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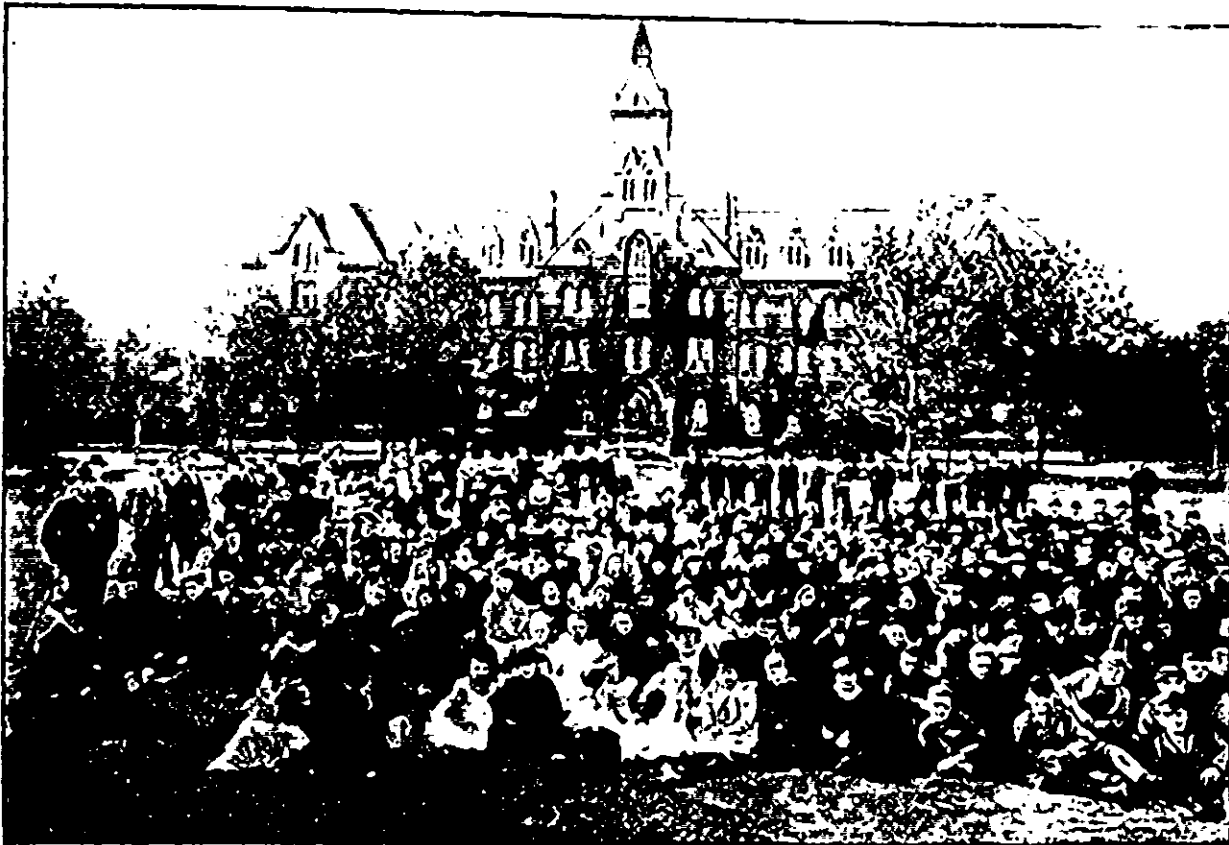
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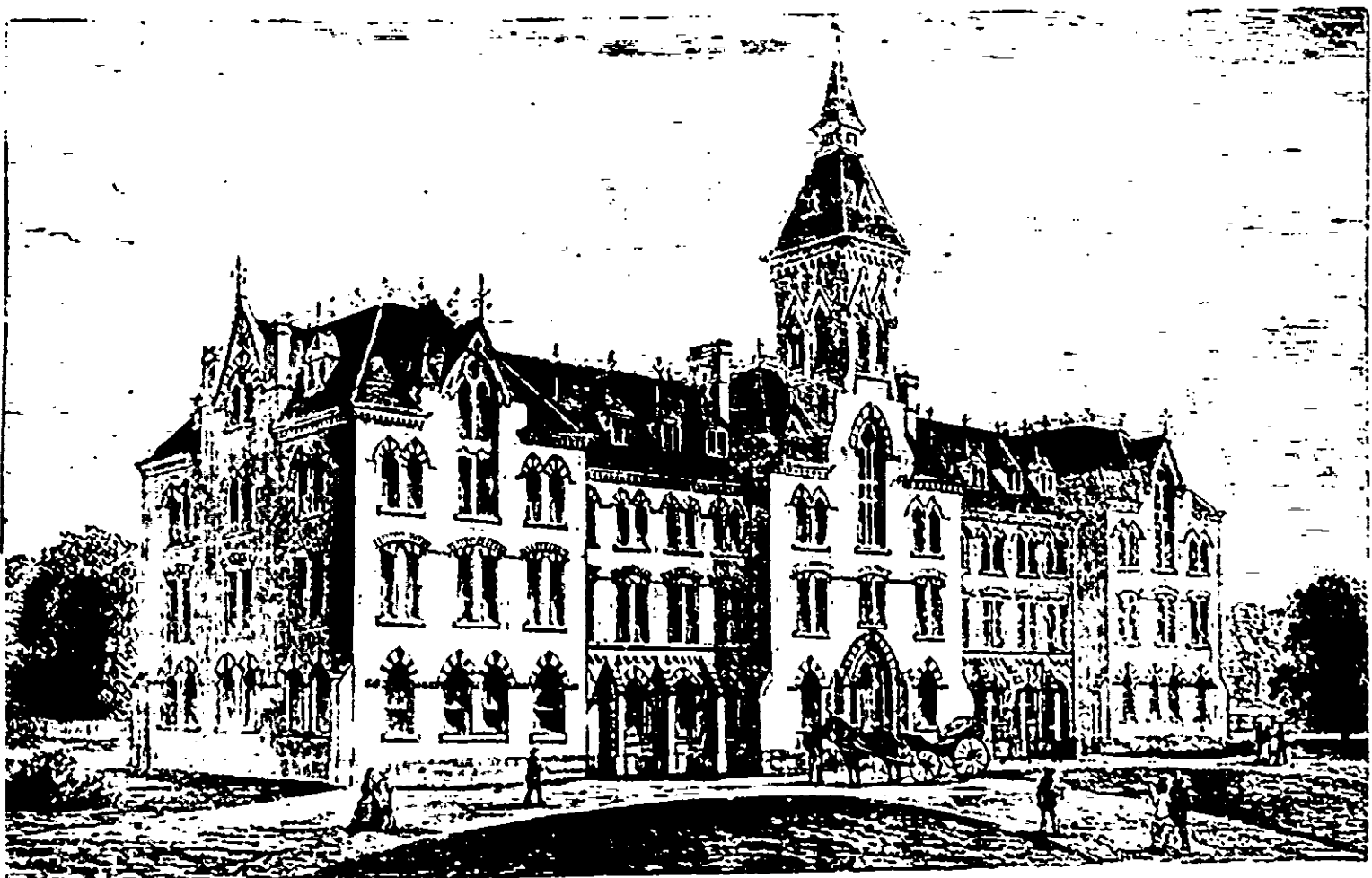
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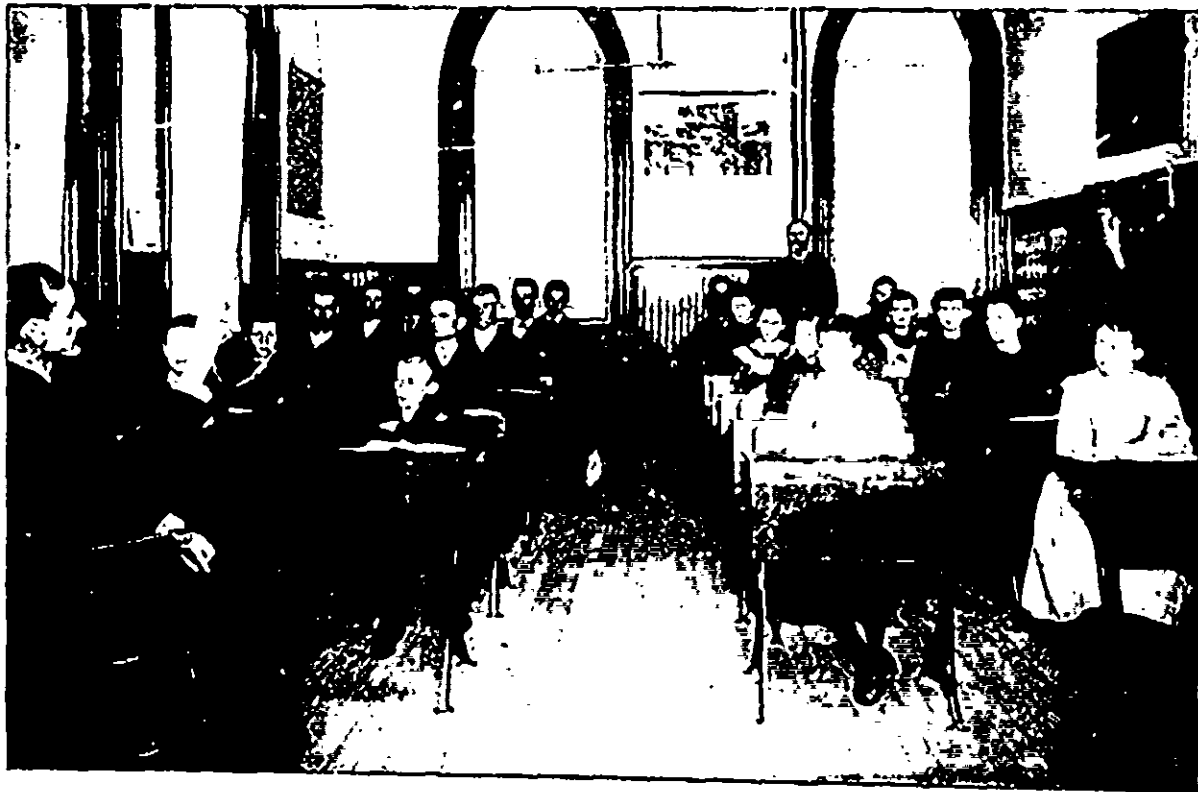
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ONTARIO INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB, BELLEVILLE.



