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The object of the Province in founding and maintaining this Institute is to afford educational advantages to all the youth of the Province, who are, on account of deafness, either partial or total, unable to receive instruction in the common schools.

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

Parents, guardians or friends who are able to pay, will be charged the sum of \$50 per year for board, tuition, books and medical attendance will be furnished free.

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

The Regular Annual School Term begins on the second Wednesday in September, and 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 to me by letter or otherwise.

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The Statue in Clay.

"Make me a statue," said the King.
"Of marble white as snow.
It must be pure enough to stand
Before my throne at my right hand.
The niche is waiting. Got?"

The sculptor heard the King's command
And went upon his way;
He had no marble, but he went
With willing hands and high intent,
To mould his thoughts in clay.

Day after day he wrought the clay
But knew not what he wrought;
He sought the help of heart and brain,
But could not make the riddle plain—
It lay beyond his thought.

To-day the statue seemed to grow,
Tomorrow it stood still;
The third day all was well again,
Thus, year by year in joy and pain,
He wrought his master's will.

At last his life-long task was done—
It was a happy day;
He took his statue to the King,
But trembled like a guilty thing,
Because it was but clay.

"Where's my statue?" asked the King.
"Here, Lord," the sculptor said.
"Put I commanded marble." "True,
But lacking that, what could I do
But mould of clay instead?"

"Thou shalt not unrewarded go,
Since thou hast done thy best;
Thy statue shall acceptance win—
It shall be as it should have been,
For I will do the rest."

He touched the statue and it changed;
The clay falls off and lo!
The marble shape before him stands,
The perfect work of heavenly hands—
An angel pure as snow!



Doing His Best.

"Yes, dear, if you can only keep that situation we shall get along very well."
"Keep it! I must keep it." Robert spoke with determination. "It will take me a long while, mother, to forget the walks I have taken up and down these streets looking for something to do. If my very best trying will keep it, you may be sure that there I shall stick."

"Your best trying will include a great deal when others have a right to your time and efforts."

"Of course, mother, I shall keep honestly in view the interest of my employer."

Robert had found a situation at the mushin counter of a large dry goods house. It took him some little time to acquaint himself with the qualities of goods which he sometimes patiently thought were more in the line of women's work. But he remembered that a person who cannot do what he likes must do what he can. Unable through force of circumstances to choose his employment, he wisely resolved to do his very best with what came to his hand. As to what that best might be, he soon found that his opinion slightly differed from that of his employer.

"You needn't be so particular in measuring the goods for a customer," said Mr. Merrill one day. "All these are assumed to be a yard wide."

"But she asked me the width," said Robert.

"Then you should have simply said that they are a yard wide goods."

"But some of them fall a little short, Mr."

"What is that to you?" Mr. Merrill spoke with a little impatience. "It is your place to sell goods, not to be too particular about the width of them. There isn't one customer in a hundred that will go home and measure her goods if she thinks that in a general way the width is all right."

"In the general way." Robert knew

what was meant, for he had heard some of the ways by which some of the other clerks, without telling an exact falsehood, clearly avoided telling the exact truth. "I don't feel at all sure I've got a place," Robert concluded in great discouragement after, during the first few weeks, he had several times given offence to his employer by acting firmly upon his own sense of what alone is up to the very letter and spirit of fair and honest dealing. The time seemed to have come to him, which comes to so many, in which a choice must be made between worldly gain and the loyal standing by the fixed principles of right and wrong in which he had been trained.

"It seems to me this piece of goods is not the same make as the last I bought of you." The question was asked by a lady who frequently came to Robert's counter and always made liberal purchases without haggling over prices, or giving unreasonable trouble.

"No, ma'am, it is not," said Robert. "Have you any more of the same?"

"No, we have sold it out."

"Do you think this," pointing to a piece she had been examining, "is as good? It doesn't seem so to me, but if you assure me that it is, I will take it."

Robert caught sight of his employer within easy hearing distance. Mr. Merrill had a way, a good way it is too, of keeping his own eye over his own interests, and for one moment the boy hesitated. Quickly to his mind came the thought of going home to tell his mother that he had lost his situation for which he had searched and waited so long. Nothing else in the place, he felt sure, was open to him. The leaving Mr. Merrill's would mean leaving his home and his widowed mother to find employment elsewhere. By a few smooth words and a trifling evasion he could easily lead Mrs. Denby to believe he thought what he did not think. That was one side of it.

But there was a better, higher, nobler side, and Robert will never cease to be thankful for the grace granted him in a moment of sore temptation.

"No, ma'am," he quietly answered, "I do not think the quality quite up to what you bought last."

"And yet it is the same price?"

"Yes. The other was a lot of goods Mr. Merrill happened on at a forced sale and he was able to put them low. I really think, however, that this is about as good as you can get for the money."

"I will look a little further," she said, and went out. Robert, without looking, had felt the angry eyes of his employer, and he now heard his angry voice.

"Is that the way you drive off my customers? This is one of the best I have. She brings in no end of country friends."

"I'm sorry if I have driven her off," said Robert. "but I did the best that I could."

"Best you could!" The low tone which Mr. Merrill was obliged to maintain, through danger of being overheard, lent an added raucor to his words.

"Have you forgotten that your pay depends largely upon the amount of sales you make?"

"No, sir, I have not."

"It looks as though you had. Well, have you thought of looking for another place in which to do your very peculiar 'best'?"

With a weight at his heart Robert turned to attend to the wants of another customer. He had feared this, and yet had hoped that time would have been given him in which he might have been able to recommend himself, by faithful and unremitting attention to duty, as to lead Mr. Merrill, to overlook the matters of conscience in which he more and more saw they could never agree.

But here it was. He was ready to do his very best by Mr. Merrill, but he must do his best by himself also—must persevere in the seeking of the only great

best, which means, first and foremost, faithful service to the Lord. Surely he would reward such service by tender care of His own. And while still keeping eyes and wits on the alert for the duties of the hour Robert was able to resolve within himself that nothing should ever turn him from the full measure of that service. And close upon the examination came the peace growing out of the added resolution to accept such fortune as might come to him as its result, even though it might be far from what he would have chosen for himself. And in telling of the sorry outlook to his mother he found great comfort in her loving words.

"That's right, my boy. Do your own best, and be over sure the Lord will do His best by you. Perhaps Mr. Merrill will not turn you off."

"Perhaps so," said Robert. "Mrs. Denby came back later and bought a good lot of the goods, and Mr. Merrill heard her tell me that she would take anything I recommended."

At the end of the month it would have been easily guessed by anyone who closely observed Robert as he went to Mr. Merrill's office that his mind was not greatly perturbed as to what might be the result of the interview. Mr. Merrill paid his salary without comment, and was turning to other things when Robert said:

"You spoke of my looking for another situation at the end of the month, sir."

"Did I?" Mr. Merrill looked as if he had forgotten. "Oh, yes, we had a little difference of opinion about one or two small matters. But we will let it pass. I do not mind saying you have given very good satisfaction."

"Thank you, sir. But I will give you the month's notice if you please."

"What's that?" Mr. Merrill gazed at him in surprise. It was his first notice. Could it be that this boy was leaving his employ of his own will and pleasure?

"Mr. Denby has offered me a place in his hardware store."

"H'm," Mr. Merrill took a moment for rather chagrined thought as Robert closed the door. "This is Mrs. Denby's work, of course. They know that perfectly reliable boys are not found every day. I know it too. But in spite of my knowledge I have let this one slip through my fingers."—Sydney Dare in the Inland.

A Farmer Outwitted.

A farmer sold a load of corn in a town one day. When it was weighed he slyly stopped on the scales, and then drove off to unload. When the empty wagon was weighed he took good care not to be in it, and congratulated himself that he had cheated the buyer in good shape. The grain dealer called him in, and after figuring up the load, paid him in full.

As the farmer buttoned up his coat to go out, the buyer kindly asked him to smoke with him, and then talked over the crops and the price of hogs, and the likelihood of the Maple Valley Railroad building up that way, until the farmer fairly squirmed in his chair with uneasiness about his clothes at home.

At last he could stand it no longer, and said he must go. The dealer quietly said that it was not to be thought of; that he had bought the farmer at full weight, and paid him his own price, and that he would insist on doing what he pleased with his own property.

The farmer saw that he had indeed sold himself, in one sense at least. He acknowledged his cheating and compromised the affair. Now, when he markets grain, he does not stand on the scales or sell himself with his load.—Sunday School Messenger.

The Village Pastor—Johnny, you tell me you have been to Sunday school? Johnny—Yes, sir. The Village Pastor—But Johnny, your hair is wet. Johnny—Yes, sir; it's a Baptist Sunday school.



# THE CANADIAN MUTE.

Your, six or eight pages.

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First.—That a number of our pupils may learn type-setting, 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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FRIDAY, JULY 1, 1898.

### The Convention.

We desire to heartily congratulate the Ontario Association of the Deaf on the marked success of their Convention at Grimsby Park. This was the sixth convention held since the organization of the Association, and in some respects it was the pleasantest and most enjoyable. Several causes contributed to this result. The weather all through was as nearly perfect as weather could be for such an event. Then the Executive Committee was very happy in their choice of a meeting place. Grimsby Park is one of the most beautiful summer resorts in the Province. Its location and scenic attractions are very fine, it is convenient of access by rail and boat, and its facilities for entertainment, for pastimes of all kinds and for purposes of meeting are admirable in every respect. It is an ideal place for such a gathering as this, and by many the hope was expressed that it might be chosen as the permanent place of meeting, except at such times as the hospitality of the Alma Mater of the deaf may be extended to the Association. The officials of the Park Association, especially Mr. N. Phelps, the President, and Rev. Dr. Burns, did everything in their power to promote the enjoyment and enhance the success of the gathering; and all the residents at the Park manifested the warmest interest in the proceedings, and were most kindly in their attentions. The attendance of the members of the Association was unusually large, and everyone entered very

heartily into the spirit of the occasion. The various sessions were very interesting, despite the fact that the programmes were to a large extent impromptu—perhaps to a considerable degree because of that fact; and the officers manifested good judgment in making the formal programme subordinate to the social feature of the Convention, which latter is after all the chief attraction.

