

are to be found the most up-to-date work in connection with sight-saving classes in the public schools, as well as the most advanced methods in the education of the blind, to be found in Canada and the United States.

It may be said at this point, that as far as sight-saving classes are concerned, Canada lags considerably behind the United States. At the present time there is only one class of this nature in our country, and I feel thoroughly satisfied that this one class is not sufficient to meet the need as it exists today. The class now in existence is to be found in Halifax and was opened there as a result of the recent great explosion.

On Monday, October 4th, we visited The Ontario Institute for the Blind at Brantford, and found it to be doing a most excellent work under the able Superintendency of Mr. W. B. Race, B.A. There are in attendance now about 110 students. These range from Kindergarten age to 21 years. It may here be noted that the modern idea in connection with these institutes for the blind, is, that they are not homes for the aged and infirm blind, but rather centres for the education of blind children. The present day idea in connection with the blind is that they must be made self-supporting, not charity-seeking, and that they mingle with their sighted brethren and come in active competition with them, as far as possible.

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In the Brantford Institution it was noticed that many of the students are partially-sighted. Somewhere in the neighborhood of possibly 50 per cent. of the children have partial vision. Many of these children should not be in an institution of this kind at all but should rather be in special classes in the Public Schools. This condition is not peculiar to the Brantford Institute but is characteristic in a measure of every Institute for the education of the blind which I visited. It was the opinion of the Superintendent, I think in every case, that children should not be educated in an institution for the blind, if they have sight enough to admit of their being educated in a special conservation of vision class.