MR. COLEMAN'S CLASS-ROOM



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MISS TEMPLETON'S CLASS-ROOM.

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The object of the Province in maintaining this Institute is to afford advantages to all the youth of the Province, on account of deafness, either total, unable to receive instruction in the schools.

All deaf-mutes between the ages of twenty, not being deficient in intellect from contagious diseases, who are residents of the Province of Ontario, are admitted as pupils. The regular term of instruction is seven years, with a vacation of three months during the autumn of each year.

Parents guardians or friends who are unable to pay, will be charged the sum of \$20 per year for tuition, books and medical expenses will be furnished free.

Deaf-mutes whose parents, guardians or friends are unable to pay the amount charged, will be admitted free. Clothing will be furnished by parents or friends.

At the present time the trades of Carpentry and Shoemaking are taught to the boys, the female pupils are instructed in all domestic work, Tailoring, Dressmaking, Sewing, knitting, the use of the Sewing Machine and such ornamental and fancy work as is desirable.

It is hoped that all having charge of deaf children will avail themselves of the terms offered by the Government for their education and improvement.

The Regular Annual School Term closes the third Wednesday in June of each year. Any information as to the terms of admission for pupils, etc., will be given upon application by letter or otherwise.

R. MATHISON,
Superintendent
BELLEVILLE

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AN ARTICULATION CLASS—ONE OF SIX.



MISS JAMES' CLASS.

Notes of the Convention.

The photo was struck a little too early as a large number arrived after it was taken.

Mr and Mrs. Bradshaw, of Toronto, received many congratulations from friends on their recent marriage.

The little daughter of Mrs. Ward fell down the steps of a cellar, but happily escaped without injury.

Miss A. James' mother and brother were at the Convention, and of course Miss James was correspondingly happy.

Messrs. Darny and Elliott brought along their cameras to take a few snap shots by way of mementoes of the gathering.

In Brantford the deaf felt perfectly at home and were not annoyed by being stared at, the people there are accustomed to mutes.

Miss Agnes Mathison had no trouble in finding a seat for her photo, she arrived just in the nick of time for that purpose.

The hymns signed at the Sunday services by Misses James, Gardiner and Hutchison were beautifully rendered and will not soon be forgotten.

There were several happy mamas among the delegates and they had reason to feel proud of their children, for finer little ones it would be hard to find.

Mrs. Terrill's proposal to place a tax of \$5 on all bachelors met with general favor among the beneficiaries; the Association funds would flourish if that were done.

—Mr. Nurse thought that he could surely beat the President in a foot race, but Bro. Smith placed his solid avoirdupois squarely in front and stayed there.

—Jas. Henderson found that "pride goes before a fall," and hit the dust on the bicycle track while showing off his bicycle attachments before admiring ladies.

Mr. David Bayne made the longest journey from the east; he and Mr. Hazelton, of Delta, and Mr. Fred. Crozier, of Westport, were the only delegates from east of Belleville.

A number of members who arrived on Friday evening and Saturday were disappointed in not meeting Mr. Mathison, who was compelled to leave for home on Friday afternoon.

In the married ladies race, Mr. Braven, of Buffalo, kept up her Belleville reputation as the best runner among the girls at school and easily defeated her married sisters.

—A large number of hearing people attended the Sunday services and were surprised and pleased to see that the deaf could hold and enjoy religious services as much as themselves.

While practicing for the bicycle races, early on Friday morning, Messrs. Golds and McKay came into collision resulting in McKay's wheel getting broken, but he soon got it fixed.

Bro. Sutton felt altogether too susceptible to female charms to keep the gate at the park and collect the tolls, so he delegated the job to Mr. Thomas, who is made of sterner stuff and raked in the shekels from all alike.

—We are neither prophets nor the sons of prophets, yet we feel quite safe in predicting that several interesting matrimonial events will shortly occur as one beneficent though indirect result of the gathering. We could mention names but we refrain.

—As many of the delegates as could do so, visited the Institution for the Blind and were cordially received there and every attention shown them. Much surprise was expressed at the attainments of the blind as shown by the exhibits of their work.

During the photo taking process, a lounge sneaked into the group, evidently thinking that he was in good company, but the quick eye of Mr. Mathison spied him out and enquired if he were a deaf mute. No, said the man. Then quit if you please, and be quit.

—Mr. and Mrs. Braven, of Buffalo, Mr. Ward, of Los Angeles, Cal., and Misses Ball and Connelly, of Detroit, were the only friends from across the border and their presence added much to the enjoyment of the occasion as they are all bright and intelligent deaf-mutes and formerly Canadians.

