

Maritime Provinces are afforded educational advantages inferior in no respect to those obtainable in similar institutions in Great Britain and the United States.

It has been my persistent aim to place this institution financially and educationally upon such a footing as would enable it to meet to the fullest extent the needs of the blind and gain for it the confidence and support of the public. In these efforts I have had the earnest co-operation of the Board of Managers, the hearty encouragement of the several provincial governments and the cordial support of every man and woman who had given the question of educating the blind the slightest consideration.

The past record of the school and the success of its graduates are well-known to the public, and I have faith to believe that it is a satisfaction to the people of these provinces to know that those who under God's providence are destined to live without the blessing of sight, have all the educational advantages that in this enlightened age can be placed within their immediate reach.

This at least is true of those who are now within the walls of the institution, but owing to the fact that we have reached the limit of our accommodation, it is evident that in order to make it true for the teachable blind of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, an effort must at once be made to so extend our present building as to provide for an additional number of pupils.

The main building, in which the school is at present located, although in many respects well adapted for the purposes for which it is used, has no special portion of it set aside for the musical department, and as a consequence the eight pianos and organs now owned by the institution are placed in the hall-ways, school-rooms or bed-rooms. This fact has only to be pointed out, to prove that additional room in this respect is urgently required. The available sleeping-room accommodation for pupils is ample for a school of 18 boys and 12 girls, but its limit has now been reached, and additional sleeping quarters have become an absolute necessity.

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