

Moreover, as the willow may be grown at their own homes, the cost of the material would be merely nominal, and the profits proportionately greater.

HEALTH.

We again record with thankfulness a year of almost uninterrupted health. Such sickness as has existed may be attributed to hereditary causes.

The benefit of the training given the pupils in the gymnasium was practically demonstrated in the case of Sidney Macdonald, with results so satisfactory, that they proved beyond a doubt that every Institution of this character should possess a thoroughly equipped gymnasium, such as that in connection with our School.

MISCELLANEOUS.

In our previous Reports we have referred at some length to the requirements of the different departments of the School, among which may be mentioned : First, a suitable music room, in which to place a pipe organ, in order that our pupils may be trained as Church organists. This branch of the musical education of the blind is carried on in Holland with great success. Second, additional music rooms, heated by a more convenient and economical method than that now employed.

The necessity of such an addition is very apparent to those who have inspected our present accommodation. Third, the introduction of new trades in our workshop, previously referred to.

The several departments of the Institution, have, up to this time, been equipped and brought to their present state of efficiency without any debt having been incurred ; but viewing prospectively the improvements and additions which must eventually be made, the cost of any one of which would require a larger expenditure of money than can be conveniently spared from the regular annual income, I would respectfully suggest the establishment of a fund formed from legacies, donations, etc., from which such improvements and additions may be made from time to time, as may be deemed requisite or advisable by your Board.

CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

The efforts to establish a Circulating Library of raised print books, have, we are pleased to say, been successful. In this report, we have acknowledged the sum of \$435.00, as having been contributed towards this most desirable object, and I beg to tender my most sincere thanks to those who have so cheerfully aided in the furtherance of this benevolent scheme. Many of those who have signified their intention of assisting in the formation of this Library have not yet sent in their subscriptions ; it is to be hoped that such persons will not fail to fulfil the same.