

Superintendent's Report.

To the President and Board of Managers of the "HALIFAX INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND."

GENTLEMEN,—I have much pleasure in submitting for your consideration the following Report and trust that it may meet with your approval.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

The pupils have made satisfactory progress in the various branches taught in this department. Through the liberality of the Legislative of Nova Scotia the school has been supplied with books, cyphering boards and other needful apparatus, and the Institution is now in a position to give our blind youth a thorough English education.

MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

Music is a study in which the pupils take special pleasure. They earnestly seek for a knowledge of the Art, and steadily labour to accomplish their desire, feeling confident that in time their efforts will be crowned with success, and that they, like their fellow blind in the neighboring Republic, will be prepared to take their places in the world as thorough teachers of the Pianoforte, Organ, &c. Instruction in music is given to those pupils whose talents warrant the belief that they will ultimately succeed. A fine cabinet pipe Organ and Piano have been purchased during the last year.

TUNING DEPARTMENT.

The tuning of Pianos, offers to the energetic blind a comparatively lucrative business. This being known it was thought advisable to give the pupils an opportunity of acquiring knowledge in this branch. A class of four young men was formed and have been receiving instruction for the past six months. Their progress is highly satisfactory.

BOYS' MANUFACTURING DEPARTMENT.

The manufacture of brooms was commenced at the close of last year, under the direction of Mr. Wright, and the brooms made have given entire satisfaction. The cane seating of chairs has been carried on successfully and forms a large part of the work done by the pupils.

GIRLS' WORK DEPARTMENT.

The girls receive instruction in Knitting, Crochet, and Bead Work. They are also taught the use of the Sewing Machine.