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Incorporated in the Year 1867.

Managers and Officers of the Institution.

Board of Managers for 1897.

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WM. MILLER.
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Premier of New Brunswick.
HON. FREDERICK PETERS,
Premier of P. E. Island.
SIR WM. WHITEWAY,
Premier of Newfoundland.

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VICE-PRESIDENT.

JAMES C. MACKINTOSH.

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JOHN DUFFUS.

SECRETARY.

C. F. FRASER.

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JOHN DUFFUS.
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GEORGE MITCHELL.

Instruction—W. C. SILVER.
JAIRUS HART.
THOS. RITCHIE.
WM. ROBERTSON.

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HON. L. G. POWER.
JAIRUS HART.

House—W. C. SILVER.
JAIRUS HART.
J. Y. PAYZANT.
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Officers and Staff.

SUPERINTENDENT.

C. F. FRASER, M.A.

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MISS C. R. FRAME.

S. R. HUSSY

MISS J. HOWE.

MISS CUMMING.

Languages.—PROF. J. LANOS.

Music.—PROF. A. M. CHISHOLM & H. B. CAMPBELL.

Violin.—PROF. SIEBELTS.

Cello.—HERR DOERING.

Music-Reader.—MISS LAURA OWEN.

Girls' Work Department.—MRS. G. A. DUDLEY.

TUNING INSTRUCTOR.

D. M. REID.

ELECTRICAL INSTRUCTOR.

S. J. HARRIVEL.

TRADE INSTRUCTOR.

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GYMNASTIC INSTRUCTOR.

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ATTENDING PHYSICIAN.

DR. A. W. LINDSAY.

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G. N. TOWELL.

OPHTHALMIC PHYSICIAN.

DR. S. DODGE

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TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE

SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.

BELL.

The Board of Managers have much pleasure in submitting to the members of the Corporation, the Governments and Legislatures interested, and to the friends of the Blind, the twenty-sixth annual report of the School, and in doing so they desire to express their gratitude to Almighty God for the many blessings the School is now enjoying, and for the encouragement they have received during the past year in the efforts they have made to promote the welfare of those who are deprived of sight.

The report of the Superintendent, which deals in detail with the entire work of the School, gives a clear idea of the educational facilities now within reach of the Blind of the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland, and so far as the funds at command will allow, your Board is endeavoring to yearly improve these facilities, so that the graduates may be the better prepared to take their places in the world. It must be remembered that those who are trained in the School have always to meet the competition of persons blest with sight, and that the only way to ensure the success of the music teacher or pianoforte tuner, who is blind, is to give him the best training possible, and thus enable him to claim and merit a share of patronage.

Through the benevolence of the late William Murdock, Sir William Young, John P. Mott and others, we have been enabled to raise the standard of efficiency in each of our educational departments, and while much yet remains to be accomplished, we feel that the members of the association and the friends of the Blind may congratulate themselves upon the position which the School has attained, and upon the solid character of the work that is being

done. The Institution has been very fortunate in securing as teachers thoroughly educated and zealous men and women, and your Board has pleasure in expressing its entire satisfaction with the work they are accomplishing, and its acknowledgment of the untiring devotion to duty evinced by the members of the teaching staff.

The Domestic department of the School is one that requires constant and careful supervision, in order that it may be carried on efficiently and economically, and that the household, comprising one hundred persons in all, may be comfortably lodged and fed. The duties of our Matron, Mrs. Dudley, and our Steward, Mr. G. N. Towell, have greatly increased during the past year, and it was found necessary to appoint an assistant matron to take special charge of the clothing of the pupils, and otherwise look after the cleanliness of the younger children. Mrs. Dudley, the bright and energetic matron, and Miss Jost her assistant, are busy from morn till eve looking after the comfort and well being of the pupils, while our efficient steward, Mr. Towell, who is the right man in the right place, superintends the work of the kitchen, dining rooms, laundry and furnace room, as well as looking after the improvements on the School grounds. The fact that there is so little sickness among the pupils testifies to the care and attention which they constantly receive.

The number of pupils from Nova Scotia attending the School shows a comparatively small increase over that of last year, but a very large increase as compared with the number in attendance two years since. The respective attendance being as follows: 1894, twenty-eight pupils, 1895, forty-one pupils, 1896, forty-seven pupils. The increase from 1894 to 1895 was mainly due to the fact that the act respecting the education of the Blind in Nova Scotia was changed so as to allow us to admit pupils between six and ten years of age. It will be noted that the increase between 1895 and 1896 is less than one-half of that in the previous year. Statistics respecting the Blind as a rule are very unreliable, but we feel confident that a large percentage of the youthful blind of this province are now receiving an education, and for this we are deeply grateful to the Legislature of Nova Scotia, which, by its statutory provisions, has enabled us to do so much for the training of those deprived of sight.

The Legislature of New Brunswick during its last session amended the act relating to the Blind so as to allow us to receive little children between the ages of six and ten years, and of the twelve new pupils from that province nine have been admitted this year as a result of this amendment. The following shows the attendance of New Brunswick pupils for the past two years: 1884, 12; 1895, 17; 1896, 25. We do not anticipate that the numbers

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in attendance from New Brunswick will continue to increase in the same ratio, but as yet the percentage of Blind youth from New Brunswick receiving an education has not reached its natural limit. Your Board feel deeply indebted to the Government and Legislature of New Brunswick for the liberal manner in which they have provided for the education of the Blind, and believe their action will be indorsed by the broad-minded men and women of that province. Five pupils are in attendance from the Island of Prince Edward, an increase of one over the previous year, and it affords us pleasure to state that the Government of the Island will, at the next session of the legislature, introduce an act making education in this institution free to the Blind of that province. This recognition of the educational rights of those who are deprived of sight will be a credit to the Legislators and people of Prince Edward Island, and a blessing to the youthful Blind of that province. Nine pupils are in attendance from the province of Newfoundland, being an increase of one as compared with the attendance in 1895. The Government and Legislature of Newfoundland have had to retrench in many directions in order to make the revenue meet expenditure, but to their credit it may be said that no diminution has been made in the grant for the education of their Blind in this School, and it may be reasonably hoped that with increasing revenue at their command provision will be made for increasing the number of Newfoundland pupils sent to the school.

Shortly after the last annual meeting, your Board took active measures to provide the additional accommodations so urgently required. A deputation of the Managers waited upon the Executive Council of Nova Scotia and presented the claims of the School, and urged the Government to recommend a grant towards the proposed new building. Under date of Feb. 19th we received a minute in council to the effect that a special appropriation of six thousand dollars for the purpose named would be recommended to the Legislature at its next session. This sum having been assured, and having been further supplemented by subscriptions to the amount of four thousand dollars, the services of Architect J. C. Dumaresq, were engaged to draw up plans and specifications of the new building, and alterations in the main building. Tenders were then called for. The contract was awarded to Mr. S. Marshall, whose work in erecting the east wing had proved so satisfactory. The contract for supplying the hot water heating apparatus was awarded to Macdonald & Co. The building was commenced in the early part of April and, notwithstanding the wet season, has been pushed to its present state of completion with commendable energy, and will be ready for occupation within a few weeks.

