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The boundary lines and mountain ranges being marked by still greater elevations, while the courses of the rivers are indicated by depressed lines. The position of cities, towns, rivers, &c., are represented by Braille figures, the meaning of which may be easily ascertained by reference to the keys. The remaining studies such as Grammar, Spelling, History and Natural Philosophy are taught orally, or by the aid of raised printed books.

I have much pleasure in stating that the pupils have made satisfactory progress in all the branches taught.

MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

The study of Music has been vigorously pursued by the pupils, and in some cases very creditable improvement has been made. In this study the Braille system of Musical notation is used, with which the blind can write down and afterwards read and commit any composition they may have read to them. The class in Piano tuning have improved, so that now several of them are able to tune and repair Pianos. Those who are qualified will leave the Institution at the close of the school year, and settle as resident tuners in different parts of the Province.

WORK DEPARTMENT.

Our boys are taught to work at some handicraft, such as broom making and cane seating, either of which trades may be acquired and worked successfully by a blind person. The girls receive instruction in the use of the sewing machine, in plain sewing, knitting, and fancy bead and wool work.

At the close of the school year prizes were awarded to those pupils who had obtained the highest number of marks. Annexed will be found a record of the standing of each pupil, with the names of the successful competitors for the prizes.

I regret to have to record the death of one of our pupils, a little girl named Elizabeth LeBrocq, from Georgetown, P. E. I., who died of rheumatic fever, on the 5th February last. This little child had made herself a general favourite, and her death cast a gloom over our otherwise happy school, the remainder of the pupils have enjoyed excellent health.

During the summer vacation I visited the eastern part of the Province, in search of pupils, I found in all eleven blind children, six

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