

tion in the latter is given by Prof. Septimus Fraser, assisted by Miss Katherine Williams. In this department very gratifying progress has been made.

At the close of the session in June, 1897, Miss McFarlane and Miss Johnson retired from the work of teaching the deaf, and were succeeded by Miss Geraldine Daly, who has undergone a special course of training in articulation teaching, and Miss Elizabeth Duncan, of Montreal. Miss Bolger, our efficient and esteemed housekeeper also tendered her resignation, on account of bereavement in her family, and was succeeded by Miss Shewell, of Ottawa. The staff is, this term, composed of all hearing and speaking instructors, which enables us to admit a larger number to the Articulation Classes.

The Trades' Departments are in charge of competent instructors, and we confidently look to them to turn out good carpenters, painters, shoemakers, and printers. Chair-caning is taught to both the blind and the deaf. The numerous improvements and additions made during the summer of 1897, including the new "Daisy" furnaces, added materially to the comfort of the building and rendered any further repairs for the present year unnecessary.

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Before concluding, I desire to record my deep gratitude to the President and other members of the Board of Directors for their valuable advice and assistance, which, I trust, have enabled me to fill to their satisfaction the responsible position with which they have honored me.

Respectfully submitted,

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