

EIGHTEENTH REPORT
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OF THE
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TOGETHER WITH THE
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AND
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

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HALIFAX SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND,

Incorporated in the year 1867.

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EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
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1888.

IN submitting to the members of the Corporation and to the public, this the eighteenth Annual Report of the Halifax School for the Blind, the Board of Managers have great pleasure in stating that the educational work under their management is being carried on in a systematic, intelligent, and satisfactory manner, and that the advancement made from year to year by the School, as evidenced in every department, is the most practical report that can be made as to the affairs of the Institution.

It has been the aim of the Board of Managers so far as the means at its disposal would allow, to approve of and encourage the efforts of the Superintendent to further the educational interests of the blind of the Maritime Provinces, and we have always deemed it false economy to be satisfied with mediocrity in the scope of any of the departments of the School, many years experience having taught us that the education of the blind requires to be of the most thorough character, otherwise the results will be disappointing alike to the public, and to the relatives and friends of those under instruction.

The changes recently made in the internal management of the School, which are fully set forth in the Report of the

Superintendent, were most carefully considered by the Board before being sanctioned; and it is gratifying to us to be in a position to state that, after a three months' trial of the new arrangement, we feel satisfied that the changes made at the commencement of the present school session have in every way been an advantage to the School and to all concerned therewith.

Under other circumstances than those which existed, the Board of Managers would have deeply regretted the necessity of accepting Miss Mackenzie's resignation as a teacher in the School Department, but in view of her subsequent marriage they have only to express their appreciation of her long and faithful services, and to hope that in her new sphere of life she may find a broad field for christian helpfulness.

The new staff of teachers now engaged in the School appear to be imbued with the proper idea of their responsibilities, and having the right spirit they have gone to work with a determination to smooth away the difficulties which lie in the paths of their pupils, and in season and out of season their time and best energies are devoted to those more directly under their charge.

Of the work in the tuning and industrial departments, the Superintendent has reported at length, and it will only be necessary for us to add that we are fully satisfied that good work is being accomplished.

The special features which mark the year just closing, are the introduction of the Kindergarten System into the School, and the establishing of a technical department for the training of our boys. Each of these will, we feel certain, the better prepare the pupils for whatever calling they may determine to follow, and being as they are, the true complement of our school department, they should insure the development of that symmetry of character so essential to success in life.

Mr. and Mrs. Blair continue as Steward and Matron to discharge their duties satisfactorily, and the domestic department generally is conducted by them in a creditable manner.

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The Board have to thank the Governments and Provincial Legislatures of the four Maritime Provinces for the liberal support accorded the School, and to express thankfulness that the Legislature of Newfoundland has now made a provision for the education of those deprived of sight.

Four of our life members have during the past year been called to their rest, Mr. S. A. White, B. D. Fraser, M. D., of Windsor, and Messrs. Thos. A. Brown and D. Falconer. Mr. White was, up to a few years since, an active member of the Board of Managers, and his interest in the welfare of the School is shown by his bequeathing one thousand dollars, (\$1,000,) towards its funds. This handsome legacy has been set aside as a nucleus of a fund for the erection of a much wanted assembly hall. Dr. Fraser always took a deep interest in the affairs of the Institution, and aided materially in raising money towards the erection of the present main building.

The thanks of the Managers are due to Doctors Lindsay, Dodge, and Cogswell for their kindly attention to the pupils; to the Beethoven Trio, for tickets admitting a large number of the pupils to their excellent concerts, and to the railway, steamship and coach proprietors for travelling privileges.

The Treasurer's Statement, which is herewith subjoined, shows a small balance on the right side, most of which will be absorbed by outstanding liabilities.

J. S. MACLEAN,

President.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the President and Board of Directors of the Halifax School for the Blind:

GENTLEMEN,—

The table of attendance herewith submitted, shows that 32 blind persons have been under instruction during the year, 20 of whom were males, and 13 females,—5 of these have since graduated or left the School, making the actual attendance, December 1st, 1888, 27, of whom 17 are males and 10 females. Of these 16 are from the Province of Nova Scotia, 8 from New Brunswick, 1 from Prince Edward Island, and 2 from Newfoundland.

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE.

	Boys.	Girls.	Adults.	Total.
Registered December 1st, 1887.....	12	10	5	27
Entered during the year	3	2	0	5
Graduated or remained at home.....	1	2	2	5
Registered December 1st, 1888.....	14	10	3	27

GENERAL MATTERS.

