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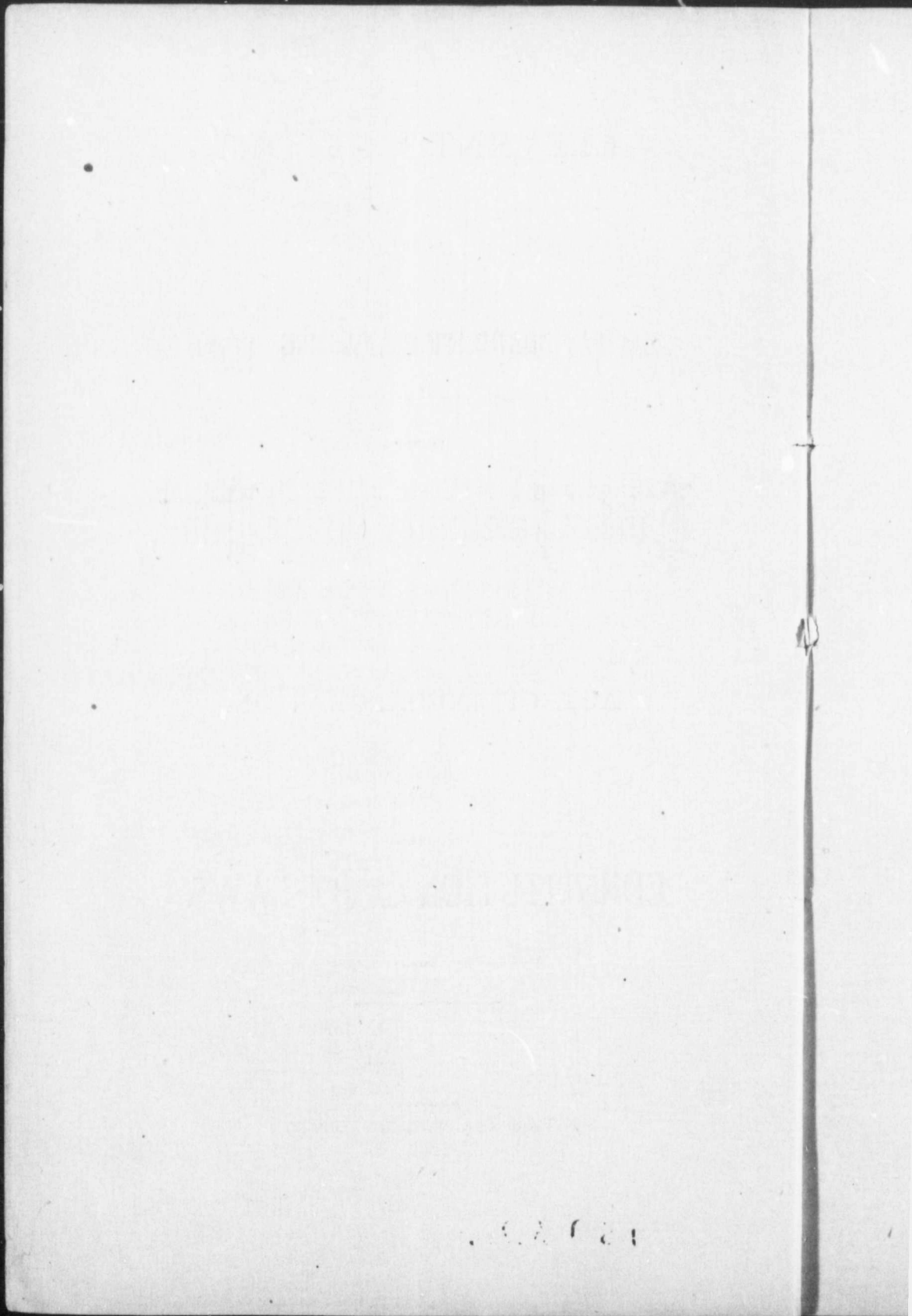
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# HALIFAX INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND.

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## Managers and Officers of the Institution.

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### MANAGERS FOR 1882.

JOHN S. MACLEAN,  
M. H. RICHEY, M. P.,  
JOHN DUFFUS,  
W. C. SILVER,  
S. A. WHITE,  
W. H. NEAL,

GEORGE THOMSON,  
GEORGE MITCHELL,  
HON. S. L. SHANNON,  
H. H. FULLER,  
W. S. STIRLING,  
E. D. MEYNELL.

**President.**

JOHN S. MACLEAN.

