

their full time to the work of their respective departments, while the remaining six teachers give instruction from four to twelve hours weekly. The work of this corps of experienced and zealous instructors speaks for itself, and your Board has great pleasure in expressing its appreciation of the earnestness and devotion to their work displayed by the members of the teaching staff.

GRADUATES.—It is satisfactory to note that the reports from our recent graduates, as well as from those who left the School many years since, continue to be most satisfactory. As the number increases, especially from the industrial departments, it is more than probable that we shall deem it wise to appoint a travelling agent who may from time to time visit the localities in which such graduates reside, arrange about the purchase of materials and the sales of work, and otherwise further their interests.

DOMESTIC DEPARTMENT.—Our household, including officers, the members of the teaching staff, the domestic staff, and pupils, numbers 137 persons. As it may be imagined, it is no easy matter to see to it that each member of this large family is comfortably fed and lodged. The duties of our matron, assistant matron and housekeeper, require their constant and undivided attention, and while strict economy is observed, they spare no pains to promote the comfort and well-being of those residing in the Institution.

NOVA SCOTIA.—Twenty-eight girls and thirty seven boys from the Province of Nova Scotia are now attending the School. This is an increase of two over the number of pupils in attendance Dec. 1st, 1898. The census returns show that the majority of the youthful blind in the Province are females, and hence the number of girls in attendance may be expected to show a small increase, while the number of males, which has stood at the same figure for the past three years, will vary but slightly. The Act of the Provincial Legislature which provides for the free education of the blind of this Province, is a credit to Nova Scotia, and its outcome is a blessing to many of her sons and daughters.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—There are now 34 pupils from the Province of New Brunswick attending the School, eleven of these are girls and twenty-three boys. New Brunswick has recognized the right of those who are blind to a free education, and the Provincial Legislature has made statutory provision for the admission to this School of all New Brunswick boys and girls who, by reason of total blindness or insufficient sight, are unable to take advantage of the ordinary public schools. That this blessing is appreciated by the blind youth of New Brunswick is shown by the increase in the number admitted to the Institution.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—Five pupils, one girl and four boys, from the Province of Prince Edward Island are now in attendance.

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