

It is gratifying to see this subject beginning to engage the attention of our young and rising Colonies on this side the Atlantic. Among the lower Provinces NOVA SCOTIA has taken the initiative, but I am glad to learn that a movement, originated, as I understand, by Mr. J. G. McGANN, formerly of Ireland, and lately of the New York Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, has been set on foot in Upper Canada, with the view of providing for the neglected, untaught, deaf mutes there. A society has been formed, and a school numbering, last spring, some *eight* pupils,\* opened in Toronto, to which the Canadian Parliament, last session, gave a grant of £100. So far, however, as I am aware, NOVA SCOTIA has not only been the first in the field in this labor of love, but she has also, as yet, exhibited greater heartiness and liberality in the cause than her sister Provinces, and I do hope that her example will not be without its effect in arousing all, but especially the adjoining Provinces of New Brunswick and P. E. Island to a sense of the sad and forlorn condition of the deaf and dumb who dwell all around us unheeded and uncared for, and of the solemn responsibility resting on every Christian state to throw the mantle of its protecting charity and fostering care over these "afflicted children of silence."

Another circumstance of a pleasing and encouraging kind deserving of notice is the gradually increasing interest manifested in our cause by the community generally. This is evinced by the large and attentive audiences that assemble to witness the periodical exhibitions of the pupils,—by the number of visitors to the school on the days upon which it is open for inspection,—by the fact that the contributions to the funds do not come from one or two particular localities but from all parts of the Province, and even from New Brunswick and P. E. Island,—and by the greater attention and prominence given to the Institution in the public prints. Since the beginning of the present year the Institution has been visited by nearly 300 persons from various parts of Nova Scotia and the lower Provinces, as well as from Canada and the United States. Among these we have had the honor of the following distinguished visitors: His Excellency the Earl of Mulgrave, and the Countess of Mulgrave and family; Sir William F. Williams, Bart. of Kars, Commander-in-Chief of the forces in British North America; the celebrated philanthropist, Miss Dix; the Superintendent of Education; the Hon. William Young, &c.—all of whom expressed their interest in, and satisfaction with, what they witnessed. Her ladyship the Countess of Mulgrave has visited the school repeat-

\* Since the above was written I have learned that the number of pupils has increased to twenty, and that efforts are being made to raise funds sufficient to procure a boarding establishment in connection with the school.

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