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OF THE

Halifax Institution for the Blind,

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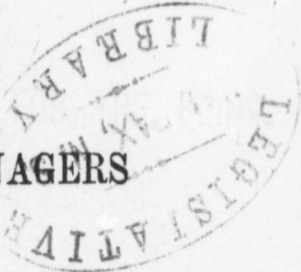
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# HALIFAX INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND.

INCORPORATED IN THE YEAR 1867.

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## Managers and Officers of the Institution.

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### MANAGERS FOR 1880.

JOHN S. MACLEAN,  
M. H. RICHEY, M. P.,  
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#### Corresponding Secretary:

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MAYNARD BOWMAN.

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### Finance :

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### Instruction :

W. C. SILVER,		GEORGE MITCHELL,
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W. C. SILVER,		H. H. FULLER.
W. P. WEST.		

### House :

J. S. MacLEAN,		GEORGE THOMSON,
W. H. NEAL,		W. S. STERLING.

## OFFICERS.

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Superintendent:  
C. F. FRASER.

Teachers:  
LITERATURE—MISS JESSIE FORRESTER. MUSIC—C. F. FRASER.

Trade Instructor:  
DAVID H. BAIRD.

Steward:  
R. T. BLAIR.

Matron:  
MRS. R. T. BLAIR.

Attending Physician:      Ophthalmic Physician:  
DR. ARCHD. LAWSON.      DR. S. DODGE.

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VISITING-DAY—WEDNESDAY, 3 P. M.

## Halifax Asylum for the Blind.

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For the founding of this Institution a debt of gratitude is due by the people of this Province to the late William Murdoch, Esq., who died in London in 1867, having a few years previously taken up his residence there, after a long, useful and successful life as a merchant in this city. In his Will he bequeathed, in addition to various other charities, the munificent sum of £5,000 N. S. Cy., towards the endowment of an Asylum for the Blind, on condition that a suitable building would be secured at a cost of not less than £3,000. An amount was raised by subscription shortly after his decease, sufficient for this purpose, and an eligible site having been procured gratuitously from the City on the South Common, arrangements were at once made, and a suitable brick building was erected, capable of accommodating about forty pupils.

As a Report of the Directors, lately submitted to the Annual Meeting, is annexed, it is unnecessary to make further remarks than to express the hope that the blessing of God may attend this Institution, and that it may do all the good that the benevolent founder had in view in his kindly endeavors to increase the happiness and usefulness of this hitherto neglected class of our fellow-beings in this Province.

HALIFAX, January, 1880.

## NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Board of Managers of the Institution for the Blind,

1879.

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ONCE more through the good Providence of Him who rules in Heaven and earth, the Managers of the Halifax Institution for the Blind are enabled to present to its subscribers and friends their Annual Report.

Under the direction of the able and indefatigable Superintendent, C. F. Fraser, Esq., the Institution has attained a position which justly enables the Managers in this their ninth report to claim that, considering the limited means at their disposal, it is second to none on this continent.

Yet the world is ever on the march. Upward and onward is the motto, in science, in art, in literature, as well as in education, and the Managers feel that they would be remiss in their duty did they not use their utmost endeavor to promote the welfare of the Institution under their charge. Great results have already been accomplished, and still greater may yet be in store.

The Provincial Government, now fully alive to the just claims of this school, have so far endorsed the principle of free education to all, as to have carefully considered in what manner the interests of the Blind can be forwarded most effectually. We trust that their action may be such as to place the Institution on a solid financial basis, thus extending its advantages to every blind child in the Province, and not as heretofore leaving it dependent for its efficiency on a fluctuating and uncertain grant.

The Board of Managers have as usual appropriated a small sum to the improvement of the grounds, which they hope in time so to improve that they may not only be a profit to the Institution, but also a pleasant resort for the pupils during their hours of recreation.

The improvements in the house during the year consists in the laying of concrete floors in part of the basement, also in remodeling the boys dormitory, so as to supply long-needed accommodation, thus tending to instil habits of order among the pupils.

The Board are happy to state that the health of the pupils has during the past year been excellent, this they attribute mainly to the healthy and open situation of the building, the lofty and well ventilated rooms, the invigorating exercise provided in the gymnasium, and in the plain but wholesome diet supplied.

The Superintendent accompanied by a number of the pupils visited during the past summer Newfoundland and Cape Breton, practically exhibiting the great advantages offered to the blind in this school.

The result of this tour should be a large increase in our numbers. Surely the parents of blind children will do their utmost to give them an education, rather than allow them to grow up in listless ignorance.

