

ONTARIO INSTITUTION
FOR THE
EDUCATION OF THE BLIND.

The reports of the Principal, the Trades Instructor, and Surgeon, which are herewith submitted, so fully record the history of this Institution for the past year that extended reference to the work accomplished is rendered unnecessary.

During the protracted time in which cases of diphtheria appeared in the Institution, the attention of the Official Staff was necessarily and rightly devoted to the care of the afflicted and to the carrying out of the means adopted to stay the spread of the disease. Although the circumstances were such as greatly to interfere with the ordinary routine of instruction, and training in industrial work, yet the session was not a fruitless one, and there is good evidence that substantial progress was made by many of the pupils during the term.

The faithful and energetic manner in which it was observed that nearly all of the officials discharged their duties during the prevalence of the disease, was most exemplary and will no doubt have the effect of increasing confidence in regard to the treatment and care of pupils committed to the charge of the Institution.

The following are my notes of inspection made during the year under report:—

INSPECTIONS.

Copies of my minutes are appended:—

"I made an inspection of this Institution on the 7th June.

"Preparations were being made on that day for the return of the pupils to their homes at the close of the session, and this occasioned a certain amount of bustle and activity; but everything was being carried on in a regular and systematic manner, without any confusion.

"There were in attendance at the close of the session 135 pupils—80 males and 55 females—and all were in good health.

"The usual public examinations were dispensed with this session, owing to the outbreak of diphtheria among the pupils on their re-assembling, and the routine work was much retarded during its prevalence. Notwithstanding this untoward circumstance, however, the progress of the classes was very satisfactory, their proficiency having been well tested by the officers and teachers of the Institution. This record will materially assist in the re-classification of those who may enter again next session, and will also be of value for future reference.