Pres. Smith deserves the thanks of every one for his labors to make the delegates comfortable, and much of the success of the gathering was due to his untiring efforts in all directions. The hotel and boarding arrangements were very satisfactory indeed, as were also the location and the fitting up of the hall for the meetings.

fall, when they came to the... of them were thin and... physically and... they went home this week... And the same ex... occurred and the same... results attained each year... Institution was opened. He... that the deaf in Brant... man and woman and... and respected citizens, and... to learn that he could... one of the deaf all over the... The deaf as a class were... hearing people as regards... and diligent attention to... and everyone who saw them... but remark how happy and... they all were. He would... them of the motto of the... "The greatest happiness is... making others happy." This... that he hoped all of them... need for themselves, and that... experience it yet more in the... They were all much pleased to... with them. Mrs. Terrill... daughter of Mr. McCann, who... in Toronto the first school for... in Ontario. A number of those... had attended that school, and... others had since attended the In... at Belleville, and he was much... to know that so many of them... long so well, thus proving that... were capable—quite as well as... of absorbing instruction... an education. He was... to see present so many of the... and officers from the Institu... They were not here to try to run... Convention, but simply as friends. He... honored and pleased to be... but the Convention was for the... and the deaf were quite clever

continue to be prosperous and happy and... lead exemplary lives. Nor should they... ever forget that all their efforts will be... in vain, unless they put their trust in a... Higher Power. All they have and... they owe to the goodness of the Lord. He... it is who stoops closer than a... brother and who will never leave nor... forsake them, and he urges all of them... to love and trust Him at all times, and to... manifest His spirit and teachings in their... daily life and conduct.



R. C. SLATER, 2nd Vice Pres.

At the close of Mr. Mathison's address... it was moved by Mr. Slater seconded by... Mr. Mason, and resolved, That Mr... Mathison, Mr. Woollyatt, Miss Fraser... Mr. and Mrs. Nasmith, Mr. Bigden, the... teachers and officers of the Institution... present, and all other hearing people who... have in any way assisted the Convention... be constituted honorary members of... the Association and be presented with... badges.

EVENING SESSION.

At the evening session the Secretary... Mr. Bayne, read the minutes of the last... Convention, after which he moved, seconded by Mr. Slater. That a Com... mittee be appointed to prepare a resolu... tion for transmission to the Provincial... Government in regard to the lack of... accommodation at the Institution for the... Deaf and Dumb, also requesting that... the school term be extended. This was... adopted and the following Committee... named: Mrs. Mason, Miss Bull, and... Messrs. A. E. Smith, W. Nurse, R. Slater... J. Byrne and D. Bayne.

A Committee on Nomenclature was then... called for and Messrs. Fraser, Nurse and... Thomas were appointed.

The Treasurer's Report showed a bal... ance due him at the commencement of... the meetings of \$10.11, out of hall and... other expenses during the meetings... \$15.25; Total \$25.36. Received in fees... \$10.75. Balance in hands of Treasurer... \$9.20.

Mr. Bigden, of Toronto, then gave a... very interesting address. He began with... the description of an incident that oc... curred during Chief Brant's attendance... at an aristocratic masquerade on his visit... to England to secure the royal confirma... tion of the grant of land to the Mohawks... and he then gave a brief history of the... origin of Brantford and its connection... with the Indian settlements. A refer... ence to the condition of Canada when in... the hands of the Indians and its subse... quent acquisition by the white man led... to the consideration of the divize rick... ship over the fate of nations and of in... dividuals, particularly as illustrated in... the history of the chosen people, whose... special mission as a direct revelation of... the mind of God to man was dwelt upon... The ordinances which summoned the... Israelites three times a year to rejoice... before the Lord were used to impress the... general duty of thankfulness. The... special reasons for gratitude by the deaf... as a class for past and present blessings... and their hopes and expectations for the... future were then referred to. In this... connection the progress of science was... noted and connected with the thought... of God's providential rule, the marvel... lous results achieved by and the benefits... derived from the Roentgen rays being... used as an illustration of the most recent... advances in scientific knowledge. The... progress of our knowledge of the divine... as coexistent with and an integral part... of the general progress of the world was... insisted upon, and illustrated by the... growth and expansion to be looked for... in the individual experience of a consis... tent and earnest christian life. A refer... ence to the progress of the christian... church and the future unity to be hoped... for through the growth of a simpler and... more loving faith in Christ, concluded... the address, which was an excellent one... and which was illustrated with large... pictures, drawn by Mr. Bigden, of... Chief Brant, an X ray picture of a... woman's foot, and a gospel ship under... full sail.

This closed the programme for the

session, and the rest of the evening was... spent in conversation and social amuse... ment.

FRIDAY MORNING.

The Friday morning session was open... ed by a short religious service led by... Miss Fraser, in which she was assisted... by Mr. Bayne.

Mr. Nasmith, of Toronto, then gave a... practical address on "Talking," which... was interpreted by Prof. Coleman. The... faculty of exchanging thought, the... speaker said was the glory of our hu... manity. A few days ago he was riding... with a gentleman who was constantly... praising his horse, which, he averred... "could do everything but talk." This... ability to tell our thoughts to each other... in the least, and this faculty of speech is... that in which the deaf would seem to be... most deficient; but he wished that people... who possessed this idea could see the... flying fingers and the quick flash of in... telligent and sympathetic understanding... manifested by the deaf in their commu... nication with each other. It is a very... great privilege to be able to converse... with our friends. Some people read a... great deal and have many fine thoughts... but they keep them all to themselves... They are like the man who has a lot of... money in the bank but never has any... loose change in his pocket. Most people... love to talk. The great delight of the... Convention is the privilege they afford... the deaf of talking to each other. They... all remembered the story in the Bible of... the people who behaved so badly that to... punish them and to thwart their evil... purposes God confounded their language... and when they could no longer converse... together they lost their interest in each... other and by common consent they sepa... rated and were dispersed abroad. That... which induced the mutes to meet to... gether there was simply the fact that... they had a common language that they... could all understand. It would be well... for the deaf to endeavor to teach their... language to their friends and thus in... crease the number of those with whom... they could hold intercourse. Dr. Bou... mill, of Hobeay, Conn., well known to many... present, was a popular and successful... physician. He became ill and lost his... hearing. He at once got a large number... of sheets containing the manual alpha... bet which he distributed among his... friends. Many of them could soon spell... on their fingers with facility and the... doctor now goes among his patients and... friends as before, and always finds those... who can converse with him. If all the... deaf would take the trouble to teach... their language to their friends they... would not be isolated from hearing... people to the extent that they now are... He thought it would be a good plan to... have a special edition printed of the fine... supplement the *Expositor* had issued so... that each one present could take a large... number home for distribution, and thus... try to induce their friends to learn the... manual alphabet. But it is not only im... portant for people to know how to talk... but to have something to talk about. A... bell makes much noise, but it always

by the right word spoken at the right... time and try in like manner to help... others and by their acts and conversation... to ever exercise an influence for good.

Mr. Mathison explained that sheets... containing the manual alphabet were... issued at the Institution in any number... and any deaf mute or other person could... get all they wanted of them by merely... asking for them.

Mr. Nurse followed with a very fine... paper on "Personal Influence," which... will be given in full in a future issue of... THE CANADIAN MUTE.

Prof. Coleman followed with a short... but very interesting and practical talk... on "Growth." Since the creation in... the beginning, he said, the characteris... tic of all organisms has been growth. They... were all familiar with vegetable growth... and animal growth. For the maturity... of the fruits of the earth there were the... contributory obedience and action of the... sea, earth, air, sunshine and darkness... In the same manner that a tree, to pro... duce fruit, receives nourishment from... the earth which holds in solution the... various mineral substances necessary for... the maturing of the fruit, so also the... animal body receives from the earth in... the form of food the mineral substances... that go to produce blood, flesh, bone and... sinew. Ascending from the vegetable... and physical life to the intellectual and... spiritual realm, they found a similar... process of growth. The mind, or soul... requires and receives nourishment for... its proper development. Hence they had... their systems of schools—secular and reli... gious—their institutions of art, science... and history, their churches and social... organizations, libraries, newspapers, etc.,... through which the growth of the intellec... tual and spiritual life is fostered. Char... acter and reputation, also, are growths.



