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JOHN MOORE, Farmer and Gardener.

Subjects of the Province in founding and maintaining this Institute is to afford education to all the youth of the Province, in account of deafness, either partial or complete to receive instruction in the common...

Deaf mutes between the ages of seven and fifteen, not being deficient in intellect, and free from contagious diseases, who are bona fide residents of the Province of Ontario, will be admitted to the Institute. The regular term of instruction is seven years, with a vacation of nearly two months during the summer of each year.

Guardians or friends who are able to pay the charges of the sum of \$30 per year for tuition, books and medical attendance will be furnished free.

Deaf mutes whose parents, guardians or friends are unable to pay the amount charged for tuition, books and medical attendance will be admitted FREE. Clothing must be furnished by parents or friends.

Present time the trades of Printing, Bookbinding and Shoemaking are taught to the female pupils are instructed in general domestic work, Tailoring, Dressmaking, Sewing, Knitting, the use of the sewing machine, and ornamental and fancy work as may be required.

It is expected that all having charge of deaf mute pupils will avail themselves of the liberal facilities offered by the government for their education and improvement.

The regular Annual School Term begins on Wednesday in September, and the third Wednesday in June of each year. Attention as to the terms of admission and other particulars will be given upon application to the Superintendent or otherwise.

R. MATHISON, Superintendent, BELLEVILLE, ONT.

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The Burial of Sir John Moore.

Charles Wolfe was born in Dublin, Ireland December 14, 1751 and was educated at the University of Dublin. While there he wrote a number of poems, but this is the only one that became popular. Sir John Moore was an English General and was killed at the battle of Corunna, Spain, in 1809.

Not a drum was heard, not a funeral note, As his corse to the rampart we hurried; Not a soldier discharged his farewell shot O'er the grave where our hero we buried.

We buried him darkly at dead of night— The soldiers with our bayonets turning, By the struggling moonbeams' misty light And the lantern dimly burning.

No useless coffin enclosed his breast, Nor in sheet nor in shroud we wound him; But he lay like a warrior taking his rest, With his martial cloak around him.

Few and short were the prayers we said, And we spoke not a word of sorrow; But we steadfastly gazed on the face of the dead, And we bitterly thought of the morrow.

We thought, as we hollowed his narrow bed, And smoothed down his lonely pillow, That the foe and the stranger would tread o'er his head, And we far away on the billow.

Lighly they'll talk of the spirit that's gone, And of his cold ashes upraised; But little he'll reck, if they let him sleep on In the grave where a Briton has laid him.

But half of our heavy task was done, When the clock struck the hour for retiring, And we heard the distant and random gun That the foe was sullenly firing.

Slowly and sadly we laid him down, From the field of his fame fresh and cory; We carved not a line, and we raised not a stone, But we left him alone with his glory.



The Debt of Honor.

Every son, when he goes away from home, carries with him the honor of the home to which he belongs and he may either enhance or dissipate it. If he does well his success is doubled, for it is not only an ornament to himself, but a crown of honor to his parents. There is nothing in this world more touching than the pride of a father and mother in a son's success. Many a student, in the rivalry of academic life, is thinking about this more than anything else, and on the day when he is being applauded by hundreds he is thinking chiefly of hearts far away that are glorying in his honor. On the field of battle this has often been the inspiration of courage, and in the battles of life in a city like this there are multitudes doing their best, living laborious days, shaking off the tempter, and keeping straight in the middle of the narrow way, for the sake of those far off whose hearts will be cheered by their well-doing, and would be broken by their ill doing. I do not think there is a sight more touching certainly there is not one that touches me more—than when a youth, who has been away in another city, or in a foreign land, and bears in his face and demeanor tokens of his well-doing, comes back some Sabbath to the church in which his boyhood has been spent, and sits again side by side with the proud hearts that love him. Where is there a disappointment so keen, or a disgrace so poignant, as he inflicts who comes not back because he dares not, having in the foreign land or in the distant city soiled his good name, and rolled the honor of his home in the dust? —James Stalker, D. D., in Christian World Pulpit

To a marriage notice in a Kentucky paper is appended. "No cake, no cards, no pistols."

He that worries himself with the dread of possible contingencies will never be at rest.—Johnson.

"That's Thee, Jem!"

At a popular English watering-place, a troop of young men, called "Ethiopian Serenaders," with hand and faces blackened, and dressed in grotesque costumes, ranged themselves for an exhibition one day before the store of an earnest Christian tradesman, who had in his window an assortment of Bibles for sale.

After they had sung some comic and some plaintive melodies, with their own peculiar accompaniments of gestures and grimaces, one of the party, a tall and interesting young man, who had the air of one who was beneath his proper station, stepped up to the door, tam bourine in hand, to ask for a few pennies from the people. Mr. Carr, taking one of the Bibles out of his window, addressed the youth—

"See here young man," he said, "I will give you a shilling, and this book besides, if you will read a portion of it among your comrades there, and in the hearing of the bystanders."

"Here's a shilling for an easy job," he chuckled out to his mates; "I'm going to give a 'public reading!'"

Mr. Carr opened at the fifteenth chapter of Luke, and, pointing to the eleventh verse, requested the young man to commence reading at that verse.

He took the book and read, "And He said: A certain man had two sons, and the younger of them said to his father: Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto him his living."

There was something in the voice of the reader, as well as in the strangeness of the circumstances, that lulled all to silence, while an air of seriousness took possession of the youth, and still further commanded the rapt attention of the crowd.

He read on, "And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living."

"That's thee, Jem!" ejaculated one of his comrades. "It's just like what you told me of yourself and your father!"

The reader continued, "And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want."

"Why that's thee again, Jem!" said the voice. "Go on!"

"And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat; and no man gave unto him."

"That's like us all," said the voice, once more interrupting. "We're all beggars, and might be better than we are! Go on, let's hear what came of it."

The young man read on, and as he read his voice trembled. "And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father."

At this point he fairly broke down, and could read no more. All were impressed and moved.

That day, that scene, proved the turning point of the young prodigal's life. He sought the advice of the Christian friend who had thus providentially interposed for his deliverance. Communications were made to his parents, which resulted in a long lost and dearly loved child's returning to the familiar early home, and still better, in his return to his heavenly Father.

Every man's task is his life pro-server.—Emerson.

Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising every time we fail.—Confucius.

Men judge us by the success of our efforts. God looks at the efforts themselves.—Whately.

Getting Started.

A strong inclination toward a trade or profession is often one of the surest signs that a young person will succeed in it, and if the inclination is strong enough, and shows signs of permanence, perhaps the young person cannot do better than to follow it, no matter what some of his advisers may say to the contrary.