**Vice-President.**

W. C. SILVER.

**Corresponding Secretary.**

M. H. RICHEY, M. P.

**Recording Secretary and Treasurer.**

E. D. MEYNELL.

HALFAX INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND

FOUNDED IN 1838

MANAGER AND OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTION

MANAGER FOR THE YEAR 1911

MANAGER	W. H. BROWN
DEPUTY MANAGER	W. H. BROWN
SECRETARY	W. H. BROWN
TREASURER	W. H. BROWN
CHIEF CLERK	W. H. BROWN
CHIEF NURSE	W. H. BROWN
CHIEF COOK	W. H. BROWN
CHIEF CLEANER	W. H. BROWN
CHIEF GARDENER	W. H. BROWN
CHIEF PORTER	W. H. BROWN
CHIEF WATCHMAN	W. H. BROWN
CHIEF BAKER	W. H. BROWN
CHIEF BUTCHER	W. H. BROWN
CHIEF MILLER	W. H. BROWN
CHIEF WEAVER	W. H. BROWN
CHIEF CARPENTER	W. H. BROWN
CHIEF JOINER	W. H. BROWN
CHIEF PAINTER	W. H. BROWN
CHIEF SHOE MAKER	W. H. BROWN
CHIEF HAT MAKER	W. H. BROWN
CHIEF MILLINER	W. H. BROWN
CHIEF BOOK BINDER	W. H. BROWN
CHIEF WRITING	W. H. BROWN
CHIEF PRINTING	W. H. BROWN
CHIEF MUSIC	W. H. BROWN
CHIEF DANCING	W. H. BROWN
CHIEF GOLF	W. H. BROWN
CHIEF CRICKET	W. H. BROWN
CHIEF FOOTBALL	W. H. BROWN
CHIEF TENNIS	W. H. BROWN
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## STANDING COMMITTEES.

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### Finance.

S. A. WHITE,  
GEORGE THOMSON,

J. DUFFUS,  
GEORGE MITCHELL.

### Instruction.

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M. H. RICHEY,

GEORGE MITCHELL,  
H. H. FULLER.

### Manufacture.

W. H. NEAL,  
W. C. SILVER,  
HON. S. L. SHANNON,

GEORGE MITCHELL,  
H. H. FULLER.

### House.

J. S. MacLEAN,  
W. H. NEAL,

GEORGE THOMSON,  
W. S. STIRLING.

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## OFFICERS.

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### Superintendent.

C. F. FRASER.

### Teachers.

LITERATURE—MISS MAGGIE McN. MacKENZIE.

MUSIC—C. F. FRASER.

### Trade Instructor.

DAVID H. BAIRD.

### Steward.

R. T. BLAIR.

### Matron.

MRS. R. T. BLAIR.

### Attending Physician.

DR. ARCH. LAWSON.

### Ophthalmic Physician.

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 1863, 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 the various other charities, the munificent sum of £5,000 N. S. Cy., toward 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, 1882.



ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
Board of Managers of the Institution for the Blind,  
1881.

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Most gratefully acknowledging the loving, providing care of the Giver of all good, and with many pleasant remembrances of much enjoyment in their work, your Board of Managers beg to submit their report for the past year.

The popularity of the Institution, with all its friends scattered all over the Maritime Provinces, the kind sympathy shown to the scholars by all who meet them, the liberality of the charitable who so generously contribute to its funds, and the truly wise and able management of the Superintendent make the oversight of the Managers a very easy task.

The past year has been one of real progress among the Pupils, as will be seen from the Superintendents' report, and the managers have been able to add to the comforts of the Institution in various ways. One long cherished hope of having the building properly and safely heated during our cold winters has been fully realized, and now we have the whole building from cellar to attic comfortably warmed with hot water, much to the enjoyment of all the inmates and also the comfort of the Board, who were always fearful of accident from fire, the old mode of heating requiring so many stoves and open gratings. This has cost the large sum of \$2400, which we cannot by any means pay out of our ordinary income, and we trust the friends of the Institution will send us the much-needed assistance so that, as in all the past, we may soon be out of debt. A hospital room had become an urgent necessity, so the large east room has been divided into two, one of which will make just what is required. The bath room has been put into good order, and a new bath obtained, and the whole house is in first rate condition; all we require now is the new Hall, referred to in our last report, in which we could receive the increasing numbers who visit the institution on public days, and also enable us

to hold public receptions during the winter months. While the exhibition was open in our city last autumn, many who were anxious to see and hear our pupils could not get in, our largest room being much too small, and very uncomfortable for both friends and scholars.

We continue to improve our grounds as we can spare the funds, and during the past year we have raised enough hay for our cow, and nearly enough potatoes for home use.

The managers have been much gratified by having an official visit from the Provincial Secretary and Attorney General of New Brunswick, also from the Provincial Secretary of P. E. Island, all of whom kindly and warmly expressed their pleasure and satisfaction with the management of the institution and efficacy of the pupils. The committee from the Provincial House of Assembly and Legislative Council have also paid us their usual annual visit, and were well satisfied with the general advancement in all our work. Our Superintendent's circulating library is quite a success, and is a great source of enjoyment to the large number of young men and women who have been taught to read, and now, scattered over the Province, are thus enabled to cultivate their taste for literature acquired in this institution.

