

officials and pupils of the school have, through the death of Mr. J. S. Maclean, the late President of your Board, sustained the loss of a sincere friend and councillor. Mr. Maclean's sympathetic disposition, kind heart, and excellent judgment, fitted him in a marked degree to fulfill the duties devolving upon him as President of the Board of Managers and as one interested in the education and welfare of the blind, and his memory will ever be cherished with deep regard by those with whom he was brought in contact during the eighteen years in which he was connected with this institution.

The advantages resulting from having one well equipped Central School for the Blind is so thoroughly appreciated in the New England States, that the six governments of that section of the Republic unite in supporting the Perkins Institution, which is situated in the City of Boston. The legislatures of these States make annual appropriations towards the funds of this school, being equivalent to three hundred dollars per capitem for each pupil in attendance. In all of these States the number of the pupils for whom legislative grants were voted was formerly limited, but in recent years legislation has taken a broader scope, and the advantages of the Perkins Institution are now available to all the teachable blind youth within the confines of the New England States. This institution occupies a like position with respect to the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, and as the Government of Nova Scotia is represented upon the Board of Management I think it would be most desirable to have a representative from each of our sister provinces sit and meet with your Board. Such a step would, I believe, be in the best interests of the blind of these provinces, as it would enable the respective governments to keep a direct oversight over the pupils for whose support they have become responsible, and would make the institution better known throughout the adjoining provinces.

Although we endeavor to give our pupils such a training, as will best fit them to fight the battle of life, we recognize that the methods of educating the blind are rapidly improving