

and that the occupations which they can pursue with success, are slowly but steadily increasing in number.

Among our graduates two are engaged in business, and three in manufacturing, and as years roll on I trust that we will find many of them who have marked out for themselves new pathways of usefulness, aside from the beaten tracks which have been followed by the blind during the past half century. With new fields open to inspire ambition, and with the breaking down of the public disbelief in their capacity to do well what their hands find to do, the future of the blind is far from being hopeless or dark, and the future of this institution, under these circumstances, can readily be pictured. I subjoin a few extracts from the letters of our recent graduates, which are the best testimony that I can give as to the work we are doing.

From Miss Maggie Duke, Upper Stewiacke, N. S. "I have been in Upper Stewiacke three quarters, and have now a class of eight pupils, all of whom appear satisfied with my teaching. I wish now that I had worked more diligently while in the institution, for I feel that I owe all my success to the training I received while in the school."

From Geo. Theakston, Montague Bridge, P. E. I. "Since settling in this place, upwards of a year ago, I have had twenty-five pupils, some of whom have only taken one quarter's lessons in music, while the others have continued on. I had the training of the Presbyterian choir for three months, and for the last year have been choir master in the Methodist church, and I found no difficulty in teaching those with sight either vocal or instrumental music."

From Simon Merry, Milton, Queen's County, N. S.. "I now have an agency from a Boston firm manufacturing pianos and organs, and am doing a rattling good business, and if it is ever in my power to do anything to help the institution which so effectively helped me, you may depend upon it I will do what I can."

From Charles Cole, Salmon River, N. S. "I am happy as the day is long and I have good reason for it. I have a fine

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