

The Board desires to express its appreciation of the faithful and thorough work being accomplished by the members of the teaching staff, and to express its high estimate of the talents of heart and mind which are daily and hourly displayed by those engaged in the active work of the education and training of the blind in this school.

Our school register now shows that we have fifty-two pupils in attendance, and applications for the admission of several new pupils have recently been received. While we feel assured that the number of the blind is not on the increase, it is gratifying to feel that the advantages of the school are being more and more appreciated, and, as our limit has almost been reached, it is quite evident that we must shortly seriously consider the question of adding to our buildings. In this matter, as in all matters respecting the welfare of this school, we rely upon the intelligent sympathy and generous support of the friends of the blind, and we feel certain that our efforts to further the interests of those who in God's all-wise Providence have to fight the battle of life under manifold disadvantages, will, as heretofore, receive encouragement and liberal help.

During the past year no serious case of illness has occurred, the health of the pupils having been unusually good. Every effort is made to provide those entrusted to our care with wholesome food, clean surroundings, and such an environment as will best conduce to their health and happiness.

The pupils are engaged in their studies and other occupations from seven to nine hours daily, but care is taken to supply indoor and outdoor amusements so as to render their hours of recreation enjoyable. During the year the sum of \$248 has been expended upon internal improvements and upon the grounds. The inadequacy of the hot water supply for laundry and bathing purposes rendered a change necessary, and during the summer a complete hot water system was introduced for these purposes, and has proved both economical and satisfactory. Many other minor improvements have been made which make it possible to carry on the work of the domestic department with greater efficiency. Miss Bowman, the matron of the school, has discharged her round of daily duties satisfactorily, and has been untiring in her efforts for the comfort of the household.

The constitution of the Corporation has been slightly changed so as to admit of a fuller recognition of those who liberally aid in the forwarding of the education of the blind