The Managers have much pleasure in testifying to the progress made by the pupils in the different departments. The gratifying success of Miss Forrester as a teacher in the literary department, and her devotion to the best interests of the pupils, attests to the wisdom which guided the Board in enlisting her services.

As shown by the Superintendent's Report, the advantages to the pupils in the musical department would be greatly increased by the purchase of a pipe organ and by the employment of an assistant instructor in vocal music.

The fact of the prize for cane seating having been awarded to the Institution at the last Provincial Exhibition, as well as a diploma for corn brooms, proves that the work being done in this department is of a satisfactory character and reflects credit on Mr. D. A. Baird, under whose immediate charge the work shops are placed.

Our Superintendent has recently published a book on the subject of the education of the blind, entitled, "Fighting in the Dark." This is a most valuable work, and will tend greatly to disseminate sound views as to the education of the class to whom it refers.

The Managers heartily endorse the efforts being made by the Superintendent to establish a Circulating Library for the blind throughout the Maritime Provinces. For further information as to the necessity for this library, as well as other matters of general interest in connection with the Institution, we refer the public to the Superintendent's Report hereto annexed.

It is with deep regret that the Board record the death of their late Secretary, Charles Fletcher, Esq., whose practical zeal in furtherance of the interests of every department, and ever kindly and modest deportment, will long live in the memory of those connected with the Institution and its management.

The Board were fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Maynard Bowman as Secretary to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Fletcher's decease.



Under the pressure of advancing years, the respected and venerable J. F. Avery, Esq., M. D., has resigned his position as President, but we do not doubt but that the Institution for the Blind will continue to enjoy his moral and material support.

The Steward and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Blair, continue to enjoy the confidence of the Board, and parents and guardians may rely upon the comfort and well-being of those committed to their charge.

The income of the Institution from all sources for the past year has been, as is shown by the Treasurer's Report annexed, \$4,313.79. The expenditure \$4,088.82, leaving a balance to new account of \$224.97. Nearly all of this balance will, however, be required to meet outstanding bills.

Our thanks are due to Dr. Archibald Lawson, Attending Physician, Dr. S. Dodge, Ophthalmic Surgeon, and to Dr. A. C. Cogswell, Dentist, for gratuitous services rendered during the year. To Messrs. Sichel and Doane for free tickets supplied to the pupils for concerts under their control. To Miss Laura Bond, who kindly supplied the place of Miss McKie as music reader. To the authorities of the various railroad and steam-boat Companies for reduced fares for pupils travelling to or from their homes. Also to the Western Union and Newfoundland Telegraph Companies for the free use of their lines during the concert tour.

JOHN S. MACLEAN, *Vice-President.*  
MAYNARD BOWMAN, *Secretary.*

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, 1879.

*To the Board of Managers of the Halifax Institution for the Blind :*

GENTLEMEN.—The close of another year in the history of this Institution calls for the customary Annual Report, which I submit in a spirit of thankfulness to Almighty God for his continued blessings upon the school.

### ATTENDANCE.

There have been during the past year thirteen males and seven females, in all twenty blind persons receiving instruction in this Institution. At the close of the school term in June last one pupil graduated, the vacancy being filled at the commencement of the present session, making the number in attendance the same as at the date of our last report.

### SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

A large number of valuable books in raised print have been recently purchased by the Institution. These books have been selected with a view of placing within the reach of our more advanced pupils reading matter of a higher standard than that heretofore purchased.

I have with the valuable assistance of Miss Forrester thoroughly re-organized the literary department, and have arranged a course of studies that will afford our pupils facilities for obtaining a complete English education.

Classes in the following branches are formed each year : Spelling, Reading in Boston, Moon and Braille systems, Pencil and Point Writing, English Grammar, Geography, History and Arithmetic. In addition to the foregoing, two extra studies are taken up in each successive year as follows :

- 1.—Composition and Elocution.
- 2.—Natural History and Heathen Mythology.
- 3.—Natural Philosophy and Physiology.
- 4.—Geometry and Astronomy.
- 5.—Algebra and English Literature.

### MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

The importance of this department in a well equipped institution for the blind has been from the first recognized by your Board,

and provided for with a liberality that proves you fully appreciate the necessity of making this department as efficient as the limited means at your command will allow.

Each succeeding year has marked a decided improvement in the attainments of the pupils, and their success as teachers of music fully warrants the expense necessarily incurred in their instruction.

The addition of a Pipe Organ to the list of our musical instruments would secure for many of our graduates remunerative situations as organists in the various churches throughout the country, and would be to them a valuable auxiliary in the profession of teachers of music.

The time at my disposal renders it almost impossible for me to give individual instruction in vocal music to all of those whose voices are capable of development.