Our income has nearly met our expenses during the past year, but we have had to be very economical. The New Brunswick Government have been always exceedingly generous, paying us regularly \$120 for each pupil from their Province, although the cost of each scholar is \$160 per annum. The Prince Edward Island Government have not thus far been so liberal, but we feel sure when they become better acquainted with us and understand the great benefit the Blind receive they will find the means to give us the small amount per pupil our rules demand. Our own Government kindly increased the grant last year from \$800 to \$1000, but we have no doubt that during the coming session of the Provincial Parliament the much desired County Assessment Bill for the education of the Blind will be passed, and fair play given to this most deserving class of our citizens. In connection with this we have to refer to the wonderful labors of our excellent Superintendent who has, during the past summer, visited and lectured in forty-five different towns in this Province, and in every case received an enthusiastic reception and a hearty endorsement of his proposed education scheme. His admirable report gives full details, and the Board have to thank his audiences for their contributions towards his expenses.

We have no doubt that every member of Parliament will feel it not only his duty but his privilege to support the Bill when brought before the House.

Our Superintendent's report is full of information and worthy of careful perusal. Mr. Fraser continues to be the affectionate

friend of the Blind, and the energetic, wise and prudent head of the institution, always devising liberal things and determinedly carrying them out. At the close of our last term, Miss Forrester resigned her position of assistant teacher, and Miss McKenzie, a graduate of the Provincial Normal School, has taken her place. Miss McKenzie thus far has given satisfaction to the managers, and has won the affection of the pupils under her care.

The Standing Committees have attended carefully to their several duties, and members of the Board have visited the institution faithfully twice every week, and the whole Board meet regularly every month.

We have to deplore the removal by death of one of our Board, the late W. P. West, Esq., who has left as an evidence of his affection for this institution, a generous legacy of \$1000.

The religious training of our pupils has been carefully attended to, as usual, pupils being required to regularly attend the church of their parents and the Sunday School being supplied with teachers from the denomination to which the scholars belong.

Our thanks are due to the several clergymen who kindly lectured to the pupils and their friends during the last winter.

The managers gratefully acknowledge the very kind attention of the House Physician, Dr. A. Lawson, during a year of more than usual illness in the Institution. Dr. Dodge and Dr. Cogswell are always ready with their kind services when needed.

Mr. David Baird still remains the active and efficient teacher in the Industrial Department, and Mr. and Mrs. Blair as Steward and Matron continue their exertions to make the institution a comfortable and happy home for the pupils.

The Treasurer's report submitted herewith shows the income from all sources to have been \$4,660, and the expenditure \$4,740.44.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, 1881.

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

GENTLEMEN,—I beg leave to submit for your consideration the following report, for the year ending December 1st, 1881 :

### SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

In educating those who are deprived of sight it must be borne in mind that blindness is a physical and not a mental disability, and that although our pupils may be obliged to walk in a chamber of darkness stretching from the cradle to the grave, yet nevertheless their pathway through life may be illumined by the light of knowledge and Christian truth, and that, to such a degree as to almost dispel the surrounding gloom, and veritably to turn darkness into light. Those persons who have frequently visited this school, will readily concede that the mental powers of our pupils are capable of the same healthy development as those of pupils blessed with sight, and that the intellectual training of the blind differs in no marked degree from that of other children.

The special and distinctive feature of a school for those who are blind, consists merely in the use of tangible school apparatus and in the cultivation of the sense by which such apparatus is rendered serviceable ; for example, a chapter in the Bible is read by a blind child with the forefinger of the right hand, the delicate sense of touch, making the outline of each letter clear and distinct, so that the words are easily read and understood ; the operation may be comparatively slow, but the result is the same as if the reader had possessed perfect vision and had read the chapter from a book printed in ordinary type.

In studies such as History, Grammar, English Literature, Natural History, &c., the instruction is imparted orally, but in such branches as Geography, Arithmetic, Geometry, &c., specially prepared apparatus is necessary.

An annual report must necessarily be concise, and I cannot, therefore, dwell at further length upon the idea I have sought to convey, which is, that the mental faculties of those who are blind

are not abnormally inferior to those of other persons, and that with proper facilities, these faculties may be as fully developed in one deprived of sight as in an individual who has the use of his eyes. It is true that those who are blind labor under peculiar disadvantages in the acquisition of knowledge, but these very disadvantages often serve as a strong stimulus, urging them on to increased exertion and increased application. The growth of institutions for the education of the Blind is the natural result of the spread of our Christian civilization, indeed, the comparative advancement of any country might well be judged of by the encouragement and support extended to all institutions of this character. The philanthropy of such men as the late William Murdoch, Hon. M. B. Almon, Enos Collins, J. B. Bland, W. West and others, seconded by liberal grants from the Province of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. Island, has enabled your Board to place within reach of many persons who are Blind, the means of obtaining a liberal education, many of whom are now comfortably settled in different parts of the Maritime Provinces whose condition, if it were not for such an institution as this, can better be imagined than described. The course of instruction in this school is thorough and comprehensive, including as it does all the branches of a sound English education, and well calculated to prepare our students for lives of self reliant usefulness.

Miss Mackenzie, the literary teacher, (who was lately appointed to the position made vacant by the resignation of Miss Forrester) has proved herself to be competent and energetic, and reflects credit on the Provincial Normal School, of which institution she is a graduate.

#### MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

In the last annual report, I directed the attention of your Board to the necessity of providing means for training our pupils as church organists; the want of a suitable Hall in which to place a pipe organ made the purchase of such an instrument unpracticable at the present time, an excellent temporary substitute, however, has been provided in the German pedal piano, which you recently purchased. This piano will answer the purpose admirably until such time as your Board shall have the means to carry out the original design. Three pupils graduated from the musical department of this institution at the close of the last school session, after having gone through the prescribed course, and having obtained certificates as competent teachers of vocal and instrumental music. Mr. E. P. Fletcher has settled in Yarmouth, Mr. E. Leedham in Amherst, and Miss E. J. Atwood in Cow Bay, C. B. All of these graduates send me most gratifying accounts of their success and seem to feel confident of still greater success in the immediate future. The encouragement and support which these

young teachers have received, is the very strongest proof that the public have every confidence in the thoroughness and efficiency of the work being done by this institution. That these young men and women can successfully teach music to persons having sight is another matter of surprise; the fact is that fifty per cent. of our graduates are now supporting themselves either as teachers of music or piano-forte tuners, which shows the great value of a well equipped musical department in a school of this character. We have hitherto found a great difficulty in heating all the rooms in which our pianos are placed, indeed during the winter weather much valuable time was lost by those studying music on account of the cold. We are happy to say that this difficulty has been obviated by the introduction of our new hot-water heating apparatus, and I anticipate that the practical work of the session will far exceed that of any previous year. The following will show the work being carried on in this department:—

*Pupils receiving Instruction.*

Piano-forte .....	18
Cabinet Organ .....	2
Harmony and Thorough Bass .....	11
Musical notation in point system .....	5
Vocal Music—Choir .....	18
Individual Instruction .....	8
Piano Tuning.....	4

WORK DEPARTMENT.

The technical training of the Blind is engaging the most serious consideration of their friends both in Europe and America, and well may it excite the deepest concern in those who have the interest of the Blind at heart, since the solution is to many a blind person of the most vital importance. There are those among the Blind who have not the natural aptitude for the study of music, and to whom the practice of some industrial pursuit seems the only occupation left for them to follow; to such the introduction of remunerative handicrafts, means happy self-reliance and comfortable independence. In considering the question of the industries best suited to those who are blind, it must be remembered that the loss of sight prevents the safe use of steam power machinery, and they therefore must depend for their support upon simpler handicrafts. The great difficulty seems to be the selection of such a trade as will at the same time offer steady and remunerative employment. Mat making, for example, is a remunerative business, but the demand for mats is very limited indeed; were a person to follow this trade exclusively they would be obliged every

few months to move from one locality to another. Cane-seating is a trade in which the blind workman excels, but the cheap labor of the hundreds of youthful cane-seaters to be found in every part of the Maritime Provinces prevents this being a profitable business. Broom-making.—Not many years ago a large number of persons in the United States were engaged in the manufacture of corn-brooms, many of whom earned a comfortable livelihood thereby, to-day these brooms are made by machinery, and the majority of these workmen have been obliged to abandon this business. Some have found new and profitable occupations, but many of them have in consequence found it impossible to support themselves. Brush-making.—The manufacture of scrubbing, shoe and stove brushes, can be successfully carried on by those who are blind, provided the brushes be sold by retail by the maker, when disposed of at wholesale prices the profits are exceedingly small, not being sufficient to defray the daily expense of the workmen.

The cost of the material used in the manufacture of an ordinary scrubbing brush represents at least seventy-five per cent. of the wholesale value of the manufactured article, leaving but twenty per cent. to pay for the labor of its manufacture. Another disadvantage under which our brushmakers labor is the high price they are obliged to pay for their stock when imported in small quantities as compared with the cost of the same material when imported in bulk by the large manufacturers. This latter difficulty will be overcome as soon as there are a sufficient number of our broom-makers settled in the country to make it advantageous for them to unite when importing material. Willow work.—The manufacture of willowware is one of the most remunerative industries in which the blind can engage. The great number and variety of the articles that it is possible to manufacture from the willow not only ensures an almost unlimited market for their sale, but also renders it exceedingly improbable that machinery will ever be used in its production. Most of our young men come from rural districts where land may be purchased for a trifling sum, and as the soil and climate of the Lower Provinces are admirably adapted for the growth of the willow, there could be no difficulty in each workman raising a sufficient quantity for his own use, moreover the willow after being planted requires no cultivation. The cost, therefore, of the material used in this manufacture would be merely nominal. This would be evidently in the interest of the manufacturer, as the value of the manufactured article would represent almost exclusively the labor employed in its production. I trust at an early day to be in a position to present for the consideration of your Board some feasible plan for the introduction of this trade into our Work Department.

During the year our pupils have been steadily employed in our workshops, which still continue under the efficient management of

Mr. D. A. Baird. In addition to the manufacture of 28 dozens of scrubbing brushes, shoe brushes and stove brushes, the pupils have filled 317 cane-bottomed chairs.

