

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF THE
HALIFAX SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND,
1887.

Another year in the life and history of this Institution has rolled around, a year of faithful work, a year of solid advance, and a year of increased usefulness. Reference to past reports show a gradual improvement in methods of teaching, increased uses of appliances, developments of intellectual capacity of our pupils, and a comparison of the work attempted and performed in 1887 with that of the year just closing, abundantly testifies to the fact that the education of the blind has kept abreast with that of the general school system of our provinces. The reports of our able and devoted Superintendent are usually so exhaustive that but little is left for the Board of Managers to do outside of the presentation of the Financial Statements. Still, there are subjects on which the Managers feel it of some importance to dwell, especially in connection with finance. Two years ago we expressed the confidence that our Provincial Legislature would increase the annual grant from \$120 to \$150 per capita, and hoped the Governments of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island would do likewise. Last year it was our pleasing privilege to report that the Government and Legislature of Nova Scotia had kindly responded to the appeal made by the Board, and had increased the public support to \$150 per pupil. New Brunswick has not lagged behind in the measure of support always accorded by her Government and Legislature to our Institution, and has also acceded to our request, which was brought directly to the notice of the provincial authorities by our Superintendent in person. We feel sure that Prince Edward