

made of willow, which is an industry admirably adapted to the capacity of the blind, and one eminently fitted to assist them in self-maintenance when thrown upon their own resources.

In music, ever occupying a foremost place with us, another step in advance is much needed. We have five practicing pianos; these are all in constant use from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. and yet the cry is for more. One or two more instruments we must have and that soon. The very best should be made of the few precious years during which these boys and girls are confided to our care. Who will be the first to come to our aid in this matter? Could not one of our many congregations of God's people take it up? The Government grant cannot do it.

For our tuners we want very much, models of all the leading makers of pianos in ordinary use; we have no funds to get them.

We will pass very lightly over dissecting maps, globes, books, etc., reserving them for a future occasion, as we do not wish to alarm our friends by asking too much at once. We should have spent between our vocal classes and gymnasium one hundred and eighty dollars more than was expended, had it not been for exceptional circumstances. This additional amount will be required the ensuing year.

We have every confidence that our Provincial Legislature will increase the grant per pupil from one hundred and twenty dollars as it stands now to one hundred and fifty dollars per annum. We have also some reason to hope that the Governments of our sister Provinces, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, will raise their grants to one hundred and fifty dollars per pupil. At that it will still be the most economical school for the blind on this continent. It may be as well to note here that Mr. D. Reid, a graduate of our own school, is teacher in tuning, and a better one we could not have.

The loan fund, now complete, stands at one thousand dollars, under the management of Mr. Fraser it is materially helping our graduates in making a start in the world.

Our pupils as a class are not quite as robust as other young people. This is one of the special obstacles we have to contend

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