The culture of the vocal powers is a very important feature in a thorough musical education, and as our graduates will be called upon to instruct pupils in vocal as well as instrumental music, I would recommend this matter to the immediate and earnest consideration of your Board. The following will show the work being carried on in this department :

*Pupils receiving Instruction.*

Piano-forte.....	17
Cabinet Organ .....	2
Harmony and Thorough Bass.....	4
Vocal Music—Individual instruction.....	5
Choir.....	17
Piano Tuning.....	3

A. M. Chisholm, of Great Village, Londonderry, graduated with credit at the close of the last term, receiving a first-class diploma as a teacher of the piano-forte and cabinet organ, also a certificate of competency as a tuner.

MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT.

The value of this department to the School should not be determined by the number of articles manufactured, or from the proceeds from the sale of such articles. For much of the work performed by beginners, the Institution derives no direct equivalent in money, and in many instances sustains a loss, this is owing to the material destroyed before a saleable article can be produced.

The peculiar conditions of blindness render it absolutely necessary that the muscles and nerves of the hands and fingers, upon which so much depends, should be developed to their fullest extent, and therefore by attending the workshops our pupils are not

only being trained in that which may prove a means of support, but are also acquiring a free and natural use of their hands, which could not otherwise be attained, besides reaping all the advantages resulting from constant and varied occupation.

*Boys' Work Department—Trades taught.*

Cane Seating of Chairs, Manufacture of Brooms, Mats and Brushes.

*Girls' Work Department.*

Hand and Machine Sewing and Knitting, Netting, Bead and Woolwork.

HEALTH.

We again record with gratitude a year of uninterrupted health. No epidemic has interfered with the routine work of the School.

The average absence from duties of each pupil on account of colds or other slight indisposition stands as in our last report.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The comparative costliness of raised print books makes it most desirable that a circulating library be established for the use of our graduates, and for any other persons in the Maritime Provinces, who have learned to read. The average cost of a book in embossed letters is about \$4.

Should such a library be organized, one copy of the same work might be read and enjoyed by many individuals, and unless it be established many of our graduates will, from want of practice, lose that sensitiveness of touch, which as pupils they labored so hard to develope.

The nucleus of this library has been formed by the British Bible Society. This Society granted the sum of thirty dollars for the purchase of six copies of the New Testament, these have been distributed in accordance with the wishes of the Society, to persons whose means would not allow of their purchasing such expensive books.

The eagerness with which these books have been sought after by old blind persons, as well as by our former pupils, has induced me to supply a few other works at my own expense; but I feel that the public are entitled to share with me the pleasure of establishing a complete library for circulation among the blind of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, and I therefore earnestly solicit contributions of either money or books towards this most desirable object.

Several years ago it became apparent that if we desired to fam-

iliarize the public with the aims and objects of the Institution, we should better accomplish this end by appointing a regular day in each week on which visitors might be admitted and witness the literary and musical exercises of the pupils, and inspect the workshops. Accordingly your Board appointed the hour of 3 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon as the time when the public should be admitted. These Wednesday afternoon exercises have steadily grown in popularity, and through them many thousands of persons have become interested in the school and in the success of the pupils. But it was found that the great mass of the people outside of the city still regarded the Institution as an asylum for the blind, and not as a school in which they were educated and trained for lives of usefulness.

In view of this misconception, I chose, with the permission of your Board, some of the most advanced pupils, with whom I visited the chief cities and towns in this and the neighboring Provinces, in each of which we gave a public concert, &c.

During last summer vacation we visited Newfoundland, returning by way of Cape Breton and the eastern part of Nova Scotia Proper.

In the concerts we gave we were aided by Miss Barber of Streetsville, Ontario. This young lady, who possessed a rich and well trained voice, assisted in all the concerts given by us with an untiring zeal. We had with us a fine chorus of voices, and this in addition to the aid rendered by the Misses Forrester and Barber, made up an entertainment which pleased and delighted the large audiences which everywhere greeted us, and contributed in no small degree to the financial success of the tour.

We have now visited every county in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and the greater part of Newfoundland. Have given concerts in seventy-five cities and towns, having travelled for this purpose more than six thousand miles. Our special thanks are due to those who have aided in making these trips financially successful.

When in Newfoundland I visited the homes of ten blind children, three of them were members of one family. These young persons were the children of poor parents depending upon their daily earnings, and they will, if not educated, eventually require an annual pension from the Government of that colony.

Your Board liberally agreed to admit indigent pupils from Newfoundland free of expense, intending to memorialize the Government of that Province on their behalf, which Government would doubtless willingly make an annual grant to the Institution for natives of Newfoundland attending the school. Indeed, the members of the Government expressed their hearty approbation of the movement and their earnest desire to have the blind of Newfound-

land participate in the education and training afforded here. But, notwithstanding that many of the parents expressed their anxiety to take advantage of your offer, no pupils have as yet been sent. This is chiefly owing to the fact of their parents being quite unable to provide them with suitable clothing and defray their travelling expenses to and from the Institution.