A young man with mild manners stepped into the office of his somewhat crusty uncle, who was engaged in the practice of law.

"Well," said the old gentleman, "now that you are out of college, what are you going to do for a living?"

"I think I'll study some more and adopt the profession of law."

"That's right," was the sarcastic rejoinder. "Go ahead and have your own way. Don't take any advice. I thought we had a talk about that the other day. I told you the profession was overcrowded. But you won't believe me, of course. You've got to go ahead and put in a few years finding out for yourself."

"I'm willing to take advice," replied the nephew, mildly. "The fact is, I'm trying to take all the advice I can get. When you told me to give up the idea of practising law, I went to a friend who is a civil engineer. He said my general education ought to give me a good foundation for any profession, but he advised me to let civil engineering alone. He said there were too many people in the business now. He said commerce was the thing for a young man, and he gave me the address of a friend of his who keeps a drug store."

"The druggist said that I could go through a college of pharmacy without any trouble, but he wouldn't advise me to do it, as there were as many people in the business as it would stand. He asked me why I didn't take up medicine. I thanked him for the hint and went to see our family physician. He told me that it was an exacting life, in which the percentage of eminent success was small. In fact, he said that there were more physicians now than there was practice for. He had heard me sing, and asked me if I had never thought of a career in music. I went to see a musician and he tried my voice."

"What did he say?"

"He wasn't as gently considerate as the others. He said there were hundreds of people with better voices than mine, looking for work. He thought I might make a good bricklayer, or something of that kind. So I hunted up a bricklayer and talked it over with him. He said the brick laying business was overcrowded, and that he should think a man with my training would be a lawyer. So I came back here, and I'm willing to start in and go to work studying with you, or go through the list again, getting more advice, whichever you think proper."

A Good Rule.

A man who is very rich now was very poor when he was a boy. When asked how he got his riches he replied, "My father taught me never to play until my work was finished, and never to spend money until I had earned it. If I had done but one hour's work in a day I must do that the first thing, and after this I was allowed to play, and then I could play with much more pleasure than if I had the thought of an unfinished task before my mind. I early formed the habit of doing everything in time, and it soon became perfectly easy to do so. It is to this that I owe my prosperity."

People seldom improve when they have no model but themselves to copy after.—Goldsmith.

That man is wise to some purpose who gains his wisdom at the expense and from the experience of another.—Plautus.



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### OUR MISSION

- First** - That a number of our pupils may learn typewriting, and from the knowledge obtained be able to earn a livelihood after they leave school.
- 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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MONDAY, JULY 2, 1906.

### The Convention.

We heartily congratulate the Ontario Deaf Mute Association on the very decided success of their convention, it being the unanimous opinion of all present that it was the most pleasant and interesting ever yet held. This gratifying result was no doubt largely due to the fact that it was held at the Institution, which is an ideal place for such a gathering. When held in a city thousands of attendances are all together only while assembled at the various sessions. Here, on the contrary, they were all living in the same building and were thus constantly associated not only during, but also between the sessions, and they thus had ample opportunity for renewing old acquaintances and for making new friendships. Then, again, a large proportion of the members of the Association are graduates of the Institution and it is always a great pleasure for them to see the old school again, to live over in memory the events of the past, and to recall the trials endured and the triumphs achieved in classroom and on campus, and that the Institution occupies a warm place in the affections of the old pupils was evidenced by the demonstrations of genuine delight with which they once again traversed its halls and visited the familiar scenes of their school days. No less gratifying was it to witness the heartiness of the greetings between the old pupils and the officers and teachers of the Institution, thus giving evidence that the pupils recognized in them their truest friends and that the relations of teachers and pupils had been of the most pleasant and harmonious character. Altogether the Convention was a most delightful one in every respect and will no doubt be regarded as a red letter day in the lives of all present. Nor can we neglect to once more express our gratification at the character and appearance of the members of the Association; and we confidently assert that in point of respectability, intelligence and demeanour they were equal to those composing any other gathering ever assembled in Belleville; and that every member present was earning a good livelihood and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his friends and neighbors, is ample evidence to the value of the instruction and training given at the Institution, as well as to the industry, aptitude and high moral character of the deaf themselves.

## ONTARIO DEAF-MUTE ASSOCIATION.

The Seventh Convention, held at the Institution.

ANOTHER HAPPY REUNION AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING. SUFFICIENT MATHEWSON'S HEARTY WELCOME TO THE DELEGATES. RACES, GAMES, ETC., ETC.

The Seventh Biennial Convention of the Ontario Deaf Mute Association was held in the Institution on June 16th to 19th. The attendance was very large - perhaps the largest in the history of the association, there being over 200 present. Superintendent Mathison and Miss Walker had made ample provision for the comfort and welfare of their guests and had given tangible expression to the heartiness of their welcome by the beautiful and elaborate decorations throughout the building. In the main halls and dining room hundreds of flags and banners were suspended from ceilings and walls, while the assembly room was transformed into a bower of beauty by the profusion of tastefully arranged flags and bunting and drapery, the piece de resistance being a portrait of Superintendent Mathison surmounted by a coat of arms arranged amid beautiful festoons of drapery and bunting.



R. Mathison, Sup't. Hon. Pres.

The following are the names of those present.

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- Walton, A. B., "
- Young, J., Madoc
- Yack, Miss L., New Hamburg
- Zinck, Miss Eva, Toronto.

### SATURDAY EVENING.

The first session was held on Saturday evening and was devoted chiefly to addresses of welcome and responses thereto. The president of the association, Mr. A. C. Smith, of Stratford, was unable to be present owing to illness, and the chair was occupied most acceptably by Mr. P. Fraser, of Toronto, the vice-president of the association.

Prof. Coleman opened the proceedings with prayer, after which the minutes of the last convention were read by the secretary, Mr. Nurse.

Then followed a scene appropriate to these times of patriotic ardor. Mrs. Moore, of Toronto, attired to represent the Queen, accompanied by her little son in khaki uniform, ascended the platform followed by Miss Ethel Irvine, of Belleville, and Misses Elliott, O'Neil, Ballagh and Munro, of Toronto, who recited most gracefully in signs, "God Save the Queen." The young ladies were all dressed in flowing white robes trimmed with the national colors, and each one carried a small flag, which she waved enthusiastically at the close, the whole effect being very pretty and inspiring.

