

The Fourth Report of the Managers of the Halifax Asylum for the Blind—1874.

The Managers of the "HALIFAX ASYLUM FOR THE BLIND," in submitting to its friends and subscribers their Fourth Annual Report have much pleasure in announcing that the condition and progress of the Institution still continues satisfactory, and they are gratified to find that more interest is taken in it by the public generally as it becomes better known. They attribute this to the examination which took place at Argyle Hall last Spring, and from the system of having every Wednesday afternoon a reception for visitors to the Institution, when the pupils can be seen at their studies and various occupations, in both of which a marked improvement has taken place each successive year.

As the Superintendent's report annexed will touch upon those matters more immediately under his charge, the Managers will merely state that in addition to the work of Cane Seating Chairs, Broom making, Wool and Bead Work at which most of the pupils are expert, a commencement has been made the past year in tuning Pianos, which it is found in similar institution in the United States, gives profitable employment to those who have a good ear for music. *Four* have taken to this, with a view of making their living chiefly by it, and the probability is, that in a city and Province like ours, where there are so many instruments that continually require tuning, and so very few competent to do it, it will ensure a safe one.

There have been manufactured the past year 95 dozen of Brooms, and seated 157 Cane Chairs, there has been a falling off in the latter, as the manufacturers who gave the work of seating *new* chairs, have given it up for the present, and as many *old* ones have not been procurable, as would have kept the pupils in work.

The Managers request that those who have such probably encumbering their garrets, will send them to the Institution, or leave their direction, where to send for them with Messrs. Baxter Bros., No. 11 Prince Street, opposite the Building of the Young Mens' Christian Association, and which at the small cost of from 50 to 60 cents per chair, will benefit both, giving employment and means to support a deserving class, and themselves a chair, perhaps equal to new, at one third the cost.