

pared and robust enough to shake off, in a few days, what would with children less favorably situated probably become of serious import. In this connection, our best thanks are due to Dr. Brown for his kind gratuitous attendance. His promptness in replying to our calls relieves us of much anxiety. Mr. Davis also merits our thanks for supplies of free medicines.

The claim which the deaf and dumb have upon their native place for what intellectual advantages it affords, should be recognized as equally imperative with that of hearing and speaking children. No doubt exists as to the wisdom of making ample provision for supplying every one of these with a good education, but the deaf and dumb are left, to a large extent, dependent on the charity of the benevolent. While the subscribers have given our collectors a very kind reception, and have expressed their satisfaction at the results which have been attained by the institution during the past year, it is felt that to place the institution on the best footing and to give it a favorable opportunity of reaching all the deaf mute children of the Province, would be to make it a Government institution, its expenditure to be defrayed by Government funds, thus falling upon the whole province equally; or, that each county be called upon to defray the expense of providing an education for these children in proportion to the number which it sends for instruction.

The adoption of some such plan would be of incalculable benefit to the deaf mute population of New Brunswick. The largest and most flourishing institution in Canada, that at Belleville, Ontario, is supported in this way. Nearly all the institutions in the States are supported by the Legislature as a matter of course, and the wisdom of this system is evidenced by the fact that upwards of 20,000 children have been trained and educated since the first institution was opened at Hartford in 1816. It is but rational to conclude that hundreds of these have become good and respectable citizens, responsible householders, workers in various handicrafts, payers of taxes, and supporters of the State in which they live.

There is no reason why New Brunswick should not take up the matter in earnest, provide a building capable of ac-

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