

Upon our representation that \$120 per annum, even when supplemented by private donations and the interest derived from investments, was not sufficient to keep the school in the state of efficiency already attained, the Government most liberally agreed, with the consent of the Legislature, to increase the yearly allowance to \$150 per capita. This increase the Legislature most cordially endorsed, and hence the forebodings of embarrassment to which we gave expression last year have been dispelled, and we are able to meet you to-day with all our financial obligations discharged, and with a slight balance of \$32.22 on the right side to carry forward. If the Legislatures of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island make a similar increase in their grants for the education of their blind, our receipts should be sufficient to meet all legitimate current expenses. This of course does not include capital outlay such as would be incurred in the construction of an Assembly Hall, or in the building of a house for the accommodation of adult workmen. An Assembly Hall, capable of accommodating from three to four hundred persons, has long been a felt want for the holding of public meetings in connection with the School, and the house for adult workmen, although not absolutely necessary, would be of very great advantage to those receiving instruction in our workshops.

It will be seen by the Superintendent's report that the number of pupils registered is the same as at the same date last year. Of those who left the Institution at the close of the last school year we have every reason to believe that they benefitted by the course of instruction received here. Ainslie Shaw, of Musquodoboit, (whose exemplary conduct while a pupil deserves special mention) has opened a general store in his native place, and this reminds us that several of those who have graduated from the Institution are following callings outside of the ordinary beaten track followed by the blind. One is a manufacturer of venetian blinds which he cuts, strings, and hangs without assistance; another is the manager of a grist mill which he operates without help, receiving and grinding the grain and measuring out and delivering to his customers their

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