

surmounted. The gratifying success of our graduates, as teachers of vocal and instrumental music, and as piano-forte tuners, holds out to the pupils the very strongest incentive to persevere in their studies until success shall likewise crown their efforts. The musical department is now crowded to its utmost capacity, and serious inconvenience is experienced in providing for each pupil a sufficient number of hours of piano practice; an addition of a new piano to our stock of musical instruments, is therefore most earnestly recommended. At the close of the school session in June last, Mr. R. M. McLean received a diploma as a competent instructor; this young man has recently settled in Truro, N. S., and has already succeeded in obtaining a large class of pupils, he reports his prospects as most encouraging.

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WORK DEPARTMENT.

Owing to a variety of causes beyond our immediate control, the work in this department has not been carried on as regularly as heretofore, and consequently the progress has not been as marked as we anticipated. In March, 1882, Mr. Charles Lemon, who had been employed to give instruction in Willow Work, tendered his resignation, which was accepted by your Board. A few weeks later, Mr. D. A. Baird, our regular Trade Instructor, was attacked by measles, and before he had recovered his accustomed strength, was again prostrated by a still more serious illness, which confined him to his bed for the remainder of the school session. These drawbacks, added to others of minor importance, seriously retarded the work in our technical department; a fresh start, however, has again been made and the outlook for the coming year is most encouraging. The position held by Mr. Lemon is now filled by Mr. W. Nodwell, a graduate of the Ontario Institution for the Blind, who comes to us highly recommended, both as regards his personal character and his ability as an instructor; since his engagement in September last, Mr. Nodwell has discharged his duties with credit to himself and with satisfaction to your Board.

The experiences of last winter proved most conclusively, that the Willow trade was one in which the workshop required to be warmer than in other occupations; this is due to the fact that the Willow,