Superintendent Mathison then gave a brief address of welcome couched in most felicitous terms and breathing that spirit of devotion to the deaf and solicitude for their welfare which has characterized his twenty years of faithful service in the position which he has so ably filled; and that the deaf fully appreciate his efforts and regard him with feelings of warmest affection and esteem was demonstrated by the hearty reception accorded him. He extended to each and everyone a most cordial and wholehearted welcome to the institution, and he was happy to see so many present. He was glad to

see so many deaf friends present, and those also he heartily welcomed. Men and women present, married and with families, for him to recognize the girls who came to the Institution years ago, and who passed various grades and then came to the world to take their place, scarcely any exceptions made a credit to themselves, to the and to the Institution, and respect and confidence of the in which they lived. He wanted to know that the deaf were honest, industrious men, earning their own living by standing upon their merits and adding their afflictions or sympathy or special consideration of their deafness. At the they had always tried to that of independence and self-reliance, and he was glad to see evidence of the value and of the instruction they had hoped they would all receive and pleasure from the room, knowing that they all would visit the old school again, brought the matter before the ment, and by the courtesy of Stratton, at his request, was supported by Dr. Chamberlain were permitted to meet here, them lived isolated and for various parts of the country would greatly enjoy spending here in their old school, and intercourse with those with whom they could converse freely in their language. He himself and other and teachers were present to sympathy and good will, but not intend to interfere in the proceedings. The convention of the deaf and they were to themselves in their own way were quite as capable of doing as people, and he hoped they would both profit and pleasure from being together. Everything was done to enhance their confidence to make them feel at home. On behalf of himself and of all with the Institution, he had the most hearty welcome, and hoped they left for their homes they would feel the better for having been here, and would carry away pleasant recollections of all the officers and teachers of the Institution.



P. Fraser, President.

Mr. Fraser, of Toronto, responded to the address of welcome. On behalf of the deaf assembled there from all parts of the Province, he thanked Mr. Mathison for his kind and cordial greeting, and was a pleasure to them all to see Superintendent Mathison, whose sign name was recognized by every educated deaf person in the Province. His kind and genial welcome they knew came from his heart, and they had grown up under his care and he had left upon their memories a strong and deep impression of his friendship. The recollection that they had tried away in their minds when they were at school was not that of a stern taskmaster, but of the father of a great family wisely and kindly, and one whom they were glad to meet more. Most of them were once there, now they were men and women and they met that day with feelings of gladness and delight. To them the school in which they were taught was much more than the schools of hearing children are to them. To the deaf the old school is the true home of their minds, where their understanding was first born into light and freedom, the first page of an old book in which was shown one of the first signs of the alphabet invented for the deaf was a bird and suggestive engraving. On the left is shown the picture of an imprisoned bird set free, and on the other is a pedicled lip unfettered. These are good symbols of what had been done for them there, when their imprisoned minds were set free and their power of expression unlocked. He hoped Mr. Mathison and all associated with him in the work of the Institution would meet

...some things that would en-  
...them and inspire them with in-  
...confidence in their work; that  
...could realize some of the pleasure  
...from seeing seed that was  
...and laboriously sown bring-  
...with an abundant harvest; and that  
...could find good evidences that the  
...they have done deserve well of  
...and of its Government.



R. C. Slater, 1st Vice-Prot.

...the acting president, in  
...and well-known words, the  
...all present to the convention.  
...was glad to see so many friends  
...struck with the intelligent and in-  
...dependent spirit manifested, and he re-  
...sultant that the meeting would remain  
...lasting good to all. The long and anti-  
...many of them had traveled in order  
...to be present indicated the warm inter-  
...may look in the good work it sought  
...to promote now thankful they should  
...as well as what was being done for the  
...deal all over his world and especially  
...in the home institution at Belleville,  
...were so many have received instruction  
...benefit, and which is produced over by  
...so true a friend of the deaf as Mr. Mathison.  
...They were glad to see him among  
...them and taking so deep an interest in  
...the proceedings. It was also a source of  
...great pleasure to see so many of the  
...teachers taking so great an interest in  
...their welfare, as was manifested by  
...being present. He assured them that  
...no pains would be spared to make them  
...stay a pleasant one and hoped all would  
...go home greatly benefited by their visit  
...to Belleville.

...the motion of Mr. Mason, seconded by  
...Mr. Slater, the following were made hon-  
...orary members of the Association:—Mr.  
...J. H. Stratton, Mr. Chamberlain, all the  
...officers, teachers and instructors of the  
...institution, Mr. and Mrs. Mathison, Treas-  
...urer, Miss Slater, Mr. F. Moore and  
...Miss Ogilvie, of Toronto; Miss L. Blain  
...and Belleville; Miss Macfarlane, Ottawa;  
...Miss Mitchell, Montreal; Miss Frings,  
...Berlin; and Mr. Hawthorn, Coc Hill.  
...The President then appointed the fol-  
...lowing Committees:—On Revision of By-  
...laws and on Resolutions—Messrs. Payne,  
...Gibbs, Mason, Slater, Nurse, Madden,  
...and Elliott. On Sports—Messrs. Waggoner,  
...Bradshaw, Pickard and Mason.  
...A Liturgy—Messrs. A. C. Cland and Elliott.

**SUNDAY SERVICES.**

The Sunday services, three of which  
...were held, were of a very interesting  
...character. The morning service began  
...with the doxology, recited in unison by  
...all present. The opening prayer was  
...given by Mr. Nurse. Mr. McKillop read  
...the scripture lesson and was followed  
...in prayer by Mr. Campbell. Four young  
...ladies, Misses Scott, Hoyt, Blackburn and  
...Allendorf then recited "Safe in the Arms  
...of Jesus," in the beautiful and expressive  
...own language. Mr. Nurse then gave an  
...excellent address on "The Kingship of  
...Jesus," based on the text, "Christ came,  
...who is over all, God blessed forever," af-  
...ter which the four ladies above mentioned  
...recited very gracefully, "All Hail the  
...Power of Jesus' Name."

...before the meeting closed Miss Fraser  
...made an appeal on behalf of the deaf in  
...China. A school has lately been started  
...there and she asked that in the after-  
...noon a liberal contribution should be  
...made towards its support.

...in the afternoon the meeting opened  
...with prayer by Mr. Fraser. "A Hail  
...Thee, Precious Jesus," was then beauti-  
...fully rendered by Misses Irvine, Elliott,  
...O'Neill, Ballagh and Munro, who also  
...sang "Nearer the Cross" before the close.  
...Mr. C. Elliott then read the scripture les-  
...son, Mr. N. McGillivray led in the Lord's  
...prayer and Mr. J. B. Byrne then gave a  
...thoughtful and interesting address on  
..."Law and Grace."

