

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL.

To the Board of Managers :

It gives me much pleasure to lay before the Board of Managers the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Scholastic year ending 30th June, 1883.

The year just closed has been one of steady progress in all the departments, and in the general prosperity of the Institution, while the labours of the officers and teachers have been carried on with the utmost harmony and good feeling.

The number of children admitted during the year has been 42, 38 remaining to the close of the session, while four left or were removed from the city. The pupils comprised sixteen girls and twenty-six boys. Of this number twenty seven paid fees, ranging from thirty to one hundred and thirty dollars per annum, according to the circumstances of the parents; and fifteen were free pupils.

THE EDUCATIONAL WORK.

Notwithstanding the length of time which has elapsed since the Institution was commenced, and the numerous published reports which have been issued, there are yet many people who fail to comprehend the objects for which the Mackay Institution was founded. Some believe it to be an asylum or permanent home for Deaf-Mutes of all ages, and others think it is an hospital for the cure of deafness. When the public are informed that the Institution is a Boarding School for the secular instruction and religious and moral training of deaf-mute children of good mental calibre, they will recognize the objects for which the school is maintained.

The Blind of school age can now be admitted, inasmuch as a special provision for this object was made in the Act of Incorporation. There are, as far as can be ascertained, but very few blind children of Protestant parentage in the Province of Quebec. Numerous enquiries through the Press, and by letters and circu-