It is difficult to overestimate the pleasure and value of these gatherings to the deaf, and that they are fully appreciated was well illustrated by the practical unanimity with which a proposal to hold the Conventions less frequently was rejected. Many old friendships are thereby renewed and many valuable new ones formed; many matters of mutual interest are discussed and many difficulties cleared away, and fresh encouragement and added stimulus and renewed zeal are imparted. There is a good deal of dreary monotony in the lives of many of the deaf, and these periodical conventions are as "wells of water in a weary land;" and few there are who were present at this last Convention who will ever forget the pleasant cheer, the inspiring meetings in the splendid and unique pavilion, the beautiful scenery of woodland and water, the delightful promenades, the joyous re-unions with old associates, the quiet talks in sequestered nooks and the warm-hearted welcome extended to them at Grimsby Park.

We waited several days for the engraving of the Convention photo to arrive from Toronto. We know that our friends would expect to see it in this issue, and will excuse delay from that cause.

Dr. Westervelt, Principal of the Rochester Institution for the Deaf, and Miss Adella Clara Fay, of Hartford, were married on June 7th, at Hartford, Conn. The happy couple have our sincere good wishes for their prosperity.

The closing exercises at the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Halifax, took place on Wednesday, June 29th, and were witnessed by a large crowd of interested people. The Premier of the Province and other prominent citizens, were present. The session just closed is one of the most successful in the history of the Institution, and Principal Fearon is to be congratulated on the result.

### Pupils Leave for Home.

This morning, by the early trains east and west, all the pupils from the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb left for their homes under the charge of the officers and teachers. The closing examinations on paper were held the last week in May and the official inspection was made on the following week, and both were satisfactory. The session just closed has been one of the most pleasant and successful in the history of the Institution. Both teachers and pupils enjoyed a remarkable immunity from illness, and the nine months of steady, faithful, uninterrupted effort in the class rooms and shops has entitled them to the well-earned rest of the vacation. A considerable number of the pupils have completed their course and will not return again, but there are many applications for entry for new pupils, and no doubt next session the attendance will be quite equal to that of the past. The next term will commence on the 21st of September.—Belleville Ontario, June 15.

### The Two Gates.

A pilgrim once (so runs an ancient tale,  
Old, worn, and spent, crept down a shadowed vale.  
On either hand rose mountains bleak and high:  
'Till was the gusty air, and dark the sky;  
The path was rugged, and his feet were bare,  
His faded cheek was scathed by pain and care;  
His heavy eyes upon the ground were cast,  
And every step seemed feebler than the last.

The valley ended where a naked rock  
Rose sheer from earth to heaven, as if to mock  
The pilgrim who had crept that tollsome way,  
But while his dim and weary eyes essay  
To find an outlet in the mountain side  
A ponderous sculptured bronze door he spied,  
And tottering toward it with fast-falling breath,  
Above the portal read,—"The Gate of Death."

He could not stay his feet, that led thereto,  
It yielded to his touch, and passing through,  
He came into a world all bright and fair:  
Blue were the heavens, and balmy was the air;  
And, lo! the blood of youth was in his veins,  
And he was clad in robes that held no stain  
Of his long pilgrimage. Amazed, he turned:  
Behold a golden door behind him burned  
In that fair sunlight, and his wondering eyes,  
Now lustreful and clear as those new skies,  
Free from the mists of age, of care and strife,  
Above the portal read,—"The Gate of Life!"

—Selected.

### TORONTO TOPICS.

From our own Correspondent.

The monthly meeting for June was held on Saturday, the 4th, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Mason, No. 1 Garden Avenue, instead of at Mr. Bridgen's, as formerly, on account of alterations being made at the latter's place. There was a very large attendance, over 70 being present. The meeting did not open till nearly nine o'clock as the evening was so fine that a large number preferred remaining outside the house as long as it was light enough to talk. All seemed to be in excellent spirits. The programme for the evening had been prepared beforehand, it being a debate as to the comparative happiness of women and men's lives. Mr. Fraser was chosen to lead the men's side of the debate, while Misses M. Ball and M. Campbell led the women's side. At length when the meeting was called to order by Mr. Bridgen, it was discovered that Mr. Fraser thought he had been selected to lead the women's side and had come prepared to do battle for the "women's rights," as it may be termed. Some one in the audience called out "traitor," but it was put in as a joke. After a little rearranging, Mr. Slater was requested to fill Mr. Fraser's place on the men's side. The debate was open, as usual, to give all a chance to have their say, time being limited to ten minutes each. After a few preliminary remarks from Mr. Bridgen, Mr. Slater commenced the debate by stating that women would never be happy until they ruled the world, which he believed they would never do. He also referred to the many liberties men had which women had not, and the many positions which were open to them and closed to the women.

Miss M. Ball followed and was much applauded in coming forward. It was soon seen she had a firm grasp on the subject under discussion. She made several strong points in favor of her side of the question, and closed by challenging her opponents to name a man who was happier than the late Miss Frances Willard, whose happiness was in making others happy.

Mr. Wedderburn was the next speaker. He claimed that men had infinitely the happiest lot. He brought in the argument of a mother's care of her family, which needed constant watching, almost night and day; while a man was at liberty almost any time to put on his hat and go where he pleased.

Miss M. Campbell next took the floor in defence of her sex. She was well received and proved herself to be a fluent and logical debator. Her chief line of argument was in criticizing the previous speakers on the opposite side, which she did with striking effect.

Mr. Fraser, the only male on the women's side in the debate, claimed that most great men owed their fame to their mothers, and named the Queen as a model of happiness.

Miss M. Slater, who was present, participated in the debate and took the men's side. She gave the men credit for almost all good literature, inventions, etc., and claimed that women were nowhere in the race with men for happiness, honor or anything else.

Next came Miss J. Munro, who was well received and spoke in a clear and convincing manner. The argument she brought in was that women were not exposed to the many temptations men were, and said that contentment was great gain, which virtue she argued was in women's possession.

Mr. W. J. Torrell came to the defence

of the men, bringing in many illustrations to prove his assertions. He mentioned the late Mr. Gladstone as a happy man. He brought in several points.

Miss M. O'Neil followed in a few chosen remarks. She claimed that the comparative number of suicides of men and women might be taken as a test. She acquitted herself very creditably.

Then came Mr. W. O'Rourke, who may be termed our Demosthenes, and made a short but effective speech in favor of the men.

Several others followed but this report is getting too long to give even a brief summary of the points advanced on the respective sides. The judges, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Mason, Messrs. Bridgen and C. Elliott, in summing up the debate, complimented the speakers on their addresses, but remarked that several on the men's side, especially, went astray from the real question at issue, and that some of their arguments had no weight, and made their decision in declaring the debate a draw. The party were about to depart but were bidden to wait for refreshments, which were kindly served by the host and hostess. The evening on the whole was very enjoyable.

In the last issue of THE MUTE, there was a slight reference made to the bicycle picnic held in High Park on the 24th of May. Since then particular have come to hand which seem too good to go unchronicled. It was arranged to have the picnic held at Long Branch—a resort some five miles out from High Park—but owing to the wet weather in the morning the place was changed to the Park. The north entrance was made the rendezvous and about ten o'clock a goodly number had assembled, and when no more were in sight the party to the number of about twenty-four decided to proceed to the picnic grounds on their wheels, making quite a long procession. The party was made up almost entirely of our gay young friends. On arriving there some light sports were indulged in until time for dinner had arrived, when the young ladies set to work with a will to spread the tables, but where was the grub to come from. Now, if any, had provided themselves with the necessities of life, but the young gentlemen on being informed of this difficulty made a veritable raid on the refreshment booths on the ground near by, and in a few minutes afterward they were seen carrying off almost everything they could lay their hands on—bananas, oranges, lemons, milk, soda water, ice cream, etc. It is quite unnecessary for us to describe how the tables were devoured, as it can be better imagined than described. Dinner over, all mounted their wheels for a spin around the park. Two of the party—a young gentleman and his little queen—(we will refrain from naming them) got separated from the main party, but in a short time they turned up again to find the rest waiting on them—guard 'koo—on both sides of the road, and were given as right a royal salute as if they had been a prince and princess. Shortly after this Mr. C. Elliott went to make arrangements in a quiet little spot to take a photo of the party, but when all was ready and he went to call them to come up he found almost the entire party in boats complacently sailing on the lake. After some persuading he succeeded in getting all together and took two excellent negatives. A game of base ball was played, in which the ladies took part on both sides, captained by Mr. T. Bradshaw and Mr. C. Elliott. We are sorry we have not the names of those who composed the opposing teams. Mr. T. Bradshaw's side won by 7 to 4, which they say was caused by a misad ball. Other games were played and much enjoyed. At this juncture one of our mischievous young lads brought a large bunch of firecrackers and generously distributed them all around, and in a few minutes they were exploding over everybody's head. The owners of bicycles made a rush for their wheels to get them out of the way to prevent them getting scorched; while doing so they seemed as if fleeing from a hornet's nest, so confused and excited were the whole party. This was the cause of one of the ladies' paroxysms getting burnt, referred to in last issue. Before separating for the evening the party took a stroll around and viewed the Howard monument, to the great delight of some who had not seen it before. The picnic was heartily voted the pleasantest ever held in High Park.

[The above was received too late for last issue.]

# ONTARIO DEAF-MUTE ASSOCIATION.

The Sixth Convention, held at  
Grimby Park.

THE LARGEST ATTENDING IN THE HISTORY  
OF THE ASSOCIATION. FOUR DAYS OF  
GENUINE ENJOYMENT. TASTIC CHAM-  
PAIGN OF CANADA FOR THE  
PHYSICAL, SOCIAL, INTELLI-  
GENT AND SPIRITUAL  
ADVANCEMENT OF  
THE DEAF.