#### HEALTH.

In the natural course of events it cannot be expected that the Institution family can be exempt from that to which all flesh is heir. During the year a sad blank has been made in our household by the removal by death of two of our pupils. Mary McLean, by the advice of the attending physician, Dr. Lawson, returned to her home in Whycomagh, C. B., in January last, her health continued to fail, and she died on the fourteenth of April of consumption. Bessie Waumbach, of LaHave, N. S., who had been in a delicate state of health for many months, died of typhoid fever in the Institution on the 31st of October. Both of these girls were great favorites with their school mates, and of them both it might be said that they were true and sincere Christians. Sarah McAllan, of Bruley, P. E. I., remained at her home this time on account of illness. The general health of the pupils otherwise has been excellent, and when we consider the weak physical condition of many who enter the institution, we found in this a cause of thankfulness. We are firm believers in the healthfulness of fresh air, systematized exercise, and wholesome diet, therefore, I feel confident that the physical status of the School will each year show a marked improvement.

#### CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

The circulating library of raised print books is now in full operation, and already fifteen persons outside of the institution have been taught to read by the sense of touch. The inestimable blessing of this library to the Blind can only be fully appreciated when we consider the condition of those who lose their sight whilst yet in the prime of life. Suddenly plunged as it were into a new and unknown world in which their whole previous training unfits them to dwell, they become despondent and sink into a state of the most pitiable and abject helplessness. Fancy then what it would be for such persons to have access to a library of religious and instructive books, printed in a system which they might easily learn to read. The very effort of learning to read, and the pleasant occupation thus afforded would tend to draw the mind from the gloomy contemplation of such a deprivation. In more than one instance I have known it to be the means of rousing the person from despondency, and stimulating them to such new and other employment suited to their altered circumstances.



In addition to the donations acknowledged in last report, I have the pleasure of acknowledging the sum of fifty dollars, received from Miss M. Palmer, Charlottetown, P. E. I., being the proceeds of a concert organized by her in aid of the library fund. Miss Palmer and her willing co-workers have our sincere thanks for the practical assistance they have extended to us. We trust that other young ladies will follow the example thus set them, and aid us in furthering this work.

Subscriptions of four dollars each have been received from Miss E. Ellisden and Miss H. Clayton, both of Halifax. Our sincere thanks are due to Sir Charles Poucher, Bart., England, for a handsome contribution of eighty-three books printed in Moon system. The library now contains three hundred and seven bound books and pamphlets. Persons wanting to avail themselves of the use of this library will please apply to "the Librarian," Institute for the Blind, Halifax, N. S.

#### FREE EDUCATION.

It is now, we are happy to say, unnecessary for us to repeat the arguments as to the claims of those who are blind, to participate in the free education provided by the State for the son and daughter of every Nova Scotian. We confess to having felt somewhat disappointed with the action of the Government upon this question during their last session. From personal knowledge the favorable view taken of it by a majority of the representatives and feeling certain that a wise and judicious Act to provide free education for the Blind would be cordially supported by every humane and right-thinking man in the Province, we felt certain that the Government would bring forward some measure that would secure to the Blind equal educational advantages to those enjoyed by their more fortunate brothers and sisters. That they did not do so, is attributable to the fact that some of the Municipal counties objected to the introduction of any Bill for this purpose which would necessitate an increase being made to the Municipal taxes. This we consider was a reasonable objection on the part of the Municipalities, but we cannot but think that if the Councillors had thoroughly understood the question and considered it in all its phases, they would have recognized the principle of equal rights which it involved, would have waived their objection, and would have mainly supported the Government measure. As it was the Government did not deem it expedient to bring forward the Bill. In view of this fact, I resolved to publicly advocate the claims of this class in every part of the Province, and endeavor if possible to obtain the sense of the people upon this question, with this end in view. I prepared an address upon eminent blind men, education of the blind, &c., &c., in which I clearly stated my belief that any

Government measure making provision for the education for the blind in Nova Scotia would probably necessitate a small increase being made to the Municipal taxation for school purposes. After preparing this address I arranged to hold free public meetings in all the following places:—Halifax, Guysboro, Port Mulgrave, Port Hawkesbury, Arichat, St. Peters, North Sydney, Sydney, Baddeck, Whycomagh, Mabou, Port Hood, Port Hastings, Antigonish, Pictou, New Glasgow, River John, Truro, Tatmagouche, Amherst, Pugwash, Parrsboro, Windsor, Maitland, Shubenacadie, Newport, Hantsport, Kentville, Wolfville, Annapolis, Bridgetown, Digby, Bear River, Weymouth, Yarmouth, Tusket, Shelburne, Barrington, Lockeport, Liverpool, Milton, Medway, Lunenburg, Bridgewater, Mahone Bay and Chester, in all forty-five of the principal places in the Province. The first meeting was held in the Academy of Music of this city, His Honor the Lieutenant Governor presiding. A resolution calling upon the Government to provide free education for the Blind was moved by His Worship Mayor Tobin and seconded by His Honor the Warden of Dartmouth. When put to the meeting it was adopted with a heartiness and unanimity that proved most conclusively that the citizens of Halifax cordially endorsed the call thus made for special legislation. The same feeling was manifested in all the subsequent meetings, and I have no doubt that if I had the time and the physical force to have held public meetings in each polling section in the eighteen counties of Nova Scotia I should have heard the same gratifying endorsement of the principle I was advocating. I shall ever remember with pleasure the encouragement that I received from the large and enthusiastic audience gathered in the educational interests of the Blind. The general interest evinced in this question is shown by the fact that the movement was everywhere supported by the leading men of the Province, and I thank them in the name of the Blind for the practical assistance they have given to the cause of free education. Hereto appended will be found a list of the names of those who took part in these public meetings, including the names of the gentlemen who filled the chair as well as those who moved, seconded and supported the resolution before referred to. Had your Board deemed it necessary we might have drawn up a formal petition to the Government, embodying the principle of equal rights to all, to which I could have without difficulty obtained the signatures of thousands of the rate-payers in this Province, but such a course seemed unnecessary. The Government must now be fully aware of the strong public opinion in favor of providing free education for those to whom the ordinary schools are not available, and they may feel confident that a judicious Bill for this purpose will not only meet with the support of both parties in the Provincial Parliament, but also will be cordially approved of by every rate-payer who knows how to appreciate the blessings

