Institution, who went through a series of most interesting exercises, illustrative of the system of education through which they had passed, and furnishing ample proof of the excellence of their training in developing the intellectual faculties. The quickness and correctness of their replies in writing, as well as by signs, to the various questions put, elicited the admiration of the audience. One of the pupils astonished the audience by uttering distinctly the names of various objects, and repeating several words after Mr. Hutton.

"At the close of the meeting the following resolution was proposed by the Hon. Mr. Donnelly, seconded by W. Pitts, Esq., and unanimously agreed to:

"*Resolved*, That this meeting feeling deeply interested in the condition of the numerous uneducated deaf mutes of our Island, and recognizing their strong claims on the sympathy and aid of the community, earnestly urge upon the Government and Legislature to make early provision for extending to this neglected class of the population, the educational privileges hitherto enjoyed exclusively by those blessed with hearing and speech. And whereas, the Halifax Institution for the Deaf and Dumb offers to undertake the education of our island deaf-mutes on most favorable terms, and has already been doing this to some extent *gratuitously*; therefore resolved, that this meeting commend the same to the confidence and support of the people and Government of Newfoundland."

"Mr. Hutton will, during the next two days, afford the benevolent of St. John's an opportunity of contributing to the fund of his excellent Institution. Deaf mutes from Newfoundland will be received and educated gratuitously."

At Harbor Grace and Carbonear no expense was incurred either for board or for the use of halls for our meetings, one generous friend in the former settling our hotel bill for us, while at the latter place private hospitality supplied the wants of the deputation. The burden of arrangements for the St. John's meeting was kindly assumed by Hon. W. V. Whiteway, thus relieving us from any charge on this account, and adding to our debt of gratitude for his other courtesies and good offices in forwarding the objects of our visit. Special acknowledgment

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