The Sixth Biennial  
Convention of the  
Ontario Association  
of the Deaf was held  
at Grimby Park on  
the 16th to the 19th  
of June, when a most  
pleasant and profit-  
able time was spent.  
The names of those  
present were:

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Jefferson, G. F., Toronto.  
Jamieson, Miss E., Ottawa.  
Jaffray, A. H., Toronto.  
Johnson, Thomas, Belgrave  
Lafferty, Miss M., Windsor.  
Lewis, A., Vaughan.  
Luddy, David, Perth.  
Leslie, Ed., Listowel.  
Mason, A. W., Toronto.  
Mortimer, H., Hamilton.  
Mason, Mr. and Mrs. H., Toronto  
Middleton, Thomas, Horning's Mills.  
Munro, Miss J., Toronto.  
Mathieson, Miss A., Kaminaka.  
Moore, Mr. and Mrs. H., Toronto.  
Murdock, Wm., Halton.  
Moshier, J., Hamilton.  
McMillan, N., Toronto.  
McCornick, A., Charing Cross.  
McKenzie, R., Kincardine.  
McKenzie, R., Newbury.  
McIntyre, Miss R., London.  
McClelland, Mr. and Mrs., Ottawa.  
McKenzie, R. N., Newburgh  
McMillan, Miss M., Purpleville.  
McPherson, H., Hamilton.  
McKay, Wm., Woodstock.  
McCullough, Miss E., Toronto.  
McLain, M., Cambridge.  
McIntyre, Miss F., Toronto.  
Noyes, Thomas, DeWick  
Noyes, Andrew,  
Noyes, John,  
Nounan, M., Perth.  
O'Rourke, Wm., Toronto.  
O'Neil, Mary,  
Pattin, S., Stoney Creek.  
Pugsley, Samuel, Charming  
Pincoules, Mr. and Mrs. John, Poplar Hill.  
Pincoules, Richard,  
Pincoules, Mrs.,  
Pike, W. H., Thamsville  
Patrick, John, Perth.  
Pekard, Ed., Toronto.  
Roberts, Herbert, Jarvis.  
Reeves, George, Lindsay  
Hibble, Mr. and Mrs. H., Toronto.  
Randall, Robert, Paris.  
Robinson, Miss I., Boleaygon  
Ryan, Charles, W. Stock  
Sutton, Mrs. W., Simcoe.  
Staley, Cou. J., Stoney Creek.  
Summers, Wm., Wilkes.

Shepherd, A. E., Toronto  
Shilton, John, Niagara Falls.  
Swinington, H. M., Sarala  
South, Arch, Brantford  
Spinks, F., Blackstock  
Slater, R. C., Toronto  
Smith, A. E., Brantford  
Simmons, M., New Durham  
Sutton, E., Brantford  
Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. L., Toronto  
Swanson, A., Belleville  
Smith, Charles, Toronto  
Thomas, R. H., Oakville  
Tuttrell, D., Florence  
Thompson, Wm., Hamilton  
Thompson, Wm. M., Thamsville  
Terrell, Mrs. W., Toronto.  
Terrell, Fred,  
Terrell, H.,  
Terrell, John,  
Times, Wm., Hamilton.  
Thomas, B. H., Toronto  
Wark, W., Sarala  
White, Ed., Charing Cross  
Wheeler, Mr and Mrs. E., St. Catharines.  
Wilson, Mrs. C., Toronto  
White, Henry,  
Waters, Miss M.,  
Zinger, Miss E., Berlin



R. Mathison, M. A., Sec'y.

The first session was held on Thursday  
evening, the President, Mr. D. Bayne,  
of Merivale, in the chair. Prof. Jas. C.  
Ballis, of the Belleville Institution, opened  
with prayer, after which the Presi-  
dent gave his opening address. He ex-  
pressed his pleasure at meeting them all  
again and emphasized the advantages to  
be derived from such a Convention.  
Many of them felt the lack of social in-  
tercourse since they had left school and  
it was to make up for this and to give  
the deaf an opportunity of meeting to-  
gether that prompted the founding of  
the Association. In addition, it was  
helpful for them to have an interchange  
of views and experiences, as thereby  
they were mutually encouraged and as-  
sisted. He hoped that their meeting  
would be a most pleasant one to all  
present.

The minutes of the last Convention  
were then read by the Secretary, and  
approved, after which the Treasurer,  
Mr. D. J. McKillop, presented his report,  
which was adopted. It showed a great  
improvement in the financial condition  
of the Association, due largely to the  
strict economy and careful management  
of the Treasurer. The total receipts  
were \$4245, and the expenditure \$4377,  
leaving an adverse balance of \$132.

The President then read a paper pre-  
pared by Mr. Thos. Hazelton, of Delta,  
on "How to Manage a Business." The  
writer urged that the deaf should endeav-  
or to go into business for themselves in  
preference to working for others. He  
believed that by industry, by carefulness  
in regard to buying, by avoiding bad  
debts and by strict attention to business  
they could all succeed as he had done.



D. Bayne, President.

Brief addresses of welcome were then  
given by Mr. Noah Phelps, President of  
the Camp Grounds Corporation, and by  
Rev. Dr. Burns, of Hamilton, who was  
occupying his cottage at the Park. Mr.  
Nurse then gave in signs and pantomime  
an amusing story, after which the meet-  
ing closed with prayer by Dr. Burns.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

On Friday morning, after prayer by  
Prof. Coleman, Mr. H. Roberts, of Jarvis,  
gave a short address on "The Inner Ex-  
periences of the Deaf." He first contrasted  
the condition of the deaf who live in  
the city with those in the country and  
dwell on the disadvantages of being deaf,  
the disappointments they met in their  
social and business relations with the

hearing, of the thoughtless indifference  
for the feelings of the deaf among many  
of the hearing, which so deeply wounds  
their susceptibilities; but in spite of the  
heart burnings, blighted hopes and crush-  
ed ambitions the deaf are happy, and the  
present gathering demonstrated that the  
deaf were fully able to stand well socially,  
and able to compete successfully with  
the hearing in many lines of business.  
He closed a good address by urging them  
not to be easily discouraged, for with  
patience, perseverance and industry suc-  
cess was sure.

This was followed by a very interest-  
ing paper on "Fruit Culture," by Mr. R.  
M. Thomas, of Oakville. He said that  
Franklin lost Eden by disobedience of  
God's command, but he believed that  
every man could make a little eden of  
his own, filled with sweet flowers and  
luscious fruits. He then referred to the  
different kinds of fruit best adapted to  
this Province and pointed out the con-  
ditions of climate and soil necessary to  
their successful cultivation. He placed  
the apple first in importance, as the most  
useful, easily-raised fruit, and one whose  
period extends nearly throughout the  
whole year.

The paper was followed by an animat-  
ed discussion, referring specially to the  
curents and other destructive insects,  
and the best methods of destroying them.  
It was participated in by Messrs. Nurse,  
Mason, Bayne, Sutton, Pettit, Roberts  
and Lewis. Many interesting points  
were brought out, in fact it was quite a  
Farmers' Session.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Friday afternoon session opened  
with prayer by Rev. Dr. Burns, after  
which the reverend gentleman was asked  
to make a speech. He said he was very  
happy to see them all looking so well and  
happy. He had never been with the  
deaf before and this was the first time  
he had tried to hear with his eyes. He  
was, however, not ignorant of the work  
being done at the Institution, and he was  
greatly pleased to know that all of the  
graduates of the Institution were able to  
earn a comfortable livelihood, and that  
all of them were respected and law-abid-  
ing citizens, not one being in the peni-  
tentiary, not one of them a pauper.



A. S. Waggoner, 1st Vice-Pres.

This was due, no doubt, to the sober  
teaching they received and to the power  
of concentration which the deaf posses-  
ed to a much greater extent than hearing  
people. The more he studied them the  
more he was impressed with the fact  
that every avenue of approach to nature  
and to a knowledge of God and his works  
were open to them quite as well as to  
hearing people. We are all apt to fancy  
that people who are not as we are, who  
are deprived of some faculties we enjoy,  
must be unhappy, but in this we were  
wrong. There were compensations for  
all our deficiencies, and the deaf seemed  
to enjoy life quite as much as hearing  
people do.

Rev. Mr. McCaughan, pastor of St.  
Andrew's Church, Toronto, and recently  
from Belfast, who was on the grounds,  
next made a brief address. He said he  
was very glad to see them all. This was  
not the first time he had addressed deaf  
audiences. He had frequently lectured  
to the deaf in the north of Ireland. Once  
he had given them a humorous lecture  
and he was as much amused with the  
gestures of the interpreter as the audi-  
ence was with his lecture. In Belfast  
the deaf have a mission and a club-room,  
and recently a hearing minister had be-  
queathed to them \$35,000 for the erec-  
tion of a new assembly room. He had  
visited the Institution at Belleville and  
had been surprised and delighted with  
the work being done there and the re-  
sults attained.

R. Mathison, M. A., Superintendent of  
the Institution, was then called upon and  
was enthusiastically received. He said  
he was very much pleased to be with  
them and to meet so many of the old

pupils again, and to be assured that the  
were all so happy and comfortable. Most  
of them had gone to the Institution when  
they were small boys and girls, and year  
after year their minds had expanded  
and their knowledge had increased, and  
then they had gone out to occupy honor-  
able positions in the world. Since the  
Institution was founded, 27 years ago,  
1,100 pupils had gone out from its halls.



A. W. Mason, 2nd Vice-Pres.

Last year he had sent a circular to all  
of those whose addresses he knew, and  
had received some 700 replies, and he  
was delighted to know that, with only two  
or three exceptions, every one of them  
was in comfortable circumstances and  
all were respected, law-abiding, useful  
members of the community. The officers  
and teachers of the Institution endea-  
vored by example and precept to instill  
into them right principles, and all the old  
pupils testify to the lasting benefits they  
had derived from the instruction so faith-  
fully given. It costs about \$50,000 a  
year to maintain the Institution, and it  
was money well spent, and he was glad  
to know that not a member of the Legis-  
lature demurred to voting the amount  
required. Not one of the old pupils was  
in jail and but one or two had ever got  
into trouble of any kind. The attend-  
ance at the Institution last session was  
275, and they could have 300 if they  
tried, but there was not room for any  
more. He expected soon, however, that  
a new school building would be erected  
and then there would be room for all.  
All connected with the Institution work-  
ed very hard, but there were many en-  
couragements, and this meeting was one  
of them. At the meeting in Brantford  
two years ago the citizens remarked  
upon the good behavior of the members.  
At conventions of hearing people there  
are nearly always some who misbehave  
and get into trouble, but every deaf-mute  
present at that convention behaved as  
ladies and gentlemen should, and not  
one was seen under the influence of  
liquor. He looked upon all of them as  
his children, not only while they were in  
the Institution but also after they had  
left. So far as possible he kept himself  
informed of the place of residence and  
the circumstances in life of everyone  
who had ever attended the Institution,  
and an ex-pupil never wrote to him with-  
out receiving a prompt reply. All the  
officers and teachers felt and maintained  
the same interest in the old pupils, for  
the success of the pupils was the success  
of the teachers. He wished all of them  
to accept his heartfelt wishes for their  
future happiness and prosperity.

Mrs. Ballis then gave a very suggestivo  
and interesting address on "Manners  
and Morals." She pointed out many of  
the violations of good manners and of  
the rules of etiquette which many people  
were guilty of and warned the deaf  
against imitating those evil examples.  
She then explained in detail the princi-  
pal rules of etiquette at the table, in  
social life, while travelling and in busi-  
ness relations, and urged on all of them  
to strive at all times to deport them-  
selves as true ladies and gentlemen,  
taking as their guide the Golden Rule,  
which contained the essence of all true  
courtesy.

