

ONTARIO INSTITUTION

FOR THE

EDUCATION AND INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND

In submitting the annual report upon the work of this Institution it is unnecessary to make a lengthened statement in regard to its operations during the past year.

In the reports of the Principal and Examiners which follow will be found detailed statements of the work accomplished, and from its past history as an educational institution, together with its present organization and good prospects for carrying out the purpose of its establishment the hope may well be entertained that the no small measure of success which has been reached will in time to come be exceeded and that good results will continue to show themselves in the work of the institution.

INSPECTIONS.

Copies of the minutes made by me after my various inspections are appended:—

I made an inspection of the Institution for the Blind on the 17th July, 1889, principally with the view of determining in regard to some improvements provided for under Capital Appropriation, and requiring to be completed, so that the coming session of the institution might not be interfered with by having the premises in an untidy condition at the time of the reassembling of the pupils.

The principal work to be done is the laying of the hardwood floor in the corridor, at the estimated cost of \$40.00; an expenditure in the bursar's office, for renovating it, not to exceed \$50.00; also kalsomining the corridor connecting the kitchen with the main building; the painting and pointing of the Principal's house, not to exceed the sum of \$100.00; instructions were given to have these matters completed within the prescribed time, and not to exceed the estimated cost as above.

In view of the extended and increased waterworks system now being constructed for the purpose of securing an ample supply for the city, some correspondence has taken place with the authorities for the purpose of estimating the cost for a supply from this source for the better protection of the institution buildings, in the event of a fire. Somewhat different plans may be adopted for the accomplishment of the purpose, and the superintendent was requested to make more definite enquiry in regard to cost of the works that would be required, in event of the supply being furnished by the city for fire purposes.