

MANAGERS' REPORT.

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The Board of Managers of the Mackay Institution for Protestant Deaf-Mutes and the Blind have the honour of presenting the twenty-sixth annual report, being for the year ending 31st July, 1896.

The number of Pupils in attendance during the scholastic year was sixty-eight being the greatest number in any one year as yet, and the progress made satisfactory.

During the vacation a number of improvements have been made to the buildings and premises, the old furnaces were taken out and replaced by two Daisy furnaces, also about five thousand additional feet of pipes put in for heating, the drainage system modernised, new out houses erected and the interior of the Institution painted.

The new recreation rooms have, during the past year provided a source of great pleasure for the pupils, as well as benefit to their health.

The Board have again to thank the Bell Telephone Company for their generous donation of a receipted account of the annual rental of the Instrument.

The Managers have to record their thanks and appreciation of the gratuitous and freely rendered attendance of the Honorary Medical Staff, Doctors F. G. Finley, F. A. L. Lockhart, J. V. Anglin, F. Buller, H. S. Birkett, J. M. Jack, and H. G. S. and J. C. Nichol, through the year, and of the continued care and devotion of the Superintendent, Mrs. H. E. Ashcroft, ably seconded by the Staff of Teachers and Instructors.

F. WOLFERSTAN THOMAS, *President.*

G. DURNFORD, *Secretary-Treasurer.*