

The interest of the public in the institution has been evidenced on the many occasions when the school has been thrown open to visitors, but the need of an assembly hall in which our many friends can be comfortably seated while listening to the exercises of the pupils, has become so apparant that the representatives of the press have on more than one occasion urged upon your Board the necessity of taking immediate steps to have the same erected. We have at present school-room accommodation for 30 pupils, but with a further increase in our numbers an additional school-room will be required. To provide an assembly hall, music rooms and additional school-room and sleeping room accommodation upon an adequate scale, will necessitate the erection of a building, which it is estimated will cost with heating apparatus and furniture at least \$10,000. The question is will the legislature and the public respond to an appeal for the funds necessary to carry out this work. I believe they will, I believe that when they understand that this institution will be restricted in its work and hindered in its growth unless the indicated extension is at once made, they will respond liberally to our call for assistance and will enable you within a few months to undertake the construction of at least one wing to the present building. I trust your Board will vigorously push this matter to a successful issue, and thus make it possible for us to admit as pupils all the teachable blind that may apply.

One consideration which leads me to desire that an assembly hall should be built in the new wing is that, in such a hall we should be able to place a pipe organ, and thus we could supplement the musical training of our pupils by preparing them to take positions as church organists. It is essential to the success of our graduates that they have some distinctive musical acquirement, which will at once secure them at least a livelihood, and as to the rest we can well leave that to the graduates themselves, whose thorough musical training is sure in the long run to win them success. While the health of our household throughout the year has been exceptionally good, for which we have deep cause for thankfulness, the

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