D. R. COLEMAN, M. A., Interpreter.

These differ, however, in essence... reputation is what they appeared to be... in the eyes of their fellow men; char... acter is what they really were in the... sight of God. Growth in the vegetable... and animal world builds up; the opposite... process—decay—which is gradual also... pulls down and destroys. In the spiritual... life growth is also constant and con... tinues unto the "perfect day," but decay... is impossible.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On Friday afternoon Mr. A. W. Mason... of Toronto, gave his paper on "Industry... and Frugality," for which there had not... been time in the forenoon. The paper... was a good one, being crowded full of... pithy aphorisms and wise counsel, an... adequate synopsis of which it would be... difficult to give. The paper is, therefore... held over for publication in full in a... subsequent issue.

Mrs. Terrill was then called to the... platform and was received with applause... She gave a short talk on temperance... urging every one to entirely abstain from... the use of intoxicants. She also made a... a kindly and touching reference to the... late Charles Howe, so well known and... highly esteemed by all the deaf-mutes... of Ontario. Mrs. Terrill also created a... little excitement among the bachelors... by advocating a yearly tax of \$5 on all... unmarried men—a sentiment that was... warmly applauded by the benedicts, but... was received with demonstrations of dis... approbation by the bachelors. Mrs... Terrill concluded by reciting in a grace... ful manner that favorite old hymn... "Shall we Gather at the River."

Mr. D. Bayne, of Morivallo, followed... with a practical talk on "Mixed Farm... ing." Mr. Bayne is himself a prosperous... and successful farmer on quite an exten... sive scale and he was therefore specially... qualified to discuss such a subject as... this in an authoritative manner. He... said he considered mixed farming best... for the average farmer. If a farmer de... voted his attention to one kind of pro... duce and that particular crop should... prove a failure any season, as every crop... sometimes will, he then had nothing to... fall back upon. Or again, the specialty... he follows may be such an abundant



P. FRASER, 1st Vice-Pres.

to manage their own affairs. He... was pleased with Mr. Woollyatt's address... Mr. Woollyatt had frequent... visited the Institution the past fifteen... years and always felt a warm interest in... the deaf. He was glad to testify also... that Mr. Woollyatt had proved himself... to be a true friend to the deaf who lived... in and around Brantford, and he knew... of instances where Mr. Woollyatt had... done considerable trouble and expense... to attend deaf boys who were out of... work. He anticipated a very successful... session next year at the Institution. He... had received a large number of applica... tions for entry—more than there was... room for. The attendance had so greatly... increased that there was not room for... all and he hoped and had good reason... to believe that next year the government... would erect a new school building and... thus provide accommodation for from... 200 to 250 pupils. In the past very suc... cessful work had been done in the Insti... tution and everything possible done for... the benefit of the pupils. Some of them... perhaps thought at the time that they... had been placed under too much res... striction but he was sure that after their... school life was over they had realized... that they had been well used and that... everything that had been done had been... for their good. But of course the Insti... tution was not perfect—far from it—and... in the future they hoped that they would... do more work than in the past. He... thought the present would always retain... the collection of the Institution and... was ready to say a good word for... it they owed all they had of edu... cation and training for the work of life... they knew of any other deaf child... they hoped they would try to induce... it to attend the school. Over a... hundred had attended it in the past and... with the exception these are now... able, successful, law-abiding citi... zens who was constantly in receipt of... from all parts of the Province, as... from every part of Canada and... the United States, from former pupils... to the same spirit of kindly... remembrance for the Insti... tution. He hoped that all of them would



D. BAYNE, Secretary.

says the same thing. If they hear it... once they know what it will say next... time. If their conversation is to be worth... anything they must think. They can... learn much by reading but more by con... versation. Much of the reading people... do is not worth the time it takes. The... best book of all to read is God's Word... There is more to be learned from one... page of the Bible than from a year's... issue of a newspaper. Then they must... try to remember what they read. Knowl... edge is built up little by little, just as a... house is made by laying one brick upon... another. They should be very careful... what they say. "Keep thy heart with... all diligence, and thy lips from speak... ing gossamer." The words spoken there that... day and each day would help or hinder... all who see or hear them. Let them re... member how often they had been helped

crop that the price he receives may not be a remunerative one. Farmers should study the market closely and aim to have a supply of what is most in demand. They should not go too extensively into one branch next year because it had been a remunerative one this year, since it is probable that a majority of other farmers would do the same and there would therefore be an over-supply. When they thought of choosing a special branch of farming because it is easy and the prices high at the time, they should remember that there are many other farmers who also like an easy time and good prices, and so many may go into that business that prices will fall. Every branch that requires close attention will in the end pay best, as there is little danger of overproduction in that line. He advised them not to forsake their farms and go to the city because some trades there required only eight or nine hours work a day, as already there are more men seeking employment in all the trades than can obtain work, and this state of affairs is likely to continue. Every farmer should always push his work and not let his work push him. Nor should they throw all the dairy work on their wives and daughters. He would, however, advise all of them to pay close attention to the dairy, since the greatest success in farming is to be achieved along that line.



D. J. McKillop, Treasurer.

At the close of Mr. Bayne's address the proceedings were enlivened by a little breeze of discussion. The city workers disclaimed any desire to shirk their responsibility by agitating for the eight hour working day. They considered that eight or nine hours close application in crowded workshops and factories was as much as any one's health could stand, and fully equal to the farmer's long working day in the open air with his intervals of rest between. The Convention then adjourned in order that a group photograph of all present might be taken by Mr. Cochran, the artist.

EVENING SESSION.

In the evening Mr. Hazelton, of Delta, gave an address on "Success in Business," which was full of good advice that, if heeded, would ensure prosperity.

A change in the programme was then proposed. It was felt that the sessions so far had been of rather too serious a nature and it was decided that for the rest of the programme a debate on "Married vs. Single Life" should be substituted. Those who participated in the discussion were Messrs. Bayne, Nurse, McKillop, Slater, Thomas, Bridgen, Campbell and Byrne. The debate was an interesting one and full of amusement. The benedictions, however, evidently got the better of their opponents, since in the end all the bachelors admitted that they were convinced that it was not good for man to live alone, and had determined to obey the divine injunction at the first opportunity.

Mr. Slater's paper on "Relations of the Deaf to the Hearing," and Mr. McKillop's essay entitled "Sticking On," which were dropped from the programme to make room for the debate, will appear in THE CANADIAN MERE in future issues, as will also Mr. Hazelton's paper.

At the close of the debate the Convention adjourned and an hour or two was spent in pleasant social intercourse.

SATURDAY AT MOHAWK PARK.

After being in close attendance at the meetings on Thursday afternoon, evening and all day on Friday during most sultry weather, it was a most agreeable change to the delegates to get away from the city and commune with nature amid the shady groves and beside the cool waters at Mohawk Park. The Electric Railway Company furnished excellent transportation facilities, the cars being run right into the park and the run out in the open cars was of itself a great pleasure. Many of the nutes left early in the morning and these

probably enjoyed themselves the best and, by making the most of the day, had ample time to ramble through and see the beauties of the whole park, others whom business or city pleasures attracted, went out after dinner. At 1 p.m. nearly all the members had assembled at the race track and the sports began. An excellent programme had been provided by the Committee in charge. Messrs. Sutton, A. V. Smith, R. McPherson and Chas. Ryan, and they deserve praise for the very creditable manner in which they carried out their duties.

The first item on the programme was a ball throwing contest, for ladies. Miss Gardiner took 1st prize, Mrs. Pettiford 2nd, and Miss Zingel 3rd.

Orange Race, Ladies. 1st, Miss M. Campbell, 2nd, Miss C. Moore, 3rd, Miss F. Gardiner.