Before reporting upon the several departments in the Schools, it seems advisable that a few words of explanation should here be introduced. Up to the close of the last School session, I had occupied the position of Superintendent of the Institution, as well as being an instructor in the school, musical, and tuning departments, and that at the time mentioned, for private reasons, as well as for the best interests of the School, I obtained the consent of your Board to resign my teaching duties, and became responsible for the performance of these duties by thoroughly qualified instructors. By this arrangement, the instruction given by myself, is now

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performed by three graduates of the School, Messrs. Fletcher, Chisholm, and Reid, in each of whom I have every reason to feel the utmost confidence, and as the pupils now have fifty-eight hours devoted to them each week, against the forty-two hours that I previously gave to these duties, it is evident that the arrangement is advantageous to the School; and as it leaves me ample time to superintend the work of the several departments, I feel satisfied that your Board as well as everyone interested in the welfare of the School will recognize that the change is a decided forward step in the history of the Institution, and one that is likely to be advantageous to the blind of the Maritime Provinces.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

This department has been thoroughly re-organized, and so far as the small number of pupils will allow of it, has been judiciously graded. The resignation of Miss MacKenzie, who for seven years occupied the position of lady teacher, necessitated the employment of a successor, and it is gratifying to state that we were fortunate enough to secure the services of Miss E. J. Hunter, who came to us with the highest recommendations, and who, since the school opened in September last, has discharged her manifold duties to my entire satisfaction. Mr. E. P. Fletcher, who for the past three years has been taking the arts course in Acadia College, is now engaged as the principal male teacher, and the results so far achieved prove that his heart is in his work. Several new studies have been taken up in the School, but the principal new departure is the introduction of Froebel's Kindergarten method of instruction, which is peculiarly adapted to the needs of the youthful blind. The mat-weaving, modelling in clay, drawing and peg boards, and the Kindergarten games, all serving to improve the touch, train the hand, and develop the mental preceptions of the pupil. With the same object in view, and in order to further this work, we have established a workshop for the training of our boys in the use of planes, saws and other carpenters tools. The genuine pleasure which

the boys take in this work, and the zeal with which they apply themselves, is being reflected in the other departments of the School, and I have every reason to believe that this manual training will be of lasting benefit to the pupils, as well from an intelligent standpoint as from the ability to use their hands more freely. The advocates of manual training in schools will find in this Institution a practical example of its working, and we cordially invite all such persons to come and inspect what is being done in that direction,

MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr. A. M. Chisholm, a graduate of this School, and subsequently a graduate of Scharwenka's Conservatory of Music of Berlin, has been placed in charge of our musical department, and as he is a conscientious and enthusiastic instructor, the work that is being done is thoroughly satisfactory. Classes in singing, writing and reading music, and in the theory of music, are being taught by Mr. Fletcher, while Mr. Reid, also a graduate of the School, gives instruction to the three young men now learning piano-forte tuning. Three of the pupils who were trained in the musical department, and who left the Institution at the close of the last school term, are now meeting with a fair share of success as music teachers. Miss Minnie Corbin is settled at Georgetown, P. E. Island; Miss Maggie Newcombe, at Tangier, N. S.; and Mr. George Theakston, at Montague, P. E. Island. All report a fair beginning with every prospect of an increasing number of pupils. This is the practical side of the work in which we are engaged, and accentuates the necessity of keeping the department up to a high degree of excellence.

GIRLS' WORK DEPARTMENT.

For many years I have felt that this department was not up to the desired standard of excellence, but I am pleased to state that for the past year it has been under most skilful management, and that now many of our girls regard the two hours devoted to sewing, knitting, crocheting, and all kinds

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of fancy work, as being the pleasantest during the day. For this re-awakening we are indebted to Miss Ella J. Creighton, whose patient perseverance and steady application is now rewarded by the gratitude of every girl that has been placed under her instruction.

WORKSHOP.