The building is in every way adapted for the purpose for which it has been erected, and, taken in conjunction with the alterations to the main buildings, which have been carried out, will materially add to the comfort and convenience of the establishment, as well as greatly improve the appearance of the institution. The building is a fitting memorial to mark the completion of the first quarter of a century's work in educating the Blind in these Provinces, and serves to show how the School has in twenty-five years grown from its modest beginning of four pupils to its present satisfactory state.

The gratifying response which has been made to our appeal for assistance has in a great measure relieved your Board from the anxiety which is naturally entailed by the erection of a building, the cost of which will not be less than \$22,500. Of this amount we have assured, including the appropriation from the Nova Scotia Government, \$19,282.16, and we trust that friends will be found who will subscribe the balance required. The Board of Managers desire to express their gratitude to those who have so generously aided them in their undertaking, and trust that the benefactors and friends who have rallied around the School will find their reward in the satisfaction of knowing that they have helped forward a truly noble work, and an institution which is not only a blessing to the Blind but a source of pride to the people of the Provinces from which the pupils are drawn.

The great advance made during the past year, and the satisfactory financial statement connected therewith, are largely due to the administrative abilities, and the untiring zeal of the Superintendent, Mr. C. F. Fraser.

The Treasurer's statement herewith submitted shows the receipts on current account to have been \$12,825.73, and the expenses \$12,708.59, leaving a small balance in the bank to the credit of the School.

In addition to the donations elsewhere acknowledged your Board gratefully acknowledge the receipt of \$200 from the estate of the late Mrs. Keith of Halifax, \$50 from the late Mons. Carmody, and a further sum of \$3,530.77 from the estate of the late John P. Mott.

The thanks of the Board of Managers are hereby tendered Drs. Lindsay, Dodge, Kirkpatrick and Cogswell, for their kindly attention to the pupils, and to the railways, steamships, and coach proprietors for the privileges granted to our pupils.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. C. SILVER,
President.

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 95 Blind persons have been under instruction during the past year, 63 of whom were males, and 32 females. 9 of these have since graduated or left the School, making the total number in attendance Dec. 1st, 1896, 86 ; of whom 56 are males, and 30 females. Of these 47 are from the Province of Nova Scotia, 25 from New Brunswick, 5 from Prince Edward Island, and 9 from Newfoundland.

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE.

	Boys.	Girls.	Adults.	Total.
Registered Dec. 1st, 1896.....	49	20	1	70
Entered during the year.....	13	12	0	25
Graduated or remained at home... 6	2	1	1	9
Registered Dec. 1st, 1896.....	56	30	0	86

LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

The importance of a good education to one who is deprived of sight can never be too clearly impressed upon the public mind. To those who have given the matter a few moments' serious consideration it is at once apparent that the physical disability of blindness is accentuated to a marked degree when the mind of the person deprived of sight is untrained and unenlightened. Our best efforts to prepare our pupils for leading useful, active lives would be fruitless were it not for the thorough and systematic training they receive in the School-room ; and indeed the fact that so many of our graduates follow occupations other than those in which the Institution affords special training, proves that, given a good education, the limitations of a blind person are only individual, and therefore, that it is our privilege as well as our duty to give each pupil the broadest and most effective educational training that he is capable of receiving.

In reviewing the work of the past year several changes may be noted—the increase in the Kindergarten department of from 12 to

25 pupils has made it necessary to sub-divide it and arrange for the assistant teacher, Miss Howe, to devote additional time to the work. In this way Miss Fletcher, who has charge of the department, has been enabled to divide her time between the new pupils and those who entered during the previous year. Miss Fletcher's success as an enthusiastic Kindergartener, and Miss Howe's love of her work, have made the School-room a delight to their pupils, and a broad and permanent foundation is being laid for the education of each child in this department. Froebel aimed at developing the senses by means of personal observation, and he conceived the idea of cultivating the judgment by comparative analogy. The charm of his system lies in its attractiveness to children, and in its universal adaptability. Had he spent a lifetime as a teacher in a School for the Blind he could not possibly have devised a system which would have proved more suitable for the training of little blind children. Dependent as the after success of these children is upon strong bodies, bright intellects and keen senses, it is certain that no system of education, saving that of Froebel, could produce results so pleasing alike to teacher and pupil, and so full of hopeful promise for the future.

The regular school work of the pupils from eleven years of age and upwards, has been carried on with zeal and thoroughness. Since the opening of the present term it was found impracticable to grade the pupils satisfactorily without employing a portion of the time of an additional teacher, and the School was fortunate in securing the services of Miss Cumming, a graduate of Dalhousie College. Miss Cumming has shown an intelligent interest in her work, and with more experience bids fair to become a most valuable addition to our teaching staff. Miss Frame, our earnest, painstaking and ambitious teacher, lives in the lives of her pupils, and morally speaking, her influence, like that of gravitation, is ever working quietly, strongly, and irresistibly. Mr. Hussy's success demonstrates that a good student makes the best teacher, and year by year he climbs to higher educational heights, and by example teaches his pupils not to be content with the dull level of mediocrity.

The teachers of the School in every way merit the confidence of the pupils, and it is with the most sincere pleasure that I give expression to my own satisfaction with the work that is being accomplished and my heartfelt appreciation of the teaching staff of our Literary department. During the past year special attention has been given to the preparation of our pupils for business life, and several of the young men have received instruction in Commercial Arithmetic, Book-keeping, etc. A member of this class, Willard Smith, of St. Stephens, N. B., graduated from the School last June, and is about opening a grocery store in his own locality.

The study of French and German under the tuition of Prof. Lanos has been carried on throughout the year with excellent results. In addition to his regular classes, Prof. Lanos, by his own request, has been teaching French to the pupils in the Kindergarten department, and the ease with which they have acquired the pronunciation of the language, and the facility with which they express and translate short French sentences makes me more than ever hopeful that with careful training our graduates may find remunerative employment as teachers of languages.

MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

The question is frequently asked how blind persons can teach music to children with sight. The doubt as to the ability of the blind teacher is not with regard to his knowledge of touch, time, or expression, but rather as to his conception of the printed music which he can neither see nor feel. It may seem inconceivable that a blind music teacher can take a child from her first music lesson and teach her to recognize by sight the notes and other signs on the printed page before her, and yet this is constantly being done by our graduates. The secret of their success lies in the training which gives them an accurate knowledge of how music is printed; and as they commit to memory the exercises, studies, or pieces which they purpose teaching, they can direct the pupil not only successfully, but with absolute certainty. Some years since one of our graduates taught her little brother to correctly write out and perform difficult arithmetical problems, and another taught his little brother four years of age, to read from an ordinary ink print primer. It is therefore evident that, however useful sight may be, it is not an absolute essential to a well trained instructor. Those who have received musical instruction from our graduates have frequently expressed to me their appreciation of the thoroughness and skill of their teachers: and it is gratifying to note that the musical department has grown steadily with the growth of the School, and that the success of the graduates is a constant inspiration to the pupils who are now receiving training. Mr. A. M. Chisholm, our musical director, has discharged his duties as heretofore in a thoroughly satisfactory manner. The performance of his pupils, individually or collectively, being the best testimony to his skill as an instructor. Owing to the increased number of pupils now being given a musical education, Mr. H. B. Campbell, who graduated from the School last June, has been engaged as a music teacher, and is proving by his work that he is in every way a competent and desirable assistant. Mr. Jacob Wilson, of St. John, N. B., who graduated with Mr. Campbell, is now endeavoring to establish himself as a music teacher in our sister city.