One Mile Bicycle Race, 1st heat. Messrs. Waggoner, McKay, Bradshaw and McPherson competed. Bradshaw and McPherson took the lead but could not stay, Waggoner and McKay forging ahead, and the struggle between those two at the end was keen, Waggoner coming in a close winner.

Married Ladies Race. 1st, Mrs. Braven, 2nd, Mrs. Stegmaier, 3rd, Mrs. Pettiford. This race afforded much amusement, it was so close it had to be run over again before the judges could decide satisfactorily.

Shoo Race. 1st, A. Clark, 2nd, H. Gottlieb, 3rd, J. Henderson.

Single Ladies Race. 1st, Miss Campbell, 2nd, Miss McIntyre, 3rd, Miss L. Nahrungang.

Bicycle Race, 2nd heat. Same start as before. The race was a hard one throughout, but just at the end something went wrong with Waggoner and McKay got over the line slightly ahead, Bradshaw being third.

Married Men's Race. 1st, D. Sours, 2nd, J. H. Braven, 3rd, A. E. Smith.

Tug of War. City vs. Country. The struggle was long and stubborn, but the grangers proved to have the most staying power and bore their city opponents over the line. T. Johnson, Wm. Wark, R. McKenzie, J. Trachel, O. Nahrungang and B. Brown were the winners.

Bicycle Race, 3rd heat. Waggoner took the lead from the start and maintained it throughout, McKay making strong efforts to outstrip him, Bradshaw again finished third. The race was for gold, silver and bronze medals.

Running Jump. 1st, A. S. Waggoner, 2nd, R. McKenzie, 3rd, B. Brown.

Standing Jump. 1st, A. S. Waggoner, 2nd, R. McKenzie, 3rd, B. Brown.

Three-Legged Race. 1st, J. Goodbrand, R. McKenzie, 2nd, D. Sours, A. Clark, 3rd, W. Wark, C. Gillam.

Eating Contest. 1st, H. Gottlieb, 2nd, Wm. McKay.

Bicycle Race, 2 mile, handicap. 1st, A. S. Waggoner, 2nd, Wm. McKay, 3rd, T. Bradshaw.

On account of the committee not receiving several articles necessary for the carrying out of some of the games, some items were dropped, but the members were satisfied. They all wanted to spend the remainder of the afternoon in the woods and at the lake side, and so they scattered. Some patronized the boats, but most paired off and went for long rambles through the beautiful woods. Gladly would all have spent the evening there, but the call for the meeting in the evening was peremptory and at 6 o'clock they bade farewell to the park, all agreeing that Brantford had the most beautiful holiday resort in Ontario if not the Dominion.

SATURDAY EVENING.

The members met at 8 o'clock to wind up the business of the Convention and appoint officers for the succeeding meeting in 1898.

The Committee on Necrology reported two deaths among members of the Association since the last meeting. Charles Howe, of Toronto, and William Touse, of Brantford. Mr. Nurse made touching reference to Mr. Howe and the loss the Association had sustained through his death. Educated partly at the old Hamilton school and afterwards at Belleville, Mr. Howe developed a character for honesty, industry, frugality and sound common sense that would set a standard for any deaf mute to attain. Entering Gage & Co's book bindery in Toronto, he was soon noticed by his employers as a steady and industrious young man. After years of close application to business he rose from a humble position to one of honor and trust, and became foreman of one of the departments. Firm in control of those under him, careful and prompt in the smallest detail, he had the fullest confidence of

his employers. Socially, his loss to the deaf of Toronto was very great, he was the life of all social gatherings, always ready to help in any good work for the advancement of the deaf and, under difficulties when others would give up in despair, his firmness of purpose often led to a successful issue. He was regular in his attendance at religious meetings, while making no open profession of his faith in Christ, yet his works bespeak that spiritual things rested deep both in heart and mind. His sudden end was indeed a warning to every one of us to "Be also ready." One moment he was in the full enjoyment of health and strength, the next he lay at the foot of an elevator shaft broken and unconscious. Let each one of us take his sudden end to heart.



WM. NURSE, Ex-Pres.

Mr. Fraser spoke of Wm. Rose. They were school mates together at Belleville, shared the same desk and combed the same lessons for a long time. Mr. Rose's career through life had been fairly successful and had God spared him longer he would have better established himself as he was a steady and industrious young man. Stricken down with typhoid fever after a long struggle he departed to be with Christ. Before his death he gave the truest assurance that he was resting his soul on Jesus and was quite ready, nay, wanting to go.

The President and other officers then made their retiring addresses, each thanking the members for many courtesies received during their tenure of office. Mr. Smith was elected to the chair and business proceeded. The Chief of the Brantford fire department had invited the members to witness a turn out of the brigade at 9 p.m. When the time came, however, the members found so much business to be disposed of that they were compelled with much regret to send a letter of excuse, but expressed their thanks for the kind invitation.

Balloting for officers then took place and resulted as follows:

- President - D. Bayne, Mervale.
- 1st Vice Pres. - A. S. Waggoner, Preston.
- 2nd Vice pres. - A. W. Mason, Toronto.
- Secretary - W. Nurse, Belleville, (accl.)
- Treasurer - D. J. McKillop, "
- Interpreters - D. R. Coleman, M.A., and W. J. Campbell, Belleville.

The best of feeling existed throughout the meeting. In every case the offices sought the men, not the men the offices.

A motion made by Mr. Nurse that the Convention be held every three years instead of two, found no backing and was overpoweringly voted down, showing that the members had thoroughly enjoyed themselves and expected to be ready for more such pleasure in two years.

The Committee on Resolutions reported and laid on the table the following:

Resolved: "That the Deaf Mute Association of Ontario in convention assembled, while expressing their sincere gratitude for the kindness and liberality of the Ontario Government to the deaf in the past, do most respectfully and earnestly request that such additional accommodation be provided at the Belleville Institution as may be necessary in its present over crowded condition, so that every deaf child in the province may be admitted and may receive the full benefit of the educational advantages for which it was established, but from which many must of necessity be excluded in future on account of inadequate accommodation. The Association would further most earnestly recommend that the legal time of school attendance be extended from seven years to ten."

Resolutions of thanks were tendered to the retiring officers for the efficient performance of their duties, to Mr. Stewart for press reports, to Mr. Mathison for his kindness and help in many ways, to the Sports Committee for their labors in connection with the picnic, to the Brantford *Expositor* for the excellent supplement it issued and the

space allotted to report on.

The place for the next meeting left for the Executive power to act.

After prayer by Pres. meeting adjourned.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

The Sunday services were interesting and were a boon to the Convention. Outside of Hamilton and Ottawa there were very few opportunities for instruction through the use of one's own language and by personal example and how to lay the gospel before them in a simple way. Many of the deaf have no places, and we hope the Sunday at the Convention will be a boon to them and that many of the learned life lessons and have been drawn closer to the Saviour. In the morning Mr. Bridgen gave a meeting for twenty minutes, an earnest address, after which Mr. Coleman took charge. The meeting opened by all signing together to God from whom all blessings come, after prayer Mr. Coleman sang a grand old hymn, "Coronation Hymn." The subject was "Christ in the Temple." Many instructive lessons were given which in vivid and forcible language made clear to those present. At the close, Misses James, Hutchinson and Gardiner signed that beautiful hymn, "Nearer, My God, to Thee." together.

In the afternoon, Mr. Bridgen gave with prayer and Misses James, Hutchinson and Hutchinson signed "Save my Life to me." Mr. Byrne then gave a very thoughtful and instructive address on "The Blessings of Christ." In the course of his address he brought out many fine points which cannot fail to be helpful and a blessing to the present. The ladies, by special request, gave a "Nearer, my God, to Thee" in an impressive manner that many people in the audience were moved to tears. Mr. Nurse endeavored by illustration to show the simplicity and closed with prayer.

