

case the result was fatal. Martin Fletcher, of DeBert, Colchester Co., entered the school seven years ago, and during his career as a pupil he was uniformly a well-behaved, hard-working and successful student, and his death was equally regretted by officers, teachers and pupils, with all of whom he was a favorite.

Of the six graduates two took first-class certificates as teachers of music, two gained second-class certificates, one graduated from the workshop as a willow basket-maker, and one left the school, having completed her term of years, and is now engaged in the establishment. Of these six pupils two are worthy of especial mention, having reached a high degree of proficiency as pianoforte players and teachers. Miss Belle Staten, of Foreston, Carleton Co., N. B., graduated with honors, and is now settled in her native place, where she has obtained a large class of music pupils. Mr. Montague Warren is one of the best musicians that ever graduated from the school, and it is gratifying for me to state that immediately upon his leaving the school he was engaged as a pianoforte tuner by these well-known dealers in musical instruments, W. H. Johnson & Co.

The new building is now nearly completed, and it is with no small degree of pleasure that we look forward to occupying it. That such an extension had become a necessity is plainly apparent to those aware of the crowded state of the main building, but when it is known that there are at least eighteen eligible blind girls and boys in the Maritime Provinces who are not enjoying the privileges of an education, it will be understood why the call for this addition was considered so urgent by me.

In my last annual report I expressed the opinion that the friends of the blind would rally round us at this crisis, and contribute towards our building fund. The work of collecting is still going on, but the acknowledgments made elsewhere prove that the people of these Provinces have a deep interest