

THE FIFTH REPORT

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Managers of the Halifax Asylum for the Blind, 1875.

THE HALIFAX ASYLUM FOR THE BLIND has now been in active operation for four years, and to-day its friends meet at our fifth annual meeting.

The Report of the indefatigable and enthusiastic superintendent which is annexed, is replete with information and leaves for the Managers only to add a few general details, and give an account of the expenditure. Since our opening we have had eighteen pupils in the Institution. Five of these have left, having obtained all the education they desired, One little delicate girl from Georgetown, P. E. Island died. Twelve (9 males and 3 females) remain with us. Of the whole number ten were led by the good spirit of God, to seek closer communion with him, consecrating themselves to His service by joining such branches of the christian church as they had been in the habit of attending.

We regret exceedingly to find so little interest taken by the parents and friends of the blind all over the Province, in their education. Here is a home fully equipped to board and educate at least 40 or 50 pupils, we have offered every inducement to those who have blind children, have sent our Superintendent to their homes in different parts of Cape Breton and Antigonish, and even to places quite near our own city, and have begged them to send the children to us, and we would gladly receive them at any rate that their circumstances would permit them to pay.

Could parents of these poor helpless ones only drop in and see our comfortable school rooms, bed-rooms and parlours, our two pianos and organ, our workshops and play-room, our kind attentive Superintendent and lady teacher, our new pleasant good natured housekeepers,