In the evening another good meeting was held. Mr. Nasmyth opened with prayer, followed by Miss Anne Day signing the hymn "Onward, Christian Soldiers." Mr. P. Fraser then gave a very inspiring address on "The Coming," which hit succeeded in being very clear and simple. Mr. Nurse followed in the same strain. Mr. Sours and Mr. Nurse followed, each giving a short helpful address of farewell. The meetings closed with prayer by Mr. Coleman.

On Monday morning the steam at Brantford was an animated place and probably never seen such a scene before and it will be a long time before it is repeated. Many went off by the 7 and 9 a.m. and the fare takings were such as are seldom exceeded. A few remained over until the noon train to see more of the city and enjoy quiet intercourse with friends which during the busy hours of the convention they were unable to do. In the evening all had departed and so they have arrived safely at home by every way by their attendance at the gathering.

We are sorry that the following did not arrive too late for the Convention.

DEATH OF JAMES COLEMAN.

DEAR FRIENDS AND NEAR RELATIVES: I am sorry it is not myself instead of my wife who is to-day. I cannot tell you how I feel at not being able to attend the Convention. I have looked forward to being there ever since the last was held at this Institution. Brantford is so far from Belleville that I felt sure I would not attend and once more I regret that of my old school friends and teachers that no matter how busy we arrange our plans, they often prevent us from being able to attend. I am so glad that you are with you and I can see each of my old friends look at me with a very happy reunion. It seems like a long time since I have seen you and I am so glad to see you again after the lapse of two years. He will allow you to meet me. How happy you all are to meet me. I will agree with you that our school among the happiest days of our lives. Many of us can say we don't know trouble is until our school days. We have started out into the world with a few bottles, and I know from experience that it is rather hard work. In the world, there are so many ups and downs and we all have patience and go on to the end. We keep up our courage and look out of everything. You know every thing. Above all, some of us look for help to Him who never fails even in our darkest hour and who has all the world had forsaken us. I will never leave thee. Again expressing my regret at not being able to attend and wishing all a happy and where nothing but kind words and other will prevail. Sincerely yours,



CONVENTION OF GRADUATES HELD AT BRANTFORD, 1896.

NOTES CONTINUED.

Some of the young men saved their fares by riding to Brantford on freight cars. Some came long distances. Brantford was the best represented place. The delegates from there had carried a car well to themselves both on going and returning.

Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, of Woodstock, came over to Brantford on Saturday, to see their son and daughter, Phillip and Annie Fraser, of Toronto. They took a great interest in the proceedings.

Some of the delegates stopped over in Toronto on their way home, among whom were Mrs. Terrill, Mrs. James and Miss M. Dempsey, of Hamilton, and Miss Eliza James of Ottawa.

There were two Misses James there, but they were not related. Both loved to sew and as they somewhat resemble each other and are about the same age, one palmed herself off as the other in respecting dupes.

One of the most prominent persons at the meetings was Mrs. Terrill, she was known to every one there and is well respected. A large number of the Hamilton School pupils adorned the convention with their presence.

Many thanks are due to Principal Bayne of the Institution for the loan of Miss Dunn, the matron, for entertaining so hospitably a number of teachers from the Belleville Institution and others in attendance at the convention, for the pleasure and comfort of whom every thing possible was freely done.

In some unaccountable manner the rumor got abroad that the next Convention should be held in Ottawa, although Brantford place was selected. Arrangements were left in the hands of the Executive who will decide later on. It is probably that Ottawa will be selected, but it is well known to be too far east. A central place is preferable.

The Convention made a very good thing by electing Mr. Bayne as their president. The delegates appeared to think that the married men had been chosen long enough and that it was time for the bachelors to have an in. Mr. Bayne and his good looks won the day. Bro. Dave, but still the beneficiaries are willing to lay long odds that the Convention again meets in Brantford. It will still be a benefit in the chair. The shows of coming events were not obtained.

The Brantford *Express* merits the recognition of all the members of the Association for the fine supplement issued on the first day of the Convention. This supplement contained a report of Superintendent Mathison, a list of all of the officers of the Association and the manual alphabet and an article relative to the deaf in Ontario. It also devoted a large space each day to reports of the sessions. This is all the more credit to the *Express* in view of the political warfare it was waging at the time, and the large space it was devoting to that

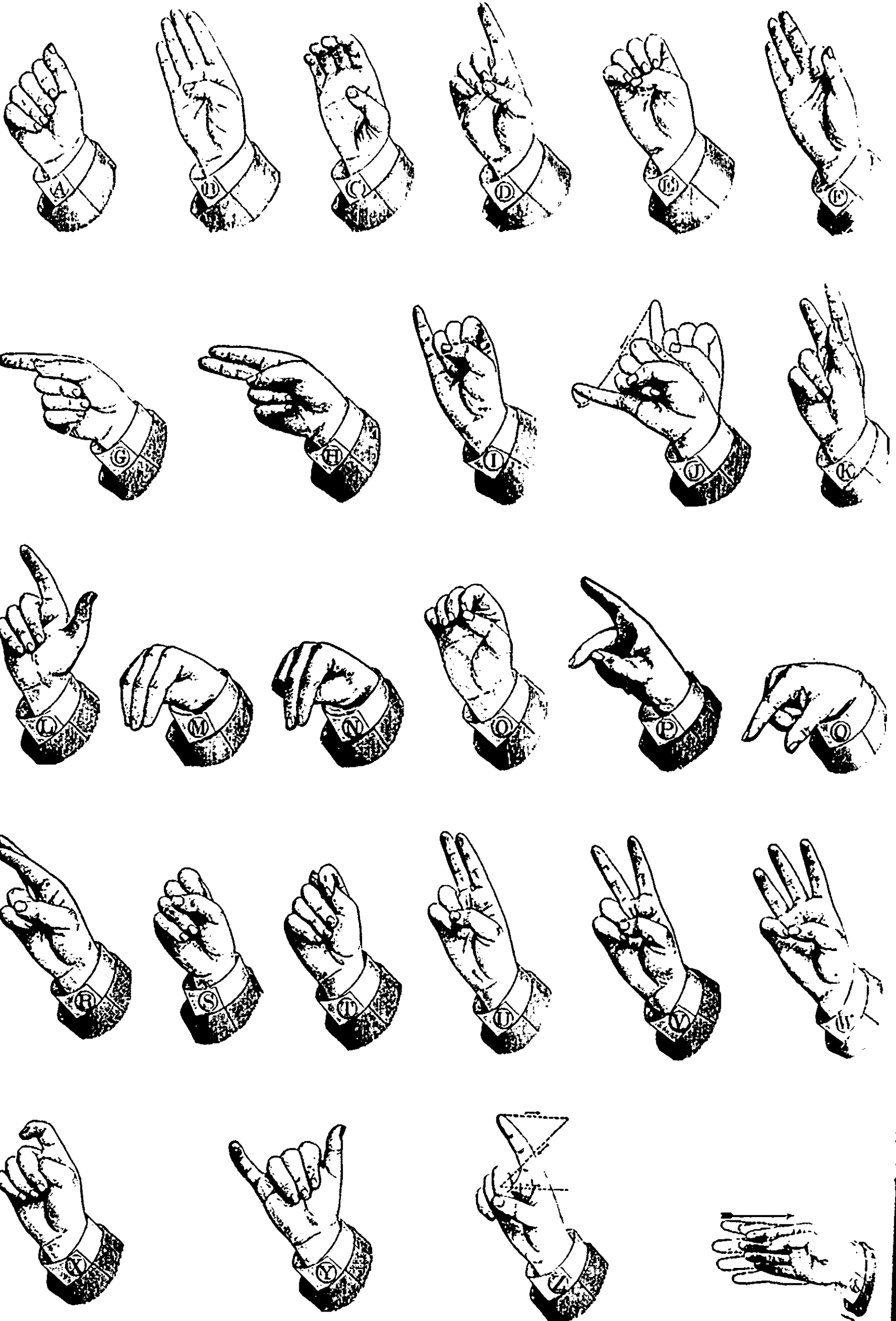


THE SEWING ROOM.