Miss Owen's faithful work in reading music to the pupils, and in teaching them the Brail musical notation, and the musical notation used by those with sight, well deserves a word of praise. Realizing the importance of giving our pupils as broad a musical education as possible, arrangements have been made with Herr Doering and Prof. Siebelts to instruct small classes in cello and violin playing; and this new departure, so in accord with the spirit of the times, has been greatly appreciated by the pupils. Of those receiving instruction in music 45 are studying the pianoforte, 7 the cabinet organ, 1 the pipe organ, 2 the cello, 4 the violin, 15 brass and reed instruments, 52 vocal music, 19 Brail musical notation, and musical notation for those with sight, and 8 harmony and composition.

The Tuning department has for the past few months been seriously crippled, owing to the lack of accommodation; but I hope that within a few weeks this department will be in full running order, and that Mr. Reid, the efficient tuning master, will, with increased facilities, secure even better results than those hitherto accomplished.

TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT.

In the Technical training of our pupils we have followed the lines which experience has proved to be the most advantageous to those who are deprived of sight. The lines include such handicrafts as willow basket-making, brush-making, and the cane seating of chairs. The majority of handicrafts have been so revolutionized by the use of machinery that they are no longer remunerative without it, and hence the field of occupation for the Blind has been restricted to such trades as do not require horse, steam or electric power. An industrious Blind person who has average mechanical ability, and who has received a thorough training in our workshops, can earn from \$250 to \$300 per annum; but few of our graduates are satisfied to remain so continuously at their work benches, and hence many of them branch out for themselves into other occupations, for which they have a special aptitude. I will here give an example which will illustrate this tendency.

William Porter, of Falmouth, N. S., entered the workshops of the Institution in November, 1878, and after remaining with us for one year he graduated as a brush-maker, and returned to his home in Falmouth. For some years he worked steadily at his trade and did well; but finding he could employ labor to advantage in cutting out and finishing his brush blocks, backs, handles, etc., he did so, and greatly increased the output of his factory. At a later period he introduced machinery for cutting laths and shingles, for the operation of which he employed additional hands. Mr. Porter now directs the operations of his mill and factory, attends

to all purchases and sales, and when necessary, drives for miles alone when his business calls him from home. Mr. Porter frankly admits that previous to entering the School he believed that he was destined to live a helpless, dependent life, whereas since leaving the Institution his time and thoughts have been fully occupied, his energies have been stimulated, and his life has been one of contentment and happiness.

Mr. D. A. Baird, our painstaking teacher, devotes his full time to giving instruction to the pupils, and the baskets and other articles manufactured in the workshop are the best evidence of his skill and competency.

Mr. L. A. Fletcher of DeBert, N. S., after having taken the full course of training, left the institution in June last, and received a certificate as a first-class basket maker. Mr. Fletcher proposes growing his willow at home, and by so doing hopes to realize a good return upon his sales.

Mr. S. J. Harivel, the energetic teacher of light electrical work, is an enthusiastic believer in this new occupation for the Blind, and is doing his best to demonstrate the accuracy of his belief. The fact that Mr. Harivel has himself practically tested the suitability of the occupation for those who are deprived of sight, and has proved beyond a doubt that a fair livelihood can be realized thereby, has induced us to give our pupils the benefit of his experience and training in the hope that it may be advantageous to them, and prove a new source of profitable occupation.

The instruction of our girls in sewing, knitting and the use of the sewing machines has been zealously carried on by their teacher, Mrs. Dudley, and each girl looks forward with eagerness to the time when she will complete the full and comprehensive course of work laid down, knowing that the skillful use of the needle or needles will prove to her a source of profit and pleasure.

GENERAL.

From time to time I have had the pleasure of reporting the gratifying results of operations performed upon the pupils by our Ophthalmic Surgeon, Dr. S. Dodge, and again it is satisfactory to report that one pupil has so far recovered her sight as to be able to attend the public schools, and that the sight of two others has been very materially improved. The services of Dr. Dodge are given to the School without remuneration, but I feel that the interest he has taken in the pupils, and his evident desire to have them realize to the fullest extent the greatest possibility of sight, deserves not only the thanks of the Board of Managers and the parents of the pupils benefitted, but the recognition of all who know how to appreciate the great blessings of sight.

The health of the pupils throughout the year has been exceptionally good, and while Dr. Lindsay, our attending physician, has made frequent visits to the School it has been rather to administer the ounce of prevention than the pound of cure.

Physically speaking our pupils have not reached the standard aimed at, but we may reasonably hope that as their physical training is now commenced at a very early age the results will in time show themselves.

Sergt.-Major Long, who conducts the girls' classes in calisthenics and the boys' classes in the Gymnasium, is an enthusiast in his profession, and has proved himself an exceptionally good instructor of the Blind. So soon as the contemplated improvements in our Gymnasium and grounds are carried out, our pupils will have more than ever before admirable opportunities for obtaining the recreation and physical exercise which is so necessary to those deprived of sight.

It is quite evident that the new wing to our building, now nearing completion, was not erected before it was required. The increase in the School during the past five years has truly been phenomenal, but it is not reasonable to suppose that this increase will longer continue at the same ratio. The following table will show the number of pupils in attendance on the respective dates named.

Month.	Year.	Pupils.
Dec.	1891.....	38
"	1892.....	46
"	1893.....	47
"	1894.....	52
"	1895.....	70
"	1896.....	86

We will have with our new building accommodation for 120 pupils, and, judging from the number of pupils entering during the past two years, and from the information now at command, this accommodation, so far as our main building is concerned, should meet the needs of the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland for at least ten years to come. As I stated in my last report I believed that the friends of the Blind were in full sympathy with our work, and that they would willingly contribute of their means to provide the increased accommodation required. This belief the many and very handsome subscriptions towards our building fund prove to have been well founded. True the amount subscribed is not yet sufficient to pay for the entire cost of the building, but I trust, as opportunity offers, to have the pleasure of presenting the claims of the School to a number of persons that I have not yet called upon, and feel con-

confident that their contributions with those who have already promised subscriptions will be sufficient to clear the building of debt, and enable us to continue the work without being hampered by the lack of funds.

I desire to express my deep sense of gratitude for the courteous manner in which I was received by those from whom subscriptions were being solicited, and my appreciation of the ready and cordial response with which my requests were met.

The School has now completed a quarter of a century of good practical work for those who are deprived of sight, and it is hoped that its future, so full of promise and beneficence, may, with God's blessing, prove advantageous to the Blind, so that its graduates may go forth strong Christian men and women, ready to take an active part in life's great work, and to prove a blessing to all with whom they come in contact.

In conclusion, gentlemen, allow me to thank the members of the Board of Managers for their cordial support and co-operation in carrying forward the work of educating the Blind, and to express the hope that, with increasing responsibility and increased experience, our mutual relations will continue to be as in the past, pleasant and satisfactory.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. F. FRASER,

Superintendent.

