

Rev. Dr. Norman. His weekly lessons are most beneficial, and it is owing chiefly to his influence that not one case of insubordination has occurred during the year. In December, 1883, the Institution suffered a severe loss in the death of Miss Mackay Gordon. Her familiarity with each pupil combined with her genuine sympathy for the deaf and dumb, made the loss of their generous friend keenly felt by all the pupils. The Montreal *Daily Witness* of January 2nd, contained the following.

CHRISTMAS AT THE MACKAY INSTITUTION.

"One of the last kind actions of the late Miss Mackay Gordon was to prepare a present for each pupil in the above Institution, which she designed to have placed on a Christmas tree. After her death her niece, Miss Macdonald, declared her intention of carrying out her late aunt's generous intentions, and, accordingly, on the evening before the pupils left for their holidays, they were treated to a beautiful Christmas tree, brilliantly illuminated, and loaded with handsome gifts prepared by the hands now cold in death. Previous to the distribution of the gifts a blind boy recited the Christmas carol, and at the request of the ladies present, relatives of the late Miss Gordon, the deaf children gave the Lord's Prayer in signs, after which short addresses were made by Mrs. Macdonald, Miss Gordon and Mrs. Clark. They alluded to the deep interest their beloved sister had always taken in the Mackay Institution, hoped her name would ever be remembered by each one present, and trusted the Lord would raise them up some other friend in her place. They spoke warmly of what was being done for their welfare by the present managers, and congratulated the Superintendent on her success. After their departure a series of tableaux, in which the pupils took part, were presented, and reflected credit on the untiring efforts of the teachers to make the evening an enjoyable one for their silent charge."

During the summer vacation the building was put in excellent repair. A new floor was laid in the basement hall, and the stairs leading to it were renewed also painting, kalsomining, and other minor improve-