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SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TORONTO SCHOOL FOR THE INSTRUCTION
OF THE
DEAF AND DUMB,
AND THE BLIND.

To

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The undersigned, Principal of the Deaf and Dumb School, respectfully submits to the Wardens of the above Counties his Semi-Annual Report, ending 30th June, 1864.

The hope of a remedy to mitigate a depth of human misery so mysterious and profound—the loss of hearing, and, by consequence, of speech—is well calculated to excite, and perhaps excite, enthusiasm, while prosecuting researches into the hidden mysteries of Nature and of Science, and investigating the fundamental principles upon which an artificial language may be built up, so as to suit the condition of those who are without an outlet to the few painful or pleasurable ideas which bodily requirements may generate, and without an inlet to convey to their fettered minds that intellectual enjoyment by which the powers of the human soul may operate to raise them above the level of animal life.