

will be presented to you in the form of resolutions by the General Resolution Committee.

#### MANUAL ALPHABET.

Another matter which I recommend to your consideration is the appropriation of sufficient moneys from the treasury of the association for the publication and distribution over the State of several thousand cards, bearing the single-handed manual alphabet, as we use it. I would also recommend the appointment of a committee or the endorsement of a resolution, requesting the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to have the manual alphabet inserted in one of the text books in most general use in the public schools of the State. The good results which would occur from such an arrangement cannot be over-estimated.

In conclusion, I cannot forbear congratulating you as members of the association, and, moreover, I congratulate the people of the State of Virginia upon the good results which have followed the actions of the present new Board of Directors of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institution at Staunton. We should encourage them in all legitimate ways, and impress upon them our unlimited confidence and good will.

The day is not far distant, let us hope, when, as citizens of this State, we shall be able to make known to our brethren in affliction in other States that our people grant us, and never question the advisability of any reasonable recommendations we may make for the advantage or our class in the State.

#### CONVENTION NOTES.

Hotel Gleason is headquarters of the mutes, though it was filled to its utmost capacity early in the day.

To-morrow the business of the convention will be transacted, and officers elected for the next two years. There is much speculation as to who will be the successful candidates.

In the afternoon to-morrow after the meeting adjourns, the resident members of the Association will tender the entire assemblage a complimentary trolley-coach ride to Monticello, the University, and other points of interest. At night there will be a grand banquet, with toasts, at the Hotel Gleason, followed by a brilliant dance and ball.

Friday morning the delegates go on their special excursion train, running from Lynchburg, to Washington and Mt. Vernon.

The entire delegation is handsomely badged, the reception committee, composed of resident mutes, being especially so.