In our workshop there is little new to note, as the articles of willow work manufactured are the same from year to year. When in England during the summer holidays I visited several workshops for the blind, and brought out with me samples of any new pieces that I thought our young men might find a profitable market for when they leave the Institution. It is noteworthy that while these English workshops have been in existence for the past forty or fifty years, they still adhere to the old methods adopted by basket makers with sight, and that as a consequence only a minority of those who receive instruction succeed in making a livelihood. In the Ontario as well as in this School, hollow models have been adopted, and any blind person with ordinary mechanical skill can be trained by their use to manufacture a variety of useful as well as ornamental pieces of willow work. Mr. Baird still retains his position as trade instructor, and is always on hand to assist and direct those who may be placed in his department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the past year the School has been free from all contagious diseases, and the general health of the pupils has been fairly good. No effort has been spared in making the sanitary conditions of the Institution all that could be desired. The food which is given to the pupils is ample in quantity and nutritious in quality. Exercise either in the gymnasium or in the open air is taken regularly each day, and in fact everything is being done that can be done to make the physical development of those placed in our charge equal in every respect to the results in the other departments.

The circulating library fund as well as the loan fund for assisting pupils, are each meeting the needs of the blind, the one in providing them with reading matter in raised print, the other by assisting them to purchase the tools they may require, or in aiding them to establish themselves as teachers of music.

It is satisfactory to report that the government of Newfoundland has acceded to our request, and has obtained from the Legislature of that Province a first grant towards the education of the blind of that colony. This will, no doubt, be increased as additional Newfoundland pupils enter the School; and as there are at least ten or twelve schoolable blind children now in Newfoundland, the number of our pupils should steadily increase.

The Legislature of Prince Edward Island, has not, we regret to say, dealt with the blind youth of the Island in the same liberal spirit that has characterized the acts of the Legislature of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Some of our Charlottetown friends would lay the blind under obligation if they would see to it that the annual grant towards the education of those deprived of sight is placed upon the same footing as the grants of the other provinces.

New Brunswick has at present eight pupils in the School, all of whom are here by special permit from the Provincial Secretary of our sister province, and being paid for by an annual grant from the N. B. Legislature. We should like to have the members of all these Legislatures visit the School whenever they may happen to be in Halifax, such a visit will prove to them that the money granted for the education of the blind is being economically and judiciously expended.

In concluding this report, I have to express my thanks to your Board for the hearty manner in which you have seconded my every effort to advance the interests of the School, and for your ready approval of the late re-organization, which at first blush appeared to be an almost radical change in the conduct of the affairs of the School. We now have a corps of efficient and zealous teachers, and a class of bright and promising

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pupils, and with increased time now at my disposal I hope to be able to steadily increase the number in attendance, to look after the general outside interests of the School, and to keep an over-sight of our graduates, and render them such assistance as may lie in my power.

The new regime cannot fail to be an advantage to the School, and with your cordial co-operation, and with that of our many friends in the four Maritime Provinces, I hope within a measurable period of years to carry out many improvements, which as yet I have only faintly outlined.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Respectfully yours,

C. F. FRASER.

SCHOOL RECORD.

Number of school days in the term 240. Possible number of marks to be obtained in the Literary or Musical Department, or for deportment, 1000.

NAMES OF PUPILS.		Attendance - No. of days.	School.	Music.	Department.
<i>Senior Division.</i>					
1.	Alice Gammon, Tor Bay, Guysboro' Co., N. S.	230	735	831	874
2.	Bertha Hall, Lawrencetown, Annapolis Co., N. S. .	240	767	810	994
3.	Kate McLaughlin, Curryville, Albert Co., N. B. .	240	931	846	973
4.	Maggie Newcombe, Pleasant Harbor, Halifax, N. S.	239	784	886	865
5.	Isabel Staten, Foreston, Carleton Co., N. B.	239	872	897	911
6.	Agnes Valley, Chatham, Northumberland Co., N.B.	240	733	833	850
7.	Martin Fletcher, DeBert, Colchester Co., N. S.	240	906	917	909
8.	Stephen Harivel, Stellarton, Pictou Co., N. S.	240	812	826	994
9.	Wm. Huntington, Campbellton, Restigouche, N. B.	88	....	....	1000
10.	George Theakston, Halifax City, N. S.	238	920	912	976
11.	Montague Warren, Montague Bridge, Kings Co., P. E. I.	230	797	922	925
12.	John Rafuse, Chester, Lunenburg Co., N. S.	180	....	....	980
<i>Junior Division.</i>					
13.	Phoebe Armstrong, Kempt, Hants Co., N. S.	232	601	....	953
14.	Una Lake, Scot's Bay, Kings Co., N. S.	222	670	865	922
15.	Hattie Smith, Walton, Hants Co., N. S.	240	768	....	1000
16.	John Dunn, Advocate Harbor, Cumberland Co., N.S.	239	888	878	1000
17.	Sam. Hussey, Bonavista Bay, Newfoundland	240	836	835	960
18.	John O'Donnell, Halifax City, N. S.	208	602	601	918
19.	Willie Sloan, " " " " " " " " " " " "	115	466	455	965
20.	James Upham, Prosser's Brook, Albert Co., N. B.	225	860	840	941
21.	Clifford Williston, Newcastle, Northumberland, N.B.	240	815	855	913
22.	Stephen Hulan, George's Bay, Newfoundland	210	795	969

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 Miss Maggie Newcombe, Pleasant Harbor, N. S.
 George Theakston, Halifax, N. S.
 William Morris, Carlton, N. B.
 Edward Corbett, Musquodoboit, N. S.

ENTERED DURING THE YEAR.

Adelaide Saunders, Sandy Cove, Digby, N. S.
 Isabella Durham, Springhill, N. S.
 William Huntingdon, Campbellton N. B.
 Frederick Campbell, Sussex, N. B.
 Beverly Campbell, Sussex, N. B.

ADULT WORKMEN.

Thos. Crowell, Horton Landing, Kings Co., N. S.
 Fredk. Horton, Musquodoboit, N. S.
 Thos. McGuire, Halifax, N. S.

PRIZES.

LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

Senior Department.

1st Prize—Kate McLaughlin, Curryville, Albert Co., N. B.
2nd Prize—George Theakston, Halifax, N. S.

Junior Division.

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2nd Prize—James Upham, Prosser's Brook, Albert Co., N. B.

MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

1st Prize—Montague Warren, Montague Bridge, P. E. I.
2nd Prize—Martin Fletcher, DeBert, N. S.

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John Rafuse, Chester, N. S.

PRIZE PRESENTED FOR GENERAL PROFICIENCY AND GOOD
 BEHAVIOR BY THE PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Isabel Staten.

PATRONS.

BY-LAWS, ART. 1.—The payment of five hundred dollars at one time shall constitute a Patron of the Institution.

WILLIAM CUNARD, Esq.

LIFE MEMBERS.

BY-LAWS, ART. 2.—Donors of fifty 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.

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George Mitchell.
H. H. Fuller.
E. B. Sutcliffe.

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 monthly meetings, and so continue during the annual payment of five dollars.

Dr. A. P. Reid.
Prof. W. J. Alexander.
Prof. Johnson.
Miss Black.

James Farquhar.
Prof. Chas. Macdonald.
His Worship the Mayor.
Mrs. C. C. Blackedar.

1871—Jane Molloy.....	\$ 88 87	1883—Jos. Hart.....	\$ 100 00
1872—Robert Noble.....	100 00	Mrs. G. Dunn.....	40 00
1874—R. Parvis.....	100 00	1884—Hugh Elliott.....	100 00
1875—James McDonald.....	150 00	Alex. McLeod.....	100 00
1876—Miss Jane M. Tonge.....	20 00	1885—James Thomson.....	100 00
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1877—J. M. Walker.....	500 00	1886—S. B. Smith.....	100 00
1878—W. L. Black.....	250 00	A. Shiels.....	553 00
1879—Charles Roche.....	100 00	James G. Merkel.....	50 00
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Ann Wilson.....	100 00	Mrs. M. J. Hamilton.....	50 00
1881—Ann Hunter.....	20 00	Mrs. Jer. Northup.....	200 00
1882—John Saunders.....	416 36	Mrs. E. Binney.....	500 00
John King.....	600 00	1888—J. W. Metzler.....	40 00
W. P. West.....	1000 00	J. U. Ross.....	50 00

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, 1888.

Prof. Johnson.....	\$ 5 00	Rev. Jas. Spencer.....	\$ 1 55
Mrs. L. A. Wilmot.....	5 00	Birthday donation.....	50 00
Prof. C. Macdonald.....	4 00	Dr. A. P. Reid.....	5 00
Prof. W. J. Alexander.....	5 00	Mrs. Sterling.....	5 00
Mrs. Lawrence, Margaree, C.B.	2 00	A. Moffatt.....	3 00
Jas. Farquhar.....	5 00	Mrs. C. C. Blackadar.....	5 00
The Mayor.....	5 00		

THANKSGIVING COLLECTIONS, ETC., 1888.

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United Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow.....		69	50
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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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HALIFAX SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Association shall, conformable to the Amended Act of Incorporation, 30 Victoria, C. 50, be styled, "THE HALIFAX SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND."

ARTICLE II.—MEMBERSHIP.

All original subscribers to the fund for erecting the Asylum for the Blind within the City of Halifax shall be and continue members of this Association, so long as they contribute the sum of one dollar or upwards to the support of the Institution.

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

Donors of fifty dollars at one time, and members who have served the office of Manager not less than three consecutive years, shall thereby be constituted life members of the Association.

Payment of five hundred dollars at one time shall constitute a patron of the Association.

Patrons and members shall have the right of voting at the annual election of Managers, and shall themselves be eligible.

ARTICLE III.—MANAGEMENT.

The Management of the Institution shall be entrusted to a Board of twelve members, who shall choose from their own number a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary.

An annual meeting for the election of the Board of Management shall be held on such day of the second week of the last month of the year as the Board of Managers may appoint, due notice thereof being given in two at least of the Halifax newspapers. Any number of persons present in a half-hour from the time named in such notice shall be a quorum for the election of

Managers, and the transaction of any business to be passed upon at such annual meeting; but any five members then present may, if they shall deem the business to require it, demand an adjournment to some other day or hour within one week therefrom, and the same shall stand adjourned accordingly, and the business so postponed shall at the first adjourned meeting be first taken up and finally disposed of.

If for any reason the election of Managers be, pursuant to the foregoing provision or otherwise, postponed, the Managers of the preceding year shall hold office until the new Board be elected.

The Board of Managers shall have power to supply vacancies occurring therein between the periods of the annual elections.

At the annual meeting the votes shall be taken by ballot, and the first twelve persons named on a list made in the order of the number of votes given for them respectively, beginning with the largest number of votes so on to the least, shall constitute the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE IV. —BY-LAWS.

The power of making, amending and repealing by-laws, and regulations for their own guidance and the government of the Institution, and the appointment and removal of all officers, and regarding salaries and allowances, is vested in the Board of Management, but no by-law once passed shall be altered or repealed except on a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board present at a regular monthly meeting thereof, and after notice of such alteration or repeal given at next preceding monthly meeting.

ARTICLE V. —AMENDMENTS.

The foregoing articles, together with the provisions contained in the Act of Incorporation, are declared to be the Constitution of the "Halifax School for the Blind," and no alteration shall be made therein except by a vote of two-thirds of the persons present at an annual meeting of the Corporation upon the recommendation of the Board of Managers, of which at least one month's notice in writing shall be given to the Patrons and members, individually, by letter addressed to the patron or member, and mailed at Halifax, or left at his place of business or abode.

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BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING.

I.—STATED MEETINGS.

The Board shall hold a stated meeting at the Institution on the first Monday of every month, except when such Monday shall fall on a public holiday, then on the day following, and at any such hours as they may from time to time appoint.

II.—SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Special Meetings may be convened by request of the President or three members of the Board, the time, place, and object to be specified in such request, and inserted in the notice of meeting by the Secretary.

At least twenty-four hours' notice of special meeting shall be given, and no business other than that specified in the notice shall be transacted.

III.—QUORUM.

Five of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

IV.—PRESIDING OFFICER.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board at which he may be present, and shall be *ex officio* member of all standing committees. In his absence the Vice-President shall represent him, as well on standing committees as at the Board. In the absence of both President and Vice-President from any meeting of the Board, the chair shall be taken by the first named on the list of Managers present at the hour for commencing business.

V.—COMMITTEES.

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Board of Managers at the first meeting in each year:—

(1) Finance—

A Committee of Finance, consisting of the President, Treasurer and four members of the Board, whose duty it shall be to devise and recommend ways and means for securing and preserving the financial prosperity of the Institution, to examine and certify the correctness of the Treasurer's annual report, and at the end of every year prepare and submit a full and clear report of the financial condition of the Institution.

Every Standing Committee shall from time to time furnish the Committee of Finance with such information as they may require, and particularly before the close of every year with a full inventory of all the property in their respective departments.

(2) *Instruction*—

A Committee of Instruction, consisting of four members of the Board, who shall have supervision of the Educational Department, and shall enquire from time to time into the methods pursued in the instruction of the blind in other places.

