

the Institution consisting of about six acres, should be trimmed up and improved as far as possible, and a narrow gravel walk for pedestrians, made from the centre of the fence on the main road and leading directly to the terrace on which the building stands.

### The Location of Our Institution.

I do not think we shall ever have cause to regret locating the Institution on the beautiful site at Hawthorn Hill.

Dr. G B Barron in a paper entitled "Town Life, as a cause of Degeneracy" read before the British Association at Bath, England, compared the results of examinations of Cambridge University Students with those of South Kensington, and showed how inferior is the vital force of the town dweller, to that of the dweller in the country. He says "Educate the children in the pure air of the country and plenty of it, and away fly the pale faces, cachexia' lowered vitality, stunted development, muscular attenuation, and imperfect elimination of functional product"

Dr. Peet of the New York Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, says, A plentiful supply of oxygen is the best source of stimulation for both body and mind, causing pure blood to course through the veins, and giving to the deaf mute just what he most requires for counteracting the effects of a scrofulous diathesis which is, to such an extent, the cause of his misfortune "

Principal Crouter, of the Pennsylvania Institution, says : "The site chosen for an Institution for deaf children, should be neither so remote as to make unavailable certain advantages afforded by contiguity to a metropolis or town of an unobjectionable character, nor so near as to allow exposure to the evil influences which appear inevitable to all cities, and against which, notwithstanding the utmost vigilance, it is impossible entirely to protect our youth. It should be perfectly healthy in itself, with contiguous surroundings, free from probability of local causes of malarial—the insidious parent of a numerous progeny of diseases and where property is not too high priced to allow possession of ample ground for industrial and recreative purposes, with instinted supply of good water for domestic and other purposes. It should also afford good views of the sur-