Here is a noble work for the philanthropists of St. John's, to second the Government in rescuing these children from lives of helpless dependence.

I trust that in our next Report we shall have the pleasure of recording that an association for the encouragement of the education of the blind has been formed by our friends in Newfoundland.

The grant made to the Institution by the Government of P. E. Island is equal to but one-third of the actual cost of supporting their beneficiaries.

I would recommend that your Board before shutting out the pupils from that Province, again memorialize the Government of the Island. This recommendation I make in the interest of the blind, feeling confident that Prince Edward Island will not withhold from them that which they grant to those blessed with sight.

Several applications for admission of pupils have been received from New Brunswick, but as they were for children under the prescribed age, no action could be taken by your Board.

The liberal course which New Brunswick pursues with regard to the education and training of those deprived of sight, proves that the people interpret the School Act in a broad and liberal spirit, by not debarring from the advantages of education those to whom their public schools are not available.

The reception and discussion of your memorial to the Provincial Parliament of Nova Scotia was most encouraging. The memorial set forth the claims of the blind of Nova Scotia to a free education, and its consideration by the Government proved that the movement had the hearty sympathy of the people's representatives and that ere long the Institution would be regarded as a part of that educational system of which Nova Scotia may justly be proud.

A pressure of other important business prevented the Government from introducing any definite scheme for providing for the education of the blind and deaf and dumb, but we may reasonably hope that during the session of 1880 a measure will be adopted that will secure to the blind and deaf and dumb the benefits of education, no longer extending to them as a charity that which all others have as a right.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. F. FRASER,

*Superintendent.*

## SCHOOL RECORD.

Number of school days in the term, 241. Possible number of marks to be obtained either in the Literary or Musical departments, or for department, 1000.

NAMES OF PUPILS.	Attend.	School.	Music.	Deport.
Jane Atwood, Yarmouth.....	237	918	961	999
Minnie Corbin, Chester. ....	237	848	960	995
Maggie Duke, Richibucto, N. B.....	237	830	910	998
Mary Maclean, Whyoccomagh, C. B. ....	191	654	6 mos. 580	1000
Sarah McCallum, Georgetown, P. E. I.....	159	497	3 mos. 240	999
Maggie Newcomb, Shoal Bay.....	237	736		989
Pessie Wamback, LaHave.....	241	694	860	1000
Jas. Butler, Barrington ...	236	794	820	993
A. M. Chisholm, Londonderry.....	241		1000	992
Chas. Cole, Fredericton, N. B.....	241	848	789	987
Wm. Collins, St. John, N. B.....	236	745	863	997
E. P. Fletcher, Debert River.....	241		990	989
John Hawbolt, Marie Joseph.....	220	682	788	993
Ed. Leedham, Musquodoboit.....	175	676	756	1000
Frank Maclean, Musquodoboit.....		892	966	995
Murdoch Morrison, Stellarton.....	240	738	812	989
Amos Macneill, Alberton, P. E. I.....	230	866	865	999
John Ross, Victoria, C. B.....	188	701		998
John Rafuse, Chester.....	241	716		999
George Theakston, Halifax.....	212	752	744	987

### ADULT WORKMAN.

James Wood, Halifax.

### PRIZES—LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

*1st Prize*, Jane Atwood. *2nd Prize*, Frank Maclean.

### MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

*1st Prize*, A. M. Chisholm. *2nd Prize*, E. P. Fletcher.

### GIRLS' WORK DEPARTMENT.

*Bradwork Prize*, Maggie Duke. *Needlework Prize*, Sarah McCallum.

### BOYS' WORK DEPARTMENT.

*Divided Prize*—John Ross, Chas. Cole.

The two Prizes offered by the Rev. Robert Laing to be competed for by pupils under 15 years of age were won by Amos McNeil and Minnie Corbin.

### PUPIL ENTERED DURING THE YEAR.

Sydney McDonald, New Glasgow.

### PUPIL LEFT DURING THE YEAR.

A. M. Chisholm, Londonderry.

Dr. Halifax Asylum for the Blind, in acct. with G. THOMSON, Treasurer. Cr.

To House Expenses,—including Salaries of Steward and Matron, and Servants' Wages.....	\$1685 08	By Balance from 1878.....	\$ 64 80
Salaries.....	980 00	Interest and Dividend.....	1282 96
Repairs.....	231 71	Manufactures.....	83 91
School.....	38 33	Board and Tuition of Pupils.....	249 25
Grounds.....	141 53	Donations.....	616 42
Printing.....	45 22	Donations for Piano.....	91 60
Gymnasium.....	29 20	Nova Scotia Government Grant.....	800 00
Piano.....	350 00	P. E. I. Government Grant.....	100 00
Two Deposit Receipts, \$400 and \$100.....	500 00	New Brunswick Government Grant for 1878.....	480 00
Sundries.....	87 25	Bequests.....	400 00
Balance to New Account.....	224 97	Nett proceeds Newfoundland trip.....	144 85
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HALIFAX, 11th December, 1879.

GEO. THOMSON, *Treasurer.*

W. C. SILVER,  
GEO. MITCHELL, } *Auditors.*



## PATRONS.

BY-LAW, ART. 2.—The payment of five hundred dollars at one time shall constitute a Patron of the Institution.

William Canard.  
Sir W. F. Williams.

## 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 thereby be constituted life members of the Association.

Sir Edward Kenny.	John H. Symons.
His Lordship Bishop Binney.	Jarius Hart.
Sir William Young.	Chas. Cogswell, M. D.
W. J. Stairs.	B. D. Fraser, Esq., M. D.
J. Duffus.	Ann Vass.
W. P. West.	S. A. White.
William Hare.	George Esson.
Edward Albro.	Edward Smith.
Gen. Sir Hastings Doyle.	Chas. Robson.
Hon. J. W. Ritchie.	E. W. Chipman.
Hon. D. McN. Parker.	W. H. Neal.
John Doull.	John Silver.
John Tobin.	John S. Maclean.
John Stairs.	Robt. Morrow.
Adam Burns.	John Taylor.
Wm. Esson.	W. Fraser.
Alex. McLeod.	H. N. Paint.
Wm. Harrington.	P. Lynch.
Mrs. Wm. Black.	John G. Marshall.
J. B. Bland.	J. B. Morrow.
John Bauld.	W. Smith.
John Gibson.	T. V. Woolrich.
James Scott.	W. H. Newman.
Daniel Cronan.	J. B. Elliott.
J. Seeton.	W. H. Creighton.
R. B. Seeton.	R. T. Muir.
Jas. F. Avery.	J. T. Everett.
Geo. H. Starr.	D. Falconer.
G. C. Harvey.	H. P. Burton.
W. C. Silver.	Col. Lowry, 47th Regt.
Stephen Tobin.	John Boyd.
Thos. A. Brown.	George Thomson.
W. Compton.	M. H. Richey.
John C. Halliburton.	C. Kaizer.
Hon. S. L. Shannon.	J. C. Mackintosh.
E. J. Lordly.	P. Walsh.
W. H. Stimpson.	M. A. Buckley.
John Farquharson.	Jas. R. Lithgow.
Most Rev. Dr. Hannan, Arch- Bishop of Halifax.	Sir Patrick McDougall, K.C.B. Lt. Thos. A.W. Cochrane, R.N.

## 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 his annual payment of five dollars.

Their Excellencies the Marquis of Lorne & H. R. H. the Princess Louise.	Mrs. Alex. Keith.
X. Y. Z.	G. P. Murray.
Mrs. Harry King.	J. R. Kinney, M. P.
Hon. L. E. Baker.	Samuel Knight.
Mrs. George Thomson.	Rev. H. P. Almon, D. C. L.
Dr. A. P. Read.	Rev. A. W. Hoyles.
Father Falconia.	James Browning.
Jacob Hart.	W. S. Sterling.
Geo. Mitchell.	Maynard Bowman.
	H. H. Fuller.

## LEGACIES.

1871—Jane Molloy.....\$ 88 87	1877—W. L. West.....\$800 00
1872—Robt. Noble..... 100 00	1877—J. M. Walker..... 500 00
1874—R. Purvis..... 100 00	1878—W. S. Black..... 250 00
1875—Jas. McDonald..... 150 00	1878—Chas. Roche..... 100 00
1876—Miss Jane M. Tonge.. 20 00	1879—Miss Service ..... 400 00

## THANKSGIVING COLLECTIONS, 1878.

1st Baptist Church, Canard...\$ 7 68	St. John's Church, Truro....\$ 9 00
Methodist Con'g, Pownal, PEI, 1 00	Sharon Church, Stellarton... 11 00
St. Andrew's Church, Halifax 8 00	Union Centre and Lochaber.. 2 00
Presby'n Con'g, Folly Village. 15 00	Bishop's Chapel..... 3 31
Antg'h, per Rev. P. Goodfellow 17 00	United Prayer Meeting, 1st Presbyterian Ch., Truro.... 22 00
Wesleyan Methodist Church, Windsor, per Rev. E. Brecken 8 64	Ch. of Scotland, Gairloch, Rich- mond, C. B..... 7 00
St. Andrew's Church, Pictou... 28 00	Presb'n Con'g, Woodville, PEI 3 50
Presbyterian Con'g, Cape John 7 50	White Sands Church, Murray Harbor, PEI..... 2 00
Garrison Chapel..... 6 32	
Baptist Congregation, Chester 8 50	

## THANKSGIVING COLLECTIONS, 1879.

Methodist Ch., Brunswick St., per Rev. C. Lockhart.....\$ 1 50	Granville St. Ch., per S. Selden \$8 17
Chalmers' Church, per Rev. C. B. Pitblado ..... 13 00	Salt Springs Presby'n Con'g, per Wm. McDonald..... 11 00
St. Andrew's Church..... 9 00	Toney River and Cape John, per Jas. W. Fraser..... 5 00
" " " additional 2 00	Rogers Hill Presby'n Con'g... 8 40
Garrison Chapel, per Rev. A. Townend, Col. Cameron and others..... 25 00	Whycocomagh, C. B., per Rev. W. Stewart..... 4 50
	West Truro Congregation.... 5 00

DONATIONS.

Their Excellencies the Marquis of Lorne and H. R. H. Princess Louise.....	\$25 00	J. W. McCoubry, St. Johns...\$	2 60
Duncan McGregor.....	1 00	Chas. Pinsent, do.....	4 00
Mrs. Alexander Keith.....	10 00	Hon. J. J. Rogerson, do.....	4 00
G. P. Murray, Margaree, CB.,	5 00	J. W. Bowden, do.....	4 00
Major Maingay.....	10 00	Blue Ribbon, do.....	1 00
Mrs. Samuel Laurence, Margaree Harbor, C. B.....	1 00	Athenæum Hall Committee, St. Johns, Nfld.....	8 50
Rev. A. B. Dickie, Sheet H'bor	1 50	Sir Pat'k and Lady McDougall	50 00
X. Y. Z.....	20 00	Dr. A. P. Reid.....	5 00
Sir Edward Kenny.....	25 00	Rev. H. P. Almon, D.C.L....	5 00
Mrs. Harry King.....	6 00	A Friend.....	3 00
W. S. Sterling.....	5 00	John Laidlaw, Ontario.....	1 00
A friend.....	1 00	Miss E. Laidlaw.....	1 00
Dr. Dashwood.....	4 00	Father Falconia, Harbor Grace, Nfld.....	5 00
Frederick Allison.....	10 00	Rev. W. A. Hoyles, Carbonear, Nfld.....	5 00
Rev. Robt. Patterson, Bedique	4 00	Father Quinnan, C. B.....	1 00
Friend, per ".....	1 00	Joseph Hart, Bedeque, C. B..	4 00
Hon. L. E. Baker.....	20 00	J. Morrison, M.P.P., do.....	2 00
J. R. Kinney, M. P. P.....	5 00	Jacob Hart, Whyccomagh, C. B.....	5 00
Arnold Doane.....	4 00	J. Hartly, Pirate's Cove, C. B.	3 00
Mrs. Halliday, Dartmouth....	4 00	Miss Jost, do.....	2 00
Dr. H. H. Reid.....	2 00	Rev. Mr. Jervis, Guysboro'...	1 00
Cash, per C. F. Fraser.....	3 60	Sheriff Hill, Antigonish.....	1 00
Judge Marshall.....	4 00	M. T., St. Johns, Nfld.....	40 00
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The Board of Managers deem it advisable to publish a few extracts from letters and newspapers testifying to the efficiency of the Institution.

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MAPLEWOOD, Oct. 31, 1879.

DEAR MR. FRASER,—Will you accept the enclosed \$50 as a contribution from Lady MacDougall and me in aid of the funds of your Institution.

I should very much like to have the privilege of visiting you from time to time to look on at your daily routine, at an hour when we should not be in your way. Wednesday which is, I believe, your visitors day, is one on which we are usually engaged.

Believe me,  
Yours truly,  
P. MACDOUGALL.

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ST. JOHNS, NFLD., 11th July, 1879.

*Mr. Fraser:*

DEAR SIR,—I had the pleasure of attending your last evening's Concert, with which I was highly delighted. Enclosed you will find a bank note for ten pounds, which please accept in aid of your noble Institution.

With the assurance of my heartiest sympathy in your truly philanthropic work,

Believe me, Dear Sir,  
Very truly yours,  
JAMES BROWNING.

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H. M. S. DRUID, 8th Dec., 1879.

DEAR MR. FRASER,—Please accept the enclosed \$50 towards the funds of the Institution under your charge. I was delighted with the musical attainments of your pupils, and trust that the Institution may ever continue to meet with its present success.

Yours very truly,  
THOS. A. W. COCHRANE.

## OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

MORNING CHRONICLE, 25th March, 1879.

THE BLIND ASYLUM CONCERT.—The annual concert and exhibition of the Pupils of the Halifax Institution for the Blind, took place in Freemasons' Hall last night before a large audience. From a musical point of view the entertainment was a decided success. The Choruses were beautifully sung, while the Piano and Vocal Solos, Duets and Trios, would have done credit to professionals. During an intermission, an exhibition was given of the scholastic attainments of the pupils, which proved them to be quick-witted and well taught. A recitation, "The Charge of the Light Brigade," by little Master George W. Theakston, was capitally delivered. When "God save the Queen" closed the performance, the audience left more than satisfied.

MORNING HERALD, 2nd April, 1878.

The Concert given by the Pupils of the Halifax Institution for the Blind at Mason Hall last evening, was the best ever given by them. The various pieces sung showed how skilfully the pupils are trained, and what a high degree of perfection in the study and execution of the "Divine Art" they are capable of reaching. Although the audience was large and appreciative, still the state of the weather must have deterred many from attending. The wish was expressed for a repetition of the Concert, so that those who missed the rich treat afforded last night, may have an opportunity of enjoying it. We heartily congratulate Mr. Fraser, the Superintendent, on the success and proficiency of his pupils; while the Managers of the Institution are to be congratulated for placing over the inmates an accomplished gentleman, who evidently spares no pains in developing the various talents of those committed to his charge, and fitting them to occupy places in life, beneficial to themselves and creditable to the Institution. The Halifax School for the Blind already ranks high among its sister institutions in other parts of the world; and judging from what we witnessed last night, it will not be long before it takes a first place. As it is, Halifax has reason to be proud of its Institution and those interested in it gratified at its progress.

HALIFAX EVENING REPORTER AND TIMES, 2nd April, 1878.

The Concert by the Pupils of the Institution for the Blind at Freemasons' Hall last evening, was well attended, considering the state of the weather. The musical programme was admirably carried out; the execution reflecting great credit on all concerned. In reading, geography,

history, and the rudiments of music the pupils exhibited marked ability, creditable to themselves, and to their teacher, Mr. Fraser, who evidently seems to be the right man in the right place. Perhaps the most remarkable feature was the rapidity of their arithmetical calculations, which amused and astonished everybody. The entertainment was a great success, and gave much satisfaction to the audience.

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ACADIAN RECORDER, 2nd April, 1878.

Among the many entertainments presented to the citizens of Halifax during the past winter, few, if any, can favorably compare with that given last night by the pupils for the Institution for the Blind. Mason Hall was well filled, and at eight o'clock a programme of very interesting music was commenced, under the direction of Mr. Fraser, the teacher of the Institution, who is like his pupils devoid of sight. On the platform a large and interesting collection of work, executed by the pupils, was on exhibition; brushes, upholstering, chair seating, by the boys; specimens of straw work, photo frames, wall pockets, etc., etc., Berlin wool work, knitting, etc., by the girls.

The specimens exhibited were creditable to the young people, and taking the evening's exhibition as a sample of the training given to the pupils, we must say the Institution deserves to succeed; and we hope that the Legislature will see their way clear to give them a grant this year, as they have done for the past two.

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FROM THE EVENING TELEGRAM, ST. JOHN'S Nfld., July 10th, 1879.

THE CONCERT LAST EVENING.—Mr. Fraser and pupils returned from Harbor Grace yesterday morning. They are highly pleased with their visit to the Bay and, no doubt, they will take with them from Newfoundland gratifying recollections of that little episode in the history of their brief sojourn in this "ancient and loyal colony."

Last evening they gave another concert in the Athenæum Hall, under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor. The audience was large and embraced a good representation from the upper stratum of society. We have already expressed the general opinion respecting the proficiency of the performers, and now we have only to add that all things considered, last night's entertainment was something marvellous. We do not care to make invidious distinction, but we cannot help just referring to the exquisite effect with which "The Swiss Echo" was rendered by Miss Hunter.

A grand Sacred Concert will be given to-night, when an opportunity to enjoy a real musical treat will be afforded to all.

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FROM THE EVENING CHRONICLE, ST. JOHNS, Nfld., July 11, 1879.