...The evening session opened with pray-  
...er by Prof. Italia, after which "Jesus  
...Cover of My Soul" was gracefully signed  
...by Miss Edith Willey Mayoe Johnson  
...and then called upon and made a felici-  
...tous address, which was interpreted by  
...Mr. Mathison.

...He remarked that he had been present  
...at the convention held here six years  
...ago, by invitation of Mr. Mathison. His  
...recollection of that occasion was so

pleasant that he had come this time with-  
...out invitation, as he felt a personal inter-  
...est in their success and welfare. The  
...present visit was his first as a visitor,  
...of Belleville and as such he was most  
...welcome. He was certain that wherever  
...they went they carried with them pre-  
...sant memories of the old school, its super-  
...intendent and their teachers. Mr. Mathison  
...had done his duty to the govern-  
...ment, but he had also exercised a personal  
...fatherly influence and interest in the  
...welfare of those placed in his care. He  
...was pleased to see the pleasant and hap-  
...py faces before him and to note how  
...greatly their education had helped them  
...in their lives, and he was confident they  
...met the duties of life bravely and un-  
...flinchingly. The work of the teachers  
...and their success in their chosen voca-  
...tion was evidenced in the assembly now  
...gathered in the halls of their alma mater.  
...He could assure them that no other coun-  
...try in the world surpassed Canada, the  
...Province of Ontario was the fairest of the  
...Provinces and the city of Belleville one  
...of the most beautiful of her many beau-  
...tiful centres. He congratulated the as-  
...sembled members upon their independence  
...and reminded them that dependence upon  
...others was one of the bitterest of life's  
...experiences. He saw before him no evi-  
...dences of poverty nor the other extremes,  
...of great wealth, but the comfortable and  
...happy independence of an industrious and  
...educated class who were making their  
...lives useful to themselves and to others.  
...He felt he owed a personal debt to the  
...Institution, as it was there among its  
...faculty he had found his wife, one of  
...the best women in the world, and many  
...other good things have come from the  
...Institution. He assured the young gen-  
...tlemen that there were some fine young  
...women present whom he was certain  
...would make good wives, and advised them  
...to make the most of their present oppor-  
...tunities. He hoped that all would en-  
...joy their present return to the scenes  
...of their school days and would find both  
...profit and pleasure in the renewing of  
...old friendships. In all the years to com-  
...e none will have greater cause for thank-  
...fulness for the blessings of an education  
...than the deaf and dumb.

Mr. Mathison was then called upon and  
...gave one of his plain, suggestive talks,  
...Miss Fraser acting as interpreter. He  
...expressed the great pleasure it was for  
...him to meet so many old friends again  
...and also some new ones. They had wit-  
...nessed many changes in their circum-  
...stances and conditions since they last  
...met together, but he wished to direct  
...them to one friend who never changes  
...—the great God, who has created all  
...things. He has given us bodies and he  
...bids us call Him our Father. He has  
...manifested His great love for us by giv-  
...ing us His Son to die for us. From a  
...contemplation of His work we learn only  
...of the power of God, which inspires only  
...fear, but from the gift of His Son we  
...learn to love and to know Him. They  
...all had learned many valuable lessons  
...in the Institution, but better than all  
...other knowledge is that of the love of  
...God towards us. He hoped all of them  
...would be sincere in their devotion to God  
...Some people tried to face in one direction  
...and go in another, but this was impos-  
...sible to do for any length of time. Peo-  
...ple always face in the direction in which  
...they are going, and when we see men  
...proceeding to be facing towards God but  
...going in the opposite direction we know  
...they are not sincere and true. We  
...should set the Lord always before our  
...face and serve Him not on one Sunday  
...but on every day and all the time.



Wm. Nurse, Secretary.

Miss Jessie Macfarlane, of Ottawa, then  
...recited "Lead Kindly Light" with charm-  
...ing grace and expression, and thus came  
...to a close this series of delightful Sun-  
...day services which were entered into  
...with enthusiastic ardor by the deaf, and  
...was a pleasure such as many of them  
... seldom have the privilege of enjoying.

**MONDAY MORNING SESSION.**

Monday morning's session was opened  
...with prayer by Prof. Coleman, after  
...which Prof. Denys was called on for an  
...address. The warmth of his reception  
...showing how pleased his old pupils were

to see him again. He said he was much  
...pleased to see so many bright and happy  
...faces and he hoped all of them would de-  
...rive profit and pleasure from their short  
...stay at the Institution. He was satisfied  
...that they had long since found that the  
...teachers and officers of this Institution  
...were their best and truest friends. He  
...hoped that in this Convention they would  
...all find inspiration for continued ad-  
...vancement and ever greater successes  
...in the future. Honesty, straightfor-  
...wardness, morality, honor, truth, indus-  
...try, sobriety are common terms—more  
...common perhaps in the breach than the  
...observance, yet they are the materials  
...of which manly men are built. Industry  
...is a great power, so many excellent qual-  
...ities cluster around it. He will not  
...work, said St. Paul, neither shall he eat.  
...And whilst trying to raise themselves  
...in the scale of manhood, which it was  
...their duty to do, he was sure they would  
...not forget that the greatest wisdom is  
...to be "wise unto salvation." He would  
...simply add that in their trials as in their  
...triumphs, the officers and teachers were  
...cordially with them. Handicapped in the  
...race, the success they had achieved com-  
...mands admiration. That still greater re-  
...sults may crown their endeavors was  
...his wish and prayer.



D. J. McKillop, Treasurer.

At the close of his address Miss Annie  
...Blackburn signed with touching grace  
...and pathos, "Whisper softly, mother's  
...dying," and the meeting then adjourned.

**MONDAY'S GAMES.**

Monday afternoon was devoted to  
...games and sports of various kinds. The  
...first event was a twenty mile bicycle  
...race to a point near Trenton and return,  
...and was won by Noah Labelle, of To-  
...ronto, handicapped by 2 minutes, in the  
...remarkably good time of 34 min., 25 sec.;  
...A. S. Waggoner, Hamilton, was second in  
...in 1 hr., 1 min., and W. O'Rourke, To-  
...ronto, came third in 1 hr. 6 min. and  
...35 sec.

**Lady Contestants.**

- 50 yards dash—1st, Miss Blackburn;
- 2nd, Miss Henderson.
- Hurdle eating race—1st, Mrs. H. Moore;
- 2nd, Mrs. H. Mason.
- Potato race—1st, Miss O'Neill; 2nd, Miss Hayward.
- Tug of War, City vs. Country—Won by City, Misses Hayward and Francis, and Messrs. Moore, L. Mason and Hawthorn.
- Egg on Spoon race—1st, Miss Hayward;
- 2nd, Miss Slater.
- Handkerchief race—1st, Miss Hayward;
- 2nd, Miss O'Neill.
- Throwing the Ball—1st, Miss Munro;
- 2nd, Miss Hayward.

