

## LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

The work of this department calls for no special comment; the Quarterly and Terminal Examinations, the public exercises, as well as the several examinations held before the Committees of the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly, have fully demonstrated the aptitude of our pupils for acquiring and crystalizing the knowledge imparted to them. We recognize that the best capital of a blind person is his or her brains; and that in developing these we are laying the best foundation for their success in life. It affords me much pleasure to record the fact that Mr. E. P. Fletcher, one of our graduates, has matriculated and entered upon his regular course as a student in Acadia College.

## MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

This department, always most popular with our pupils, may be regarded as the main-stay of the school; since the majority of those who graduate from this Institution, utilize the knowledge gained in it while here. Ten years ago people were incredulous as to the teaching capabilities of a person deprived of sight; but time has served to efface the erroneous impression then existing, and our graduates now go forth feeling confident that a field in which to labour can be found without difficulty. Simon Merry and Miss Jane Gillis graduated from this department at the close of the last school year. The former writing from Liverpool, N. S., says: "I have already secured a first-rate class of music pupils. Beside those taking lessons on the piano, I have several cabinet organ and singing pupils. I am glad that you made me a general teacher, as it enables me to get a larger class than I otherwise would." Such an expression from one who has passed through the regular musical course in this school is the best testimony as to the efficiency of the work carried out in the Institution. A new and much needed piano has been added to the stock of musical instruments.

*Pupils receiving instruction in Music.*

Piano-forte .....	19
Cabinet Organ .....	2
Musical Notation in point system .....	10
"                "      staff      " .....	6
Choir .....	17
Piano tuning .....	6