

REPORT.

THE Directors of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, in putting forth their SIXTH annual report desire thankfully to acknowledge the continued blessing of the Almighty Ruler of all hearts on their humble efforts for the benefit of the Deaf Mutes of our country. The kind sympathy of all classes seems to be unabated, and their unsolicited bounty pours in from month to month, cheering the hearts of all concerned in the management of the Institution, and enabling the Directors to meet its increasing necessities. Sometimes the funds are permitted to run so low that it seems doubtful whether the demands of the coming month can be punctually met. But then unlooked for contributions arrive at the critical time, and anxiety is at an end.

It is humbly hoped that this may be taken as a comfortable indication that a kind Providence has vouchsafed to receive the Institution under His guardian care and will not leave it nor forsake it, but will still dispose the hearts of our favored people to assist, to the utmost of their power, in providing for the education of a long neglected portion of our people.

The Legislature of this Province have nobly acknowledged their duty in this respect, and have been the first, among the Colonies of the Empire, to take care of the Deaf and Dumb. The Directors have pleasure in recording that their application in 1863, for an increased appropriation was generously responded to by an addition of \$1000 to the grant of the preceding years; and they confidently hope that in view of the unprecedented prosperity of the country, and the manifold blessings we enjoy, the appropriation for the current year will not be less. If arrears of the just claims of the Deaf Mutes, on the educational grants of the Province, from the beginning, were calculated, it would be found that the aggregate of all the grants to this Institution would be but a small portion of their dues. It is to be hoped that this consideration may not fail to have its due effect, in securing for this object in all time coming, a large share of the revenues of the Province, to atone in some measure for past neglect, and to enable the Directors to diffuse more widely the benefits of the Institution.

The amount of contributions for 1863, as compared with that in