of sight. I cannot close this report gentlemen without expressing my thanks to you for the courtesy and consideration you have ever shown me in all my relations with you. I feel as do many others in this Province grateful to you for the unselfish interest you have ever evinced in the welfare of the Blind, and I sincerely trust that before many months you may have the satisfaction of knowing that the Blind of this Province are entitled by law to the use of free education.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. F. FRASER,

*Superintendent.*

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THE Board of Managers, and the Superintendent of the Institution for the Blind, desire to express their sincere thanks to all those who publicly and privately assisted in the movement to secure free education for the Blind of this Province. The names of those persons who took part in the public meetings, either as chairmen, movers and seconders and supporters of the resolution, I hereto subjoin :

*Halifax*—Hon. A. G. Archibald, Lieut.-Governor ; Stephen Tobin, Esq., Mayor ; John Y. Payzant, Esq., Warden of Dartmouth.

*Windsor*—A. Blanchard, Esq., Mark Curry, Esq., E. DeWolfe, T. B. Smith, M.P.P.

*Wolfville*—Prof. Higgins, T. N. Bigelow, Rev. S. W. DeBlois, Hon. J. S. MacDonald.

*Shubenacadie*—J. B. Fraser, F. R. Parker, J. McKenzie.

*Brooklyn, Newport*—Rev. E. McNab, Rev. H. Howe, Dr. Dennison, Dr. Weeks.

*Hantsport*—Rev. E. Whitman, Rev. Wm. Ryan, Dr. Margeson, E. Davidson, W. C. Porter, W. W. Saunders.

*Maitland*—Rev. A. V. Jameson, Rev. Mr. Hart, Rev. Mr. Jack, Dr. Creelman, Warden Frame, Hon. A. M. Cochrane, Dr. Frieze, H. Harding.

*Truro*—F. Blanchard, Israel Longworth, Wm. Cummings.

*New Glasgow*—J. W. Carmichael, D. C. Fraser, Rev. E. Scott.

*Port Mulgrave*—Rev. M. Laffin, J. Hadley, W. Wylde.

*Port Hawkesbury*—Wm. H. Paint, J. G. Paint, G. W. Tuttle.

*Arichat*—John Fuller, Hon. E. P. Flynn, Remi Benoit.

*St. Peter's*—Alex. McCuish, R. G. Morrison, Murdo Morrison  
D. Urquhart.

*Sydney*—Dr. McGillivray, W. R. Mackenzie, Rev. Mr. Coffin,  
Duncan Lawson.

*North Sydney*—J. Johnstone, M.D., Wm. Proctor, J. Ingraham,  
W. H. Dobson.

*Baddeck*—Hon. D. MacCurdy, A. F. Haliburton, Rev. K.  
Mackenzie, Alex. Cameron.

*Mabou*—H. Cameron, M. L. C., John L. McLean, J. D.  
Cameron, H. Cameron, M. D.

*Port Hood*—D. F. McLean, S. MacDonnell, M. P., A. C.  
Thompson.

*Port Hastings*—Jas. McKeen, Geo. Laurence, O. B. Skinner,  
Rufus Tremaine, Rev. M. Priestwood, E. J. Cunningham, P. G.  
Parsons.

*Antigonish*—A. McDonell, J. McKidlaw, A. McInnis.

*Pictou*—John McLeod, A. H. McKay, James Yorston, J.  
McDonald, Rev. Mr. McDonald, Rev. M. Brown and Rev. Mr.  
George, Howard Primrose, Clarence Primrose, Dr. O'Mara.

*River John*—J. Gallan, John F. Cameron, M.D., Rev. H. B.  
McKay, Rev. Robt. McCunn, J. R. Colly, M.D.

*Tatmagouche*—Arch. Campbell, Rev. T. Sedgewick, W. M.  
Blackwood.

*Pugwash*—Rev. Mr. Brien, Dr. Clay, Rev. Mr. Boole.

*Amherst*—Rev. Canon Townshend, Rev. J. A. Rogers, W. T.  
Pipes.