Mr. Nasmith was then asked to say a  
few words. He told them he had a mes-  
sage to give to them. Before he left  
Toronto he visited the bedside of Mrs.  
Howe, mother of the late Charles Howe,  
who is very sick and does not expect to  
recover. She said, "Tell them that I  
love them over you." All day long her  
mind seemed to dwell on the deaf and  
even in her dreams her spirit was with  
them. He said that when any of the  
deaf came to Toronto he hoped they  
would attend the services for the deaf  
there. He did not think the city was  
the best place for the deaf. There were  
many temptations there and it was  
harder to earn a livelihood in the city  
than in the country, but if they did go  
to Toronto to live he hoped they would

meet with them and with them study the word and the works of God.

Mr. Mathison stated that he had received a letter from Mrs. Terrill, who was too ill to come. She sent her love to all her old pupils. The session closed with prayer by Rev. Mr. McCaughan.

Arrangements had been made with Mr. Cochrane, of Hamilton, to photograph the Convention, and at 6 p. m. all assembled on the beautiful lawn of the Park and a photo was taken of the group, an engraved copy of which will be found in this issue.

#### EVENING SESSION.

In the evening session Mr. Noah Phelps opened with prayer. Mr. Nurse then gave a paper prepared by Prof. Denys. After pointing out the great pleasure enjoyed by friends long-separated when they meet again, he proceeded to give them some good advice relative to the duty of each of them to God, to their fellow-men and to themselves, and the motives that should actuate every true man and woman.

Prof. Balis followed with a very interesting discourse. After congratulating all of them on living in a land where provision is so liberally made for the education of all classes, he discussed the various methods employed in teaching the deaf, and pointed out the superiority of the combined system. That the deaf under equal conditions of education and opportunity are able to hold their own with hearing people is amply demonstrated by the fact that nearly all of them are doing well and many of them have attained to high positions. But to succeed it is necessary to merit success. The world demands a *quid pro quo*. Life is a mutual exchange of relations, and only he who gives, receives.

Mr. Smith, of Brantford, who had just arrived, was then called upon for a few words of greeting, after which those present were treated to a series of magic lantern views by Mr. Mason, assisted by Messrs. Slater and Fraser, Mr. Bridges, of Toronto, supplying the views.

#### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Saturday morning's session was opened with prayer by Prof. Campbell.

Mr. A. W. Mason then gave a very thoughtful paper on "Mental Improvement." He urged that it was the duty of everybody to constantly improve their minds. Stagnation means decay and death. Progress is the law of life. The deaf labor under many disadvantages in mental advancement, but it is within reach of all of them to make constant progress. They must learn to understand books by constantly reading them, and how to use language by writing. No expensive library is needed, a few good books and a dictionary is sufficient. It may be difficult at first to understand what is read, but perseverance will accomplish wonders, and a little added every day will soon aggregate a great deal. Many people think that their education stops when they leave school. On the contrary, it is but begun. The school instruction is simply the key that will enable them to unlock the great treasure-house of knowledge. And they should never forget to study the Book of books, for in it will be found the fountain and source of all true wisdom.



Wm. Nurse, Secretary.

Prof. Coleman then gave a short address, full of reminiscences of the past, the central idea being the mysterious way in which Providence works out its beneficent ends.

Mr. Nurse then enlivened the proceedings by relating an amusing story, after which a paper prepared by Mrs. Mason was read by Mr. Campbell and interpreted by Mr. Coleman, relative to the advisability of engaging a missionary for the deaf of Ontario. Many years ago this had been mooted, but nothing had been done, and she thought the time had arrived when some steps should be taken in this direction. Much money was contributed to aid foreign missions and she thought it was time to do something for

those in this Province who are deprived of religious instruction, as most of the deaf are. She thought it would be better to have the Convention meet only every three or four years and utilize the money so spent for a missionary. The cost of such a religious instructor would be only five or ten cents a week for each mute, and she hoped an effort would be made to supply this great need.

This paper elicited an animated discussion, participated in by Miss Fraser, Messrs. Nurse, Smith, Jefferson, Bayne, Mason, Fraser, Slater and Nasmith. The consensus of opinion seemed to be in favor of continuing the biennial convention, and it was decided to further consider the practicability of supporting a missionary.

Prof. Campbell then made his maiden speech before the Convention, and gave an instructive and practical address. He alluded to the discussion on fruit culture which had taken place the day before, and said that there were other kinds of trees which each one should plant, whose fruit is perennial and always good. Some of the trees in this orchard are Industry, Perseverance, Patience, Temperance, Love, etc., which all should seek to plant in the heart, and whose fruitage would produce naught but joy and satisfaction but never satiety. The Convention then adjourned until the evening.

#### AFTERNOON SPORTS.

The afternoon of Saturday was devoted to athletic sports. A good programme had been arranged by Messrs. Bradshaw and Isbister, and assisted by Mr. Sutton the whole was ably carried out. Rain set in during the dinner hour and for a time it looked very unfavorable for an afternoon on the athletic grounds, and all rejoiced when it cleared up and allowed the games to proceed.



D. J. McKee, Treasurer.

The first item on the programme was a ball-throwing contest, in which R. McKenzie, Summers, Clark, Hill, Mellae, Jefferson and O'Rourke competed. R. McKenzie took first prize, W. O'Rourke second.

Throwing Base-ball.—Ladies—Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Mason, the Misses James, Campbell, Borthwick and Cunningham. Miss N. Cunningham, 1st; Miss Campbell, 2nd.

Running hop, step and jump.—Gillam, R. McKenzie, K. McKee, D. Bloom, Noonan and O'Rourke. R. McKenzie, 1st; Noonan, 2nd; O'Rourke, 3rd.

Married Ladies' Race.—Mrs. Terrell, H. Mason, Bradshaw, Pincombe and Gottlieb. Mrs. H. Mason, 1st; Mrs. Terrell, 2nd.

Throwing Stone.—Robert McKenzie, O'Rourke, K. McKenzie, Jefferson, Clark and Roderick McKenzie. Roderick McKenzie, 1st; Robert McKenzie, 2nd; K. McKenzie, 3rd.

Ladies' Spoon Race.—Misses Campbell, O'Neil, Moore, Borthwick, Jamieson and Mrs. H. Mason. Misses Moore, 1st; O'Neil, 2nd.

The Slow Bicycle Race was very interesting. Messrs. H. Gottlieb, Gillam, Bloom, Terrell, Holton, McKay and Shepherd competed. All went down except Terrell and Holton, the latter winning. Little Freddy Terrell deserved the hearty congratulations he received in competing with and beating the big fellows.

Ladies' Hat Race.—Miss Campbell, 1st; Miss James, 2nd.

Eating Contest.—Messrs. Bradshaw, Gottlieb, Robert McKenzie, Clark, Pettit and Clouch. S. Pettit, 1st; Bradshaw, 2nd.

Ladies' Walking Race.—Misses Ballagh, Borthwick, Cunningham, L. James and Campbell. Miss Campbell, 1st; Miss L. James, 2nd; Borthwick, 3rd.

Blindfold Bicycle Race.—Messrs. Bradshaw, Gillam, R. McKenzie, Terrell, Gottlieb and Bloom. H. Gottlieb, 1st; Gillam, 2nd; Bradshaw, 3rd. Those ap-

pointed to follow the blindfold riders forgot themselves in the excitement of the race and one bicycle got several spokes broke, and Mr. Bradshaw ran up against a tree, happily without any injury.

Tug of War, Single vs. Married Ladies.—Mrs. Pincombe, Riddle and Terrell were opposed to Misses Melatyre, Borthwick and Lafferty. In such an unequal contest there could be but one result, the married ladies of course carried the day easily.

The Tug of War, City vs. Farm, was an exciting struggle. Robert McKenzie captained the grangers and had behind him Messrs. K. McKenzie, R. Pincombe, Mellae, Middleton and Pugsley. The city men, captained by A. E. Smith, were a heavy lot, they were Messrs. Roderick McKenzie, Isbister, Jefferson, Goodbrand and Symington. After a long and obstinate struggle the city boys pulled their opponents over the line, and after changing legends did the trick again, winning the contest.

Several other contests were on the programme but the sun made it so warm our friends preferred to seek the shelter of the trees and from there witness the foot-ball match between two teams captained by Messrs. Gillam and R. McKenzie. The boys showed up well, and although some had not kicked a ball since they left school they showed that their old training had not been forgotten. Two fifteen minute halves were played in the hot sun and during that time Gillam's team put through two goals, winning the match. At the close both teams were photographed by Mr. H. Mason.

We must not forget that Mr. Nasmith sent down several packages of choice confectionery to be competed for by those who had a sweet tooth. His thoughtfulness was appreciated. During the races Mr. Cochrane took a number of snap shots of the contestants, copies of which we hope to publish, if not in this issue in some future one.

After tea, in the evening, as a large number had arrived during the day and were disappointed at not being photographed with the others the day before, the photographer kindly took another smaller photo of the Convention.

#### EVENING SESSION.

The evening session was devoted to the winding up of the business of the Convention, the first item being the addresses of the retiring officers. The President, Mr. Bayne, on resigning office, thanked the members for their regular attendance at the sessions and for every needed assistance given him in the transaction of the business brought before the Convention. The relations between him and the members had been of the most cordial character, and whoever they might place at the head of the Association he hoped they would receive the same support he had. The 1st Vice-President, Mr. Waggoner, and the 2nd Vice-President, Mr. Mason, followed in a few well chosen words. Their duties had been light but they had been ready, if called upon, to do anything to bring the Convention to a successful conclusion. The Secretary, Mr. Nurse, while he was appointed permanent secretary at the Convention at Brantford in 1896, did not wish to forego his services on the Convention if they preferred another and gave the members the opportunity to make a change if they so wished it. An unanimous vote that he stay in office soon settled the matter. Mr. McKillop, Treasurer, then came along with the money bag of the Association and was ready to hand over his charge to anyone the Convention might appoint, but the members recognize the responsibility attached to the office and promptly refused to receive his resignation and by an enthusiastic vote returned him to the care of the Convention funds. The two gentlemen who have so kindly given their services to the convention as interpreters, Profs. Coleman and Campbell, of course could not be spared or replaced and the members fully appreciate their valuable services to the Convention and requested them to remain in office, which they kindly consented to do.

