

## DIRECTORS' REPORT.

THE revolution of another year brings with it the duty, on the part of the Directors of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, of presenting their Annual Report for the year 1876. By the divine blessing it has, in many respects, been a prosperous year. Health has prevailed in our interesting household, under the watchful care of Mrs. Vinecove, the long tried Matron of the Establishment. Nothing has occurred to interrupt the course of study, nor to disturb the (in more senses than one) "noiseless tenor of our way." It will be seen by Mr. Hutton's very complete and most interesting Report, that good progress has been made in the work of deaf mute education under his unwearied and enlightened methods of instruction, in which he has the assistance, this year, besides Mr. Tupper, of another who was educated at the Institution, Mr. Logan, and of Miss Logan, who proves a useful and faithful teacher.

In the last Report the hope was expressed, that larger numbers might be attracted to enjoy the benefit of the great educational advantages provided for them, amid the pleasant surroundings and creature comforts which we can offer them.

The Directors are happy to say that Newfoundland is now sending some of her deaf mutes to have their ears unstopped and their tongues, figuratively and almost literally, loosened. Mr. Hutton's brief voyage, last summer, to Newfoundland has already produced good fruits. He was most favourably received by all classes, and the first fruits of his mission are \$600 in cash, and six pupils beside, one most promising youth, who had been with us for the previous year or more. Let us hope that many more of this most interesting class will be added to our list as time rolls on, and that the Legislature of the Island, will, like the other Maritime Provinces, devote a liberal portion of their monies to uphold our Institution and enlarge its usefulness. In this connexion we would call attention to the very low charges, where payment is made at all, and to the fact that the poorest may be placed on a par with the most wealthy, if their appli-