*Parrsboro*—Rev. Charles Bowman, W. D. McKenzie, M. D.,  
Angus McGillivray, Rev. Mr. McLeod.

*Kentville*—L. DeV. Chipman, Rev. J. B. Logan, Rev. J. O.  
Ruggles, Rev. Mr. Schwarfield and Rev. Mr. Watson.

*Bridgetown*—Rev. D. Johnston, A. B., Mr. Tupper, William  
Dodge, Rev. N. S. Wilkins.

*Annapolis*—Rev. T. A. Higgins, Rev. J. Ritchie, Alexander  
Campbell.

*Bear River*—A. Mansell, M. D., W. Mitchell, R. C. Parker,  
Rev. J. A. McLean.

*Digby*—Rev. John Ambrose, F. C. Shaw, N. H. Taylor,  
Sheriff, Rev. H. Saunders, Rev. W. Ainsly, Chas. McLaren.

*Weymouth*—Rev. P. J. Filluel, Sterns Jones, T. H. Dunbar.

*Yarmouth*—James Lovitt, Warden ; Rev. Mr. Lathern, Nath. Hilton, Custos ; Rev. Mr. McGregor, Hon. L. E. Baker.

*Tusket*—James Lent, Jas. A. Hatfield, Philip Hilton, Rev. H. Sterns, Rev. P. Foster, Rev. P. McGregor.

*Barrington*—F. W. Wilson, Rev. T. H. Liddell, Rev. J. R. Hart, Thos. Robertson, M.P., Rev. W. N. Richan, W. McGray, M.P.P., Robert Robertson.

*Shelburne*—Rev. F. White, D.D., Rev. Mr. Mack, Rev. Mr. Creelman, Rev. Mr. Goudey.

*Lockeport*—J. Locke, Thos. Johnstone, Lewis Churchill, Austin Locke, Rev. N. Browne, Rev. C. E. Churchward.

*Liverpool*—Rev. S. Sykes, J. S. N. Marshall, Judge Probate, Rev. Mr. Jost, Rev. Mr. Black, F. G. Forbes.

*Port Medway*—Rev. H. Bishop, Councillor Dolliver, E. E. Titson, C. A. Bowlby, Mr. Daley.

*Milton*—W. H. Hillman, Rev. Mr. Dilboff, Alexander Ford, S. L. Ford, M. P. P.

*Bridgewater*—Judge DesBrisay, Rev. A. Yount, Lewis Smith, Robert Whitman.

*Lunenburg*—Rev. L. Owen, Hon. Senator Kaulback, Rev. C. Millar, H. P. Jost, Rev. John Forrest.

*Mahone Bay*—Benjamin Zwicker, Rev. D. Styles Fraser, Lewis Knout, Rev. J. A. Schaffer, Rev. Dr. S. Sutherland, Dr. Gray.

*Chester*—Geo. DeWitt, M.D., C. E. Church, Robert Smith, Warden ; C. Smith, M.P.P., Rev. Geo. H. Butler.

## 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.
<i>Girls.</i>				
Jane Atwood, Beaver River, N. S.....	190	699	747	1000
Minnie Corbin, Chester, N. S.....	237	778	946	940
Maggie Duke, Richibucto, N. B.....	239	794	941	1000
Sarah McCallum, Georgetown, P. E. I.....	97	353		1000
Maggie Newcomb, Shoal Bay, N. S.....	230	613	840	939
Bessie Wambach, LaHave, N. S.....	145	400	534	1000
Isabel Staten, Forrester, Carleton Co., N. B.....	237	697	743	988
Agnes Valley, Chatham, N. B.....	222	535	620	939
Mary Ellwood, Halifax, N. S.....	176	588	700	1000
<i>Boys.</i>				
James Butler, Barrington, N. S.....	237	737	760	966
Charles Cole, Fredericton, N. B.....	241	766		953
William Collins, St. John, N. B.....	230	729	834	917
E. P. Fletcher, Debert, N. S.....	241		985	986
John Hawbolt, Marie Joseph, N. S.....	219	537	764	946
Edward Leedham, Musquodoboit, N. S.....	241		976	974
Frank Maclean, Musquodoboit, N. S.....	241	861	971	977
Amos Macneill, Alberton, P. E. I.....	238	820	848	988
Sydney McDonald, New Glasgow, N. S.....	81	245		1000
Murdoch Morrison, Stellarton, N. S.....	234	681	786	966
John Ross, Little Narrows, C. B.....	absent			
John Rafuse, Chester, N. S.....	229	571	750	967
George Theakston, Halifax, N. S.....	241	804	641	983

## ADULT WORKMEN.

Wm. Singer, Maitland. David Cole, Sackville, N. B.

## PUPILS ENTERED DURING THE YEAR.

Simon Merry, Maitland, Annapolis Co., N. S.; William Malone, Pubnico, Yarmouth Co., N. S.; Henry Brunt, Harrietsfield, Halifax Co., N. S.; Montague Warren, Montague Bridge, P.E.I.; Jane Gillis, Antigonish, Antigonish Co., N.S.