**Gentlemen Contestants.**

- 100 yards dash—1st, Legullie; 2nd, O'Rourke.
  - Three-legged race—1st, Black and Legullie; 2nd, Watt and McPherson.
  - Mule race—1st, Legullie; 2nd, O'Rourke.
  - Throwing shot—1st, Mr. Murphy; 2nd, J. Mackenzie.
  - Running hop, step and jump—1st, Lett;
  - 40 ft. 3 in.; 2nd, Labelle, 31ft. 4 in.
  - Running long jump—1st, Labelle, 13 ft. 5 in.; 2nd, Carr, 13 ft. 10 in.
  - Throwing ball—1st, Geo. Hooves.
  - Slow bicycle race—1st, Jas. Darney;
  - 2nd, N. Labelle.
- After the games, all assembled on the lawn, and were photographed by Mr. Clarke, of Belleville.

**MONDAY EVENING.**

The evening was devoted to a panto-  
...mime entertainment, which was very  
...amusing and enjoyable, and which, more-  
...over, was devised to teach some excellent  
...practical lessons. The first event was  
...the National Anthem, beautifully signed  
...by Misses Irvine, Elliott, O'Neill and Mun-  
...ro, with Mrs. Moore representing the  
...queen. This was followed by "A Love  
...Story" with a good moral attached, giv-  
...en by Misses Blackburn and Allendorf,  
...and Messrs. Nurse, Loughed and Mad-  
...den. Miss Annie Blackburn then repeat-  
...ed by request, "Whisper Softly, Mother's  
...Dying," in an intubly graceful man-  
...ner. The last event was a highly amu-

ing and very suggestive pantomime en-  
...titled "The Shoe Shop," which illustrated  
...very impressively the advantages of indus-  
...try and sobriety over idleness and  
...dissipation. It was given by Messrs.  
...Nurse, Madden, Charroncau, Loughed  
...and McKillop.

**TUESDAY MORNING.**

After prayer by Mr. Fraser, Mr. Mad-  
...don presented the following report of  
...the committee on the revision of the by-  
...laws, which was adopted.

**AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.**

- The newly elected officers shall assume the duties of their respective offices thirty days after the adjournment of the convention.
- One Auditor shall be appointed by the President and one by the members of the Association present.
- Three Secretaries, one of whom shall be the Secretary, shall be appointed by the President.
- No member who is nominated for any office shall act as scrutineer or collector of ballots.
- Persons from outside of Ontario shall be eligible for membership after two years and for office after one year residence in the Province. Officers shall only be eligible for office two years after their election.

Mr. A. W. Mason, of Toronto, then  
...gave an interesting and impressive talk  
...on "Intemperance." He referred to some  
...of the outward and conspicuous signs  
...of indulgence in the use of liquor and  
...emphasized the evil effects resulting  
...therefrom, and contrasted these with the  
...beneficial results of total abstinence as  
...exemplified in the experience of most of  
...the great and successful men of the day,  
...and especially of Roberts, Kitchener and  
...other noted generals who have won hon-  
...ors by keeping their heads clear and  
...their faculties unclouded. He urged all  
...the young men to abstain from drink and  
...advised the young ladies never to marry  
...a man who indulges in intemperance.

Mr. J. G. Jefferson, of Toronto, then  
...gave a short paper on poultry raising,  
...pointing out the best kinds of fowls to  
...raise and the best methods to employ  
...to make this line of business profitable.

Mr. Slater, of Toronto, gave a practi-  
...cal talk on the relations of the deaf with  
...the hearing in social and business life.  
...He found that as a rule they got along  
...very well with each other, though occa-  
...sionally misunderstandings produced a  
...little friction and bad feeling. He advised  
...the deaf to always try to cultivate kindly  
...relations with the hearing and they  
...would as a rule have no difficulty in get-  
...ting along well with them.

Mr. Hazelton, of Delhi, followed with  
...a practical and interesting address on  
..."Negligence vs. Industry, in Busi-  
...ness." He pointed out that idleness was  
...one of the greatest curses that afflicted  
...humanity, providing an open door for  
...temptation, and would assuredly pro-  
...duce failure and disaster in business.  
...It was of supreme importance that every  
...person should be brought up in habits  
...of industry and thrift. Every boy should  
...learn a trade and be brought up in habits  
...of industry and thrift, whether it was  
...necessary for him to earn his living or  
...not. Even the wealthy may meet with  
...adversity and well it is for such if they  
...have some good trade on which they can  
...rely. It is better to work for the meagre  
...stipend than to spend the time in idlen-  
...ess and sloth. Habits of industry or  
...of idleness are formed early in life and  
...as the boy is so will the man likely be.

Mr. Payne, of Ottawa, emphasized the  
...thoughts expressed by the previous  
...speaker and gave several practical illus-  
...trations of the evils of idleness and  
...the benefits of industrious habits and  
...application to business.

At this stage a very pleasing variety  
...to the proceedings was given by the  
...appearance of several members of the Bel-  
...leville Board of Education, for the purpose  
...of extending their greetings to the con-  
...vention. In introducing the visiting gen-  
...tlemen, Mr. Mathison thanked them for  
...the honor they had done the convention.  
...He knew that they were all greatly in-  
...terested in the deaf and in all connected  
...with the Institution and had often given  
...tangible evidence of their good will. Sev-  
...eral of those on the platform were clergymen  
...and to those and to others not  
...present the pupils and staff were great-  
...ly indebted for their care and attention.  
...Some of them were frequent visitors to  
...the Institution and ministered gladly to  
...the pupils of their respective denomina-  
...tions, and he could assure them that  
...their visits were greatly appreciated.  
...Sometimes when pupils were ill the min-  
...isters were called upon and they always  
...responded promptly to every demand.  
...Rev. Canon Burke especially, was a faith-  
...ful visitor. He had his regular appoint-  
...ments which he seldom missed and when  
...compelled to do so he always sent a card  
...or a telegram. All the other gentlemen  
...present had also lost no opportunity of  
...manifesting their kindness and good will  
...and he bade them all a most hearty wel-  
...come.

