

generally being fit subjects of admission), giving a result of twenty-six. Applying the same calculation to Nova Scotia, that Province must have a blind population of one hundred and sixty, or thirty-two of school age, making in both Provinces fifty-eight, of which number say twenty-five will seek admission." We may mention the facts, which are doubtlessly unknown to many of our readers, that Dr. Wiggins spent some weeks in New Brunswick during the past summer, with the express purpose of awakening an interest in the condition of the blind in that Province, and that he has most generously offered to subscribe \$1000 towards the establishment of an Institute in St. John. Finding that he could arouse no extraordinary enthusiasm in that city, he devoted the remainder of the time at his disposal to searching out and conversing with a number of blind persons, hoping that they, in a desire to help themselves, might co-operate with each other to some extent in the accomplishment of this most useful and philanthropic project.

While fully recognizing the Doctor's most kind-hearted and disinterested offer however, and while agreeing with him that the establishment of an Institute for the Blind in the City of Saint John would be productive of many benefits both direct and indirect to the Province of New Brunswick, we think that on economical, if on no other grounds, an effort should be made to induce the governing body of the Halifax Institute to permit the blind from the other Maritime Provinces to participate in those benefits which are now monopolised by Nova Scotians. It would of course be most advisable if not absolutely necessary to discover whether the terms of Mr. Murdoch's bequest or of the Incorporating Act are sufficiently comprehensive to admit of the introduction of other pupils than those of Nova Scotia, into the Halifax establishment, but even supposing that any difficulty should arise in this respect we think that it might be overcome by the establishment of an affiliated institution to be under the same board of management.

We may be mistaken, but we may candidly state that we do not expect opposition to this project from our friends in Halifax. We believe that they will recognize in the scheme which we propose, a means for strengthening that unity socially, and we may add politically, towards which the different sections of Canada are now endeavouring to advance; and we contend that nothing assists