

GENERAL REMARKS.

During the vacation I had the privilege of attending a Convention of instructors of the blind, which met in Philadelphia in the month of August. Many valuable suggestions were made as to the best method of conducting special schools. Essays were read on the employment of the blind, showing that a very large percentage of those who have received instruction have become self-supporting. Attention was called to the fact that the Type-writer might be used to advantage in business or other correspondence. During a session of the Convention a new and complete knitting machine was exhibited, which was worked successfully by a blind girl. An interesting essay was read on the present social condition of the blind as compared with that of former periods, showing that since the establishment of special schools, not only the mental and moral, but also the social condition of the blind has been greatly elevated. In the Centennial Exhibition were to be found specimens of work from almost every civilized country, executed by blind persons, Egypt and Brazil not excepted. Thanks to our growing number of interested friends, and to the Press of this and the neighbouring Provinces, our school is daily becoming better known, and its objects better understood. I trust that the day is not far distant when the blind of the Maritime Provinces shall share with those who are blessed with sight, the advantages of a free and liberal education.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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