Mr. Balis then took the chair and called for nominations for President. Messrs. Bayne, A. E. Smith, McIntosh and Fraser were proposed and accepted. A standing vote was taken, giving A. E. Smith, of Brantford, a very slim majority over Phillip Fraser, of Toronto, and Mr. Smith was escorted to the chair amid the plaudits of the members. For 1st Vice-President there were three nominations, Messrs. Bayne, Fraser and Sutton. Mr. Fraser leading, was elected. For 2nd

Vice-President, Messrs. A. W. Mason, McIntosh and Slater. Mr. Mason receiving the largest support took the office. As he wished to catch the train for home the newly elected President asked the Convention to excuse him, and called Mr. Fraser to the chair to wind up the business of the Convention. Resolutions of thanks were passed to the retiring officers; to Mr. Mathison, who quietly and unostentatiously had done so much to help the Convention, the resolution being coupled with a unanimous vote that whenever he could so arrange it, the Convention would be happy to meet again amid the scenes of their school



D. R. Coleman, M. A., Interpreter.

days in Belleville. Dr. Burns, the representative of the Board of Directors, Mr. Phelps, Superintendent of the Park, Mr. Ford, of Toronto, who did so much to help the arrangements in many ways, and Mr. Strawn, proprietor of the Park House, were all remembered with unanimous expressions of thanks. The meeting closed with prayer by Mr. Nurse.

#### SUNDAY SERVICES.

For Sunday, special services had been arranged and printed programmes provided, so that hearing visitors would be partly able to follow the services. By previous arrangement the deaf of Toronto conducted the morning service. Mr. P. Fraser opened with prayer, followed by Misses Moore and O'Neil signing together the beautiful hymn "Oh, Crown of Rejoicing that's Waiting for me." It was grandly done, in perfect time, and all present, both the deaf and hearing, were deeply impressed. Mr. W. Mason led the Convention in saying the Apostles' Creed. An earnest reading of scripture by Mr. G. Elliott, from Luke xii. 16-21, and all joining in the Lord's Prayer, led by Mr. McGillivray, followed. Mr. Nasmith then took up his address, interpreted by Miss Fraser. His subject was "Head, Heart and Hands for Jesus." It was a very thoughtful address and the closest attention was given him throughout. Miss M. Campbell signed the hymn "Lalol Lalol So Lalol" and the meeting closed with the benediction.

The afternoon meeting opened at three o'clock. As in the morning, many hearing visitors were present and took a close interest in the proceedings. Prof. Balis led the meeting in signing together the doxology. Prof. Coleman followed with prayer, and Prof. Balis then signed the hymn, "I Need Thee Every Hour." Prof. Coleman then took up his address for the afternoon, his subject being "The Christian Warfare," from II. Timothy iv. 6-8. Mr. Coleman did successfully what few ever succeed in doing well, he both signed and spoke his address at the same time. He spoke of the sufferings of Paul, his patience under persecution, his readiness for whatever he might be called upon to endure for Christ's sake. His life and death was a lesson for us to follow. Prof. Balis struck a key note to the address by signing in the most impressive manner the grand old hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," and closed with the benediction.



W. J. Campbell, Interpreter.

In the evening another meeting was held. Several of our young friends had expressed a desire to say a few words and relate their religious experiences. Mr. Nurse led the meeting and, after

prayer by Mr. Grant, signed the hymn, "Not Now, My Child." It was to calm the feelings of many who are weary of this world's toil and care and longing for home and heaven. A scripture reading of "The Beatitudes," from Matthew v., and an explanatory comment upon each followed. Mr. Elliott gave a very helpful address on "How to study the Scriptures." Messrs. Fisher, Slater and Grant followed, each filling up a very profitable ten minutes. Prof. Bais very fittingly closed the service with the beautiful evening hymn, "Made with me."



A. E. Smith, President Elect.

At the close, Rev. Dr. Burns, Vice-President of the Board of Directors, bade farewell to the members of the Convention. He stated that previous to their coming he had not known what to expect, but now that they had assembled and he had witnessed session after session, he had come to understand more about them. They had quite won his heart, and should they favor the Park with another Convention they would know better how to prepare for them and give them a hearty welcome. He had never seen, he said, an assemblage at the Park the members of which were more exemplary in their conduct to each other and to all concerned. The Convention had been a wonderful lesson to himself and to all who had witnessed the sessions. The good work done at Belleville in educating the deaf was bearing excellent fruit, as was shown at this Convention, and the well-appointed services of the Sabbath were such as the hearing people could not fail to be impressed with, and would never forget. He again expressed the great pleasure he had derived from the sessions and the hope that many future Conventions would be held at the Park. The President of the Park, Mr. Phelps, also gave a few farewell words, and after the benediction the members filed past and both gentlemen shook hands heartily with all.

The Sixth Convention of the Deaf-Mute Association of Ontario was here brought to a close. The next morning the Park station was a busy place. A number went off at 7:35 a. m. and a still larger contingent at 9:30. The Toronto party probably enjoyed themselves the best of all, as they remained at the Park until the evening and had a little time to look around and become better acquainted with it. After an early tea, they boarded the White Star, which had come from Toronto specially to take them home, and had a very pleasant sail over. We hope that all have arrived safely at their homes again and that the remembrance of the gathering will ever be a link in the memories of the past.

#### CONVENTION NOTES.

—Miss N. Cunningham, Oakville, was the first lady to arrive at the Convention.

—There were quite a number present this time who had not been at any of the former Conventions.

—Mr. Chas. Wilson, jr., Toronto, was no doubt the youngest "delegate," but by no means the least.

—Lovers of the strawberry were able to indulge without stint, the Park being right in the finest fruit district in Ontario. They were large, luscious and cheap.

—Quite a number of young people, principally those of Toronto, had a very chatty time on the boat coming home, telling stories, cracking jokes and solving conundrums.

—Mrs. H. Mason, of Toronto, met friends at Grimsby whom she had not seen for twenty-five years. We will leave our readers to judge the pleasure the meeting gave.

—What did the ex-President go to the station for on Saturday morning? [We give it up; we only know he came back a happier and prouder man, and that he was not alone. —Ed.]

It is quite evident that as the Association become better known an increased interest and attendance may be looked for at each subsequent gathering.

—Duncan Bloom, Thamesville, made his trip to the Convention one of business as well as pleasure. He brought a new bike with him as an advertisement of his agency.

The Park is such a nice place that a general desire is expressed to always meet there when the Convention is held in the west. It has many advantages no city can supply.

—It being the first time the electric lights had been used in the temple this season, they were not in very good order for our last meeting. Mr. Phelps had them made all right the next day and thereafter the light was all that could be wished.

—We have not seen John Fisher since he left our school until he arrived at Grimsby. We were surprised and pleased to notice a great improvement in his hearing. He was under treatment while away in the United States and received considerable benefit.

—Mr. and Mrs. Nasmith and Miss A. Fraser were prominent personages and their presence was ample evidence of the warm interest they take in all deaf mute matters. Mr. and Mrs. Nasmith have been regular attendants at nearly all the previous conventions.

—The delegates have to thank Mr. Bridgen, of Toronto, for the gift to each of a beautiful illuminated bible text card with choice selections of scripture and a morning and evening prayer suitable for the deaf. It was a very appropriate gift and gratefully received.

—The following parties: Mr. and Mrs. H. Moore, Mrs. Riddell, Misses Munro, O'Neil and Borthwick, Messrs. C. Elliott, P. Fraser, J. Darnoy, A. McIntosh, Middleton, Taylor, Watt, Whaley and Waggoner took a bicycle spin to Beamsville on Monday morning. They reported the trip anything but pleasant.



P. Fraser, 1st Vice-Pres. Elect.

—It is to be regretted that no decisive action was taken on the suggestion embodied in Mrs. A. W. Mason's paper, and that the question "How to reach the deaf isolated in country places and carry to them religious instruction," is still unsolved. From want of means it is a difficult matter to arrange.

—There was speculation as to why one of our young men paid a flying visit to Oakville. We guessed, but will not give him away just yet. Another of the boys went to the same place and found it so attractive he did not return to the Park again. As he is a down easter we suppose, like the little busy bee, he improved each shining hour while he was in the west.

—Mr. McKillop deserved more appreciation than he received for his efforts in collecting the fees. He was promptly after all who did not show the badge of membership. Owing to the help given by Mr. Mathison at the Institution and economical management of the funds, the fees were only placed at 25c. for each male delegate, the ladies being given free membership.

—Mrs. W. Sutton, Simcoe, was bound to get to the Convention even though she had to use crutches to get there. We are glad to know that she is slowly recovering and hopes soon to discard them. She apparently enjoyed herself as much as anyone there. Mr. Sutton left business and came and spent Saturday and Sunday at the Park.

—The members of the Association were much pleased with the efforts made by Mr. Strawn, manager of the two hotels at the Park, and his staff, for the comfort of their guests. The rate, 75 cents a day, was very low, but this did not seem to affect the quality of the accommodation. All had comfortable rooms and the table board was very good.

—During the first two days the Secretary, Mr. Nurse, was a busy and anxious man. So many came in on the boat and by electric railway that the return fare he could get for those who came by train was very uncertain. On Saturday morning, however, a sufficient number came in bringing certificates to set his mind easy, and he was able to certify to the required fifty to get one-third return fare.

—In the blindfold bicycle race there was nothing given by which those taking part would know when to stop, so they dashed right ahead among the shade trees, some distance beyond the goal, and some nearly came in contact with the trees which, had they done so, would no doubt have resulted in several serious accidents. One rider grazed one tree and was thrown down but fortunately escaped unhurt.

—Mrs. Baillie, of Ingersoll, attended the Convention to assist Mrs. Sutton. Through long association with the deaf, she is an adept at the manual alphabet and signs, and could pass as a mute any where. She has often passed as one when in the company of the deaf, and the remarks made by hearing people that reaches her ears are often amusing. Mr. Baillie came with Mr. Sutton and spent the last two days with us.

—Mr. Jefferson brought all his decorations with him. He wore two vests and on the under one he had fixed all the medals and other awards he has received for life saving, etc., in the course of his eventful life. Hearing ladies and gentlemen were much interested in the brave display, but Bro. Smith disrespectfully termed them a junk shop and advised him to hand them over to the Sports Committee to put up for prizes.

