

Williams upright, in the first parlour, are a good addition to the stock ; but I cannot help thinking that it would be wiser to adopt the plan in vogue in colleges and schools, to make an arrangement with some pianoforte firm to keep the Institute supplied with good instruments for so much per annum. Where the pianos are the property of the Institution they must deteriorate with years and have to be replaced one by one with new ones, whereas under the other system the Institute would have no decayed pianos within its walls, except a few for the tuners to practice upon. The pedal harmonium needs a thorough overhauling, and I should strongly recommend the clarinet stops to be filled in in the organ (as prepared for), as it is a stop that is much used, and there are now sufficient pupils who play advanced music to render that stop not only desirable but almost necessary. The grading of the pupils into various stages of ability and progress seems to be successful, and will undoubtedly tend to raise a healthy spirit of emulation among the pupils.

In closing my report I must thank the Principal and the whole staff for the kindness which I experienced during my stay.

MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURES.

The amount expended in maintaining the Institution during the past twelve months is shown in the subjoined statement. The same information as regards the previous year is also given :—

SERVICES.	YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1885.		YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1886.	
	Total Expenditure.	Annual cost per pupil.	Total Expenditure.	Annual cost per pupil.
	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.
Salaries and wages.....	15,421 57	116 83	15,658 56	118 63
Medicine and medical comforts.....	100 15	0 76	87 34	0 66
Butchers' meat, fish, etc.....	3,630 10	22 96	2,982 06	22 59
Flour, bread, etc.....	897 56	6 80	888 68	6 73
Butter and lard.....	953 68	7 22	966 13	7 32
General groceries.....	1,888 74	14 31	1,863 58	14 12
Fruit and vegetables.....	223 86	1 70	308 80	2 34
Bedding, clothing and shoes.....	616 61	4 67	660 05	5 00
Fuel.....	3,634 56	27 53	2,951 30	22 36
Light.....	1,262 45	9 56	963 50	7 30
Laundry, soap and cleaning.....	395 13	2 99	346 69	2 63
Furniture and furnishings.....	511 06	3 87	494 05	3 74
Farm, feed and fodder.....	958 31	7 26	895 86	6 79
Repairs and alterations.....	1,022 66	7 75	896 54	6 79
Advertising, printing, postage, etc.....	575 40	4 36	675 19	5 11
Books, apparatus and appliances.....	769 91	5 38	718 32	5 44
Miscellaneous.....	1,188 77	8 97	1,218 08	9 23
Totals.....	33,385 52	252 92	32,574 73	246 78

In the following pages will be found the reports of the Principal and Physician, also statistical tables relating to the pupils.