
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT REPORT

girls attend regularly the swimming classes at the Y.W.C.A. and great progress has been made. Several of the pupils swim exceptionally well and we are much indebted to the Y.W.C.A. for placing these facilities at our disposal, and in particular to Miss Stoneham, the instructress.

The children were once again the guests of the Thistle Curling Club on the occasion of the Annual Bonspiel and were enthusiastically received by the members of that Club. They were well rewarded for their songs and pianoforte solos with the serving of ice cream, cakes, ginger ale, etc.

During the year the Choir of the School was enlarged by the inclusion of members from the workshops for men and women, and is now known as the Institutional Choir of the Montreal Association for the Blind and is under the direction of Professor G. Vanderpoll. Excellent programmes have been given at all the Association gatherings and, in addition, at several churches and a special annual concert at the Old Folks Home at Longue Pointe. The old people, who are largely shut in, greatly appreciate this entertainment.

Nine of our pupils prepared for the music examinations held each year under the auspices of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music, and all were

successful in passing; five with honorable mention. Great credit is due to Mrs. E. A. Radcliffe, who is in charge of this department.

Inspector England, of the Montreal School Board, paid his annual visit to the School in June and examined the classes. His report states that the work carried on is in keeping with the high standard of education that has always been maintained in this School, and compares favorably with the public and high school classes in Montreal.

The closing exercises were held on June 18th, and Dr. W. D. Woodhead presided. The varied programme showed careful preparation. Every one of the pupils contributed in some form or another to the entertainment, which included singing, playing, recitations, etc. Prizes were distributed to the winners in the various subjects.

Manual training was carried on again at the Montreal West High School and the Institution is indebted to Mr. T. Cadman for his close interest and the instruction given in this work.

WORKSHOPS: The workshops have been enabled to remain open full time for the last eighteen months without layoffs or wage cuts for the blind employees. This condition only goes to prove that if it were possible for all blind persons to be employed in subsidized workshops



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