—Messrs. Brantthwait and Swanson, two graduates of the Ontario Institution for the Deaf, and now students of the National Deaf Mute College, at Washington D. C., stopped over at the Convention on their way home for vacation, and their presence was greatly appreciated. Mr. Cowan, London, Ont., who is a graduate of both the above Institutions, was also with us and received the nomination for President, but declined to stand for personal reasons.

—Mr. H. Mason, Toronto, took a photo of about twenty former pupils of the old Toronto and Hamilton Institutions. It is much to be regretted that Mrs. W. Sutton, of Simcoe, was not in it, she having been hunted for all over the Park, but could not be found. Afterwards, on hearing what had been done she expressed her deep regret at not having been on hand, as she wished so much to be in it. It is hoped she will meet with better luck next time.

—On Monday morning a large number of friends went to the station to see a great many leave, two of them who were not going on that train went on board to have a chat while the train waited, but it started before the two had left the inside car and by the time they had reached the platform the train had gained considerable speed and they had to jump. They, however, were not hurt, but no doubt thought it was a narrow escape.



The late Prof. Greene, first organizer of the Association, 1836.

—It is now twelve years since the late Prof. Greene and Mr. Nurse, of the Institution, visited Toronto for the purpose of consulting the deaf there and laying plans for the formation of the Association. The Toronto friends gave liberally of their means towards the necessary expenses of the first meeting. Since then the Association has steadily grown and has been a source of much pleasure and profit to the deaf. Two Conventions have been held in Toronto, two at Belleville, one at Brantford and the sixth and last at Grimsby Park last month.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ford, employer of Mr. A. W. Mason, Misses J. Munro and M. O'Neil, went with the Toronto delegation and stayed there the whole time of the Convention. While there they made their cottage their home and made anyone who called on them very welcome. They were so greatly pleased with the time they had that they promised to attend the next Convention also. Miss Adams, a hearing employee of Mr. Ford, was also there and made herself a very pleasant friend of all. Mr. Ford joined the ranks as a subscriber to the CANADIAN MUTE while there.

#### Grateful Acknowledgement.

GRIMSBY PARK, June 20, 1895.  
R. MATHEWS, Esq.,  
Belleville, Ont.

DEAR SIR.—At the closing meeting of the Sixth Convention of the Deaf of Ontario, I was requested on behalf of the Association to convey to you and the Government you represent, the heartfelt thanks of the members, numbering 160, for the many acts of kindness and helpfulness received from you, assuring you that the former pupils of the Institution cherish the deepest gratitude to the Government of Ontario for the great benefits received at the Institution, and also the highest regard for yourself personally.

By unanimous vote of the members it was passed that whenever you can so arrange it, they would be happy to gather again in convention amid the scenes of their school days at the Institution.

Yours very truly,  
(Signed) Wm. Nurse, Secretary.

#### Brantford's Quota.

The deaf mutes of this city, who have been attending the biennial meeting of the Association at Grimsby Park for the last few days, returned home yesterday. Those who went from Brantford were: A. E. Smith, Robt. Sutton, Arlino Smith, James Goodbrand, and Miss Foulds; R. McKeuzie, Hartley; Levi Lewis, Vancouver; Marshall Simmons, New Durham; and Henry Brockbank, of St. George. During the convention many nice things were said about Brantford and the Convention held here two years ago, and there was a strong desire to visit the city again. At the election of officers on Saturday a Brantford man was elected president; A. W. Mason, Toronto, vice-president; C. Slater, Toronto, second vice president; Wm. Nurse, of Belleville, secretary, and D. J. McKillop, of Belleville, was re-elected treasurer. Mr. McKillop is in the city to day and is staying with Mr. A. E. Smith.—*Brantford Expressor, June 21st.*

#### Woman's Interests

Receive more attention—and intelligent attention—in the columns of THE MONTREAL EVENING HERALD than in those of any other Montreal journal. "Madge Merton" conducts a column in THE HERALD of great interest to women. In it she discusses the wide range of subjects on behalf of which woman's sympathies are invoked, and which are too often neglected in the public press. The interest taken in her writings is manifested by the large number of letters she daily receives from the readers of her column.

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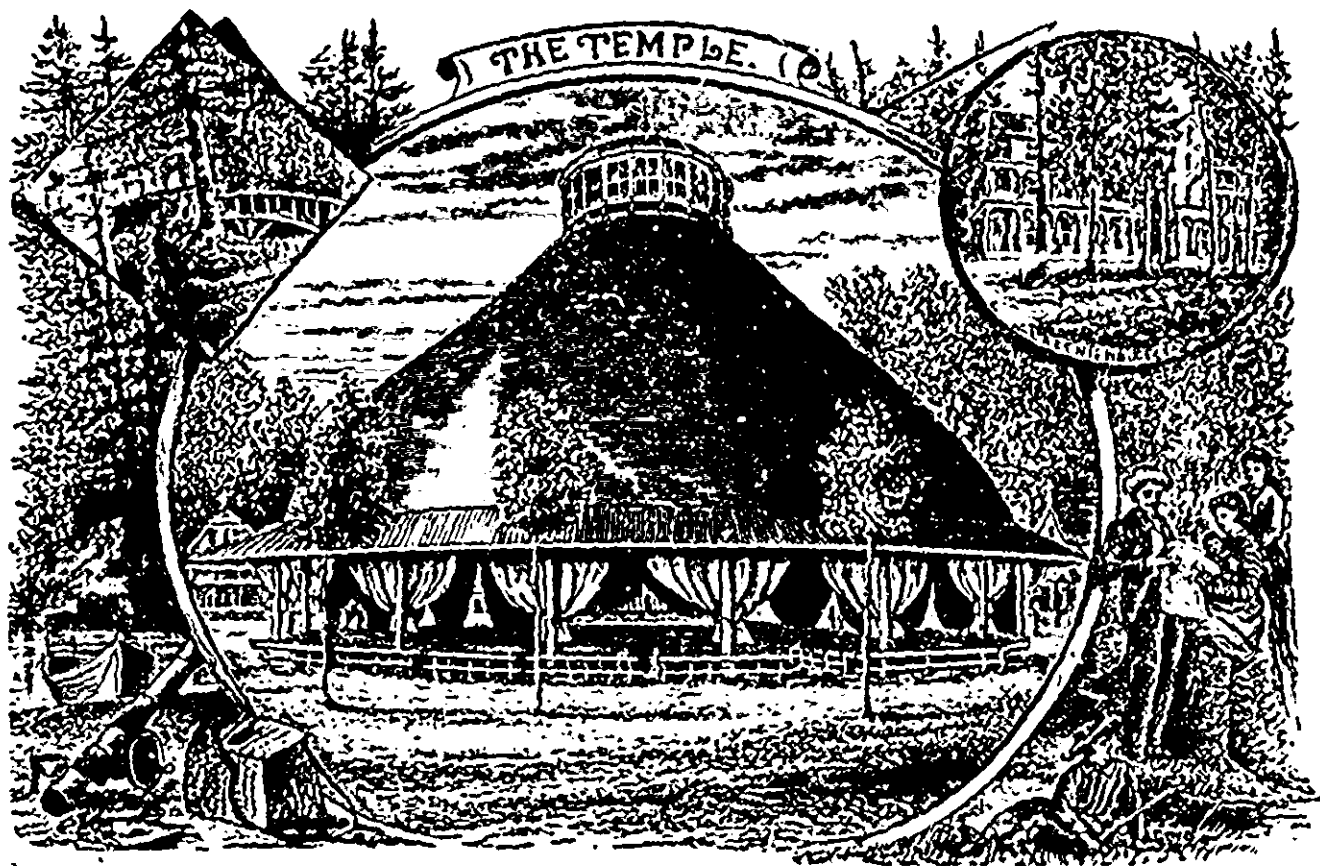
#### Convention Photos.

Convention group, large size, 11x22, price \$1. The following will be sold at \$1.25 for the set of five photos, or 30c. each: Convention group, 5x7, taken on Saturday evening; Tug of War, ladies, married vs. single; Tug of War, men, city vs. country; Blindfold Bicycle Race; Slow Bicycle Race. All are good photos and will be sent to any address on receipt of price. Address, Wm. Nurse, Institution for the Deaf, Belleville, or to Mr. C. S. COCHRAN, Photographer, Hamilton, Ont.

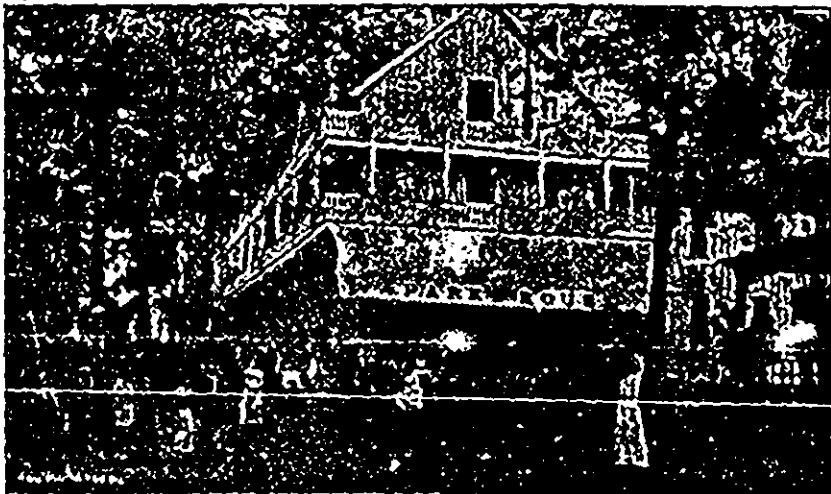
The safest course is to allow one's self to become thoroughly soaked. The chances of safety from lightning are ten to one in favor of the wet person.



CONVENTION OF GRADUATES, HELD AT GRIMSBY PARK, 1898.



WHERE THE MEETINGS WERE HELD.



VIEWS AT THE PARK.

**Ontario Deaf-Mutes Association.**

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**THE CANADIAN MUTE.**

FRIDAY, JULY 1, 1898.



Edith Wiley.

At the closing exercises of the Institution in June Miss Edith Wiley, a pupil, signed very gracefully the following valedictory:—"It is not without feelings of sorrow I have come to bid good-bye to my Alma Mater. We know not the strength of an attachment till fate decrees we must part. Rejoiced though I should be at returning to a home where the tenderest of mothers presides, yet the years I have spent under this roof have been so happy I would fain leave it without a pang. With the acquisition of knowledge I have learned to respect and love those to whose solicitous care I owe what I am. To the Principal and Matron am I especially indebted for repeated acts of kindness which I can never forget nor fully repay. To my teachers I am also grateful, for their interest and exertions. To those with whom I have striven on the rugged path of learning—the companions of my joys and trials and hopes—I say, I farewell! I am now to embark on life's journey without the guiding hand of experience, but with the pillar star of religion, trust to reach a haven of comfort and peace. And what ever my future lot I shall continue to recall in gratitude and warmest affection to noble school where my mind first opened to light and my heart to life and ambition."