THE LAUNDRY.

SINGLE-HAND ALPHABET



GENERAL INFORMATION.

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Class
 11 to 12 noon, and
 2 to 3 p.m. on Tues-
 day afternoons of each week.
Work CLASS on Monday and
 Wednesday of each week from
 7 to 9 p.m. for senior
 and 7 to 8 p.m. for junior pupils.

Attention Classes :
 1 to 2 p.m. and from 4 to 5 p.m.
Religious Exercises :

Primary pupils at 9 a.m.
 and 11 a.m. General Lecture
 and hymns after which the Bible
 is read.
 Day the pupils are to read the
 lesson and recite it. The teacher
 will assist them in prayer.
 The pupils are to be diligent in
 their work and to be present at
 all their religious exercises.
Religious Exercises on the after-
 noon of Monday and Wednesday of each
 week from 7 to 8 p.m. for senior
 and 7 to 8 p.m. for junior pupils.

Clergymen of all Denominations are cordially invited to visit us at any time.

Industrial Departments :—

PRINTING OFFICE, SHOE AND CARPENTER
 from 7.30 to 8.30 a.m. and from 3.30 to
 4.30 p.m. for pupils who attend school, for
 those who do not attend school, and from
 7.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. on each working day
 and Saturdays when the office and shops
 are closed at noon.
SEWING CLASS Hours are from 9 a.m. to
 12 noon, and from 1.30 to 3 p.m. for
 those who do not attend school, and from
 7.30 to 9 p.m. for those who do. No sewing
 on Saturday afternoons.
Printing Office, Shops and Sewing
 will be closed each day when work ceases
 on account of bad and rainy condition.
PUPILS are not to be excused from the
 classes or Industrial Departments on
 account of sickness without per-
 mission of the Superintendent.
Teachers, Officers and others are not to
 be excused from the work in hand to
 attend to the performance of their
 duties.

Visitors
 Pupils are interested desirous of visit-
 ing the Institution will be made welcome on
 any day. No visitors are allowed on
 Sundays, Holidays or Holidays except to
 attend chapel exercises at 2.30 on Sun-
 day afternoons. The best time for visitors
 on any school days is as soon after 1.30
 as possible, and the classes
 dismissed at 10 o'clock.

Admission of Children :—

When pupils are admitted and parents come
 to the Institution, they are kindly
 requested not to linger and prolong leave-
 taking with their children. It only makes
 the child sad for all concerned, particularly for
 the child. The child will be tenderly cared
 for if left in our charge without delay
 and will be quite happy with the others in a few
 days in some cases in a few hours.

Visitation :—

It is beneficial to the pupils for friends to
 visit them frequently. If parents must
 however, they will be made welcome
 in the classrooms and allowed every oppor-
 tunity of seeing the general work of the
 Institution. We cannot furnish lodging or meals,
 but can obtain guests at the Institution. Good
 accommodation may be had in the city at the
 Hotel, Hoffman House, Queen's, Anglo-
 Indian and Dominion Hotels at moderate
 rates.

Clothing and Management :—

The Institution will be good enough to give all direc-
 tion concerning clothing and management
 of children to the Superintendent. No
 correspondence will be allowed between
 parents and employees under any circum-
 stances without special permission upon
 application.

Sickness and Correspondence :

In the serious illness of pupils letters
 to their parents will be sent daily to parents or
 friends. IN THE ABSENCE OF LETTERS
 FROM PUPILS MAY BE QUITE SURE THEY
 ARE WELL.
 Pupils who are capable of doing so, will
 be required to write home every three weeks.
 Letters will be written by the teachers for the
 pupils who cannot write, stating as nearly
 as possible their wishes.
 Medical preparations that have been
 prescribed or prescribed by family phys-
 icians will be allowed to be taken by pupils
 with the consent and direction of the
 Superintendent of the Institution.
 Friends of deaf children are worried
 by the fact that doctors who advise a fresh
 set of appliances for the ears of deaf
 children, release out of their ears, and
 they want money for which they give
 nothing. Consult well known medical
 men in the cases of adventurous deaf-
 mutes. They will be guided by their counsel and

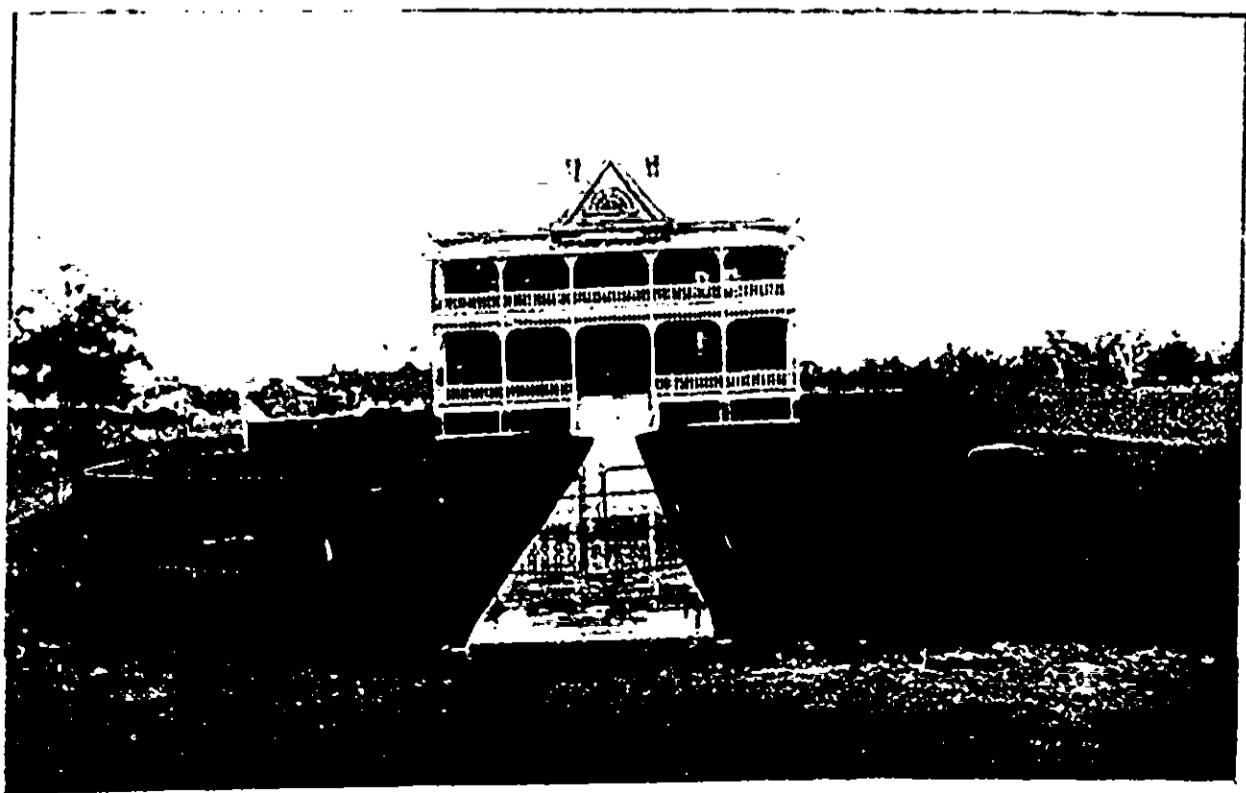
R. MATHISON,
 Superintendent.



THE PRINTING OFFICE.



