

The Deaf and Dumb.

We are glad to note the continued prosperity of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb in Halifax. There were, during the past year, upwards of forty pupils in attendance, being more than could be comfortably accommodated in the building. We need hardly say that the pupils made great and satisfactory progress in the essentials of education. They learn to read and write,—to express themselves with readiness and correctness. They learn to think—the most important attainment of all. They are taught the truths of the Bible, and made fully acquainted with the Gospel. They are trained to be useful members of society, and enabled to lay hold intelligently on the hopes of eternal life.

Most marvellous it is to hear the deaf and dumb speak out with perfectly distinct articulation, as we have of late heard them do under Mr. Hutton's training. They are taught to utter the Lord's prayer, as well as much else, and they speak with an emphasis and modulation that prove that they understand what they say. To make the dumb speak is one of the noblest "miracles" of modern philanthropy. It is, however, in writing that the children of silence must communicate most frequently with other people, and accordingly great pains are taken to train the pupils in the art of writing rapidly and carefully.

The work is prospering in Mr. Hutton's hands. God is evidently blessing the efforts put forth by his servants, and answering the prayers of the many friends of the Institution throughout the country.

Mr. Hutton has, this summer, made a considerable tour through the country, holding meetings, and bringing before the people the claims of the deaf mutes. His tour has been unusually successful. The collections taken amounted to \$1,260; and the interest excited, wherever a meeting has been held, promises well for the future. The Institution requires a new building, and the whole country will probably be called upon to contribute the necessary funds. We hope our congregations, in

making their annual thanksgiving collections, will not forget the claims of the Deaf and Dumb.

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The British Government has sustained the constitutionality of the New Brunswick School Law in spite of all the efforts of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. It will be remembered that our Synod declared very strongly against the attempts made to force separate schools on New Brunswick. We rejoice and the church at large will rejoice with us that there is at least no immediate danger of so great a humiliation, so serious an injury, coming upon a high spirited people. The Methodists, Baptists, and Congregationalists passed resolutions at their Conferences and Conventions of the same tenour as the Presbyterian resolutions.

SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

BY REV. M. G. HENRY.

In the first place I would ask the readers of the *Record* to turn to the August number (I hope it has not been made waste paper) and read the Report of the Committee on Systematic Benevolence. Perhaps many have done this already, but it will do no harm to read it again; and those who have passed it over do not know what they have lost. Besides this it would be well for ministers to refer to it from the pulpit. All the Reports are worthy of careful attention by every member and adherent of our Church, and the three numbers containing these and the statistics are worth more than the cost of the *Record* for the whole year.

Then in the second place I wish to remind all, that the year is rapidly passing away and very soon the New Year will be upon us; and those who wish to have the weekly system adopted in their congregations will need to bestir themselves immediately. It would be well to begin with the New Year. But it will not do to wait till the annual meeting at the close of the year before a move is made in the matter. The people who were not ready before, will