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SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TORONTO SCHOOL FOR THE INSTRUCTION

OF THE

DEAF AND DUMB, AND THE BLIND.

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The undersigned, Principal of the Deaf and Dumb School, respectfully submits to the Wardens of the above Counties his Semi-Annual Report, ending 30th June, 1864.

The hope of a remedy to mitigate a depth of human misery so mysterious and profound—the loss of hearing, and, by consequence, of speech—is well calculated to excite, and perhaps excuse, enthusiasm, while prosecuting researches into the hidden mysteries of Nature and of Science, and investigating the fundamental principles upon which an artificial language may be built up, so as to suit the condition of those who are without an outlet to the few painful or pleasurable ideas which bodily requirements may generate, and without an inlet to convey to their fettered minds that intellectual enjoyment by which the powers of the human soul may operate to raise them above the level of animal life.

The philanthropist may well envy the avocation of one privileged to communicate light and knowledge to the imprisoned mind of those who, when they enter school, are conscious of nothing but the mere animal life they live-conscious of none but bodily wants; and yet these unfortunate, yet interesting, portion of our race and kindred may in a few years be raised, by a suitable education, to a knowledge of the Great Ruler of the Universe, and a knowledge of their rights and privileges as citizens of a free country. How delightful the thought to release from uninterrupted silence and mental gloom a fellow-mortal in a state of estrangement from social intercourse with those around him, and unacquainted with the mercy, goodness and power of that God who made him-that Saviour who expiated his sins on the Cross! Surely, then, such a needful work as this should not only excuse enthusiasm, but shelter one from the pestilential vapours of the foul breath of calumny! You, Gentlemen, have received written communications to the effect that I am not qualified to occupy the position of Superintendent of an Institution, based on allegations which must have stifled all feelings of honour in the heart of the man or the woman who dictated them. I shall not bandy terms with the writer thereof, but, in self-defence, submit for your consideration the Treasurer's Reports for the year 1859, when I was Superintendent or Principal, and for the years 1860, '61, '62 and '63, when Doctor Morris had the sole management in his own hands :-

DEAF AND DUMB INSTITUTION IN ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER.

Mr. J. B. McGann, Manager. 10 Boarders and 10 Day Pupils. No. of Pupils under Instruction, 20
Dr.

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| 66 14 60 00 By cash, | casion of public meeting By amount of subscriptions, per Mr. McGann\$240 00 By amount of do., per Rev. T. S. Kennedy. 24 25 By amount of do., per Rev. W. Reid 17 00 | \$281 300 72 | 25 00 00 |
| 10 | | \$1,008 | 8714 |
| 68 | \$6 14 Dec. 9, | Dec. 9, By cash received at door on occasion of public meeting By amount of subscriptions, per Mr. McGann\$240 00 By amount of do., per Rev. T. S. Kennedy. 24 25 By amount of do., per Rev. W. Reid | 1858. Dec. 9, By cash received at door on occasion of public meeting \$15 |

W. M. REID, Treasurer.

| The following sums were paid by the County Council for board and clothes for indigent pupils, viz.: |
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| raid to Mr. McGann, for Bernard Curley |
| Paid to Mrs. Hudson, for Isabella Hambly |
| There was also paid by the City Council, for board for William Cull. |

INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE DEAF AND DUMB, AND OF THE BLIND, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER.

Dr. Morris, Manager of Boarding Establishment, and Superintendent. No. of Pupils under instruction, 13 Boarders and 6 Day Pupils. Total, 19. DR.

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| | \$ | C. | 1 | | | \$ | C |
| 1860.—To cash paid for sundries. "Expenses of Toronto meeting: " of country " " Present to Dr. Howe's Pupils. "Advertising. "Printing. "Stationery. "Rent. "Alterations in house. "Furniture. "Furl "Board of Pupils. "Salaries. Collector for Toronto | 118 173 173 173 174 175 175 175 175 175 175 175 175 175 175 | 3 12 1 00 4 04 4 10 8 00 0 00 3 78 2 01 3 00 3 41 | 16 | cash from | late Treasurer Toronto meetings Country " Government Fees Subscript's.,Toronto Board of Pupils | 142 828 1,000 10 508 | 8 8 9 0 0 0 0 5 5 |
| | \$3,366 | | | | | 3,366 | 86 |
| G. T. KINGSTON, Auditors | | | (Signed) | WM. | McMASTER, Treasur | er. | |

TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET FOR 1861.

Dr. Morris, Manager of Boarding Department, and Superintendent. 18 Boarders and 5 Day Pupils.