In a large Institution like this, where food must be purchased in large quantities, the facilities for preserving the same in good condition are of very great importance. We always lay in a large supply of ice, but the old refrigerators were never satisfactory, and it was very difficult to keep meat and other perishable goods in a good condition. Mr. J. C. Haurahan, of Ottawa, the inventor of the refrigerator, was communicated with and last spring, under his direction, they were practically rebuilt. He was not responsible for their faulty construction in the first place. He altered the boxes, increased the insulation and made other changes, and the result is in every way most satisfactory. The ice now lasts much longer, the air inside the refrigerator is cold and dry, and meats, etc., are perfectly preserved, and those who have charge of the larder are delighted with the change.

**Institution Notes.**

Haying is going on at the Institution now and is one of the heaviest crops we have had for many years.

Mr. Campbell has decided to join our contingent to the convention of teachers at Columbus, on the 28th.

During the past week our matron, Miss Walker, has had the pleasure of entertaining her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, of Hamilton.

During Miss Metcalfe's absence on her holidays, Miss C. Coleman is performing her duties in the Superintendent's office.

Her many friends will be glad to hear that Mrs. Terrill is much better. She regrets very much being unable to be at Grimsby, but is glad to hear that all enjoyed themselves so well.

Mr. Mathison has often been twitted by our friends across the line on his staunch loyalty to Our Queen and "the flag that's braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze." If they had been around here on Dominion Day, July 1st, they would have smiled broadly. The balyards of our flag pole had come down and it could not be used for the occasion. Mr. Mathison could not enjoy the day until the old flag was up somewhere, so it was taken to an upper window and spread to the breeze and he was content.



Geo. F. Stewart.

In the general recognition we were apt to overlook the valuable services to the Convention of those most closely connected with our paper. To Mr. Stewart, thanks are due for getting up daily reports of the proceedings for the Hamilton and other papers, and most of the copy printed here is from his prolific pen. Our Toronto correspondent, Mr. Slater, has also given valuable assistance, and to all others who have helped in any way towards the success of the Convention, the officers desire to give thanks.

D. and D. I. Closed.

PUPILS ALL HOME TO THEIR HOMES FOR THE SUMMER—RE-OPEN SEPTEMBER 21.

Another page has been added to the history of the beneficent work being done by the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, and yesterday the session was formally brought to a close. This morning, by the early trains, all of the pupils left for their homes and all are now doubtless safe under the parental roof. The past session has been second to none in the history of the Institution in everything that tended to promote the physical, mental and moral welfare of the pupils. The health of the children has been almost phenomenally good, both this session and the previous one there often having been weeks at a time during which not a single pupil was absent from the class-room through sickness. The officers and teachers also have enjoyed a very gratifying immunity from illness and were able to concentrate all their efforts on their respective duties. There are no mid session holidays and from the day the session opens till the closing day, steady, persistent effort on the part of both teachers and pupils is the order of the day.

The work accomplished in the classrooms has been very satisfactory, as was evidenced by the results of the written examinations, while the official examiner expressed himself as well pleased with his inspection. The conduct of the pupils, with of course a few exceptions, has been most exemplary, so much so that the examiner declared he would be pleased to point to the pupils at the Institution as models of industry, good behaviour and politeness.

There were some 250 pupils in attendance during the session and it would

scarcely be possible to over-estimate the value, both for immediate material advantage and also for the permanently good effects, which will extend in ever-widening circles into the health of the future, of the beneficent work being done at this Institution under the guidance of Mr. Mathison, the able and popular superintendent, and his efficient staff. The next session will open on September the 21st.—*Bellville Sun, June 17.*

**The Institute Closes—Another Most Successful Session.**

Silken rest  
Tie all thy cares up.—*Benjamin*

The morning of vacation has once more dawned at the Institute and the silent children have bid farewell to the halls of task and duty. These, while they last, are bent to without murmur, everything being done to smooth the path of knowledge to the young learners, but as the vision of home becomes day by day clearer and brighter the tender hearts instinctively swell with not unjustifiable delight. Teachers and officers also welcome the hour of liberty. To successfully impart instruction, even under normal conditions, is a task by no means accounted easy, add to it the difficulties under which the education of a child deaf from infancy is undertaken and your labor and success assume the reality of a triumph. Satisfactory results, therefore, are not accomplished without much care and thought and activity; and that the work of the Institution has year by year been able to victoriously withstand the scrutiny of capable men appointed from near and far to enquire into its efficiency, should be the pride and rightful boast of those in command.

This year, as before, a number of the pupils graduated and the occasion drew forth words upon which hearts shall long dwell. Regrets and hopes, tears and smiles, adieus and fond partings, all combining in one pathetic hour, made the scene one to be recalled. Miss Edith Wiley, a graduate and a particularly bright young lady, referred to the kindness received here and the lasting remembrances she would carry with her. Rev. Mr. Harris, of Toronto, who, with Rev. Mr. Cowsett, of this city, happened to be present, spoke briefly to the children, wishing them a very pleasant vacation.

In his address to the school Mr. Mathison reviewed the work of the year, paying, among others, a merited tribute to the matron, Miss Walker, for the efficient manner in which she had conducted her department.

More than ever does the Institution stand out in resplendent, beneficial light. Little or no sickness, for which praise has ascended in silent prayer to Him who closed the ears of the deaf and sealed the lips of the mute that His power might be made manifest in this age when shackles fall and they that were bound to rise and proclaim their own freedom. Literary and industrial department all working satisfactorily and well, as per testimony of those sent to enquire. These and other similar facts lead to but one conclusion: Whilst supported by an efficient staff, the capable hand of the Principal is felt everywhere and to him, in the largest possible measure, is due the prominent position the Ontario School for the Deaf indisputably holds at home and abroad.—*Daily Intelligence, June 15th.*

**Work and Health.**

Much has been said about the evil effects of overwork and the necessity for proper periods of rest. The point has not been too strongly urged but it must be remembered at the same time, that the best health is enjoyed only by hard workers.

The athlete's arm attains its size by virtue of the greater quantity of nourishing blood attracted to it by the severe exercise which it undergoes. The mental athlete accomplishes his extraordinary amount of brain work only after years of mental training and effort.

Rarely do the parts thus exercised fail. The neglected organ and functions are more often the cause of the "breakdown."

Work is essential to health. Health in its perfection is found only where both brain and body are active, and it is possible that the keenest health has been enjoyed by the hardest workers in the fields of both mental and physical labor.

Sir Walter Scott, whose work stands as a monument to his industry as well as to his genius, was, we are told, most

indefatigable in his pursuit of physical exercises of all kinds, in many of which he excelled, and in which he could tire most men as easily as he could excel them in feats requiring long-sustained mental effort. Much the same thing is told of Goethe. These men fulfilled to the utmost the advice of the adage: "Work while you work and play while you play."

Those whose enjoyment of life is largest, and whose accomplishment of work is greatest for the longest time, are those who go into their work and play in a whole-hearted fashion, or, as is often expressed, "for all they are worth." For such, health is supplied in the greatest measure.

The best health is not to be found in the indulgence of "loafing," which is neither rest nor work; it is generated rather by the alternate exercise of brain and muscle. By this means both are flushed with the fluid which gives health and life to all the tissues—the blood.

I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving.—*Holmes.*

**A Generous Deed.**

The Commissioner of Patents, Gen Benjamin Butterworth, made a number of promotions recently. Among the clerks advanced there was a woman, so the story goes, who called upon him shortly after she had learned of her good fortune.

"Mr. Commissioner," she said, "here is a woman, who sits alongside of me in the office, whose necessities are much greater than mine. She is a splendid clerk, and is now supporting her sick sister and child. Her brother, who previously assisted them, died a short time ago. The lines of her life are drawn in much harder places just now than are those of mine. I want to ask a favor of you."

Major Butterworth naturally expected that the other promotion would be asked for, and he knew there was no opportunity to make it, at least in the near future. But his visitor continued: "I want to ask if you will not let this other woman have my promotion and allow her to draw the increased salary until she is placed in better circumstances. When that time comes perhaps we may change about again."

Major Butterworth was dumbfounded. Ever since he has been Commissioner of Patents he has listened to the importunities of clerks in his office seeking promotion. He had never before heard of a clerk who wanted a promotion for some one else. Of course, her request was granted. The fellow-clerk whose necessities she regarded as greater than hers will receive the promotion.—*Ex.*

**Honesty the Best Policy.**

Why will not young men comprehend the truth that honesty is the best principle, and understand that honesty is the best policy? How long will it take them to learn that false pretences end in sorrow and that obtaining credit for wealth—for being a "swell"—on the small salary is dishonest and, being dishonest, can end only in humiliating exposure? It is the duty of employers to know how their young men are living. A boy on a clerk's salary cannot support extravagance unless some one else stands the expense. The downfall of many a young man could have been averted by a little wise precaution. His friends could have seen, had they half the eyes they should have, that he was going in too deep and could have warned him, for his own good that he carried the insignia of suspicion with him. There are other young men in this community who are living too high. Their friends know it; their employers suspect it. There is no time like the present time to turn over a new leaf. If the exposure is forced it must end in shame; if it comes voluntarily, it may save a name and a career. The thing to do is to trim sails, live honestly and without fear; as for a life of deception, of pretence, of constant trepidation lest detection may come; as for the mockery of the life upon the crater of a volcano that must sooner or later crumble in the fire; as for all the vain-glorious show, there is no health in it, no prosperity, no peace—only ultimate disaster and dishonor.—*K. C. Star.*

—A distressing accident resulting fatally occurred in Montreal lately. Mr. A. A. Jones, a former pupil of the Mackay Institution, was riding a bike on the track and a trolley struck him.





CONVENTION OF GRADUATES BRANTFORD, 1896.

