

their care, calls for improved accommodation on a larger scale than has hitherto been attempted.

For some years past the Institution, while enjoying a degree of freedom from serious sickness rarely experienced in such Institutions has suffered from the effects of overcrowding and the lack of hospital accommodation. As a consequence of this, when last spring a case or two of diphtheria appeared among the pupils, in order to secure the proper isolation and treatment of the disease and prevent its spreading, it was found necessary to break up the school and send the pupils to their homes, to the interruption of their studies and the detriment of the Institution.

The matter has been earnestly pressed on their attention by the medical officers and the Principal of the Institution, and the Directors feel that no time should be lost in providing, as far as possible, for future emergencies of a similar kind that may arise.

They have accordingly resolved to proceed at once with the needful buildings. Plans have been prepared and the contract taken for the extension and elevation of the wings of the present building to a height uniform with the centre, including several other important alterations indispensable to the efficiency of the Institution. The cost of the work, which is to be finished by the first of December next, will be about *Five Thousand Dollars*.

The Directors have not the funds in hand to meet the heavy expense of this undertaking, but, convinced of its necessity, and trusting in Him who has the hearts of all men in his hands, and who has thus far blessed their efforts, they confidently appeal to the Christian community throughout Nova Scotia and the other Provinces, which have shared in the benefits of the Institution during the last seventeen years, to provide the means now required thus to extend and perpetuate the blessings of education to the "children of silence" within our borders.

Subscriptions will be thankfully received by Dr. Parker, Chairman of the Board; Geo. H. Starr, Esq., Treasurer; the Secretary; and Mr. Hutton, Principal of the Institution.

At the request of the Directors, Mr. Hutton will shortly undertake a personal canvas for subscriptions in the principal towns of the Province; and with the experience of the past in view, the Directors feel that it is quite superfluous to bespeak for him a courteous and liberal reception.

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Sec'y of the Board.

## THE LORD'S DAY.

The Committee of Synod on Sabbath Observance called attention in July to the running of trains on the Railways on the Lord's Day. Since that time a change has taken place which, we hope, is not permanent. Every Lord's Day morning a train arrives in St. John at 6.15, and at Halifax at 9 o'clock. We have yet to see it proved that this arrangement is a work of necessity or mercy. If it can be avoided, surely it ought to be. But worse still, we think, is the arrangement by means of which our Railways are used to convey Circus troupes by special trains on the Lord's Day. There can be no excuse or palliation for such an offence as this. We have no doubt the Synod's Committee will take notice of these matters and do what they can.

## OLD CATHOLICS.

The Old Catholic movement is at length extending to Southern Germany. In Bavaria, where the Government have adopted a neutral attitude, neither offering the Old Catholics any facilities nor placing any obstacles in their way, Bishop Reincken has consecrated a new church, the first building which the Old Catholics have erected in Germany; existing churches having in other parts been placed at their disposal. Many Bavarian churches are still jointly used by Protestants and Catholics, though the Ultramontanes have of late years endeavored to supersede this arrangement by the erection of additional edifices; but legal difficulties prevent the Old Catholics from sharing in this ecclesiastical partnership. At Limbach they have accordingly built a church of their own. It is stated that the Emperor William presented them with a quantity of metal from French guns, captured in the late war, to be cast into a bell. In Wurtemberg, the moderation shown by Bishop Heffele, of Rottenburg, has retarded the introduction of the movement, but an Old Catholic community has just been formed at Stuttgart.

The struggle between the Romanists and