

MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

The work in our Musical department has been greatly facilitated by the purchase and importation of a large additional stock of music printed in raised characters, which has proved most useful, being a saving in time, labour, and money, obviating as it does, the necessity of employing a music reader with sight. This music which is published by the Kentucky Printing House for the Blind, is less costly than ordinary sheet music, and what is still more important, the selections which have been made display taste and judgment, including as they do the works of standard composers. The enterprise of this printing house deserves the support and encouragement of the educators of the blind in every school on the Continent.

It is with no small satisfaction that we refer to the fact that Messrs. Chisholm and McLearn, two of our most successful graduates, have gone to Germany to complete their musical studies. These gentlemen practised their profession in this Province with gratifying success, and were enabled through their own industry to obtain the necessary means to defray their expenses while abroad. They have been admitted to one of the most celebrated Conservatories of Music in Berlin, and it is gratifying to state that their piano playing elicited the hearty eoniums of their German masters, and was emphatically pronounced to be good.

Within the Institution the work of instruction in music has engaged my careful attention, and I am pleased to say that it has met with no let or hindrance, saving such as have arisen from the lack of means to purchase new practising and tuning pianos. The need of these additional instruments is most urgent, and their want has taught me to appreciate with double force the position of the Israelites when called upon to make bricks without straw.

It has occurred to me that many persons in the city owning pianos for which they have no prospective use, would, if they realized their necessity in this school, be willing to present or bequeath the same to the Institution.

At all events, I think it well to give publicity to this idea since its suggestion may induce some of those, who read this report, to act upon it at an early date, and thus materially assist us in carrying on a noble and successful work.

Pupils receiving instruction in Music.

Piano-forte	20
Cabinet organ	3
Musical Notation, in point system	6
“ “ “ staff “	8
Vocal music—Choir	19
Piano tuning	5