

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

The Board of Managers of the Mackay Institution for Protestant Deaf-mutes and the Blind, in presenting their Twentieth Annual Report, have again the pleasure of being able to report the continued progress of the Institution, and that during the year ending with the session of June last, the studies were carried through without interruption the advance made by the pupils being most satisfactory.

The Managers have to regret the removal by the hand of death of the late President, the Honourable Hugh Mackay, who during his life took a deep interest in the work of the Institute, and whose counsel and advice will be greatly missed by the Board; they have also to deplore the death of the following kind friends, viz.: the late Messrs. James Mackay, Matthew Campbell, Thomas Workman, George Roger, and Miss Mina Macdonald.

The thanks of the Board are due to Revs. J. A. Newnham, J. Edgar Hill, and J. McGillivray for their kindness in conducting the annual examinations, and whose report shows the creditable progress made by the pupils. In connection with this, the Board would commend to the parents and guardians, of those who may have the misfortune to be deaf, the very practical remarks on the subject of deaf and dumb education made by the Superintendents (see page 9) under the head of school-room work in last annual report. They have also to tender their thanks to the Rev. Principals McVicar, Barbour, Henderson, and the students of the Presbyterian, Congregational and Diocesan Colleges for kindly providing Sunday afternoon services at the Institution.

The Managers find that the demands on the Institution, to take in children whose parents are unable to pay for education is on the increase, and with few exceptions the applications for admission are from those in indigent circumstances. This and the decrease in pupils who are able to pay, devolve on the Managers the necessity of providing additional means to carry on the work and