(3) *Manufactures*—

A Committee of three on Manufactures to supervise the Manufacturing Department, supply that department with raw material, and dispose of the articles manufactured.

(4) *House*.

A House Committee on Supplies, Repairs and Improvements, to have supervision of all matters connected with the supply of provisions, clothing and other necessities; the regulation of the domestic arrangements of the Institution, and care of the building and grounds.

(5) *General Duties*—

Each Standing Committee shall visit the Institution at least once a month and arrange for one of their number to do so weekly. They shall have the entire and conclusive control, subject only to the full Board, over the department allotted to them; shall keep a book in the Institution, in which all their proceedings shall be entered, and especially all requisitions, instructions and orders given to the Superintendent or other officers shall be clearly set down therein, for the prevention of any misunderstanding regarding the same. The Chairman shall be bound to see that the duties of his committee are in every respect fully performed, and shall furnish the Board whenever required with the minutes of their proceedings, and all other information required.

VI.—DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds and securities belonging to the Institution, and shall be *ex officio* a member of the Committee of Finance; shall deposit all moneys of the Institution, and pay by cheques drawn thereon all bills certified by the chairman of any Standing Committee. He shall present at every stated meeting in each year a full report for the year, and in such form as the Board may prescribe.

VII.—DUTIES OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Institution and submit the same at each stated meeting of the Board. He shall file at the Institution all letters received by him or the Board, and copies of all letters written by him, and keep the same under his charge for the exclusive use of the Board.

VIII.—DUTIES OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Board, and enter the same in Book of Minutes; shall prepare and issue all notices required in conducting the business of the Institution; and communicate all resolutions of the Board to the Committee or officer affected thereby.

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He shall have the custody of the seal, and use the same only as directed by the Board of Managers.

He shall see that all by-laws of the Institution are properly recorded in a book kept for that purpose; shall file at the Institution all reports and papers submitted to the Board or placed in his custody, and safely keep them for the exclusive use of the Board.

Whenever the Secretary is mentioned in any by-law, resolution or other proceedings, it shall mean the Recording Secretary.

In his absence the Manager shall appoint one of their number to act *pro tempore*.

IX.—ADMISSION OF PUPILS.

(1) *General Terms*—

Young blind persons of good moral character between the ages of ten and twenty-one, may be admitted to the Institution in accordance with the provisions of the Acts in relation to the Education of the Blind, in Chap. 17, Act of 1882, and Amendment thereto, passed 1883, which shall entitle them to free education in the Institution.

Their friends may visit them at reasonable times under the regulation of the Board.

(2) *Day Scholars*—

The Board may, at their discretion, receive pay scholars upon such terms and conditions as they may prescribe.

(3) *Forms, &c.*,

Applications for admission must be addressed to the Recording Secretary, at the Asylum, and made upon the forms and in accordance with the directions prescribed by the Board.

AN ACT

IN RELATION TO THE EDUCATION OF THE BLIND.

Re it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows:

1. The parents or guardian of any blind person between the age of ten and twenty-one years, who has, under the provisions of Chap. 33 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 4th Series, a settlement, within any County or District of the Provinces incorporated by Chap. I., Statutes of 1879, may apply to the Warden of such Municipality for an order for the admission of such person into the Halifax Asylum for the Blind, which order the 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 a blind person named therein to be received into the Halifax Asylum for the Blind and subject to conditions hereinafter described, 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 Asylum for the Blind, pursuant to this Act, and educated and boarded therein, the Board of Managers of the Halifax Asylum for the Blind shall be entitled to receive from the Provincial Treasury at the rate of Sixty 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. When such Municipality shall not comprise an entire County, the last-mentioned grant of Sixty 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 Asylum for the Blind to furnish semi-annually to the Council of Public Instructions full returns of the names, ages, residences, &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 the Halifax Asylum of 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 Asylum for the Blind.

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7. In the case of an incorporated city or town within the Province in which any such blind person as is designated in the first Section of this Act has a legal settlement, an allowance to the Board of Managers of the said Asylum of Sixty Dollars per annum may 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 Asylum, and each such blind person shall be admitted to said Asylum 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 Sixty Dollars in like manner as is provided in the third Section of this Act.

(See Amended Acts of 1883 and 1884.)

**AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 17, ACTS OF 1882, ENTITLED:
"AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE EDUCATION OF
THE BLIND."**

(Passed the 19th day of April, 1883.)

