

About sixty persons assembled daily in this room without any official sanction.

Before final adjournment the convention took formal action on the request for an oral section, and granted it by the following resolution:<sup>19</sup>

*"Whereas, at the last convention of articulation teachers of the Deaf and Dumb a resolution was adopted looking to the formation of a section of the American Instructors of the Deaf, for the promotion of articulation teaching; therefore be it*

*"Resolved that the oral teachers of this convention be invited to form a section for the purpose indicated to be organized under its own officers; the hours of meeting to be determined by the appropriate committee of the convention, and to be so ordered as to harmonize with the general meetings and with the normal section.*

The persons who had been meeting together unofficially then proceeded to form themselves into a permanent associate, to coöperate with the oral section that had just been authorized and to assist the schools of the country generally in their efforts to teach speech and speech-reading to the Deaf.

The new association was to be supported by membership fees and to be so organized as to be capable of receiving donations and bequests; and it was promised an Endowment Fund of \$25,000 upon its incorporation. A preliminary organization<sup>20</sup> was effected at the New York Institution on the 27th of August, 1890, and Dr. Westervelt was delegated to report this action to the convention. The news of the birth of the new organization was very favourably received by the convention, which bade it cordial welcome. The new association was incorporated at Albany, N. Y., on the 16th day of September 1890 under the name of "The American Association to Promote the Teaching of Speech to the Deaf."

The objects of the association<sup>21</sup> as defined in its certificate of incorporation were declared to be: