

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL.

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Inspector, etc.

SIR,—I have the honour, as Principal of the Institution for the Blind, to submit my report for the year ending September 30th, 1890.

STATISTICS OF ATTENDANCE.

The enrolment of pupils for the session under review showed a total of 151, represented by 87 males and 64 females, the highest number recorded for several years past. Of these 86 males and 63 females, 149 in all, remained upon the register at the close of the session. Of the 149, 115 had returned to the Institution at the date of this report, leaving 34 to be accounted for as follows:—

Graduates:

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
In music, literary studies and industrial work ..	0	2	2
In literary studies	1	0	1
In literary studies and industrial work	0	1	1
In industrial work and well advanced in music ..	0	1	1
In literary studies and well advanced in music ..	0	1	1
In piano tuning	3	0	3
In willow work	4	0	4
Well advanced in music and proficient in industrial work.	0	1	1
Well advanced in industrial work	0	1	1
Well advanced in willow work	2	0	2
Excluded, being found to possess a fair degree of sight..	4	0	4
Excluded, being imbecile	1	0	1
Excluded, being incapable of industrial training	2	0	2
Excluded for bad conduct	1	0	1
Left for domestic reasons	1	1	2
Left, health being permanently impaired	0	2	2
Return temporarily deferred	2	3	5
	21	13	34

To the 115 old pupils returned have to be added ten new pupils, six males and four females, also three former pupils (two males and one female) who, on application, have been allowed to re-enter the Institution. The number of pupils received up to the 30th of September was, consequently, 128, as follows:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Old pupils of last session	65	50	115
New pupils admitted	6	4	10
Former pupils re-admitted	2	1	3
	73	55	128