Section 1. Sec. 7 and clause substituted.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly as follows :

1. Section 7 of Chapter 17, of the Acts of 1882, is hereby repealed and following substituted :

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 Asylum 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 such blind person sent to the said Asylum; and each such blind person sent to the said Asylum shall be admitted to the said Asylum in the manner prescribed in the first section of the Act hereby amended, the Chief Executive Office of the Corporation exercising the power 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 the Act hereby amended.

AN ACT

TO INCORPORATE THE HALIFAX ASYLUM FOR THE BLIND.

WHEREAS, it has been proposed that an institution for the reception, maintenance and education of blind persons, should be established in the City of Halifax, and it is desirable that such institution should be founded and carried on by individual enterprise and voluntary association :

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows :

1. When it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Governor-in-Council, that not less than twelve persons have associated themselves for the above object, and subscribed the sum of twelve thousand dollars, and paid thereon into the hands of the Treasurer, by them appointed, the sum of two thousand dollars, the Governor-in-Council shall by proclamation, declare this Act to have come into operation, and thereupon immediately thereafter, such persons, and all such other persons as shall from time to time become associated with them, their successors and assigns, shall be and are hereby incorporated into a company and declared to be a body corporate by the name of "The Halifax Asylum for the Blind," and by that name shall have succession and be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, defending and being defended in all courts and places whatsoever, in all manner of actions, suits, matters, complaints, and causes whatsoever; may have and use a common seal, and may change and alter the same at their pleasure; and shall be capable in law of purchasing, holding and conveying any real and personal estate for the purposes of this incorporation, and none other, which shall not exceed the annual value of ten thousand dollars.

2. For the better carrying into effect the objects of the said incorporation, there shall annually be elected twelve persons, who shall constitute a Board of Managers, who shall have power to conduct and manage all its concerns, the Managers, to be elected by ballot at an annual meeting of the members of the Society, to hold their offices for one year, or until others be elected in their places; the said election to be held at such times and places as the said corporations shall by their by-laws from time to time appoint and direct; the aforesaid Managers shall be elected by a majority of the members present at such election; and in case of any vacancy or vacancies in the said Board of Managers, by death, resignation or otherwise, then the said Board shall have power to fill such vacancy or vacancies until the next annual election.

3. The Board of Managers shall as soon after the annual election as shall be convenient, proceed to elect by ballot, from among their own number, a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, and two Secretaries, who shall serve for one year, or until others are elected in their room; and the first election

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4. The Board of Managers, so elected as aforesaid, shall have full power to make such by-laws as from time to time may be necessary, relative to the management, disposition of the estate and concerns of the said corporation, and regulations of the persons exercising the offices aforesaid, not contrary to law, and may appoint such agents and servants as may be deemed necessary to transact the business of the said corporation, and designate their duties.

5.—It shall be lawful for the City of Halifax to transfer by deed duly executed to the "Halifax Asylum for the Blind," either by way of gift or for valuable consideration, any land hereditaments now vested in the said City of Halifax, either by Act of this Province or by purchase, so that the value of such land and hereditaments shall not exceed in the whole the sum of twelve thousand dollars.

6.—The Managers of the said Institution shall, on or before the first day of February in each year, make a full report to the Governor-in-Council of their proceedings.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ACT TO INCORPORATE THE HALIFAX ASYLUM FOR THE BLIND.

(Passed the 19th day of April, A. D., 1884.)

WHEREAS, It has been deemed advisable to change the name of the Halifax Asylum for the Blind, which was incorporated under that name by Chapter 50 of the Acts of the Province, passed in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven;

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, as follows:

1. The Halifax Asylum for the Blind shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be called and known as "The Halifax School for the Blind," which name shall be the corporate name of the Institution, which shall be used and have effect in all respects, and for all purposes as fully as if such name had been inserted in the original act of incorporation.

2. All gifts, grants, deeds, conveyances, leases, agreements, devices, bequests, contracts, payments, reckonings, dealings and transactions, to, by, with, for, or on account of the said institution before the passing of this Act, shall be, remain and continue and inure to the benefit of the said "The Halifax School for the Blind," as fully as though the name, "The Halifax School for the Blind," had been used or specified in said gifts, grants, deeds, conveyances, leases, agreements, devices, bequests, contracts, payments, reckonings, dealings and transactions.

4. The said Act, as hereby amended, shall stand and remain valid and effectual in all other respects.