Mr. Fraser with his blind pupils had a second Concert on Wednesday evening and another one last evening in the Athenæum. His Ex-

cellency the Governor was present at the former. There were large audiences, and the singing was such as to maintain the high reputation already acquired here by this gifted corps. The degree of proficiency attained by those who labor under such a fearful deprivation is something to excite unwonted surprise and admiration.

FROM THE COLCHESTER SUN, TRURO, N. S., July 30, 1879.

CONCERT BY THE BLIND.—The pupils of the Institution for the Blind, gave their concert in the Y. M. C. A. Hall on Monday evening last, to a full house. The performance commenced at 8 o'clock with a chorus, "Joy, Joy, Freedom's Day," which was well rendered, the pupils entering into the singing with a will. Then followed a piano duet by Messrs, Fraser and Chisholm, which was played with ease and elegance. After this came a male quartette entitled: "Dreams of the Summer Night." Next on the programme was a song by A. M. Chisholm, followed by a chorus. Mr. Chisholm's performance on the piano was a decided success, the pupils appearing to enjoy it as much as the audience. Miss Hunter next gave a song which was loudly encored. Songs, duets, solos and choruses followed in quick succession till the school work came on. James Butler commenced these pleasing exercises by reading from a geography in raised print. The exercises on the map almost, if not altogether, surpassed those of our public schools. The maps were passed round among the audience for inspection. On these maps the mountains are raised above the land and the rivers depressed below. The boundaries are also raised and the towns represented by dots. The pupils found the places with great rapidity. The exercises in mental or railroad Arithmetic were remarkable and surprising. The questions were given with such speed as to make it difficult for the audience to catch the numbers, much more to obtain the answers. The pupils readily worked them, each one trying to give the answer first. Mr. Fraser then addressed the audience in a few interesting remarks about the working and prospects of the school. The second part of the programme opened with a chorus "Away! Away! the Morning Fresh is Breaking." The duet "Larboard Watch, Ahoy," was well received. After more songs and choruses, some selections from H. M. S. Pinafore were given in good style. By request, Mr. Leedham sang the "Hen Convention Show," creating roars of laughter by his inimitable crowing and cackling. The National Anthem closed the performance.

The proceedings were very interesting and wherever these concerts may be given in future we advise our readers not to miss them, for we assure them they are well worth hearing, and an evening spent in this way will not be wasted.

Miss Forrester and Miss Barber appeared on the platform with the pupils and ably assisted them in their concert. The former playing accompaniments and the latter taking part in the vocal music, rendering "Coming thro' the Rye," and other songs, in a manner that proved her to be a first-class vocalist.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
**Halifax Asylum for the Blind.**

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Association shall, conformably to the Act of Incorporation, 30 Victoria, C. 59, be styled, "THE HALIFAX ASYLUM 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 towards 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 on motion of a member of the Board of Managers at one of their regularly 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 Institution.

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 busi-

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ness 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 and hour within one week therefrom, and the same shall stand adjourned accordingly, and the business so postponed shall at 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 and so on to the least, shall constitute the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE IV.—BY-LAWS, &C.

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 the 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 Asylum 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 have been 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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## BY-LAWS.

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### BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETINGS.

#### I.—STATED MEETING.

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 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 he 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 of three on supplies, repairs and improvements, to have supervision of all matters connected with the supply of provisions, clothing and other necessaries; the regulation of the domestic arrangements of the Institution, and the 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 exclusive control, subject only to the full Board, over the department allotted to them; shall keep a book at the Institution, in which all their proceedings shall be entered, and especially all requisitions, instructions or 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 desired.

## 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, on receipt, in some bank approved by the Managers, to the credit 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 a 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.

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 proceeding, 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 eight and eighteen, may be admitted to the Institution by paying one hundred twenty dollars per annum, the payments to be made by half-yearly instalments in advance. This sum shall cover all the expenses of board, washing, tuition and medical attendance. The pupils must furnish their own clothing, and pay their own fares to and from the Institution.

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

(2) *Special Cases*—

The Board of Managers may receive special applications for the admission of pupils who are in indigent circumstances, and grant or refuse the same from time to time, as in their judgment may be consistent with the funds of the Institution.

(3) *Day Scholars*—

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

(4) *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

# To Incorporate the Halifax Asylum for the Blind.

(Passed the 7th day of May, A. D., 1867.)

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| Preamble.<br>1. Act to commence when \$12,000 subscribed. Incorporation.<br>2. Board of Managers.<br>3. Officers—how elected. | 4. By-Laws.<br>5. City may convey lands, &c.<br>6. Managers shall report to the Governor in Council. |
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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 have 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 and may 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, and 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 office 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 corporation shall by their by-law 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 of Managers and Officers shall take place on a day to be fixed by the Governor in Council, in the proclamation aforesaid.

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 or 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.