

LOAN FUND.

At the date of our last report, the contributions towards the loan fund aggregated \$716.10, since which time \$195.72 have been added, making the total received to date, \$911.82. In September last I sent out twenty-five collecting cards to young ladies residing in different parts of the Maritime Provinces, with the request that they should each collect \$10.00 towards the fund. The responses to these were most gratifying. From many I received an excess, and from others double the amount of the sum named; while from those who have not yet sent in their returns, I have received assurances that contributions would be forwarded in a few weeks, which will virtually complete the loan fund, the total amount of which we previously placed at \$1000.

This fund has been derived from such a variety of sources that it will be impossible for us to particularize in expressing our thanks to those who have aided in its formation. I cannot forbear, however, from penning a grateful acknowledgement to the young ladies, who, by their timely assistance have enabled us to complete the fund at this early date. The management of this fund will devolve upon the President of the Board and the Superintendent of the school, and the disbursements will be made with a due regard to the wants of the graduates, and the preservation of the fund. We are now in a position to extend aid to such of our graduates as may require help, and are deserving of assistance. This fact should be borne in mind by the benevolent public who are sometimes appealed to by persons representing themselves as graduates of this Institution, who solicit contributions for the purchase of tools and materials to start them in life, and who rely upon the inexhaustible fund of human sympathy to thus eke out a livelihood. Indiscriminate aid to undeserving persons of this character is injurious to the industrial blind, since it creates a false impression of a worthy class; while the recipients are encouraged to continue a practise at once pernicious in its influences and demoralizing in its effects. In the interests of the industrial blind I would respectfully ask our many friends to remember that we are now in a position to help all of our graduates requiring implements, and therefore no deserving individual among them need apply for private aid.

CHANGE OF NAME.

The corporate name of the Institution has at length been changed to one which more fully designates its purpose, and which at once places it upon a footing with the other educational institutions of the Province. By an act of the Provincial Legislature of Nova Scotia, the name of the "Halifax Asylum for the Blind" has been changed to that of the "Halifax School for the Blind." We feel certain that the public will in time recognize the advisability of this alteration, and will give to the institution its proper corporate name.