

We have adopted a system of marking similar to that used in some of our Public Schools and a record is kept of the standing of the pupils in their various studies. The highest number attainable is 10, and first class certificates are given to those whose average is above 9.

At the close of the school year in June, prizes were awarded to those who had obtained the best average for the term.

#### SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Prize 1st.	Lewis A. Fletcher, DeBert,	Average Record	9.89
“ 2nd.	Maggie Hunter, LaHave,	“	9.88

#### MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

“ 1st.	Janet C. McNeil, Pictou,	“	10.0
“ 2nd.	Edward Leadham, Musquodoboit,	“	9.90

#### BOYS' MANUFACTURING DEPARTMENT.

“ 1st.	David A. Baird, Ishgonish,
“ 2nd.	Daniel Reid, Pictou.

#### GIRLS WORK DEPARTMENT.

Elizabeth Smith, Halifax.

The average attendance during the year has been 13. Three pupils have left the school; one of them, a young man, intends establishing a Broom Factory in the vicinity of Truro. We have received two new pupils this term, a young man from New Brunswick; and a little girl from P. E. Island.

I trust that the Legislature of each of these Provinces will in its next session, make provision for the education of the blind, and unite with Nova Scotia in supporting one efficient Institution, for the Maritime Provinces. During the summer I visited, accompanied by Miss Ross, six of the Pupils, and Mr. Dilworth, our Steward, 27 of the cities and towns of the Lower Provinces in each of which we gave a concert and a short school exhibition. Through these the Institution has become better known, and its object (viz. that of making the pupils self-reliant men and women), better understood.

The trip was a pecuniary success, and thanks are due to the many friends whose assistance aided in making it such.

There are still many blind children in our own Province who ought to be receiving an education, and I would urge on the parents of these the necessity of sending their children to the Institution, while they are still young, so that they may be fitted to become useful members of Society.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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