

proper proportion of flour, bran, &c. These facts we think go to show that the training imparted in this School is eminently practical in its character, enabling the graduates in the event of failure in one occupation to branch out in other directions. Miss Maggie Duke, of Richibucto, N. B., who graduated from the musical department last summer, is now maintaining herself as a music teacher in Acadia Mines. This young lady will, we feel certain, do credit to the Institution, and make for herself many friends in her new home.

The importance of the Musical Department has always been recognized by your Board, and whenever our funds would allow of it, we have gladly granted the Superintendent any assistance he may have asked for. The teaching of music is we believe the vocation best adapted to those who have been deprived of sight, provided always intellectual culture and refinement of manners, as well as a thorough knowledge of the art of teaching, be possessed by the blind instructor or instructress, and these remarks apply with equal force to those among the blind who follow the calling of pianoforte tuning.

Our workshops are thoroughly heated and well equipped throughout, and those who have visited them can testify as to the industry of the young men under instruction and the excellence of the work turned out. Mr. Baird, who is now master of the willow trade, is in a position to give the pupils as well as the adult workmen a clear and intelligent idea of the work he desires them to do, and it may safely be predicted that the mechanics turned out by him will be thorough, and conscientious workmen.

Your Board has expended this year in improvements and repairs the sum of \$441.97, which has added materially to the appearance and convenience of the southern building. A French roof has been placed upon the north wing of this building, and a portion of the room thus attained has been connected with the workshop as a stock room. The grounds have also been improved, although the outlay for this purpose was not so large as we could have wished.