

Health.

The general health of our household has been remarkably good. No case of serious illness and but few cases of coughs and colds occurred among our inmates during the past year. They are fond of out door exercise and much of their leisure time is given to base ball, cricket, fishing, skating, coasting, snow shoeing, tobogganning and other open air amusements which no doubt tend to keep them in a vigorous and robust state of health.

Changes.

Mr. W. O. Barnaby who was employed last year as agent and collector, resigned his position in the fall to take some similar employment in Boston. We are now in need of an active and intelligent young man to take his place.

Mr. Geo. Ernest Powers willingly devoted a portion of his time to this service, and met with a kind and pleasant reception from the friends and subscribers to the Institution wherever he visited.

The Growth and Progress of the Work.

The following statistics show the remarkable strides which the work of educating the Deaf on this continent has made since the first Institution was established at Hartford in 1817.

In 1817 the first school was opened at Hartford, with twelve pupils and two teachers.

In 1850, thirty three years afterwards, there were twelve schools with 1148 pupils and 66 teachers.

Twenty years after this there were thirty four schools with 3,784 pupils and 222 teachers.

In another twenty years viz: in 1890, there were seventy seven Institutions educating 8572 pupils, 4846 of these being boys and 3728 girls, with 601 instructors, 168 of these being deaf mutes themselves.

In addition to these there are seven Institutions in Canada the oldest of them having been established in 1848, which are educating at the present time 751 pupils with a corps of 99 instructors.

The number of children who are receiving an education in the United States is 8572 and in Canada 751, making a total of 9323.