

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

To ROBERT CHRISTIE, Esq.,
Inspector of Public Institutions, etc.

SIR,—I have the honor to present the report of the Ontario Institution for the Blind for the year ending September 30th, 1889, and shall, in the first place as in former years, deal with the

STATISTICS OF ATTENDANCE.

The enrolment of pupils during the session under review numbered 148, or twelve more than in the previous session. Of the 148 pupils eighty-six were males and sixty-two females. One youth, immediately after the vacation of 1888, having evinced a determination to violate the rules and encourage others in their violation, was promptly returned to his friends for the remainder of the session. At the close of the session the register showed a pupil population of 147, of whom eighty-five were males and sixty-two females, and of these 116 had re-entered on the 30th September, 1889. This leaves thirty-one to be accounted for as follows:—

Graduates:	Males.	Females.	Total.
Willow workers.....	3	0	3
Piano tuners.....	2	0	2
From literary classes.....	1	1	2
From work-room, knitting and fancy work classes.....	0	1	1
Fairly proficient in literary and other branches...	1	2	3
Obtained employment.....	2	0	2
Left Canada.....	1	0	1
Excluded, owing to mental incapacity.....	0	3	3
Excluded, owing to improved sight.....	1	0	1
Detained at home for explained cause.....	0	1	1
Detained at home for causes at present unknown...	4	0	4
Detained at home temporarily.....	5	1	6
Removed owing to ill health.....	1	1	2
	21	10	31

The attendance on the 30th September, 1889, was 135, eleven more than were present at the corresponding date last year, and included the following:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Pupils of preceding session.....	65	51	116
“ former sessions re-admitted.....	4	1	5
New pupils.....	8	6	14
	77	58	135

It will be observed that in the first table above given six pupils are described as “Detained at home temporarily.” Their return will bring up the total pupil population of this session to 141, eighty-two males and fifty-nine females. But to these will shortly be added the youth excluded a year ago now re-admitted on probation, and one new male applicant. There are three or four others on the list for admission, one or more of whom may possibly enter before long. According to present appearances we shall, before Christmas, have to provide accommodation for not less than 143 pupils, or three in excess of what we regard as our full number, and ten more than were in attendance on the 31st