Register of Pupils in Attendance Dec. 31st, 1896.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Name.	Place.	Municipality.
Freela Kaulback	New Germany	Lunenburg.
Blanche Brewster	Ross Creek	Kings.
Florence Flinn	Halifax City	
Lucy Gammon	Tor Bay	Guysboro'.
Julia White	Yarmouth	Yarmouth.
Jennie Meuse	Yarmouth	Yarmouth.
Julienne LeVert	Friar's Head	Inverness.
Harriet Miller	Rhodes' Corner	Lunenburg.
Dora Neaves	Port Lorne	Annapolis.
Josie Sperry	Petite Riviere	Lunenburg.
Cora Langley	Green Harbour	Shelburne.
Loretta Paton	North Wallace	Cumberland.
Isabel Burgess	Halifax City	
Maggie McArthur	Trenton	Pictou.
Amanda Pineo	Kentville	Kings.
Ella Ogilvie	Halifax City	
Minnie Wynacht	LaHave Branch	Lunenburg.
W. H. D. Johnstone	Westville	Pictou.
George Steele	Stewiacke	Colchester.
Samuel Stewart	Westville	Pictou.
Simon Chisholm	West Cariboo	Pictou.
Ralph Giffin	Isaac's Harbour	Guysboro'.
George Corning	Brookville	Digby.
Edward Blackburn	Halifax City	
Hudson Smith	Trenton	Pictou.
Thomas Hubley	Halifax City	
Robert Finlayson	Truro	Colchester.
William McKenzie	Malagawatch	Inverness.
Ernest Ogilvie	Harbourville	Kings.
Thomas Fletcher	DeBert	Colchester.
Charles Kaulback	New Germany	Lunenburg.
W. H. Sterns	Liverpool	Queens.
Joseph Burke	St. Peter's	Richmond.
Arch. Chisholm	Ohio	Antigonish.
Alex. Duncan	Aylesford	Kings.
John Muise	Tusket Hill	Yarmouth.

Name.	Place.	Municipality.
George Melancon	Bellneck	Yarmouth.
Joseph Emino	Hebb's Cross	Lunenburg.
William Smith	Truro	Colchester.
Harry Giffin	Isaac's Harbour	Guysboro'.
Peter White	Yarmouth	Yarmouth.
Russel Briggs	Amherst	Cumberland.
Samuel Geller	Halifax City	
Samuel Rushton	Londonderry	Colchester.
John O'Donald	Halifax City	
Geo. Slaughenwhite	Italy Cross	Lunenburg.
Frank Kline	Halifax City	

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Alma Campbell	Sussex	Kings.
Maude McTavish	Red Bank	Northumberland
Adelaide Bullock	Forreston	Carleton.
Mary MacDonald	Welsford	Queens.
Martha Rankine	Chipman	Queens.
Louise Blaksley	Hartland	Carleton.
Lelia McGibbon	Moore's Mills	Charlotte.
Celestine Cormier	Moncton	Westmoreland.
Ellen McLeod	Coldbrook	St. John.
Alberta Kinsella	St. John City	
James Steeves	Coverdale	Albert.
Arthur Duffy	Hillsboro	Albert.
Stanley Day	Moncton	Westmoreland.
Paul Duffy	Hillsboro	Albert.
Sandford Upham	Prosser Brook	Albert.
Edward Riley	St. John City	
John Johnstone	Chatham	Northumberland
Hollis Lindsay	Woodstock	Carleton.
Wm. McLellan	St. George	Charlotte.
Walter Day	Moncton	Westmoreland.
Albert Thibideau	Moncton	Westmoreland.
Wm. Rankine	Chipman	Queens.
Ollivier Cormier	Moncton	Westmoreland.
Charles Campbell	Sussex	Queens.
Robt. Rankine	Chipman	Queens.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Name.	Place.
Lilian Breaker	St. John's City.
Ella Casey	St. John's City.
Leal Lyons	Bareneed.

Name.	Place.
Thos Davis.....	Harbour Grace.
Walter Barnes.....	St. John's City.
Michael Parnell.....	Petty Cove.
Edgar A. Bursley.....	Hants Harbour.
Ralph A. Morgan.....	Salmon Cove.
Henry Anthony.....	Salmon Cove.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Wm. Farrell.....	Sturgeon.
Vernor Jones.....	Pownel.
Frank McDonald.....	Charlottetown.
Geo. McPherson.....	Charlottetown.
Ray McGregor.....	Pownel.

ENTERED DURING THE YEAR.

Bessie Brown	Lunenburg, N. S.
Bertha Campbell.....	Folleigh, N. S.
Maggie McArthur	Trenton, N. S.
Amanda Pineo..	Kentville, N. S.
Ella Ogilvie	Halifax, N. S.
Minnie Wynacht.....	LaHave Branch, N. S.
Louise Blaksley	Hartland, N. B.
Lelia McGibbon	Moore's Mills, N. B.
Ellen McLeod.....	Coldbrook, N. B.
Alberta Kinsella	St. John, N. B.
Celestine Cormier.....	Moncton, N. B.
Leal Lyons	Bareneed, Nfd.
John O'Donald.....	Halifax, N. S.
Geo. Slaughenwhite	Italy Cross.
Lemuel Rushton.....	Londonderry, N. S.
Frank Kline	Halifax, N. S.
Henry Anthony	Conception Bay, Nfd.
Ray McGregor.....	Pownell, P. E. I.
Wm. McLellan.....	St. George, N. B.
Ollivier Cormier	Moncton, N. B.
Wm. Rankine.....	Chipman, N. B.
Walter Day	Moncton, N. B.
Albert Thibideau.....	Moncton, N. B.
Robert Rankine.....	Chipman, N. B.
Charles Campbell.....	Sussex, N. B.

GRADUATED OR REMAINED AT HOME.

Name.	Place.
Bessie Brown	Lunenburg, N. S.
Bertha Campbell	Folleigh, N. S.

Richard Benowd	Tracadie, N. S.
Lewis Fletcher	DeBert, N. S.
H. B. Campbell	Sussex, N. B.
Willard Smith	St. Stephen, N. B.
Jacob Wilson	St. John, N. B.
Charles White	Moncton, N. B.
Wm. Huelin	Bay St. George, Nfld.

PRIZES.

LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

1st Division.

1st Prize.—Wm. Mackenzie, Mallagawatch, C. B.
Thomas Hubley, Halifax, N. S.

2nd Division,

1st Prize.—Thomas Fletcher, DeBert, N. S.
2nd Prize.—Mary MacDonald, Welsford, N. B.

3rd Division.

1st Prize.—Paul Duffy, Hillsboro, N. B.
2nd Prize.—Harriet Miller, Bridgewater, N. S.

ENGLISH LITERATURE.

1st Prize.—Wm. Sterns, Liverpool, N. S.
2nd Prize.—Thomas Fletcher, Debert, N. S.

PRIZES FOR SPELLING CONTESTS.

[Offered by Rev. A. Chute and J. Johnson Hunt, D.C.L., Halifax]

1st Division.

1st Prize.—Wm. Mackenzie, Mallagawatch, C. B.
Thomas Hubley, Halifax, N. S.

2nd Division.

1st Prize.—Vernor Jones, Pownell, P. E. I.
2nd Prize.—Earnest Ogilvie, Harborville, N. S.

MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

1st Prize.—B. Campbell, Sussex, N. B.
2nd Prize.—H. W. D. Johnson, Westville, N. S.

SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND IN ACCT. WITH JOHN DUFFUS, Treasurer.

CURRENT ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
1895.		1896.	
Dec. 4.	By balance in Bank.....\$ 59 13	Dec. 4.	To House expenses, including—
1896.			Salaries to Matron and
Dec. 4.	“ Interest and dividends.....\$2505 74		servants.....\$6093 84
	“ Donations and subscriptions 146 33		Superintendent & Teachers. 3430 23
	“ N. S. Government and Muni- cipalities 6442 87		Repairs to Building..... 386 36
	“ N. B. Government and Muni- cipalities 2172 41		“ Grounds, etc..... 300 60
	“ Newfoundland Government. 1200 00		“ Printing, Postage, etc..... 141 55
	“ P. E. I. Government..... 299 25		“ Music and Musical Instru- ments 604 35
			Prizes..... 18 00
			“ Board of Adult Pupils 100 00
			“ School Supplies..... 111 41
			“ Sundry Expenses..... 59 65
			“ Contingent Account..... 1462 60
			—————\$12708 59
			“ Balance in Bank..... 117 14
			—————\$12825 73
			—————\$12825 73

LEGACY ACCOUNT.

Cr.

1896.	By Legacy Estate of Mrs. E. Keith, Halifax.....	\$ 200 00
Dec. 1.	“ Legacy Est. Mons. Carmody, Halifax.....	50 00
	“ Legacy Est. John P. Mott, (Add'l.) Halifax.....	3530 77
		<u>\$3780 77</u>

Dr.

1896.	To Transferred to Build. Fund..	\$2743 37
Dec. 1.	“ Special Deposit.....	1037 40
		<u>\$3780 77</u>

BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT.

Cr.

1896.	By Building Fund Subscriptions paid.....	\$ 8715 66
Dec. 1.	“ Transferred from Legacy Account.....	2743 37
		<u>\$11459 03</u>

Dr.

1896.	To paid on acct. new building..	\$11459 03
Dec. 1.		<u>\$11459 03</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Cr.

1895.	By balance.....	\$ 59 13
Dec. 1.	1896.	
Dec. 1.	“ Revenue.....	12766 60
	“ Legacies.....	3780 77
	“ Building Fund.....	8715 66
		<u>\$25322 16</u>

Dr.

1896.	To Current Expenses.....	\$12708 59
Dec. 1.	“ Building Fund.....	11459 03
	“ Special Deposit.....	1037 40
	“ Balance in Bank.....	117 14
		<u>\$25322 16</u>

Examined and found correct.

W. H. NEAL,
GEO. MITCHELL, } Auditors.

BENEFACTORS.

By-LAWS, ART. 2.—The payment of five hundred dollars at one time shall constitute a benefactor of the Institution. Any person who has served for ten consecutive years as a member of the Board of Managers, or who shall have performed such services as the Board of Managers shall deem worthy of recognition, shall be entitled to be enrolled as a benefactor of the Institution.

1867—Wm. Murdoch.	1878—John Duffus.	1889—John Gibson.
1868—Hon. Mather B. Almon.	1878—S. A. White.	1890—J. P. Mott.
1868—Sir Fenwick Williams.	1878—W. H. Neal.	1890—E. D. Meynell.
1869—Wm. Cunard.	1878—J. F. Avery, M. D.	1891—Hon. S. L. Shannon.
1869—Hon. Enos Collins.	1882—W. P. West.	1891—M. P. Black.
1871—A. K. Doull.	1882—John King.	1891—John Naylor.
1876—G. P. Mitchell.	1886—George Thompson.	1892—J. C. Mackintosh.
1876—N. L. West.	1886—A. Shields.	1895—Rev. Thos. DeWolf.
1877—J. M. Walker.	1887—Jas. A. Buist.	1896—Jairus Hart.
1878—Hon. M. H. Richey.	1887—Mrs. E. Binney.	1896—Thomas Ritchie, Q.C.
1878—W. C. Silver.	1887—George Mitchell.	1896—Hon. W. S. Fielding.
1878—J. S. MacLean.	1889—Hon. H. H. Fuller.	1896—Hon. A. G. Blair.

LIFE MEMBERS.

By-LAWS, ART. 2.—Donors of twenty-five dollars at one time, and members who have served the office of Manager not less than three consecutive years, shall be constituted life members of the Association.

E. P. Archbold, Halifax.	Wm. Esson, Halifax.	Hon. D. McN. Parker, Halifax.
C. W. Anderson, "	T. E. Everett, "	Mrs. D. McN. Parker, Halifax.
J. W. Allison, "	Jno. Farquharson, "	Robert Pickford, Halifax.
J. H. Angwin, "	C. F. Fraser, "	John Y. Payzant, "
C. Archibald, "	S. S. Forrest, "	Wm. Robertson, "
Rev. F. Archbold, "	R. W. Fraser, "	Mrs. J. Starr, "
Adam Burns, "	George Francklyn, "	Hon. W. J. Stairs, "
J. B. Bland, "	T. R. Gue, "	John H. Symons, "
H. P. Burton, "	A. Gunn, "	R. B. Seeton, "
H. W. Barnes, "	Wm. Hare, "	John Silver, "
S. G. Black, "	R. I. Hart, "	John F. Stairs, "
Mrs. S. G. Black, "	Levi Hart, "	Alex. Stephen, "
W. A. Black, "	Mrs. H. Howe, "	E. B. Sutcliffe, "
Wm. J. Butler, "	W. D. Harrington, "	Wiley Smith, "
Hon. R. Boak, "	J. A. Johnson, "	J. Wesley Smith, "
A. B. Boak, "	T. E. Kenny, "	Mrs. G. Starr, "
G. E. Boak, "	J. F. Kenny, "	Alfred Shortt, "
A. M. Bell, "	Miss Kinnear, "	Mr. E. Smith, "
H. G. Bauld, "	E. J. Lordly, "	W. H. Stimpson, "
C. C. Blackadar, "	James R. Lithgow, "	Stephen Tobin, "
Miss C. Black, "	Rodk. McDonald, "	W. H. Thompson, "
James Billman, "	Edwin J. Miller, "	T. V. Woolrich, "
W. H. Creighton, "	Lieut-General Montgomery-Moore, Halifax.	John White, "
John Cronan, "	C. F. Mott, "	W. N. Wickwire, M. D., Halifax.
W. Compton, "	Miss Mott, "	A. N. Whitman, Halifax.
M. Carney, "	" E. Mott, "	Wm. H. Webb, "
Wm. Chisholm, "	John McNab, "	H. N. Wallace, "
B. W. Chipman, "	Andrew McKinlay, "	N. A. Rhodes, Amherst, N. S.
G. S. Campbell, "	James Morrow, "	Hon. W. S. Pipes, Amherst, N. S.
Bishop Courtney, "	Rev. E. F. Murphy, V. G., Halifax.	
John Doull, "	Miss Nordbeck, "	
Michael Dwyer, "	Archb'hop O'Brien, "	
Hon. M. B. Daly, "	Mrs. O'Dell, "	
J. C. Dumeresque, "		
D. H. Duncan, "		

