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EDUCATION OF THE BLIND.

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In presenting my report upon the work of this Institution for the year ending September 30th, 1899, it is not my desire to make any lengthy remarks in reference to its management and the course of instruction imparted to the pupils.

The very full reports of the Principal, Instructors and Examiners which are submitted give in detail the work done during the year.

The past history of this Institution entitles it to a foremost position with similar institutions in Canada, and in other countries.

The Principal and the Teachers have, with undiminished zeal, applied their energies to the utmost in furthering the interests of the pupils attending the school.

There have been but few changes in the teaching staff and officers during the past year, and those changes have not in any way militated against the interests of the Institution.

The farm proper yielded its usual returns, although, owing to the dry season, the potatoes and other vegetables were a short crop.

The Officers, Teachers and Instructors have diligently discharged their several duties and have at all times been courteous and attentive in rendering me every assistance in connection with the Institution.

During the first part of the year diphtheria made its appearance among the children, and caused considerable anxiety to the officers. About 150, including officers and pupils were treated with anti-toxin, which seemed to have a good effect in preventing the spread of the disease. This was followed by another epidemic in the form of "la grippe," which caused a good deal of sickness. The Principal was prostrated with pneumonia for some weeks and unable to attend to his duties, although the pupils did not suffer in consequence, as Mr. Wickens attended not only to his duties as teacher but performed the duties of principal until Mr. Dymond recovered.