Rev. M. W. Maclean, chairman of the  
...Board, said that the members of the

Board felt a very deep interest in education of all kinds, including that of the deaf. The graduates of the institution were numbered here to renew old acquaintances and for mutual help and cheer, and it was a great pleasure for him to see and welcome them to Belleville. Like graduates of all schools and colleges he supposed they were all to go to and had a warm affection for their alma mater. He did not know much of any other school for the deaf, but he knew that excellent work was being done here. A few years ago a distinguished Toronto minister was a guest of his and they visited the institution and he expressed himself as astonished and perfectly delighted with the attainments of the pupils, with their interest in their work and with the devotion of the teachers to their classes. He had asked several very difficult questions of Mr. Coleman's class, some of which he had no idea they could answer, but every question had been answered completely and correctly. It seemed to him an easy matter to teach the hearing as compared with the deaf and it was perfectly amazing to see pupils come here absolutely ignorant, knowing not one word of the language, and in a few years able to hold their own with those who can hear and speak, and giving such gratifying evidence of thorough training, not only of intellect but of heart, and not only so well fitted to earn a living in this life but also trained for the life to come. It cannot help but be an inspiration to have so noble an institution and a staff so thoroughly interested in and devoted to their pupils and he extended to them his best wishes for success both in this world and in that to come.

Rev. Canon Burke spoke next and was most warmly received. He expressed no real delight it was for him to be present and to see so many old familiar faces. He had always felt a very warm interest in the institution and in the success of the pupils after they left there and went out to enter upon the duties of life. He was assured that they carried with them not only well-trained intellects and manual skill, but, what was far better, well-formed characters, true moral perceptions and an intelligent insight into spiritual truths. He cherished the most kindly remembrance of all his old friends there and wished for all of them abundant success in life.



D. R. Coleman, interpreter.

Mr. W. P. Hudson said that for twelve years while a member of the Legislature, he had always felt a warm interest in this institution and was always glad to give his vote for all the money that was asked for its support. During all those years he had never heard a solitary member on either side of the House say one word against the management of the institution or indulge in a single adverse criticism. The Superintendent had done his duty ably and well and the staff had all worked faithfully and honestly; and this assembly of happy, prosperous-looking people was eloquent testimony to the efficiency and value of the instruction they had received.

Rev. Mr. Watch said he had been a frequent and delighted visitor to the institution and he felt that he had received more good than he had been able to impart. He had found that the pupils had a very full and clear knowledge of the Word of God and he had often been surprised at their familiarity with its precepts and the spirit of its instruction. The people of Ontario were justly proud of their educational institutions, and none inspired more pride or had done more good than this school for the deaf.

Mr. H. Walker spoke briefly and said he had many pleasant memories of the boys who used to come to the Scotchman's store on Front street for candies and nuts, which he had no doubt they gave to the little girls they liked best. Now those were all grown up and were evidently enjoying prosperity, and he wished one and all of them continued and abundant success.

Mr. Wm. Johnson referred in terms of warm appreciation to the institution and the present and former pupils, and recalled especially Mrs. McDermid, now of Winnipeg, whom he characterized as the

personification of gracefulness. When friends from any part of the world came to visit him he always told them that they had in Belleville the best institution for the deaf in the world, and he said this after having seen the best of such institutions in Great Britain and Ireland and having heard from and of many in the States. He had always been grateful to the Provincial Government for having established and so liberally provided for the institution. In Mr. Mathison they had a Superintendent whom he believed the deaf all looked upon as their ideal of a man—gentle, kind, firm, yet loving; and he was supported by a most competent staff, each and all of whom, he believed, not only instilled in their pupils the highest moral precepts and spiritual truths, but exemplified them in their lives.

Superintendent Mathison gratefully and gracefully acknowledged the many kind things that had been said about himself, the staff and the pupils. He fully endorsed the praises given to his staff, for no Superintendent ever had or could have a more loyal, devoted lot of teachers. What was required of each teacher was not only the best that he or she could do, but the best that could be done. He wished to acknowledge the value of the services rendered by Mr. McGann and other pioneers of deaf-mute education in Ontario, and of Mr. Palmer, his predecessor. These had laboriously sown the seed from which we were reaping the abundant harvest; they had begun the good work which we were trying to carry on to ever higher and greater success; they laid the foundation on which we were endeavoring to erect a fitting superstructure of cultured intellect and pure and noble characters; and it was our sincere and only aim—hope with very considerable success—to give to each and every pupil such practical skill and knowledge and such inward graces of the heart as would enable them to act well their part in this life and be assured of an abundant fruition of the hopes of the life that is to come.

The afternoon was again devoted to sports and to social intercourse, the chief event being a football match between the pupils and ex-pupils, which the former won easily by 3 to 0.

TUESDAY EVENING

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following report, which was adopted:—

RESOLUTIONS.

- Resolved.—That this Convention is of the opinion that the Combined system is the only one to give instruction to the deaf as a class, with assured success.
- Resolved.—That Oralism, exclusive of any other method, for the deaf of different mental capacities, be condemned.
- Resolved.—That Articulation for the deaf, who show a good aptitude to speak, be heartily endorsed.
- Resolved.—That higher classes be established in the Ontario Institution for the Deaf and Blind, and the support from the Ontario Government for that object be requested, so that a graduate may be able to enter College and prepare for the higher responsibilities of life.
- Resolved.—That the thanks and gratitude of this Convention be extended to the Ontario Government for the very liberal entertainment provided for the members of this Convention.
- Resolved.—That the hearty thanks of this Convention be tendered Mr. Mathison for his hearty support and assistance to the Convention in so many ways, and particularly for the free printing granted the Association in the Institution printing office.
- Resolved.—That special thanks be given Miss Walker and Miss Denney for so tastefully decorating the Institution, thereby adding much to our pleasure.
- Resolved.—That the thanks of this Convention be tendered Mr. Cochran for his influence to secure flags and decorations for the Convention.
- Resolved.—That the thanks of the Association be given the pupils of the Institution who are present, especially the girls, for their hearty assistance in preparing for the Convention.
- Resolved.—That this Convention considers that the deaf are entitled to enjoy the same privileges and benefits of Insurance Companies and Associations as hearing people, there being no proof that the deaf are more liable to accidents than the hearing.
- Resolved.—That Mrs. Moore, Misses O'Neil, Munro, Irvine, Hallagh, Elliott, Blackburn, Scott, Allenford, Holt and MacFarlane be thanked for their part in the Sunday services.
- Resolved.—That Messrs. Nurse and Mathison be thanked for their management of the pantomime which was pronounced a great success by all who witnessed it.
- Resolved.—That thanks be extended to the retiring officers and the committees for their faithful work and warm interest in the Convention.
- Resolved.—That those who assisted the Convention in any way be remembered with thanks.
- Resolved.—That the thanks of the Convention be extended to Messrs. Coleman, Campbell and Miss Fraser, the interpreters, and Messrs. Stewart and Campbell, the reporters, and to the Belleville pupils for giving such full and extended reports of the proceedings of the Convention.
- Resolved.—That a letter of sorrow and regret be sent to Mr. A. L. Smith, the President of the Seventh Convention, he being ill and not able to attend.
- Resolved.—That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railways for reduced fares to delegates.