E. D. Davison, Bridge- water, N. S.	Joseph Bingay, Yar- mouth, N. S.	C. Fawcett, Sackville, N. B.
T. D. Ruggles, Bridge- water, N. S.	Wm Law, Yarmouth, N. S.	W. E. Dawson, Char- lottetown, P. E. I.
T. C. Shreve, Q. C., Digby, N. S.	E. F. Clements, Yar- mouth, N. S.	Benj. Rodgers, Charlotte- town, P. E. I.
A. J. Wolff, Lunenburg, N. S.	Hon. Mrs. W. G. Stop- ford, Yarmouth, N. S.	Bishop McDonald, Char- lottetown, P. E. I.
Miss Sterns, Liverpool, N. S.	Mrs R. Caie,	A. Kenney, Charlotte- town, P. E. I.
J. Matheson, L'Ardoise N. S.	Hon A. Randolph, Freder- icton, N. B.	Angus McDonald, Char- lottetown, P. E. I.
James D. McGregor, New Glasgow, N. S.	G. E. Coulthard, M. D., Fredericton, N. B.	G. F. Beer, Charlotte- town, P. E. I.
P. A. McGregor, New Glasgow, N. S.	J. A. Vanwart, Freder- icton, N. B.	L. L. Beer, Charlotte- town, P. E. I.
Graham Fraser, New Glasgow, N. S.	Willard Kitchen, Freder- icton, N. B.	A. P. Prowse, Murray Harbor, P. E. I.
A. N. Paint, Port Hawks- bury, N. S.	Mrs. Henry Ketchum, Fredericton, N. B.	J. L. Pitts, St. John's, Nfld.
Jas Miller, Sherbrooke, N. S.	O. Jones, Moncton, N. B.	Bishop Jones, "
J. R. Cowans, Springhill, N. S.	D. Pottinger, "	Bishop Howley, "
Mrs. Wiggins, Windsor, N. S.	J. W. Y. Smith, "	Lient-Gen. Lord Alex. Russell, G. B.
W. H. Chase, Wolfville, N. S.	Alex. Gibson, Marysville, N. B.	Capt. Lowry, 47th Regt., G. B.
Chas. Fergie, Westville, N. S.	Wm. Turnbull, St. John, N. B.	Lieut. Thomas A. W. Cochran, R. N., G. B.
Hon. Alex. McFarlane, Wallace, N. S.	W. B. Rankin, "	Sir John Ross, K. C. B., G. B.
Miss Killam, Yarmouth, N. S.	Jas F. Robertson, "	A. Graham Bell, Wash- ington, U. S. A.
Hon. L. E. Baker, Yar- mouth, N. S.	Joseph Allison, "	John D. Miller, New York, U. S. A.
	Mrs. Jos Allison, "	M. A. Buckley, Santa Cruz, Cal., U. S. A.
	L. J. Almon, "	
	W. A. Murray, "	
	Bishop Sweeney, "	
	J. L. Black, Sackville, N. B.	

MEMBERS.

BY LAWS, ART. 2... Any subscriber to the funds of the Institution to the amount of five dollars or upwards may be constituted a member, on motion of a member of the Board of Managers at one of their regular meetings, and so continue during the annual payment of five dollars.

A. P. Reid, M.D., Halifax.
Prof. Chas. McDonald, Halifax.
David McPherson, Halifax.

Mrs. C. C. Blackadar, Halifax.
Hon. L. G. Power, Halifax.

LEGACIES.

1866--Wm. Murdock, Halifax	\$19466 67	1887--Mrs. J. Northup, Halifax	\$ 200
1871--Jane Molloy, Halifax	88 77	1887--Mrs. E. Binney, H'fax.	500
1872--Robt. Noble, "	100	1888--J. W. Metzler, "	40
1874--R. Purvis, Pugwash	100	J. U. Ross, "	50
1875--Jas. McDonald, Green Hill, Pictou	150	1889--Mrs. W. L. Wilmot, Fredericton, N. B.	250
1876--Miss Jane M. Tonge, Windsor	20	1889--Miss Eln. Smith, Summerville, Hants Co.	16 75
1876--N. L. West, Halifax	800	1889--James F. Avery, M.D., Halifax	500
1877--J. M. Walker, "	500	1889--S. A. White, Halifax	1000
1878--W. L. Black, "	250	John Gibson, "	1000
1879--Chas. Roche, "	100	1890--G. G. Gray, "	100
Miss Service, "	400	Finlay Campbell, Charlottetown, P. E. I.	100
1880--Mrs. Williamson, "	200	J. P. Mott, Dartmouth	3000
G. Frieze, Maitland	100	1891--M. P. Black, Halifax	500
Ann Wilson, Halifax	100	G. G. Gray, "	81 07
1881--Ann Hunter, "	20	John Naylor, "	500
1882--John Saunders, Burlington, Hants Co.	416 33	1892--John P. Mott, Dartmouth (add'l)	11876 96
1882--John King, Halifax	600 00	1896--John P. Mott, Dartmouth (add'l)	3530 77
W. P. West, Halifax	1000	1892--John Naylor, Halifax	26 75
1883--Jos. Hart, Baddeck	100	Sir E. Kenny, "	400
Mrs. G. Gunn, Halifax	40	1893--A. K. Doull, "	1849 33
1884--Hugh Elliott, "	100	1894--Miss E. Cronan, "	100
Alex. McLeod, "	100	Duncan Waddell, Dartmouth	333 33
1885--Jas. Thompson, "	100	1895--Miss E. Heales, St. John	200
H. Hesslein, "	100	Rev. Thomas DeWolf, Windsor, N. S.	500
1886--S. S. B. Smith, "	100	1896--Mrs. Keith, Halifax	200
A. Shields, Dartmouth	553	Mons. Carmody, H'f'x	50
Jas. G. Merckell, Halifax	50		
1887--J. C. Macdonald, "	50		
W. H. Merckel, Halifax	50		
Jas. A. Buist, "	500		
1887--Mrs. M. J. Hamilton, Halifax	50		

FORM OF LEGACY.

I hereby give and bequeath to "The Halifax School for the Blind," Halifax, Nova Scotia, and their successors, forever, (if real estate) all that etc., (if personal) the sum of, etc., to be used for the general purposes of the Institution.

DONATIONS AND THANKSGIVING COLLECTIONS.

United Church, New Glasgow	\$76 33
John Cronan, Halifax	40
Mayor McPherson, Halifax	10
Prof. McDonald	5
Presbyterian Church, St. Ann's, C. B	5
" West River	5
Hon. L. G. Power, Halifax	5
Mrs. C. C. Blackadar, Halifax	5
A. P. Reid, M. D.	5

Subscriptions towards the Building Fund of the School for the Blind.

The Board of Managers of the School for the Blind, in acknowledging the following subscriptions towards the Building Fund of the Institution, desires to express its sincere thanks to those who have so liberally contributed towards the enlargement of the School, and also wishes to place on record its appreciation of the kindly efforts of the ladies and gentlemen who have in any way helped to increase this most necessary fund, and also to the societies which have given the Institution such timely assistance.

