

The parents of the blind throughout our Province, being generally poor, cannot contribute much towards their education.

The Treasurer's account, duly audited, shows Receipts this year from all sources to have been \$2,802 26, and Expenditure \$2,640 53; leaving a balance to credit of the Asylum in the year, of \$161 73, which will be absorbed in the payment for Books just received, and of a few outstanding accounts.

The Managers have to express their thanks to Dr. Dodge for his kindly attention to the pupils, who, they are happy to say, enjoyed excellent health generally during the year; also, to Dr. A. C. Cogswell, Dentist, who placed at their disposal his gratuitous services when needed in his department. They have also to record their high appreciation of the services of their Recording Secretary, Mr. Chas. Fletcher, who has devoted much time and labor for the benefit of the Institution gratuitously this year. The Corresponding Secretary has also done them good service. Thanks are also due to Mr. Chapin, Superintendent of Blind Asylum of Philadelphia, for procuring books; and to C. A. DeWolf, Esq., of Baltimore, and Messrs. S. Cunard & Co., of this city, for forwarding and delivering to us per steamer free of any charge; and to Messrs. Taylor, Carvell, and Innis, Railway Superintendents, for free tickets for the Pupils to their homes in the Midsummer and Christmas holidays.

Religious services have been weekly conducted by Mr. Theakston, City Missionary, and other friends, which have been highly enjoyed by the inmates, and are, doubtless, of much benefit to them.

On concluding their labors for the present year, the Board of Managers entertain the hope, that whoever may be their successors, the same cordiality and good feeling which now exists, may continue to characterise all connected with the Institution, and that it may ever make rapid progress in bringing *light*, happiness, and usefulness to this hitherto helpless and interesting class of our fellow beings.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. F. AVERY, PRESIDENT.

Halifax, N. S.,

27th December, 1872.

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