Mr. McKillop, treasurer, then presented his report, which showed that the re-

ceipts had been sufficient to meet all outlays, with a small balance to the good.

The convention's contribution for the China School for the Deaf was \$25.26.

Under the head of "Necrology," Mr. Nurse referred in suitable terms to the death of Mrs. Slater, of Toronto, a valued member of the deaf fraternity there, and to the demise of Mr. Noah Phelps and Rev. Dr. Burns, who had been so kind to the deaf at their convention at Grimsby park two years ago.

The election of officers then took place and resulted as follows: Hon. Pres., H. Mathison, M.A.; President, P. Fraser; 1st Vice-Pres., H. Slater, 2nd Vice-Pres., J. H. Byrne, Secretary, Wm. Nurse; Treasurer, A. J. McKillop, Interpreters, Messrs. Coleman and Campbell, and Miss Fraser.

The convention then closed with "God Save the Queen," by Misses Elliott, O'Neil and Munro.



W. J. Campbell, interpreter.

NOTES OF THE CONVENTION.

Some of the delegates brought their cameras with them and secured a number of excellent pictures.

The institution filled rapidly on opening day and emptied itself just as quickly at the close, not one overstaying the limit.

Hearing passengers on the afternoon train from Toronto must have thought themselves in strange company, the delegates from the west almost filling the train.

Mr. Jno. Flynn, of Toronto, spent a week in Port Hope, visiting relatives, before coming to the convention. His wife will shortly go to visit her old home in Lindsay.

One of the most pleasant features of the Convention was to see so large a number present who had attended every meeting since the organization of the Association in 1856.

There were some at this convention whom we shall probably not see again, for years, as they propose shortly moving to the western prairies of Manitoba. We are sorry to lose them.

Mr. J. McKenzie came all the way from Calumet, Mich., for the privilege of attending the Convention, and his fare cost him fully \$8. He must be a plucky little fellow and making his pile.

The new barber shop at the institution was a great convenience to many of the delegates who wished to keep their faces smooth and clean for the greater admiration and comfort of their deaf girls.

A great many of his friends were pleased to see Mr. W. Kay, of Oil Springs, at the Convention for the first time, but were exceedingly sorry to find his eyesight so defective that he had to be helped around.

The Committee on Necrology had only one death to report on since the last convention at Grimsby Park, Mrs. H. C. Slater, of Toronto, a long tried friend of the deaf having passed away a few months ago.

Miss Annie Blackburn, who signed "Whisper Softly, Mother's Lying" so gracefully and pathetically, received universal praise. So affecting was her rendition of the sentiment that some were moved to tears.

It is quite evident that no one needs to come to these conventions thinking that he has a first mortgage on office. It is one thing to succeed in getting nominated, but quite another matter to get elected through the ballot box.

One morning a few of those fond of a joke tried to play a trick on the country guests by waking them up early and telling them it was time to get up and milk the cows, but it is needless to say that the trick failed to pan out.

Miss Fraser remained over a day or two in Belleville to visit her friends at the Marchmont Home. Mrs. Terrell, Mrs. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. M. Slater, of Toronto, also remained over until the following Saturday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nurse.

The most regrettable incident of the Convention was the accident that hap-

pened to M. Meitao while he was on the football. He sprained his right leg and suffered very much during the week he was able to leave on Wednesday and of crutches.

The Toronto delegation of three vans of some 30 delegates to convey them to the train, their arrival in Belleville the previous evening to see one's best friend not to get left behind. It was known, and succeeded in getting each van was considerably

Quite a number of our attractive ladies and many of our gentlemen were present at the Convention for different serious purposes in view of an affecting appeal to be made at the auction, some of the proceeds to be used for the benefit of the deaf. They expect to hear from our friends again.

Never before was the institution so prettily decorated, for which was due to the skill and taste of Miss Mathison and Miss Fraser. The entertainment afforded to the guests was most excellent provision and provision of the physical wants of all present was of unusual satisfaction.

It was a pleasure to see the deaf from whom they all rely with the greatest confidence; and it was very gratifying to witness the evidences of their trust in her friendship and judgment, and on her judgment. They are doing a noble work among the deaf in Toronto, and they do well to receive honor for as they do.

It will be remembered that at the Convention, Mrs. W. Sutton, of Port Hope, had to come on crutches, and she was a fair iron a rig. She underwent an operation in Toronto last summer, and when she experienced some relief, it was much to be regretted that she was not yet fully recovered and she was unable to come. Otherwise she would have been hearty.

One of the old Hamilton pupils, Mr. W. Fringe, who had not been in school since leaving school some years ago, turned up at the Convention in a picture of health, and it was a pleasure to meet so many of his old school mates. These meetings of old friends and renewing of old acquaintances are one of the most pleasing features of the Conventions.

Mr. and Mrs. Namuth are always welcome guests at the Conventions. Mr. Namuth is a gentleman who is a great all delight to honor, for though he is himself yet he has evinced the warm interest in their welfare, and both himself and his accomplished wife have given freely not only of their time and talent but also of their means to promote the physical, intellectual and spiritual welfare.

Tuesday night, the last night of the Convention, was an extraordinary one. A large number of the delegates were to leave next morning as early as possible, so they and their friends refused to bed at all and the whole time was spent in merrymaking. At the time of their departure there was a most exciting scene in seeing them off, and shaking, waving of handkerchiefs. All were happy to meet and bid adieu.

In the ladies' egg and spoon race a little joke was played on the boys. Several were set to hold a cup, the winners were to race with the egg in a spoon and were then to break the egg in the cup held in the cups held by the boys. It was amusing to see how gingerly they held those cups and with what care they tucked away their clothes from being splashed when the eggs were broken. The joke was that the eggs had been boiled.

A gloom was cast over the convention on Monday when the daily papers arrived and told of the death of the late Allen Windenburg, a former pupil of the institution. He saw the approaching train and got clear of the platform, but the train struck a handbag he was carrying across his shoulders and he was thrown violently to the ground, a spike on his head, and he died shortly afterwards. Some thought that he was on his way to the convention at the time, but it was not so.