HALIFAX SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Jairus Hart, on acct.	\$250	T. R. Gue	25
Thomas Ritchie, Q C, on acct.	250	R. B. Seeton	25
A man and his wife	250	Bishop Courtney	25
J C. Dumeresque, on acct.	200	George E. Boak	25
Hon. W J Stairs, on acct.	125	D H. Duncan	25
Adam Burns, on acct.	125	C C. Blackadar	25
W. C Silver, on acct.	100	W. D. Harrington	25
J. C. Mackintosh, on acct.	100	J A. Johnson	25
John Y. Payzant, on acct.	100	H. N. Wallace	25
John McNab, on acct.	100	H. W. Barnes	50
John Cronan	100	Miss Nordbeck	25
J. Walter Allison	100	Mrs. O'Dell	25
Pickford & Black	100	Mrs. E. Smith	25
E. P. Archbold	100	John Farquharson	25
S. Cunard & Co	100	Alfred Shortt	25
Three Friends	100	G. S. Campbell	25
Mr and Mrs. S G. Black	60	Mrs. J. Skerry	25
Wm Robertson, on acct.	50	Rev. Dr. Murphy, V. G.	25
George Mitchell, on acct.	50	F. M. Cotton	20
John Duffus, on acct.	50	F. Roberts	20
Miss B. Kinnear	50	Mahon Bros	20
Hon H H. Fuller	50	Thos. Fyshe	20
Michael Dwyer	50	John H. Symons	20
Levi Hart	50	Elizabeth Hesslein	15
J. F. Kenny	50	A. S. Mitchell, on acct.	12 50
Hon M B Daly	50	George E. Lavers, on acct.	12 50
A. & W McKinlay	50	George E Faulkner, on acct.	12 50
R. W Fraser	50	H. A. Flemming, on acct.	12 50
Rev. F H. Archbold	50	Wm Twining, on acct.	12 50
Mrs. George Starr	50	Wm H. Wiswell, on acct.	12 50
Miss Celia Black	50	Donald Archibald, on acct.	10
A B Boak	50	A. Hobrecker	10
Archbishop O'Brien	50	Wm Dunbar	10
Charles Archibald, on acct.	25	J. W Gorham	10
H. G. Bauld, on acct.	25	S Waddell	10
A M Bell & Co., on acct.	25	P McLarren	10
W H. Webb, on acct.	25	H. H. Bell	10
Miller Bros, on acct.	25	A Friend	10
M. Carney, on acct.	25	Mrs. J. B Duffus	10
Simson Bros	25	Rev Thomas Fowler	10
W N. Wickwire, M.D.	25	Rev. John McMillan	10
Mrs. Starr	25	W. B Arthur	10
Alexander Stephen	25	Wm J. Stewart	10
James Billman	25	John Murphy	10

Smith & Power	10	Black & Flinn	5
T. A. Turnbull	10	Joseph F. Frame, on acct.	5
George Rent	10	Miss H. Allison, on acct.	5
G. M. Smith	10	T. K. Jenkins	5
J. Withrow	10	H. L. Chipman	5
F. H. Oxley	10	I. H. Mathers	5
C. H. Longard	10	A. N. Buckley	5
Clayton & Sons	10	George Musgrave	5
C. E. Harris	10	W. B. Ferrie	5
John McLaughlin	10	John H. Harvey	5
Ann McCawley	10	Ephraim Erb	5
Rev. G. M. Clark, on acct.	6 25	W. R. Rankin	5
Mrs. " "	6 25	Dr. Simon Fitch	5
P. Gough	5	Thomas Spry	5
Henrietta E. Lundy	5	Hutcheson & Power	5
N & M. Smith	5	Mrs. Weldon	5
P. O'Mullin	5	Mrs. William Bauld	5
C. S. Lane	5	Walter Brookfield	5
John Silver & Co	5	C. Mitchell	5
Mrs. Wilbie	5	A. J. Grant	5
J. F. Cameron	5	J. F. Blagdon	5
W. B. Torrance	5	T. C. Allen	5
John Peters	5	A. J. White	5
Thomas Goudge	5	E. G. Kenny	5
F. B. McCurdy	5	J. M. Allen	5
John G. Bauld	5	Col. Will	5
John White & Co	5	Small amounts	7 35

NOVA SCOTIA.

Hon. W. T. Pipes, Amherst ..	825	Small sums, Belmont	1 45
N. A. Rhodes, Amherst	25	Hon. F. A. Borden, on acct.,	
N. Curry, on acct., Amherst ..	10	Canning	5
J. McKeen, on acct., "	5	Small sums, Canning	2
C. W. Hewson, M. D., on acct.,		T. C. Shreve, Q. C., Digby	25
Amherst	5	Rev. H. A. Harley	5
Small sums, Amherst	2	Small sums, per Mrs. Durkee,	
Thomas Whitman, on acct., An-		Digby	6
napolis	10	Small sums, Digby	4
G. E. Corbett, Annapolis	5	W. C. T. U., Guysboro	5 17
E. D. Mills, "	5	Mrs. Wylie, Great Village	5
G. F. White, "	5	Small sums, "	21
Small sums, "	2 50	Y. P. S. C. E., Harrigan's Cove ..	1 15
Rev. C. F. McIsaac, Antigonish.	5	B. Y. P. U., Isaac's Harbor	8 25
Small sums, "	2 1	Small sums, Joggins Mines	4 25
Small sums, Athol	1 50	A friend, Kentville	15
Small sums, Acadia Mines	5 25	Small sums, per Miss A. Bell,	
E. D. Davison, Bridgewater ..	25	LaHave Islands	8
Frank Davison, on acct., Bridge-		Benj. Anderson, Lunenburg	10
water	10	Mrs. Jas. R. Rudolf, "	10
Mrs. R. Dawson, Bridgewater ..	5	D. M. Owen, "	5
Mrs. Davison, "	5	J. M. Rudolf, "	5
A friend, "	5	A Willing Giver, "	5
Judge Desbrisay, "	5	Small sums, "	1
Small sums, "	3	Miss Sterns, Liverpool	25
T. D. Ruggles, Bridgetown	25	A. W. Moren, on acct., Liver-	
Edmund Bent, on acct., Bridge-		pool	5
town	10	A. C. Fales, M. D., Liverpool	5
Mrs. E. Bent, Bridgetown	5	R. S. Sterns, "	5
R. S. McCormack, "	5	Mrs. Forbes, "	5
Y. P. S. C. E., Ball's Bridge	2 48	Small Sums, "	41 50
" Bass River	2 50	Mrs. J. Matheson, L'Ardoise ..	25

AN ACT

Respecting the Education of the Blind of Nova Scotia.

Chapter I, 1895.

1.—The parent or guardian of any blind person between the ages of six and twenty-one years who has, under the provisions of chapter 35 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, a settlement in any municipality, may apply to the warden of such municipality for an order for the admission of such person into the Halifax School for the Blind, which order the said warden shall at once grant under his hand and the corporate seal of the municipality, on being satisfied that such blind person is between the ages above prescribed, and has a legal settlement in the municipality.

2.—Such order shall entitle the blind person named therein to be received into the Halifax School for the Blind, and, subject to conditions hereinafter described, to be educated and boarded therein during the School terms. Pupils entering the School between the ages of six and ten years shall be entitled to remain seven years in addition to the time in attendance under ten years of age; those entering between the ages of ten and thirteen years of age shall be entitled to remain seven years: those entering between the ages of thirteen and seventeen shall be entitled to remain five years; and those between the ages of seventeen and twenty-one years to remain three years.

