

The philanthropist may well envy the avocation of one privileged to communicate light and knowledge to the imprisoned mind of those who, when they enter school, are conscious of nothing but the mere animal life they live—conscious of none but bodily wants; and yet these unfortunate, yet interesting, portion of our race and kindred may in a few years be raised, by a suitable education, to a knowledge of the Great Ruler of the Universe, and a knowledge of their rights and privileges as citizens of a free country. How delightful the thought to release from uninterrupted silence and mental gloom a fellow-mortal in a state of estrangement from social intercourse with those around him, and unacquainted with the mercy, goodness and power of that God who made him—that Saviour who expiated his sins on the Cross! Surely, then, such a needful work as this should not only excite enthusiasm, but shelter one from the pestilential vapours of the foul breath of calumny! You, Gentlemen, have received written communications to the effect that I am not qualified to occupy the position of Superintendent of an Institution, based on allegations which must have stifled all feelings of honour in the heart of the man or the woman who dictated them. I shall not bandy terms with the writer thereof, but, in self-defence, submit for your consideration the Treasurer's Reports for the year 1859, when I was Superintendent or Principal, and for the years 1860, '61, '62 and '63, when Doctor Morris had the sole management in his own hands:—

DEAF AND DUMB INSTITUTION IN ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER.

Mr. J. B. MCGANN, Manager. 10 Boarders and 10 Day Pupils. No. of Pupils under Instruction, 20

DR.	CR.
1858.	1858.
Dec. 9, To cash paid for advertising public meeting (Vouch. 1).....	Dec. 9, By cash received at door on occasion of public meeting....
\$6 14	\$15 12½
1859.	By amount of subscriptions, per Mr. McGann \$240 00
Jan. 13, To cash paid Mr. McGann, salary to 30th Nov., 1858 \$120 00 (v.2)	By amount of do., per Rev. T. S. Kennedy. 24 25
April 7, To cash paid do. 31st	By amount of do., per Rev. W. Reid..... 17 00
March, 1859 200 00 "	\$281 25
" 30th June, 1859 120 00 "	By cash, grant from Government..... 300 00
" 30th Sept., 1859 120 00 "	" Amount received as Tuition Fees..... 72 00
" 31st Decr., 1859 120 00 "	" Grant from Wellington Co. Council..... 40 00
\$680 00	
To cash paid Mr. McGann, being amount of Tuition Fees (Voucher 3).....	
72 00	
To cash paid for sundry accounts, on account of requisites for school-room, firewood, &c., including \$20 for board of Thomas Johnson.....	
\$49 35 (v. 4)	
To cash paid H. Rowsell, on account.....	
28 25 (v. 5)	
To cash paid Thompson & Co.....	
5 84 (v. 6)	
To cash paid Discount on note at Com. Bank.....	
2 30	
\$85 74	
1860.	\$1,008 37½
Jan. 31, Balance in hand.....	
164 49½	
\$1,008 37½	
	1860.
	Jan. 31, Balance in hand.....
	\$164 49½

W. M. REID, Treasurer.