

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

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Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities :

SIR,—I have the honour, as Principal of the Institution for the Education of the Blind, to submit my report for the year ending September 30th, 1886.

ATTENDANCE OF PUPILS.

The total number of pupils registered during the year was 141, or three less than in the preceding year. Of the 141, 78 were males and 63 females. One hundred and ten of our last year's pupils are now in attendance. Of these 61 are males and 49 females. Thirty-one—17 males and 14 females—have, consequently, not yet returned, and are accounted for as under :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Graduated in willow work, with full outfit.....	1	0	1
“ “ with partial outfits.....	5	0	5
Graduated in literary, musical and industrial classes..	2	0	2
“ “ literary classes, partially in music.....	0	1	1
Left finally with partial results.....	0	4	4
Found employment, (partial sight)	1	0	1
Left owing to poor health.....	2	1	3
“ “ home requirements.....	0	2	2
“ “ removal from Canada.....	1	0	1
Excluded on account of weak intellect.....	0	1	1
“ “ grave misconduct.....	0	1	1
Detained at home temporarily from various explained causes.....	4	4	8
Absence not accounted for.....	1	0	1
Total.....	17	14	31

In addition to the 110 pupils of last session who have, so far, presented themselves, 5 former pupils—2 males and 3 females—not in attendance last session, have been re-admitted. The new admissions to date number 17—13 males and 4 females—so that our total pupil population at the present time is made up as follows :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Pupils of last session	61	49	110
New pupils	13	4	17
Former pupils re-admitted.....	2	3	5
Total.....	76	56	132

This shows an attendance of 8 in excess of the number on the register at the corresponding date last year.

From reports received from pupils temporarily absent and applications in hand, I am led to believe that this excess will—if no disturbing causes intervene—be fully maintained throughout the session, and that our average will approximate closely to 140 as against 132, the average attendance of last session.

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