

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Board of Management, Mackay Institution for Protestant Deaf-Mutes and the Blind, Montreal, Que.

As my Report for 1893-4 gave in detail the internal workings of the Institution of which I have the honour to be Superintendent, I shall now but briefly allude to matters of importance.

The number of pupils on the roll at the close of the scholastic year in June 1894 was 57, in attendance 48, this being the largest number yet placed on our record.

During the year we were happily exempt from any contagious disease, and we have to mention but one case of serious illness. At the time of the Scarlet fever epidemic in this City, strict precautions were taken to guard our charge against infection, communication between the children and their friends was restricted, and home visits prohibited. The result proved the wisdom of what may have appeared an arbitrary rule. The "one" case of serious illness just referred to was that of a little girl of twelve years who was placed here in the middle of December last, but who we found was afflicted with an incurable disease. Having been advised by our visiting physicians of her dangerous condition, we at once communicated with her parents. A week later the child was attacked with severe hemorrhages of the stomach, and died at the General Hospital. It appears most reprehensible for parents to send a child from home in so delicate a state of health, but in this case we are assured of their ignorance of any existing disease.

In connection with the uniform good health of the rest of our household, I take this opportunity of expressing our deep obligations to Drs. E. P. Williams, and F. A. L. Lockhart, who cheerfully give their valuable services without remuneration. I have also to mention in grateful acknowledgement the several visits