

## REPORT.

THE Directors of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, have much pleasure in presenting to the public their Third Annual Report.

They feel constrained to acknowledge, most thankfully, the blessing with which it has pleased the Almighty to favor their efforts for the education of the Deaf Mutes of our land, during the last year—for the continued health of all the inmates of the establishment—and for the large liberality with which He has vouchsafed to dispose the hearts of our people to contribute to the support of the Institution.

It will be seen by the full and interesting Report of the able and indefatigable Principal, dated 31st December, 1860, that there has been an actual increase of seven in the number of pupils over the preceding year, there being at present twenty-three males and nine females boarding in the house, and six day scholars,—in all thirty-eight.

It is also gratifying to find by the same report, that the interesting work of instructing these hitherto neglected "children of silence," has been diligently prosecuted and with encouraging success; and it may confidently be affirmed that the advancement of the pupils in religious and secular knowledge will bear favorable comparison with that of any of the same age, in any similar Institution in other countries. So creditable has this progress been, that a few of the earlier pupils, though only four years under instruction, will soon be qualified to go forth into the world and make their way, although seven years have generally been considered necessary in other Institutions, before such qualification can be attained.

The Directors record with great satisfaction the liberal grant of £500 by the Legislature, without a dissentient voice, towards the maintenance of the Institution, being an increase of one-fourth beyond 1859, as that also exceeded the grant of the preceding year. This humane and enlightened recognition of the claims of the Deaf Mutes of our country, to the protection and educational care of our rulers, reflects infinite honor on the Parliament of Nova Scotia, and sets an example to older