

who fill the place of father and mother, the christian tone that pervades the whole establishment, we think they would deeply censure themselves for not having taken advantage of such an opportunity to have their dear ones taught those things which give zest and happiness to life here, and prepare them for a joyous life hereafter. We go farther and say: it is cruelty on their part, for we have seen a poor child come to us helpless, nervous, and wholly ignorant, his face telling of the complete blank of the mind within, yet see that same boy a few months after as he begins to spell out words for himself, as he learns to make sweet chords on the musical instruments, and as he walks with ease and confidence through the streets of our city, cane in hand feeling his way along, his face radiant with a new light, beginning to feel his own powers to acquire knowledge, self-reliant and happy; and having informed them of all this they still will not make the effort to send their children.

We call upon the members of the Legislature, Clergymen, Medical men and merchants to help us in our good work, and whenever they find a blind child to use every exertion to have him or her forwarded to us. We invite everybody visiting our city to call and see us, more have done so this year than ever before, and all have expressed their gratification and satisfaction with everything they saw and heard. Wednesday afternoon is our regular visiting day, but our Superintendent will always be glad to see persons from the country who cannot conveniently call on the regular day.

Our finances have been well managed by our worthy Treasurer, and although our receipts have fallen off nearly \$900, and the cost of living is increasing, still we have managed to keep the balance on the right side. Our income from all sources has been \$3428.01, and expenditure of \$3605.52; balance on hand towards paying small bills still to be presented \$535.85, we have expended \$235.29 improving the grounds, thus helping to beautify our city. We have expended \$100 on travelling expenses of our Superintendent visiting the places of residence of the blind in Cape Breton.

We have gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of a number of donations to our fund, one very handsome one from a kind lady residing in our city, (see appended list) we need all we get and more, for if we only had the means we would add much to the comfort of the inmates by obtaining a new heating apparatus in place of the troublesome coal stoves and grates we have at present.

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