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|-----|---------------------------------|-------|-----|------|------------|--------------|---|-------|-----|-------|---|
| | | Ф | C. | | | | | | 1 | 2 | C |
| 0 | Balance from last year | 97 | 27 | By | Salaries- | -Superinte | ndent | \$860 | 00 | | |
| 6 | Government Grant | 2,000 | 00 | 1 66 | . 66 | | nn | | | | |
| 6 | Subscriptions, Toronto | 278 | 00 | 66 | " | Miss McG | ann | 148 | 00 | | |
| ٠, | Meetings, Toronto | 41 | | 66 | " | Miss Han | nilton | 142 | | | |
| ٠ | " Country | 717 | 93 | 66 | " | | | | 00 | | |
| ' 1 | Collected by Schools in country | 311 | 95 | 1 | | | | | _ | 2,307 | 6 |
| | Fees | 21 | 00 | 66 | For Boar | rd of Pupils | | | | 2,323 | 6 |
| | Board of Pupils | 2,299 | 82 | 66 | Fuel | | | | | 216 | |
| | | , | | 144 | Mrs. Hu | idson, for | board of | Isabe | lla | | |
| | | | | | Hambl | y | | | | 35 | 0 |
| | | | | 64 | Bills, inc | cidental | | | | 187 | 0 |
| | | | 1 | 66 | Petty cas | sh | | | | 66 | 1 |
| | | | | 1 66 | Printing | and Station | nery | | | 176 | |
| | | | | 1 " | Expense | of Meeting | | | | 24 | |
| | | | | 66 | "" | | | 7 | | 134 | |
| | | | | . 66 | ~ | Deputa | tion to Que | ebec | | 38 | |
| | | | - 1 | | Collector | , Toronto. | | | | 16 | |
| | | | - 1 | 1 | Rent | | *** * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * | | | 236 | |
| | | | | 1, | Discount | on bill | | | | 2 | |
| | | | | | Balance | in hand | | | | 2 | 8 |
| | 7 | 5,767 | 68 | | | | | | | 5,767 | 7 |

G. T. KINGSTON, Auditors.

(Signed) WM. McMASTER, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET FOR 1862.

Dr. Morris, Manager of Boarding Establishment, and General Superintendent. 21 Boarders and 6
Day Pupils.

| Dr. | | _ | apns, | CR. | |
|---|--|----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| | \$ | c. | | \$ | c. |
| To Balance from last year Government Grant Meetings and Subscriptions, Toronto Proceeds of Amateur Theatricals by Officers of 30th Regiment Proceeds of Concert by Mrs. Marshal's Pupils Board and Tuition of Pupils Meetings, Sermons and Subscriptions, Country Amount due in Bank | 2,000 124 86 65 40 2,892 354 | 31 31 00 25 24 29 | By Salaries — Superintendent. " " Mr. McGann. " " Miss McGann. " " Miss Hamilton. " Board of Pupils. " Furniture, China, Glass, &c. " Fuel and Lighting. " Expenses of Meetings. " Expenses of Meetings. " Rent (\$75 for 1861). " Medicines. " Insurance " Printing, Stationery and Books. " Whitewashing. " Soft Water Tank. " Petty Cash, Postage, &c. Discount on Bills. | 84 2,704 63 250 37 375 13 5 82 9 25 85 | 50 00 00 71 65 12 76 |
| | \$6,160 | 69 | | \$6,160 | 69 |
| G. T. KINGSTON, Auditors. | \$0,200 | - | (Signed) WM. McMASTER, | | |

..... \$4,019 83

Add to this \$6,160.69, \$1,300.00 as accumulating debt not accounted for to Treasurer. Total expenditure, \$7,460.69.

Under the head of "Statement of the Affairs of Asylums and Miscellaneous Charitable Institutions," the following items appear as furnished to the Government, for the year 1863:—

INCOME.

| | 111001111 | | |
|------------|---------------------------|---------|----|
| Received | from Government | \$1,600 | 00 |
| " | " private charity | 00 | 00 |
| 44 | " payments for inmates | 00 | 00 |
| " | " other income | 00 | 00 |
| | Total | \$1,600 | 00 |
| | EXPENDITURE. | | |
| Purchase | of Land, &c., &c | \$00 | 00 |
| | xes, Repairs, Insurance | | 00 |
| | other than to Medical Men | | 00 |
| Salaries a | nd Fees of Medical Men | 00 | 00 |
| | Inmates | | 00 |
| | | | |

| Nature of Governing Body-none. The Institution has undergo | ne a |
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| change of management during the year. | |
| No. of Inmates in the Institution at the beginning of the year | *21 |
| Admitted since | 10 |
| Discharged, placed out | 17 |
| Remaining at the end of year | 14 |
| m: | |

The estimated number of days the whole have been in the Institution is 3,000, the cost of which is \$4,019.83!!!! In a note to this Report marked (i) it says that the Report "is not complete, nor strictly correct, the affairs of the Institution having undergone a change of management during the year. The number of days is only estimated."

