

thought it was altogether unfair that a work of this kind involving a heavy strain of activity and responsibility should be thrown on the shoulders of one man, no matter how willing he might be to do the work ; and, in fact, he had often wondered where Canon Norman found time to do all the work which he did, and thought he must work during the whole 24 hours of the day to accomplish it. He (Dr. Stevenson) was glad to be present with them and to have had the high honor to be appointed chairman of the meeting. No other institution touched his heart so deeply, and in doing what we could to make up to them the deficiency of their birth, we were only carrying forward the great work in which the Master was engaged while on earth. He referred to the great loss which the institution had sustained in the death of Mr. Edward Mackay, and expressed his great gratification at seeing present not only our leading clergymen, but also our merchants, our professional men and our leading business men of every class. He spoke of the great privations which deaf-mutes had to endure and the means which had been invented under divine guidance by which the benefit of language might be given to them, and concluded by saying that the institution was worthy of their warmest sympathy and most liberal support.

The Right Reverend Bishop Baldwin, in seconding the motion, rejoiced at the reports which had just been read, as showing clearly that the noble and Christ-like institution was basking in the sunshine of God's blessing, and was growing in usefulness and material happiness, and as showing that He would never let institutions such as this be in want. When he was in the great metropolis of the world in 1878, he visited some of those noble institutions, which were supported absolutely by the voluntary contributions of a faithful people ; he was deeply impressed with the idea that when the Bank of England would be in need of money, institutions such as those would not be so. He referred to the helpless condition of the deaf-mute, and expressed his admiration for the letter of Principal Widd, that noble and self-sacrificing man, in which he (Mr. Widd) stated that the institution and its interests were so precious to him that he would rather that the Directors would consult the interests of the institution than his own private wishes upon the subject. Those friends who had labored so earnestly in the past, for the