

REPORT.

THE Directors of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb are again permitted, by the good providence of God, to lay before the Legislature, and the other numerous friends and benefactors of the Institution, a Report of its progress during the year 1870, and its condition at the present time. And of all, they desire to ascribe, with all thankfulness, its continued prosperity and usefulness to Him, without whose blessing no human undertakings can prosper, however richly entered or ably managed.

The remarkable freedom from sickness and death, which the pupils have enjoyed during the 14 years which have elapsed since its formation, demands our humble gratitude. Only two deaths have occurred within the doors of the establishment in all that time. It becomes however a painful duty to record another breach in the number of the Directors, during the year. The Chairman, the Hon. J. H. Anderson, was suddenly called away in December last, shortly after attending the monthly meeting of the Board. He had for several years been a member, and always evinced a warm interest in the affairs of the Institution. It is remarkable, that in the period of four years, no less than four of the Directors have been removed by death,—Messrs. MacKinlay, Naylor, Bus and Anderson. But it is comfortable to know that the Institution is always able to raise up instruments to carry on his work, for the moral and spiritual benefit of mankind.

and it cannot be doubted that, as regards our Deaf and Dumb, the same Providence which has thus far provided for them, will not fail them in the future. It is hoped that many fervent prayer will be offered that so it may be. Charles Woodch, Esq., brother of the munificent donor of £5,000 to the Institution, is now Chairman, and C. H. Black, Esq., has been chosen a Director.

The Directors having noticed at the close of their last Report, the lamented death of Mr. George Hutton, father of the principal, and his son having so fully dwelt upon it in his report now appended, with all the well-deserved warmth of