

We trust that it may never be said of the Board of Managers of this School that they are indifferent to or forgetful of its many benefactors. Those present will very readily recall the names of many leading citizens of Halifax who have been identified with the work carried on in this Institution, or who by their bequests or donations have made it possible to carry out this work successfully. Of these, the late William Murdoch stands first and foremost, inasmuch as it was to his beneficence that the Halifax School for the Blind owes its origin. It is therefore with no small degree of satisfaction that your Board record the fact that Mrs. Charles Murdoch, sister-in-law of the founder of the School, has presented the Institution with a handsome oil portrait of the late William Murdoch, which gift was suitably acknowledged at the time of the presentation in a meeting called for the purpose. The portrait now graces the wall of our committee-room, and will be a constant reminder to those who gather at our Board meetings of the thoughtful consideration of the man who first made provision for the education of the blind of this the city of his adoption, and of the Maritime Provinces.

Our efficient Superintendent, Mr. C. F. Fraser, deserves the warmest thanks of the Board for his untiring efforts to instruct and elevate the minds of the pupils placed under his charge. Indeed, his work from the first has been a labor of love.

The thanks of the Board are also due to Doctors Lindsay and Dodge for gratuitous professional services rendered during the year, and to Dr. Cogswell for his dental services.

The Board still has the valued services of Miss Mackenzie, who is doing good work in the literary department.

Mr. and Mrs. Blair are still as active as ever in the duties devolving upon them as Steward and Matron.

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