

is also due to Hon. J. J. Rogerson, Receiver General, Wm. Pitts, Esq., and Mr. Marsh, for personal kindness and for valuable time devoted to assisting us in obtaining subscriptions. A list of the contributions received from all sources (amounting to about \$600) will be found in the appendix.

By the kindness of the proprietors of the S. S. Cabot, we were conveyed from St. John's to Harbor Grace and back free. We returned to Halifax on the 23rd of August by the S. S. George Washington, bringing with us two deaf mutes from St. John's to enjoy the benefits of the Institution, and *four* others have since been sent on; the first fruits, it is hoped, of a future harvest of blessing to the neglected deaf and dumb of Newfoundland, resulting directly or indirectly from our visit. I saw and heard of numbers of uneducated mutes in St. John's and elsewhere, most of them are poor and unable to pay for their board and education. On every possible occasion I gave a general invitation to send all such on and we would receive them, trusting that in the future, as in the past, a kind Providence would supply the means to support all entrusted to our care.

From the interest awakened and the sympathy and liberality displayed during our stay in the Sister Colony, I am also persuaded that the claims of these "children of silence," and of the Institution which thus extends to them the benefits of instruction, will meet with a worthy response from the people and Government of Newfoundland.

Before closing I beg to refer to the

CONFERENCE OF PRINCIPALS,

held at Philadelphia last July, at which, through the kindness of the Board, I was enabled to be present. This, one of the most interesting meetings of the "Centennial Year," was the largest gathering of the kind, I believe, ever held, embracing nearly all the heads of Institutions for the education of the Deaf and Dumb in America,—from San Francisco to Halifax, and from Louisiana to Ontario. The Conference met, by invitation, at the Pennsylvania Institution, where for several days the delegates were entertained by the genial Principal, Professor Foster, the Matron, and other officers of that noble Institution, with a courteous hospitality and kindness which will long be gratefully remembered.

Among the topics discussed was that of

ART EDUCATION FOR DEAF MUTES,

to which I referred to my last year's report, recommending the introduction of this branch into our own Institution. It is gratifying to have the views then expressed confirmed by the deliberate judgment of a body representing the experience and weight of the profession, as set forth in the following resolution, unanimously adopted by the Conference:—