3. For every blind person received into the Halifax School for the Blind pursuant to this chapter and educated and boarded therein, the Board of Managers of the Halifax School for the Blind shall be entitled to receive from the Provincial Treasury at the rate of seventy-five dollars per annum, payable half-yearly, and also to receive annually at the same rate from the county school fund of the municipality to which the said blind person belongs. When such municipality shall not comprise an entire county, the last mentioned grant of seventy-five dollars shall be charged against the county school funds of both districts included within the county in proportion to the amounts of their respective school allowance derived from the county school fund.

4.—It shall be the duty of the Managers of the Halifax School for the Blind to furnish semi-annually to the Council of Public Instruction full returns of the names, ages, residences, etc., of the pupils in respect of whom the above grants may be claimed.

5.—In the annual apportionment of the county school fund the Superintendent of Education shall include the amounts due the Managers of the Halifax School for the Blind, and issue drafts therefor on the treasury of the respective municipalities.

6.—The Provincial Secretary shall be *ex officio* a member of the Board of Managers of the Halifax School for the Blind.

7.—In the case of any incorporated city or town, within the Province in which any such blind person as is designated in the first sub-section of this section, has a legal settlement, an allowance to the Board of Managers of the said school of seventy-five dollars per annum shall be assessed upon the inhabitants of the said city or town in case such city or town does not contribute to or draw from the county school fund, and in such case said sum shall be paid to the said managers for each such blind person sent to the said school, and each such blind person shall be admitted to said school in the manner prescribed in the first sub-section of this section, the chief executive officer of the corporation exercising the powers therein conferred upon the warden of the municipality, and there shall be paid to the said Managers from the provincial treasury for each such blind person for which such city or town contributes such allowance the sum of seventy-five dollars in like manner as is provided in the third sub-section of this section.

8.—The Council of Public Instruction upon being satisfied that an applicant has a settlement within the Province and has no means of paying the expenses of his or her education, may, upon the recommendation of the Board of Managers, make the provisions of this section apply to any blind person over the age of twenty-one years of age. Such action of the Council of Public Instruction shall entitle the blind person to be received in the School on the same terms as persons mentioned in sub-sections 1 and 2 of this section.

9.—The Council of Public Instruction shall have authority upon the recommendation of the Board of Managers, to extend the time of any pupil who has entered under the provisions of this section.

10.—In the case of any person who has been admitted to the

Halifax School for the Blind, or on whose behalf application for admission to such School has been made, who has no settlement within any county or district of the Province, as required by sub-section 1 of this section, the Provincial Secretary, if satisfied that such person is fairly chargeable to the Province, may pay or agree to pay to the Board of Managers of the said School the same sum as is allowed from the Provincial Treasury in the case of a person admitted under the provisions of the said sub-section.

11.—The parents or guardians of any blind person between the ages of six and twenty-one years, who have not the settlement referred to in sub-section 1, may nevertheless apply to the warden of the municipality for an order for the admission of such person into the Halifax School for the Blind ; and if the warden be satisfied that such parents or guardian have or has *bona fide* settled in the municipality, with the intention of remaining, the warden may grant such order, which shall have the same force and effect as an order given under the provisions of the said sub-section.

AN ACT

Relating to the Education of the Blind in New Brunswick.

Chap. VIII., Acts of the General Assembly, 1892.

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly as follows :—

1.—The Parents or Guardian of any blind person between the ages of ten and twenty-one years, who has, under the provisions of Chapter 102 of the Consolidated Statutes of New Brunswick, a settlement within any County or City of the Province, may apply to the Warden of the Municipality or the Mayor of the City for an Order for the admission of such person into the Halifax School or any other Institution for the Blind approved by the Governor-in-Council, and the said Warden or Mayor on being satisfied that such blind person is between the ages above prescribed and has a legal settlement in the Municipality or City, shall at once grant such order for admission as aforesaid under his hand and the corporate seal of the Municipality or City, and forward the same to the Provincial Secretary for his approval to be endorsed thereon.

2.—Such order so approved by the Provincial Secretary shall entitle the blind person named therein to be received into the Halifax School or other Institution for the Blind as aforesaid, and subject to conditions hereinafter prescribed, to be educated and boarded therein during the school terms. Pupils under thirteen years of age, when entering the school, shall be entitled to remain seven years; those entering between the ages of thirteen and seventeen shall be entitled to remain five years; and those between the ages of seventeen and twenty-one years to remain three years.

3.—For every blind person received into the Halifax School or other Institution for the Blind, approved as aforesaid, pursuant to this Act, and educated and boarded therein, the Board of Managers of such School or Institution for the Blind shall be entitled to receive from the Provincial Treasurer, at the rate of seventy-five dollars per annum, payable half-yearly, and also to receive at the same rate from the County School Fund of the Municipality to

which the said blind person belongs. This section to apply to the blind persons in attendance at the Halifax Institution at the time of the passing of this Act.

4.—The Board of Managers of the said Halifax School, or other Institution for the Blind approved as aforesaid, shall furnish semi-annually on the first day of January and July in each year, to the Chief Superintendent of Education of the Province of New Brunswick, full returns of the names, ages, residences, attendance, &c., of the pupils in respect of whom the above grants may be claimed.

5.—In the semi-annual apportionment of the County School Fund, the Superintendent of Education shall include the amounts due the Managers of any Institution for the Blind, and issue drafts therefor on the Treasurers of the respective Municipalities.

6.—In the case of any incorporated City or Town within the Province in which any blind person, as is designated in the first Section of this Act, has a legal settlement, and which City or Town does not contribute to or draw from the County School Fund, there shall be paid by such City or Town to the Board of Managers of the said School an allowance of seventy-five dollars per annum, and such sum shall form part of the general assessment of such City or Town for each blind person sent to said School, and each such blind person sent to the said School shall be admitted to the said School in the manner prescribed in the first Section of this Act, the chief executive officer of the Corporation exercising the powers therein conferred upon the Warden of the Municipality, and there shall be paid to the said Managers from the Provincial Treasury for each such blind person, for which such City or Town contributes such allowance, the sum of seventy-five dollars in like manner as is provided in the third Section of this Act.

7.—The parents or guardian of any blind person between the ages of ten and twenty-one years who have or has not the settlement referred to in Section one of this Act, may, nevertheless, apply to the Warden of a Municipality or the Mayor of a City, for an order for the admission of such person into the Halifax School or other Institution for the Blind as aforesaid, and if the Warden or Mayor of a City be satisfied that such parents or guardians have or has *bona fide* settled in the Municipality or City with the intention of remaining, the Warden or Mayor may grant such order in manner and form as prescribed in the first Section of this Act, which shall have the same force and effect as an order given under the provisions of the said Section.

8.—In the case of any person who has been admitted to the Halifax School or other Institution for the Blind as aforesaid, or on whose behalf application for admission to such School has been made, who has no settlement within any County or District of the Province as required by Section one of this Act, the Provincial Secretary, if satisfied that such person is fairly chargeable to the Province, may pay or agree to pay to the Board of Managers of the said School, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars per annum from the Provincial Treasury.

Applications for admission to the School for the Blind, and all correspondence, should be addressed to—

C. F. FRASER,

Superintendent.