

**THE CONVENTION OF DEAF-MUTES.**

At the morning session of the National Deaf-mute Convention at Lyric Hall yesterday resolutions were passed to erect a bronze statue of Dr. Gallaudet on the grounds of the National Deaf-mute College in Washington on the occasion of the centennial celebration of the birth of the philanthropist in December, 1887, and a committee of 15 was appointed for the purpose. Twenty-one new members were admitted. Early yesterday morning the deaf-mutes attended a communion service at St. Ann's Church, in Eighteenth-street. In the afternoon Mr. Elwell, of Philadelphia, presented a paper which embodied an attack upon the "pure oral" method of teaching. An early adjournment had been looked for in order that some of the athletic members might attend a ball match at the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, in One Hundred and Thirty-fourth-street, and a vigorous discussion arose as to whether the essay should be read or entered upon the minutes. It was voted to read it. Mr. Elwell said that the "combined method" possessed great superiority over the "pure oral," of which most of the members of the convention were living examples. The orally taught deaf-mute was not one-hundredth part as favorably situated in life, although he could speak, as the pupil of the combined methods. A long discussion followed, and a resolution favorable to the combined system was adopted. The convention then finally adjourned, to meet again in August, 1888, at Washington. Last evening the deaf-mutes enjoyed a sociable at Lyric Hall. This morning they will go to Glen Island on an excursion, and this afternoon a picnic at the Empire Coliseum will be enjoyed. The second American conference on church work among the deaf-mutes will be held at St. Stephen's Church, in Philadelphia, beginning Friday, Sept. 28.

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