I have made it an invariable rule, in my whole life, not to revile him by whom I have been reviled, but, in justice to my character, I stand up in self-defence. I trust I have proven to your satisfaction, Gentlemen, that I am worthy the confidence reposed in me. Further proof may be supplied by applying to the parents of my pupils, all of whom have full confidence in me.

| Che | amount paid | by Treasurers of County Councils, and to | | |
|-----|-------------|--|-------|----|
| | | be paid to me, up to 30th June next, is | \$515 | 00 |
| | " | from Parents of Pupils to do | 288 | 00 |
| | " | from Subscriptions and Collections for 6 | | |
| | | indigent Pupils | 350 | 00 |
| | " | for 7 Day Pupils, not Boarders, and for | | |
| | | whose education it is hoped the Corpo- | | |
| | " | ration will pay | 20 | 00 |
| | | | | |

Cost of educating 33 Pupils for half-year.....†\$1,173 00

HEAD CLASS.

Taught by Miss McGann.

| Anthony Kirkpatrick. | Margaret Smith. |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| William Baptie. | Mary J. Rumley. |
| Norman Lewis. | Hannah Preece. |
| Richard Slater. | |

The pupils of the above class converse intelligently, and with a degree of grammatical accuracy truly satisfactory. They have been learning

^{*} This is incorrect, as I find by referring to my Day Book there were 26 deaf mutes in attendance at the beginning of the year, and 4 blind pupils. 20 deaf mutes left the School that year.

^{† 6} boarders in January, 8 in February, 14 in March, 23 in April, 25 in May. 8 Day Pupils in attendance each month. Average number in attendance for half-year, 25 pupils. From this it may be seen that 50 pupils—the number engaged to be in attendance after vacation (1st September next)—will cost only \$5,412 per annum. The amount paid for maintenance and education is \$140 each per annum. This covers all expenses, in the shape of good, substantial board, washing, tuition, school requisites, sick care, &c., &c.

Pinnock's Bible History, Geography, Arithmetic, Grammar, and Composition. A pious lady gives them two hours' instruction in the Bible, at her residence, twice a week.

2ND CLASS.

Taught by Miss Hattie McGann.

Frank Cole. Edwin Pingle. John Allen. Benjamin Necley. John Johnson.

pjects. Their progress is quite

Agnes Baptie.

Mary Hurley.

These pupils converse on simple subjects. Their progress is quite satisfactory. They have learned five sections of Scripture History, and are entering the "History of Man."

3RD CLASS.—1ST DIVISION.

Taught by Mr. and assisted by Mrs. McGann.
John Moore.

Duncan McKillop.
Eliza Brown.
Isabella Fairley.

George Bishop.
Elizabeth Neeley.
Louisa Noyes.

With the exception of Elizabeth Neeley, the members of this class are doing well. They will, without any effort on their part, soon overtake the 2nd class. They have learned 140 lessons in the Elementary Text Book.

2ND DIVISION.

C. J. Howe.

George Kelly.

Thomas Noyes.

James Jones.

John Ellis.

Robert Foster.

Eliza Sloan.

Charlotte Noyes.

Louisa Noyes.

Jane Foster.

Mary Farley.

Mary Neeley.

Some of the pupils of this class are learning noun-names, others names of actions and qualities of objects. Eli Bellemore, a blind young man, reads Moon's excellent type with fluency. He had learned the Boston, or square type, in the Flint School, State of Michigan, for two years, and for six months read the Roman type, at Dr. Morris' School. The conduct of the Boarders deserves all praise. The Girls, all of whom are grown up, do the whole work of the Establishment in a very satisfactory manner, and—with a single exception—without any remuneration. This is most important to the well-being of the Institution, as it renders the employment of servant girls unnecessary, and tends to promote the industrial training of the inmates.

A few acres of land adjacent to the Institution would be a desirable acquisition; such a property might be profitably cultivated as a garden by the Boys, affording them at once useful employment and healthful recreation.

