

They can do common washing and ironing, wash up dishes, make beds and clean up chambers. When they are thrown upon their own resources and obliged to perform such domestic offices for themselves they work with a will, and become expert and handy at housework, we are inclined to believe too little account has been generally made of the capacity of blind girls for becoming useful domestics. Left at home, under the influence of the false sympathy of their parents and friends, they are very indolent and useless. Sent to school, where they will be industriously employed, they will become strong and energetic, and in a short time will prove useful members of the family circle. We commend their condition to County Councils, and hope to see provision made for the education and industrial training of this class of persons.

Many thanks to you, gentlemen, and to the members of the Councils and Corporations over which you preside. Many thanks also to Mr. Swinyard, and his deputy, Mr. Howard, of the G.W. Railway; Mr. Cumberland and his deputy, Mr. Hamilton, of the Northern Railway, for their considerate kindness in giving my pupils a free pass home in July. This is a great boon conferred on their parents, the majority of whom are unable to meet even the expenses attendant upon the clothing of their children.

Words of mine are too powerless to express in suitable language, my best thanks to the citizens of Hamilton for their generous support.

I am happy to bear testimony to the undeviating kindness of the parents of my pupils. I have not, since the opening of the Institution in 1858, to record a defaulting creditor in my books. This, combined with the prompt and cheerful manner in which they remit monies, is of a gratifying character indeed, and tends to lighten my labors very much.

I have had some difficulties with the parents of deaf mute idiots and paralytics whom *I discharged as hopeless subjects of instruction*. The parents of these have, on the return of their children home, shown very unkind feelings towards me. The triple infirmities of deafness, dumbness and idiocy or paralysis is a fearful calamity to deal with, one beyond my powers to mitigate.

Respectfully submitted.

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