

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the President and Board of Managers of the HALIFAX INSTITUTION
FOR THE BLIND.

The School continues to increase in numbers, more pupils having entered during the year, than in any previous year since its establishment.

The importance of educating the Blind, while young, has been referred to at length in former reports, and I now have much pleasure in stating that, among those admitted during the year, are six children between the ages of 8 and 12. This marks a new era in the history of our Institution.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

The pupils have made satisfactory progress in all their studies, and are, for the most part, desirous of obtaining information. A valuable addition of "Raised Print" Text-books has been made to our Library.

MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

In the study of Vocal and Instrumental Music the pupils take a special interest, as they are aware that a proficiency in them will enable them to support themselves as teachers of the Piano Forte, Cabinet Organ, &c. One of the young ladies who graduated at the close of last session, is now settled at the North End of Halifax, as teacher of the Cabinet Organ, and is meeting with a fair share of success.

TUNING DEPARTMENT.

Three young men graduated at the close of last term from this Department, as Piano Forte tuners, and are now settled in different parts of the Province. They are fully competent to tune pianos of all descriptions, and should their efforts to earn a livelihood meet with encouragement, they will become entirely self-supporting.

WORK DEPARTMENT.

Both our boys and girls are taught to seat chairs, besides which our boys are taught to make Coir and Rattan door-mats. This trade has been recently introduced into the school, adding another fairly remunerative occupation to those before mentioned.

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