

Report.

THE Directors of the Halifax Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, in sending forth the *Twentieth Report*, for the year 1877, feel their first duty to be thankfulness to Him that made the hearing ear and loosened the silent tongue for the blessings which all the inmates of our household have enjoyed during the past year. No death has occurred within our doors, except a poor child from N. F. Land referred to in the Principal's report, nor any serious sickness nor any such accidents, as have been so frequent around us. All has been peace, and comfort, and judging by the ever cheerful brightness of their intelligent faces, and their general appearance, and demeanour, the visitor to their abode would not imagine (if not previously informed) that there was any thing wanting less than is enjoyed by the most favored of their kind. For information as to their progress in the various branches of education, the history of the work since the commencement, the occupations of former pupils and other interesting statistics, the Directors refer to the annexed report and accompanying documents. The number of pupils has been greater than before. Newfoundland has come into line this year, the legislature of the Island having generously responded to our call for pecuniary aid by sending \$500 for the maintenance of the establishment. There are now 6 pupils from the Island, and more expected. New Brunswick and P. E. Island contribute to our Institution as they have always done, and we will gladly welcome all that come to us from these Provinces.

The Directors need hardly repeat what has been their invariable record for twenty years that the Principal, J. Scott Hutton, M. A. has been unwearied in his attention to the best interests of the Institution, in the moral and religious training of those under his charge, evidence of which has been carried with them wherever they have gone in after life by those who have left us in years gone by. The latest addition to the teaching staff, Mr John and Miss G. Logan mentioned in last year's Report, continue to give every