

The Blind of the Maritime Provinces.

My being a graduate of the tuning department of the School enables me to speak from experience of the great good I received in the Institution. I am practising my profession in this city with good success.

I have been asked if the pupils are well cared for in the School, and if they would like it when they got there, and my reply was—"Send them for one term, and I guarantee you will not be able to keep them home after that." I have also been asked if it was a Sectarian School, and I answered, "no," for Priests and Ministers and all religious teachers are welcome to go there and look after the instruction of any who may be there belonging to their particular church.

Hoping that the public will heartily respond to your requests for help in paying for the building,
I am, your true friend and pupil,

W. M. SMITH.

Maitland, Hants Co, Feb. 14th, 1896.

Dear Mr. Fraser:

It gives me great pleasure to learn that you purpose enlarging your School building, and so be able to accommodate a larger number of those who, without the advantage of the splendid training given in the Institution, would be left to a miserable existence of hopeless dependence.

Notwithstanding the overdone condition of the musical profession in the Province, I have been able ever since my graduation to be entirely self-supporting and have won many friends for the School.

I can never say too much for the thoroughness of the training I received in the Institution. I have been enabled because of it to lead a happy and I hope a useful life.

With best wishes for the success of the School,
I remain yours sincerely,

JENETTE C. MACNEIL.

Upper Water St., Halifax, N. S.,

Feb. 24th, 1896.

Dear Mr. Fraser:

Since graduating from the School eleven years ago, I have been carrying on business as a grocer and manufacturer of temperance drinks. I have a wife and three children, and have found no trouble in maintaining them comfortably. I fully appreciate what the School did for me and is doing for others, and I hope that your proposed new wing will be put up this summer.

Yours faithfully,

WM. MALONE.

Antigonish, N. S., Feb. 20, 1896.

Dear Mr. Fraser:

It is with the fondest recollections I look back to the happy days I spent in the School for the Blind. Every moment was both pleasant and profitable.

While there, as you know, I attained thorough knowledge of the cabinet organ. It, however, has not been necessary for me to earn my living, and I have since resided at my home. My training in Halifax has been the means of opening up to me new life.

I am very sorry to know that the building is now over-crowded, and that you are not able to receive new applicants into the School. Many lonely blind ones are from this reason kept the prisoners of darkness longer than is necessary.

I earnestly trust that an appeal to the public, placing the situation before them, will speedily remedy the present state of affairs.

Yours very sincerely,

JANE GILLIS.

Marinette, Wis., U.S.A., Feb. 18th, 1896.

Dear Mr. Fraser:

I am very pleased to hear of the rapid increase in the number of pupils of the School, as it shows that the dear old Institution is being more and more appreciated.

I follow my profession as a teacher of music, and, despite the foreign population, I hold my ground well. I have classes of music pupils in both Marinette and Menomonie, and my time is fully taken up.

I am glad to hear that an additional building is about to be erected, and knowing how necessary it is, I trust that you will succeed in raising all the money required to pay for it.

Yours sincerely,

J. CLIFFORD WILLISTON.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 21st, 1896.

Dear Mr. Fraser:

As the first graduate of the School from P. E. Island, I would like to say that I owe all I am to the training that I received in the Institution. Ever since I graduated in June, 1890, I have been employed as piano forte tuner by the W. H. Johnson Co., Ltd., and the head of the Company has frequently expressed by word and deed his appreciation of my work. I am supporting myself, wife and family, and managing to do so fairly well. I hope the dear old School will be the means of placing many of the blind persons upon the same happy, independent footing as it has placed me, and I wish you good luck in your present undertaking.

Yours faithfully,

MONTAGUE WARREN.

Scott's Bay, King's Co., N. S., Feb. 27, 1896.

Dear Mr. Fraser:

I feel that the School has done more for me than I can ever possibly repay. My work with the adult blind in their homea delights my heart, and I feel