THE SHOE SHOP.



THE GIBSON HOSPITAL,



CONVENTION OF GRADUATES OF THE INSTITUTION, 1894.

The Pilgrims.

Their path who shall unravel,
Their purpose who unfold,
From out the pass they travel,
The future is the goal.

There are the fabled fates,
The spirit's breath in air,
The old eternal fates,
Of youngling time are theirs.

Or gold the sky or ashen,
There broods within their breast
The sleepless pilgrim passion,
The sweet divine unrest.

They neither flag nor falter,
They tarry not nor tire;
Their aim they will not alter
Although a king desire.

They fear not frost nor fever,
Nor fire nor famine they,
They follow fate, the weaver,
For ever and a day.

Now tell their eyes the story
Of more than mortal tears,
Now gleam with starry glory,
The passing pilgrim years.

Clinton Sedgwick.

Why People Become Deaf.

It has taken the medical world a great many years to discover that loss of hearing is almost invariably caused by some disease of the throat or nose or both. But very recent researches in these fields have demonstrated this fact beyond question, and it is now admitted by the most advanced medical men that aside from rupture of the ear-drum, there is scarcely a symptom of defective hearing which is not traceable directly to the condition of the nose and throat.

In view of the now discovered ear specialists are finding their occupation gone, save as they make their particular branch an assistance in further investigation. It is said, as we have already pointed out, that the use of smelling salts is one of the most prolific causes of deafness, operating by weakening the olfactory nerves, and through them the auditory system. All strong or pungent odors should be avoided as far as possible, especially those which act upon the secretory processes, and, as the popular expression goes, "make the nose run."
—Medical Brief.

A brawny farmer presented himself at a country school, dragging an over-grown boy reluctantly through the door.— "What's yer limit here? This boy's arter an education," he demanded. The timid teacher replied that the curriculum "embraced reading, arithmetic, history, algebra, trigonometry." "That will do," interrupted the farmer. "Load him up heavy with trigonometry; he's the only poor shot in the family."

In Which a Woman Figures.

The tall man in the mackintosh and the short man in the brown over-coat paced the long platform of one of our big depots.

They were waiting for a train which was late and as they waited they ventured various opinions on life in general. As a consequence of their prolonged delay these views were somewhat cynical. It is a sad commentary on the justness of our decisions and opinions to reflect how our physical condition influences them, isn't it?

After getting over a lot of dull subjects they got down to woman. All roads lead to Rome and all talks finally touch on the eternal feminine, if one will notice. The gentleman in the mackintosh shook his head and sighed as he glowered at an old maid in blue. "I think," he said, "that the man in a depot who is employed to slash his brain up into bits to satisfy the questions of a million fool women per day ought to have the salary of president of the road."

"The man?" wearily echoed the short man. "I was under the impression that there was no particular man for that purpose. All human, so unhappy as to be of the male gender—ticket-sellers, police, gatemen, baggagemen and even poor inoffensive travellers—are but the prey and target of the woman traveller with her questions. I wonder if she keeps them bottled in alcohol and saves them over for each trip?"

"I presume so. There goes that infernal old maid again! The ticket-seller will let fly in about another minute—ho is purple in the face now! She's asking what time the 3-45 train leaves, I suppose."

"Poor fellow!" sympathized the man in the brown coat. "But she must be an exception. It can't be that all women are so troublesome."

"Pshaw!" growled his friend and paused dramatically. "See that lady with the snub nose and ginger hair? She's been to the gateman five times. That fat woman in black has asked the baggageman each time he passed if the time is right. The two pretty girls over there besieged the ticket-seller for an hour, and this old maid—oh, I haven't been able to keep track of her at all. Why, I'd be willing to bet you a dinner that a woman can't come into this depot and wait peaceably for her train without asking an unnecessary question of some one!"

"Done," replied the short man. Not that he was sure of winning, only it was a principle of his to always take bets. Then they sat down and waited.

The tall man smiled triumphantly and derisively as the stream of women

of all sizes, and ages poured and jostled through the place with frantic flutterings and a ceaseless chatter. He was just commencing to name over the courses he should like, when the short man clutched his arm and pointed to a new arrival.

She was fair-faced and stylish and walked slowly away from the window with her ticket in her hand. She surveyed the crowd and then sat down. She folded her hands and waited. The tall man began to lose color and the short man held his breath. The crowd surged by, but still she sat, a quiet statue of passivity. After ten minutes she looked at her watch. Then she produced a scrap of paper, on which she scribbled a few words, arose, and moved with the crowd to the gate. She paused long enough to hand the paper to the gateman and that functionary waved his hand. Then she was lost in the throng.

The two men stared at each other. Then with one accord they dashed at the gateman. "Could we see that paper?" they demanded breathlessly while the short man beamed at his sudden triumph. The gateman, a little surprised, handed it over.

It reads: "Please point out the Philadelphia train. I am a deaf mute."

The tall man and the short man fell over against one another. "It wasn't in the form of a question," shouted the short man when he got breath enough. He didn't propose to lose his dinner at the end.

"No," said the tall man, weakly. "I'll allow I've lost. But it's confounded unfair—who'd a dreamed she was dumb?" and he shoved his hands in his pockets and looked forlorn.—Chicago News.

How To Get There.

A writer says: Young men, you are the architects of your own fortunes. Rely upon your own strength of body and soul. Take for your star, self-reliance. Don't take too much advice, keep at your helm and steer your own ship, and remember that the art of commanding is to take a fair share of the work. Think well of yourself. Put potatoes in a cart over a rough road, and the small ones go to the bottom. Rise above the envious and jealous. Fire above the mark you intend to hit. Energy, invincible determination, with a right motive, are the lovers that move the world. Be in earnest. Be self-reliant. Be generous. Be civil. Read the papers. Advertise your business. Make money, and do good with it. Love your God and fellowmen. Love truth and virtue. Love your country and obey its laws."

How Baby Went Home.

The door of Henning's saloon pushed open by a little hand, and a child ran in, looking eagerly about. "Pa, papa! Where is my papa?" she cried. A man standing at the counter with a glass raised half way to his lips started at the sound of the plaintive voice and sat down the unfasted beer.

"What do you want, Bessie?" asked. "Oh papa, come home!" exclaimed; "Baby's dying!"

"Baby's dying!" he repeated mechanically, snatching his hat, and taking the hand of the trembling child they left the saloon together.

Down the street they went, the tall man and the child, he with bare head and lip trembling with emotion, she clinging to his hand, and sobbing out her grief in a helpless, hopeless manner.

She stopped at a tenement house and ascended the stairs, till they reached the fourth story, where they paused at room No. 8. On a wretched bed, covered with a ragged quilt, lay the tiny form "baby," so still, so pure, in the midst of the surrounding dirt and distress.

One glance, and a loud, agonized groan burst from the father's lip. "My God! is our little darling to leave us?"

"Oh, George!" sobbed his wife, creeping to his side, and laying her head timidly on his shoulder. "She's died for 'papa' right up to a few weeks ago. Our little baby will soon be with the angels."

Reverently the husband and wife knelt beside the little form. The father took one tiny white hand in his own one. The mother took the other little hand, and covered it with tears and kisses.

"George," sobbed the mother, "God is going to take our darling. Don't you think that—to be the father of a baby angel—that we ought to be good?"

"Yes, Mary, I do, and from this moment on, God helping me, I intend to be a different man."

"Amen!" exclaimed Mary.

The baby stirred just then and she laid into the faces of her parents.

"All right, papa," she murmured, then closed her eyes forever. Her father had fulfilled her mission. Her mother's will.

It is easy to learn something about everything, but difficult to learn anything about anything. Love.
Old Bullion: "What? You want to marry my daughter? She's no school-girl yet." Sultor: "Yes, she came early to avoid the rush."