

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Board of Management, Mackay Institution:

In presenting the 23rd Annual Report of the workings of the departments of the Institution entrusted by you to my superintendence I have abundant reason for heartfelt thanks for the merciful care extended over us during the past year by our Heavenly Father.

The conduct of the pupils is deserving of the highest commendation. Their zeal and diligence in the class rooms as well as their upright behaviour during their recreation hours are such as to considerably lighten the otherwise onerous duties of teachers and supervisors.

At the close of the school year, in June last, several of our large boys felt it incumbent on them to earn their own living, in which laudable resolve they have nobly succeeded. Rush Aldrich entered the Lyndon, Vt, Business College, where he fitted himself to take the position of book-keeper in a large grocery business, and Norman Wilson is at present taking a similar course in the Montreal Business College.

The number of pupils enrolled is 52. The present attendance is 50; 26 of whom are boys and 24 girls.

The auricular class, formed one year ago, has been augmented by three more pupils. Children whose deficient hearing or imperfect speech debars them from the advantages of a public school are eligible for this class, and the progress of those under instruction has been such as to fully satisfy the parents. Association with hearing children is very desirable for the deaf. It lessens their peculiarities and helps us in our endeavors to make them like people in possession of all their senses.

In the Mackay Institution we use every means to *suppress the use of signs*. The children who can not articulate resort to the one hand alphabet, the others use their tongues. The latter are seated at one table during meal times and chatter as much as they please, and are otherwise encouraged in the habitual use of speech. In a small school like ours proper classification is no

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