

stoves) is not only very laborious but expensive, besides, it does not meet our needs; our pupils are continually using the musical instruments, of course in different rooms, which should all be of an uniform temperature to produce good results; it is impossible to practice our musical instruments in cold rooms.

3rd. We want to make the grounds of the Institution a credit to the city, and need funds to carry out our intentions; it is true we have, year after year, been able to make some improvements, planting trees and bringing the rocky soil under cultivation, but we desire to do much more.

4th. We want a large increase to the number of our membership of persons who would not only assist in increasing the funds, but also become interested in the work.

The Managers beg to refer to the able report of our very excellent Superintendent, herewith transmitted, for full details of the practical work accomplished during the year. The great interest he has ever shown in the welfare of the blind, and his thorough experience of their mental and physical requirements, entitle his views on any subject relating to their education to the most respectful consideration. The managers are therefore very glad to be able to heartily endorse his solid arguments in favor of a system of free education for the blind, obtained by assessment of the counties in the same manner as for those who have the blessing of sight. We call special attention to his very full report on this subject, and feel sure our Government will, during the coming session of Parliament, make the necessary legislation to this end. In this connection we think it well to include the reference made to this Institution by the Honorable Commissioner of Public Work and Mines, as Chairman of Committee, on Humane Institutions.

ASYLUM FOR THE BLIND.

This Institution is fully sustaining its character of being highly efficient in accomplishing the object of its establishment and maintenance. Twenty pupils were in attendance at the time when visited by the Board. The building is capable of accommodating thirty students, but for the want of funds the Managers have been under the necessity of refusing admission to a number of applicants.

It may not be out of place to remark that this Institution is improperly denominated "The Asylum for the Blind," as it is not an asylum in any sense of the word, but simply and substantially an educational institution for the purpose of imparting useful knowledge to the youthful and teachable blind; and it, as well as the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, should be removed from the list of charitable institutions to that of the Public Educational Schools of the Provinces.

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