

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE

HALIFAX SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.

In submitting this, the Nineteenth Annual Report of the Halifax School for the Blind, the Board of Managers request for it the careful consideration of the members of this Corporation as well as of the public in general.

Commencing in August, 1870, with four pupils, the School has slowly but steadily increased in numbers up to the present time, when the total number of pupils enrolled is 33, of whom 31 are in actual attendance. During the earlier years, when the School was comparatively unknown, and when its field for usefulness was limited to the blind of the Province of Nova Scotia, the growth of the Institution was not in any way marked, but in recent years our constituency has been extended to the four Maritime Provinces, and a large increase in the number of pupils has been the result. During the year just closed, nine new pupils were admitted, and applications for three others accepted, and it is now apparent that the work being done by the School is being more than ever appreciated by the parents and relatives of those deprived of sight. Under these circumstances, your Board have taken into serious consideration the necessity of making provision for a larger School than we are at present in a position to accommodate, and so soon as the plans and specifications are agreed upon, we purpose seeking legislative and public assistance in providing funds towards the erection of at least one wing to the main building, of sufficient size to meet our requirements for at least a decade to come. The necessity that exists for this extension is fully set forth in the Report