

THE PUPILS.

There are now twenty-four in number whose health during the past year has been generally good. The fullest particulars in connection with this most interesting part of the Institution will be found in the excellent report of the Superintendent which is herewith submitted. But we cannot allow this branch of our work to be passed over without calling particular attention to the very admirable education which, under the care of the superintendent, and of his assistant, Miss Mackenzie, is given to the pupils. Their thorough drill and training are conferring upon these otherwise helpless ones an education which will compare most favorably with that obtained by the children of the community in the best of our public schools. In this particular we have great pleasure in adverting to the fact that our pupils have now attained a legal status in the community, they are no longer waifs to be looked after by charitably disposed, but are recognised among the children of the land, and entitled to participate in the educational advantages of the country. The deprivation of sight does not now carry with it the loss of the privileges which every other citizen can enjoy and demand. A committee of your Board was appointed to confer with a committee of the Government on this subject in the month of March last, which resulted in the passing of an Act of the Legislature, conferring upon our pupils the inestimable boon above referred to. All this is fully detailed in the report of the Superintendent, and we feel it our duty to express the opinion that for this most desirable result we are largely indebted to the indefatigable efforts which our Superintendent has made in educating the public at large to their duties in this particular. We have also to express our thanks to the members of the Government and Legislature, who so readily recognized the claims of the pupils, and so cheerfully aided in the passing of the required legislation.

The Superintendent, Mr. Fraser, has during the past year devoted all his time and energies to the Institution, and its success is most largely due to his unwearied efforts in its behalf. Miss Mackenzie has proved herself an admirable instructress, and we feel that in securing her services the Board have given a most efficient assistant to our Superintendent.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Treasurer's report herewith submitted will show the financial condition of the Institution. The total receipts during the year have been \$6945.54, and the total expenditure has been \$7026.81, showing a balance to the debit of \$90.27. Our receipts during the year from legacies have amounted to \$1716.36, and from subscriptions and donations to \$384.73. These items show clearly the hold which the Institution has upon the feelings of our people generally throughout the Province. From the Province of New Brunswick we have received the sum of \$720 towards the instruction and support of pupils from