The pupils of the institution and the ex-pupils had a football match on the day afternoon. The old boys were expected to down the youngsters on the day, but Mr. Nurse pinned the youngsters up with pointers to such good effect that they had three goals to their credit at the close of the game, the youngsters being unable to score. To spite the counts the old boys seized Mr. Nurse on a rail if one had been hand and was, they hoisted him on their shoulders and hustled him off the field.



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**PERSONAL AND LOCAL.**

The present issue of the CANADIAN is the last until 1st October.

Miss S. Luddy is now in Vancouver. John Crough expects to join her in a few weeks.

Mr. Ponton, on the next farm to his flag unfurled to the breeze during the sitting of the Convention. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ponton have shown a genuine interest in our paper.

Those wanting pictures of the Convention can get them by addressing Mr. S. Luddy, Photographer, Belleville. The price is \$1.00 for large pictures and 50c. for small ones, similar to the cut in this issue.

Mr. T. Burns is a happy man these days because of the birth a few days ago of a grand daughter, for pictures of which see notice in another issue. Both mother and child are well.

This issue of our paper is only sent to our subscribers. In the past a copy was sent to all members of the convention, whether subscribers or not, but they would be led to subscribe, which was found of little advantage.

We are glad to learn from a note from Wilson Brown, a former printer in our printing office, that he is now in health but not yet able to resume his work again as a printer, as he has not got the use of his right hand. We hope for his complete recovery.

Dewey Chapin reached Belleville on the 26th ult., after many months in foreign countries. She saw all the best worth seeing in most of the cities of Europe; and as she travelled with her eyes open and with a very extensive knowledge of the art and history of Europe she was able to see relatively both the beauties of scenery and the productions of art and science, and thus she enjoyed her trip almost. She will spend the summer with her mother and sisters at the home of Prof. J. C. Balis.

—Our good friend Mr. Thomas Bradshaw, of Toronto, has purchased a farm in Southern Manitoba and will leave shortly to prepare the place for the reception of his family. We hope he will be successful beyond his most sanguine expectations, he deserves to succeed wherever he goes.

—To Mr. Nusse must be given the lion's share of the credit for the success of the Convention. His preparatory arrangements were most complete and satisfactory, and he was indefatigable in his efforts to make everyone have as good a time as possible. He kept a general oversight of every feature of the proceedings and by his wise counsel, sound judgment and unflinching urbanity he kept everything running smoothly and promoted in every possible way the welfare and enjoyment of all present.

**Teaching Politeness.**

A mother noticed a remarkable change in the deportment of her six year old son. From being rough, noisy and discourteous, he had suddenly become one of the gentlest and most considerate little fellows in the world. He was attending the kindergarten, and his mother naturally inferred that the change was somehow due to his teacher's instruction.

"Miss Smith teaches you to be polite?" she remarked in a tone of interrogation.

"No," said the boy, "she never says a word about it."

The mother was puzzled, and all the more when further questioning brought only emphatic denials that the teacher had ever given her pupils lessons in good breeding.

"Well, then, the mother asked finally, "if Miss Smith doesn't say anything, what does she do?"

"She doesn't do anything," persisted the boy. "She just walks around, and we feel—we just feel as polite as—anything!"

That was all he could tell about it, and his mother began to see through the mystery. —*Educational News.*

**A Wedding at which No Words Were Spoken.**

A quaint wedding took place yesterday at the church of St. George the Martyr, Bloomsbury. The happy pair were Mr. Sidney Walker, a wood-carver, of Broadstairs, and Miss Emily Witchell. Both have been deaf and dumb since birth.

The vicar read the service in the ordinary way. By him stood the Rev. Fred. Gilby, chaplain of the Royal Association in Aid of the Deaf and Dumb, translating the words of the marriage service into the signs of the deaf and dumb hand language. The sonorous spoken words, audible at the end of the church, had no existence to this man and woman. But the quick moving hands and nodding head of the chaplain were simple language to them. They followed the service just as ordinary people might have done.

"Wilt thou have this woman?" . . . "Wilt thou have this man?"

It seemed strange that no firm or faltering "I will" followed. Instead there were silent, swift motions of the hand, first from the bridegroom and then from the bride, as they spelt their affirmatives.

In ordinary dumb conversation a gesture will convey a sentence, but for legal purposes each word has to be spelt.

Judging by their bright faces as they left for their honeymoon at Broadstairs, it seemed no figure of speech to call these two deaf mutes "the happy pair."

—*London (England) Daily Express, June 7th. Congratulations.—Ed. C. M.*

Religion presents few difficulties to the humble man, many to the proud, insuperable ones to the vain.—*Hare.*

The world looks dark. Shall men, therefore, be dark, too. Is it not a manly business to bring it back to light and joy? —*Kingsley.*

Man needs some higher aid than he can get from his intentions, his aspirations, or from the universal human conscience. He who would "abide" in truth, strength, and purity, must find the secret springs of these in the Most High.—*George A. Gordon.*

**The Coat that Fitted.**

The pastor of the colored congregation was warming up to the climax of his sermon, and his auditors were waxing more and more excited. "I wains yer, O, my congregashun!" exclaimed the exhorter, "I wains yer agiu do sin uv crap shootin'! I wains yer agiu do sin uv whisky-drinkin', an' do sin uv chicken raisin', an, I wains yer, my broderen, agiu de sin uv melon-stealin'!" A devout worshipper in the rear of the church jumped to his feet and snapped his fingers excitedly. "Whuffo' does yer, my brudder, r'ar up an' snap yo' fingers when I speak uv melon-stealin'?" asked the preacher. "Kawo yo' jes' minds no whar I lef' mah overcoat," replied the devout worshipper as he subsided into his seat.—*Argonaut.*

**What Bismarck Said.**

"Nobody loves me," said Bismarck during his illness, "for what I have done. I have never made anybody happy—not myself, nor anybody else. But how many have I made unhappy! But for me three great wars would not have been fought, 80,000 men would not have perished. Parents, brothers, sisters and widows would not be bereaved and plunged into mourning. I have had little or no joy from all my achievements; nothing but vexation, care and trouble." —*Boston Transcript.*

No affliction would trouble a child of God, if he knew God's reason for sending it.

If to-day we are willing to live for God, on some to-morrow we shall be willing to die for him.

I have found the less we speak of our intentions the more chance there is of realizing them.—*Rushin.*

**BIRTH.**

Dixon.—In Denver, Colo., on Friday, June 22nd, 1900, the wife of Mr. W. C. Dixon, (Miss M. Burns) of a daughter.

