

Halifax Asylum for the Blind.

For the founding of this Institution a debt of gratitude is due by the people of this Province to the late William Murdoch, Esq., who died in London in 1863, having a few years previously taken up his residence there, after a long, useful and successful life as a merchant in this city. In his Will he bequeathed, in addition to various other charities, the munificent sum of £5,000 N. S. Cy., toward the endowment of an Asylum for the Blind, on condition that a suitable building would be secured at a cost of not less than £3,000. An amount was raised by subscription shortly after his decease, sufficient for this purpose, and an eligible site having been procured gratuitously from the City on the South Common, arrangements were at once made, and a suitable brick building was erected, capable of accommodating about forty pupils.

As a Report of the Directors, lately submitted to the Annual Meeting, is annexed, it is unnecessary to make further remarks than to express the hope that the blessing of God may attend this Institution, and that it may do all the good that the benevolent founder had in view in his kindly endeavors to increase the happiness and usefulness of this hitherto neglected class of our fellow-beings in this Province.

HALIFAX, January, 1881.

Board

Ten ye
of sight, t
tell the an
which hav
pupils wh
opening in
see as the
sexes, who
hoods, wer
would hav
and those
be elicited

The Ma
gratulate t
this very i
ferred with
any of the
have been
four on the
instructing
usefulness,

But whi
that has be
of further
1st. W
meetings, in
many friend
one of our
to posterity
our successo
great favor,
2nd. W
for heating