

# NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Board of Managers of the Institution for the Blind,

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ONCE more through the good Providence of Him who rules in Heaven and earth, the Managers of the Halifax Institution for the Blind are enabled to present to its subscribers and friends their Annual Report.

Under the direction of the able and indefatigable Superintendent, C. F. Fraser, Esq., the Institution has attained a position which justly enables the Managers in this their ninth report to claim that, considering the limited means at their disposal, it is second to none on this continent.

Yet the world is ever on the march. Upward and onward is the motto, in science, in art, in literature, as well as in education, and the Managers feel that they would be remiss in their duty did they not use their utmost endeavor to promote the welfare of the Institution under their charge. Great results have already been accomplished, and still greater may yet be in store.

The Provincial Government, now fully alive to the just claims of this school, have so far endorsed the principle of free education to all, as to have carefully considered in what manner the interests of the Blind can be forwarded most effectually. We trust that their action may be such as to place the Institution on a solid financial basis, thus extending its advantages to every blind child in the Province, and not as heretofore leaving it dependent for its efficiency on a fluctuating and uncertain grant.

The Board of Managers have as usual appropriated a small sum to the improvement of the grounds, which they hope in time so to improve that they may not only be a profit to the Institution, but also a pleasant resort for the pupils during their hours of recreation.

The improvements in the house during the year consists in the laying of concrete floors in part of the basement, also in remodeling the boys dormitory, so as to supply long-needed accommodation, thus tending to instil habits of order among the pupils.