

The ages of the new pupils are as follows :—

Years.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ten	1	0	1
Eleven	1	0	1
Twelve	1	0	1
Thirteen	0	1	1
Fourteen	1	0	1
Fifteen	1	0	1
Seventeen	1	0	1
Twenty-six	0	1	1
Twenty-seven	0	1	1
Thirty-two	0	1	1
	6	4	10

On the 30th September, 1889, the register showed an attendance of 135, the difference between the late and the previous session being seven in favour of 1888-9. It is probable that the exceptionally high number reached in 1888-9 will not be fully attained during the present session. But, adding to the pupil population on the 30th September, 1890, three subsequent arrivals of new pupils, and the five old pupils whose return is temporarily deferred, with some three or four applicants or prospective applications, the total registration during the current session may be expected to exceed 140, even if it does not approximate even more closely to the figures of 1888-9.

GRADUATES AND RETIRING PUPILS.

The list of graduates, thirteen in number, invites some special notice. The first two, mentioned as graduating in all three departments, were pupils of many years' standing, possessing excellent abilities, and most conscientious in all their relations to their work and their teachers. Both have left us with ample materials for earning a livelihood if that be their aim, and certainly of adding much to the pleasures and happiness of their respective homes.

The youth next alluded to, as having graduated in literary studies, has, at the late summer examinations, matriculated in arts at Trinity University. This is, I believe the first occasion on which a person educated by blind methods has, in the history of Trinity, gained such an honourable measure of success. I anticipate that both in the arts course and in the examinations for a musical degree, pupils of this institution will, on some future occasions be found competing.

The three female pupils who come next in order have all laid the foundation for lives of profitable employment and usefulness.

The three piano tuners and the four willow workers are, I believe, successfully following their respective vocations. These seven young men have been saved from a life-long dependence on others by the means which the institution has placed at their command.

Of the advanced pupils who left without attaining the full rank of graduates, the retirement of the two female pupils had, under circumstances of which I was cognizant, my full approval. They will both prove, I am sure, valuable helpers to those with whom their lot is cast, and do credit to the instruction obtained at this Institution. The withdrawal of the two willow workers before the conclusion of their full term, is not to be commended. Both were good pupils and had made excellent progress. But, although able to turn out quite a variety of fairly marketable goods, and doubtless well satisfied with their own attainments, they were not, according to their Instructor's standard, fully prepared to enter into competition with seeing workmen in the same trade. Young men are sometimes, moreover, too ready to forget that an institution which, without charging them one dollar, lifts them from a position of dependence to one of moderate competence, has a claim on their regard and consideration, and that every pupil who leaves before he is fully qualified injures the reputation of the Institution and the whole of the class of workers to which he belongs.