

that the School has been, and is doing for the blind of Eastern Canada and Newfoundland, as good work as our opportunities and the means at our command make possible.

*A Grateful Acknowledgment.* — The equipment of our school department has recently been greatly improved by the addition of a number of Physiological, Botanical, Geographical and Natural History models.

These models, which were presented to the School by Messrs. B. F. Pearson and W. B. Ross, Q. C., are dissectible, and are admirably adapted to the needs of our pupils. The kind thought of these gentlemen in thus remembering the School, and in placing within reach of the pupils such valuable appliances, has been most thoroughly appreciated by our teaching staff as well as by the pupils themselves. With the apparatus now at our command, more efficient work can be carried out and better results secured. I trust that the gift of Messrs. Pearson and Ross may stimulate other friends of the School to follow their example, and thus enable us to still further increase our outfit of tangible appliances.

*Text-Books.* — For many years we have been dependent upon the press of the British and Foreign Blind Association of London for such text books as we required. These books, although excellent in their way, were limited in their number, and not altogether adapted to the requirements of a Canadian School for the Blind. This lack of suitable text-books in raised print has hitherto been overcome by the pupils writing from dictation such matter as their teachers desired them to study. It can be readily understood that the writing out by hand of these text books has been a slow and laborious process, and has absorbed a larger measure of the time of the pupils than was at all desirable.

Mr. Henry M. Whitney, of Boston, so well and favorably known throughout Canada as the successful organizer of the Dominion Coal Company, and subsequently of the Dominion Iron & Steel Co., having had his attention called to our need for an up-to-date method of producing suitable literature for our pupils, kindly purchased and presented to the School an interpointing Braille stereotyper and point print press. These machines, which are manufactured by Messrs. Harrison & Seifried, Chicago, are of the very latest and most improved pattern. With these machines we can stereotype upon thin brass or zinc plates the matter which we wish to reproduce, and from these plates we can strike off fifty, one hundred, or if need be one thousand copies in raised print.

The process is expeditious and the cost of books thus printed is comparatively small. The value of this printing outfit to the work of our School department will readily be appreciated by those who realize the time and labor saved our teachers and pupils. Mr.

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