

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
ONTARIO INSTITUTION

FOR THE

Deaf and Dumb and the Instruction of the Blind.

To REV. DR. ORMISTON, *Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.*

DR. RYALL, *Secretary.*

E. STINSON, Esq., *Treasurer.*

REV. DR. RYERSON, *Chief Superintend't of Education.*

MAYOR CHARLTON.

HON. JUDGE LOGIE.

JOHN McKEOWN, Esq.

Rev. Sirs, and Gentlemen :

The undersigned respectfully reports for the year ending 31st December, 1867, as follows :

The year just closed has been one of unprecedented health among the inmates, and of general prosperity of the affairs of the Institution—many thanks to the liberality of County Councils, the public in general, and the corporation and city of Hamilton in particular. The number of pupils in attendance has been 64, eleven of whom have left during the year. Average attendance 53—thirty boys and twenty-three girls.

The salubrious and healthful location of Dundurn, with its ample accommodation, beautiful surroundings, and extensive play-grounds, added to the prompt attendance and skill of Dr. Ryall on the first approaches of illness among the inmates, combine to make us the happiest of happy families. But there is a drawback, the removal of which, can only be effected by a change in the management of the establishment. To this, I have frequently directed the attention of the individual members of your Board, and I sincerely hope that you will, before the close of the school for the summer vacation, be empowered by the Government to carry my views into practical effect. My proper position is in the department of instruction, where, freed from the anxiety and care of the general supervision, collecting funds, &c., I could the better throw my whole mind into the instruction of the deaf and dumb, and thus move in my native element. Placed in such a position my fondest anticipations would be realized.

Respectfully submitted.

J. B. MCGANN.