met by the means provided in the past. While freely acknowledging the kindness of all who have extended a helping hand to sustain its operations, we would hope that the enforced economies of the past will not be the measure of our necessities in the future.

We would respectfully remind the members of our Legislature, the dispensers of the public funds, that the deaf and dumb are here, about one in every thousand of our population, and that they require to be educated. Is it not desirable, then, to provide an institution which will carry out the object fully and enectively? The promoters of such an object should not be required to struggle along year after year, with energies crippled for the want of funds. It should rather be the desire of our Legislature to provide an institution which will meet the requirements of an increasing population, and be a credit to the Province.

During the past year the operations of the institution have been carried on harmoniously and effectively. It is satisfactory to report that our work has not retrograded, but is equal to, if not in advance of, the previous year. The session has not been marked by any unusual event, and the work has gone on-without interruption and with fair results.

No change has occurred in our teaching staff. Mr. Ernest Powers, who came from England to devote himself to the work, in December, 1883, still continues in charge of the Second Class, and fills the position with credit to himself and benefit to his pupils.

The general health of our family has been exceedingly good. There has been no case of serious illness among our pupils during the whole session; but coughs, colds, and other trivial ailments, to which children are always liable, we have, of course, not been without.

The situation of the institution is a healthy one. Our sanitary condition is excellent. A fine spring of pure water rises in the woods above the institution, and supplies us with this necessary of life in abundance. A good cow provides us with what milk we need. With pure air, good substantial food, clean beds, well ventilated rooms and plenty of out of door exercise, there is little cause to fear sickness; and when it does come, their systems are pre-

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