

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the President and Board of Managers of the School for the Blind :

GENTLEMEN,—

The table of attendance herewith submitted shows that 128 blind persons have been under instruction during the past year, 80 of whom were males and 48 females. Of these 16 have since graduated, or remained at home, making the total number registered Dec 1st, 1899, 112, of whom 70 are males and 42 females. Of these 65 are from the Province of Nova Scotia, 34 from New Brunswick, 5 from Prince Edward Island, and 8 from Newfoundland.

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE.

| | Boys. | Girls. | Adults. | Total. |
|------------------------------------|-------|--------|---------|--------|
| Registered Dec. 1st, 1898..... | 64 | 29 | 3 | 106 |
| Entered during the year..... | 11 | 9 | 2 | 22 |
| Graduated or remained at home..... | 10 | 6 | .. | 16 |
| Registered Dec. 1st, 1899 | 65 | 42 | 5 | 112 |

Introductory.—Although the school year just closed has been devoid of any specially marked features, it has nevertheless been a year of steady and very satisfactory development.

The work of each department of the School has been carefully revised, and the general standard has been advanced. Profiting from the knowledge gained from long experience, we have endeavored to avoid the educational ruts into which the work of a school so naturally drops. Our teachers are themselves students, and they fully realize that upon their efforts, energy and enthusiasm depends in no small measure the after success of the pupils. We have entrusted to our tuition and care upwards of one hundred young people. Each of these boys and girls has his or her own mental and physical characteristics, and each requires, and should receive, such a training as will best equip him or her for the battle of life.

Every effort is made to ensure the success of our pupils when they leave the School, and while we do not pretend that every pupil will ultimately become self-supporting, we can with pardonable satisfaction point to the record of our graduates and claim