**Silent Worship.**

Thy Sabbath eve the hour of prayer,  
 A waiting congregation bow  
 They hear no music in the air  
 They wait no solemn organ's roll  
 They wait no solemn organ's roll  
 No hallowed words from well worn books  
 Solemn Te Deum, glorious hymn,  
 Kyrie Eleison, humble prayer,  
 To them are mystic shadows thrown  
 But angels listen—God is there

Oh, ear that boasts thy magic power  
 Oh tongue that prides thyself in speech,  
 Draw near unto this silent prayer  
 Learn what these worshippers can teach  
 Needs our Great Teacher ear or tongue,  
 That He may understand our prayer  
 He who hung speechless stars on high,  
 And makes the silent flowers His care

Has He not mystic telegraphs  
 Reaching from earth to heaven above  
 May not these silent builders find  
 In His calm temple, rest and love  
 And each mysterious untold sign  
 Like Jacob's ladder based on earth  
 Shall with utter glories shine  
 And bring down beings of heavenly birth

Oh! blessed work of charity,  
 To pour into these souls of night  
 The glory of the perfect day,  
 The blessings of the Holy Light  
 Oh! sweet reward, to stand at last  
 With these around, no longer dumb  
 And hear amid the Archangel's blast,  
 The Master's welcome, "Faithful come!"  
 —Wayide Plovers.

**The Wise Men of Gotham.**

More than six hundred and fifty years ago, there reigned in England a king named John. He was a cruel king and most of the people hated him. Now there was in England then a town named Gotham. It was hidden away in a quiet part of the kingdom and not many travellers went that way. The people were quiet and industrious, but very smart, as you will see. Word came once that King John was making a journey and intended to ride through Gotham. Whenever the king rode on any road, that road became a public highway and was called, "The King's Highway." The people of Gotham did not want a highway through their town. So they held a council and debated how they could keep the king away. Finally it was decided all the men should go and cut down trees on the sides of a hill, over which the king must pass. Thus they did. When the king reached there and saw the trees in his way he was angry. He saw two countrymen near and said to them: "Go to Gotham and tell the people that I will send a company of soldiers to cut off their noses." The countrymen ran away frightened, and told the people. The people of the town met again for consultation. What was to be done to save their noses? There were wise men in Gotham and one of the wisest, named Fitz Peter, arose and said: "I have heard of people who were punished for being wise but I never heard of any one punished for being a fool." So they all resolved to act foolish and make the king think they did not know anything and then he would not punish them. Early in the morning old and young men went out on the hills. The old men began to roll large stones up the hill and the young men stood by

and grunted. By and by along came the king's sheriff and some soldiers on horses. When they saw the old men rolling the stones, they stopped and asked, "Why are you doing that?" "We are rolling stones up hill so the day will come," said one old man. "You old fool," said the sheriff, "go home and go to bed and day will come itself." "Why do you carry that door?" said the sheriff to another man. "Left my money at home." "Then why did you bring the door away?" "Afraid of thieves," said the man. "If I have the door the thieves cannot break it down and steal my money." "You old idiot!" said the sheriff. "Leave your door at home and take your money with you." The sheriff let the men go. "The people are all fools here," he said. "Fools all," said the horse-men. "Let us go back," said the sheriff, and tell the king the people in Gotham are fools." "Right," said the men. And so they did. The king gave up riding through Gotham and these men of Gotham became known far and wide as "The Wise Men of Gotham, and so I think they were." Don't you? —Adapted.

**Dislike their Professions.**

The almost universal disinclination of parents to bring up their children to the trades or professions they themselves follow would suggest a large number of workers in uncongenial fields. You ask a dressmaker if her daughter is likely to take to that line of work, and nine times out of ten she will answer, "I'd rather see her dead than slaving away her life as I do; no, ma'am, she won't be a dressmaker if I can help it." And the theatrical people usually say: "We keep the children away, they seldom see a play. We don't want them to take to the stage. It's too hard a life." The doctors seldom encourage their sons towards pills and plasters. So it goes, and I wonder if it's because what you know seems hard and everything else seems easier because you don't know. —New York Recorder.

A recently opened guano cave in Georgia was found to be inhabited by great swarms of white flies, having yellow legs and pale pink eyes.

Little Johnny has been naughty, and had to be sent from the table without having any dinner. For an hour he has been sitting in the corner of the room crying. At last he thinks it time to stop. Well! I hope you have done crying now, says his mother. Haven't done, says Johnny, in a passion, I'm only resting.

Kind Old Gentleman (to small boy crying on a doorstep) What is the matter, little boy? Small Boy P p pop is puttin' down e e e carpet! And does that unpleasant task of your father make you so sorry, then? N n no! Pop p-p-pounded his thumb! Ah! Sympathy for your father's pain! Is that what made you weep? N n no! I-I-I laughed!

**GENERAL INFORMATION.**

**Classes**

SCHOOL HOURS: From 9 a. m. to 12 noon and from 1 30 to 4 p. m. DRAWING from 4 10 to 5 p. m. on Tuesday and Thursday of each week.  
 GIRLS' FANCY WORK CLASSES on Monday afternoon of each week from 3 30 to 5.  
 EVENING SCHOOLS from 7 to 9 p. m. for senior pupils and from 7 to 8 for junior pupils.

**Articulation Classes**

From 9 a. m. to 12 noon, and from 1 30 to 4 15 p. m.

**Religious Exercises**

EVERY SUNDAY: Primary pupils at 9 a. m. in senior pupils at 11 a. m. General Lecture at 2 30 p. m., immediately after which the Bible Class will assemble.  
 EACH SCHOOL DAY the pupils are to assemble in the Chapel at 8 45 a. m. and the teacher in charge for the week, will open by prayer and afterwards dismiss them so that they may teach their respective school rooms not later than 9 o'clock. In the afternoon at 10 o'clock the pupils will again assemble and after prayer will be dismissed in a quiet and orderly manner.  
 REGULAR VISITING CLERGYMEN: Rev. Canon Burke, Anglican; Monsignor Farrell, S. J.; Rev. F. J. Thompson, M. A., Presbyterian; Rev. Chas. L. McIntyre, Methodist; Rev. A. H. Cowart, Baptist; Rev. M. W. Maclean, Presbyterian; Rev. Father Connelly, S. J.; Rev. R. Cole, D. D.; Rev. J. Rice, Rev. N. Hill.  
 BIBLE CLASS, Sunday afternoon at 3 15. International Series of Sunday School Lessons. Miss ANNIE MATHEWSON, Teacher.

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

**Industrial Departments**

PRINTING OFFICE, SHOE AND CARPENTER SHOPS from 7 30 to 9 30 a. m. and from 1 30 to 5 30 p. m. for pupils who attend school for those who do not from 7 30 a. m. to 12 noon, and from 1 30 to 5 30 p. m. each working day except Saturday when the office and shops will be closed at noon.  
 THE SEWING CLASS HOURS are from 9 a. m. to 12 o'clock noon, and from 1 30 to 5 p. m. for those who do not attend school, and from 3 30 to 5 p. m. for those who do. No sewing on Saturday afternoons.  
 The Printing Office, Shops and Sewing Room to be left each day when work ceases in a clean and tidy condition.  
 Pupils are not to be excused from the various classes or industrial departments, except on account of sickness, without permission of the Superintendent.  
 Teachers, Officers and others are not to allow matters foreign to the work in hand to interfere with the performance of their several duties.

**Visitors**

Persons who are interested desirous of visiting the Institution, will be made welcome on any school day. No visitors are allowed on Saturdays, Sundays or Holidays except to the regular chapel exercises at 2 30 on Sunday afternoons. The best time for visitors on ordinary school days is as soon after 1 30 in the afternoon as possible as the classes are dismissed at 5 0 o'clock.

**Admission of Children**

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

**Visitation**

It is not beneficial to the pupils for friends to visit them frequently. If parents must come, however, they will be made welcome to the class-rooms and allowed every opportunity of seeing the general work of the school. We cannot furnish lodging of messes or external guests at the Institution. Good accommodation may be had in the city at the Quince Hotel, Hoffman House, Queen's, Argyle, American and Dominion Hotels at moderate rates.

**Clothing and Management**

Parents will be good enough to give all directions concerning clothing and management of their children to the Superintendent. No correspondence will be allowed between parents and employees under any circumstances without special permission upon each occasion.

**Sickness and Correspondence**

In case of the serious illness of pupils letters or telegrams will be sent daily to parents or guardians. IN THE ABSENCE OF LETTERS FRIENDS OF PUPILS MAY BE QUITE SURE THEY ARE WELL.  
 All 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 little ones who cannot write stating, so far as possible, their wishes.  
 No medical preparations that have been used at home, or prescribed by family physicians will be allowed to be taken by pupils except with the consent and direction of the Physician of the Institution.  
 Parents and friends of these children are warned against Quack Doctors who advertise medicines and appliances for the cure of Deafness. In 99 cases out of 100 they are frauds and only want money for which they give no return. Consult well known medical practitioners in cases of adventitious deafness and be guided by their counsel and advice.  
 R. MATHISON, Superintendent

**Grand Trunk Railway**

TRAINS LEAVE BELLEVILLE STATION  
 WEST END 7 15 a. m. 10 30 a. m. 6 00 p. m. 11 15 a. m.  
 EAST END 7 30 a. m. 10 45 a. m. 10 45 a. m. 12 00 p. m. 2 40 p. m. 5 40 p. m. 8 40 p. m.  
 MIDLAND AND PETERBORO BRANCH 5 40 a. m. 12 15 a. m. 2 45 p. m. 5 30 p. m.

**Uneducated Deaf Children**

It would be glad to have every person who receives this paper send me the names and post office addresses of the parents of deaf children not attending school, who are known to them, so that I may forward them particulars concerning this Institution and inform them where and by what means their children can be instructed and furnished with an education.  
 R. MATHISON, Superintendent

**TORONTO DEAF-MUTE ASSOCIATION**

REGULAR SERVICES are held as follows every Sunday:  
 West End Y. M. C. A., Corner Queen Street at Dovercourt Road, at 11 a. m.  
 General Central up stairs at Broadway Hall Spadina Ave. in or 12 doors south of College Street at 1 p. m. Lewlers Messrs. Nassall Bridgen and others.  
 East End meetings, Cor. Parliament and O Streets. Service at 11 a. m. every Sunday.  
 MUSIC CLASS: Every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, corner Spadina Ave. and College Street and our Queen Street and Dovercourt Road.  
 Lectures, etc., may be arranged if desired. Address: 271 Clinton Street.  
 Miss A. Fraser, Missionary to the Deaf Toronto.

**Institution for the Blind**

THE PROVINCIAL INSTITUTION FOR THE Education and Instruction of blind children is located at Brantford, Ontario. For particulars address:  
 A. H. DYMOND, Principal.