I cannot close this Report without the expression of my sincere thanks to the inhabitants of those towns where I gave examinations, for the practical sympathy extended to my enterprise, and to the Board of School Trustees of this city, for the use of a Class Room in the Pheœbe Street Schoolhouse, where I have received the benevolent co-operation of all the teachers. I feel truly grateful to you, Gentlemen, for the confidence reposed in me, more particularly Wm. Tyrrell, Esq., Warden of these United Counties, who, from the foundation of the School, has taken a warm interest in its welfare, and evinced a deep Christian sympathy for those unfortunate people whom the Almighty, in His inscrutable will, has created so helpless and dependant.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,
Your very obedient servant,
JOHN B. McGANN,
Principal.

COLLECTIONS.

The following sums were collected in the month of April for the maintenance of 4 deaf mutes, (3 girls and a boy), out of seven afflicted ones in the same family, and 2 other indigent mutes:—

| Young Ladies of Oshawa Cen- | |
|---|---------|
| tral School, Miss Carrie Spear | |
| Treasurer | \$33.71 |
| Meeting do | 7.32 |
| Meeting do Bradford, collected by J. Johnson | 24.50 |
| Drampton | 3.67 |
| nespeier | 14.00 |
| Gueiph | 21.32 |
| Darrie | 10.69 |
| Collingwood | 7.70 |
| Three friends in Weston | 1.95 |
| Brampton | 3.30 |
| Norval | 4.27 |
| Lobo | 21.32 |
| London | 2.85 |
| Stratford | 4.10 |
| Holland Landing | 7.20 |
| Aurora | 5.15 |
| Lefroy | 8.77 |
| Palermo | 6.03 |
| Bronte | 6.50 |
| Galt | 37.15 |
| Acton, by George Kelly | 4.28 |
| Peterboro', by A. Kirkpatrick | 28.00 |
| Lindsay | 6.77 |
| Port Hope | 5.07 |
| Drighton | 2.20 |
| Royal Artillery | 8.00 |
| The Teachers of Com'n. Schools. | 00 |
| Toronto | 35.00 |
| | |

| mutes:— | |
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| C. S. Gzowski, Esq. John McDonald, Esq., M.P.P. | 4.00 |
| John McDonald, Esq., M.P.P. | 5.00 |
| A. M. Smith, Esq., M.P.P. | 4.00 |
| Perkins & Co | 4.00 |
| Perkins & Co Sutherland & Marshall | 1.00 |
| Mrs. McLean | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Henry Lewis. | 1.00 |
| W. D. Gough "Little Jane" collected | 1.00 |
| "Little Jane" collected | 2.00 |
| Miss Lolla Roberts, Toronto | 20.25 |
| Miss Sleith | 15.85 |
| Miss Cooper" | 10.00 |
| Miss Peterkin" | 4.85 |
| Miss Braid". | |
| Miss Keith | 5.00 |
| Miss Sinclair" | 3.85 |
| Miss Thompson | 5.00 |
| Collected in small sums " | 5.30 |
| William Patterson collected | 6.00 |
| Asknowledged in March | 6.25 |
| Acknowledged in March: | |
| Pickering, including \$5 from Mr. | 0100 |
| Lowry and \$2 from P. Doyle. | 24.00 |
| Mrs. Clarke, Model School | 2.00 |
| Anonymous, Peterboro' | 2.00 |
| Township Council of Williams, | |
| County Middlesex, where the | |
| seven deaf mutes reside | 50.00 |
| Total amount collected | 504 17 |

EXPENDITURE.

| 6 months's Board and Education of Jemima and Louisa Noyes, ending 14th September | | 00 |
|---|--|------------------------------|
| | 140 | 00 |
| 3 months' do. do., M. Farley, ending 30th July | | 00 |
| Co. Council will pay | 35 | 00 |
| for indigent Pupils | . 22 | 00 |
| Oshawa Vindicator, for Printing. | 3 | 50 |
| Leader \$4, Globe \$3 | 7 | 00 |
| Railway and Hotel Expenses to give Examinations | 18 | 00 |
| Other Travelling Expenses | 6 | 75 |
| Postage and Stationery | 2 | 25 |
| Szán gazaán (22. jan.) | \$409 | 60 |
| Total Receipts | \$504 409 | |
| Balance in Bank of Permanent Building and Saving Society, in behalf of indigent Mutes | \$94 s were | on |
| | Noyes, ending 14th September. 6 months' do. do., Charlotte and Thos. Noyes, ending 30th September | Noyes, ending 14th September |

TERMS OF SCHOOL.

\$140 per annum, payable quarterly in advance. New pupils admitted into the Institution on the 1st of September and 1st of January of each year.

A GRAND BAZAAR, to which contributions are solicited, will be held in September next, the proceeds of which will be given in aid of indigent mutes.

Contributions received by Mrs. Clarke, Model School, and Miss McGann, Toronto.