## PUPILS LEFT DURING THE YEAR.

Edna J. Atwood, Beaver River, Yarmouth Co., N. S.; E. P. Fletcher, Debert River, Colchester Co., N. S.; E. Leedham, Musquodoboit, Halifax Co., N. S.

## PRIZES.

The following is a list of the prizes distributed at the close of the School Term, June 21st, 1881 :—

## LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

*1st Prize*—Frank Maclean ; *2nd Prize*—Amos Macneill.

## MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

*1st Prize*—E. P. Fletcher ; *2nd Prize*—E. Leedham.

## BOYS' WORK DEPARTMENT.

*Prize*—Charles Cole.

Prizes offered by Rev. Robert Laing, to be competed for by pupils under 15 years of age.

## LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

George Theakston.

## MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

Minnie Corbin.

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988  
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983

Dr. Halifax Institution for the Blind in acct. with E. D. MEYNELL, Treasurer. Cr.

1881.	
To paid House Expenses,—including Salaries of Steward, and Matron, and Servants' Wages..	\$2181 14
“ Salaries .....	965 00
“ Repairs and Alterations .....	450 36
“ On acct. of Heating Apparatus .....	500 00
“ Grounds .....	57 35
“ Printing, &c. ....	77 53
“ Instruction Gymnasium and Music .....	147 29
“ Prizes .....	18 00
“ Material for Manufactures in Workshop....	77 98
“ Piano .....	175 00
“ Sundries .....	70 79
	<u>\$4720 44</u>

To Balance due Bank.....\$59.75.

E. and O. E.

HALIFAX, 18th December, 1881.

E. D. MEYNELL, *Treasurer.*

1881.	
By Balance .....	\$ 435 39
“ Interest and Dividends.....	1807 85
“ Manufactures .....	67 15
“ Tuition Fees and Pupils' Board.....	120 00
“ Donations .....	275 80
“ Grants—P. E. Island Government ....	\$ 199 50
“ “ New Brunswick “ .....	720 00
“ “ Nova Scotia “ .....	1000 00
	<u>1919 50</u>
“ Bills returned paid and discounts .....	12 50
“ Sale of Stoves.....	2 50
“ Legacy—Ann Hunter .....	20 00
“ Balance due Bank Nova Scotia .....	59 75
	<u>\$4720 44</u>

W. H. NEAL,  
GEO. THOMSON, } *Auditors.*



## PATRONS.

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

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

## 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.

Hon. L. E. Baker.	Hon. S. Creelman.
Dr. A. P. Reid.	Capt. Trott.
Mrs. E. Binney.	W. S. Stirling.
Miss C. H. Black.	H. H. Fuller.
“ L. A. Wilmot.	

## LEGACIES.

1871—Jane Molloy .....	\$ 88 87	1878—W. L. Black .....	\$250 00
1872—Robt. Noble .....	100 00	1878—Chas. Roche .....	100 00
1874—R. Purvis .....	100 00	1879—Miss Service .....	400 00
1875—Jas. McDonald.....	150 00	1880—Mrs. Williamson....	200 00
1876—Miss Jane M. Tonge .	20 00	G. Frieze .....	100 00
1877—W. L. West .....	800 00	Ann Wilson .....	100 00
1877—J. M. Walker .....	500 00	1881—Ann Hunter .....	20 00

## THANKSGIVING COLLECTIONS, ETC., 1881.

Collect'n at Scotsburn, Pictou	\$13 50	Prayer Meeting, Truro, per A.	
“ at Chalmers Church,		Miller .....	\$28 13
Halifax. ....	12 50	United Ch., New Glasgow. . .	10 00
St. Luke's Presby. Ch., Salt		United Prayer Meeting, per	
Springs, Pictou .....	12 00	J. B. Logan.....	5 25

## DONATIONS.

H. H. Fuller .....	\$ 5 00	Friend .....	\$ 2 00
Sir Edward Kenny .....	25 00	Mrs. Harry King .....	5 00
Mrs. Samuel Lawrence, Mar-		A. P. Reid .....	5 00
garee, C. B., per J. S. M. . .	2 00	W. S. Stirling.....	10 00
Do., 2nd Donat'n, per A.H.T.	2 00	Friend at Milford, per A.B.D.	1 00
Hon. L. E. Baker .....	20 00	Hon. S. Creelman .....	10 00
Mrs. E. Binney.....	5 00	Capt. Trott .....	25 00
“ Anon .....	25 00	Sir P. McDougall .....	20 00
Miss C. H. Black .....	5 00	Col. Cameron .....	4 52
“ L. A. Wilmot.....	5 00	Miss Maggie Crockett, Middle	
Mrs. S. N. Binney.....	5 00	River, Pictou Co .....	0 60
Geo. Mitchell .....	5 00		

## Donations at Annual Meeting, December, 1881.

Capt. H. J. Charrington ....	5 00	Mrs. England .....	\$ 5 00
Mrs. Charrington.....	5 00	Rev. John Forrest .....	5 00
Major A. E. England .....	5 00		

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

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CONSTITUTION.

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ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Association shall, conformably to the Act of Incorporation, 30 Victoria, C. 50, 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 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 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 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 MEETINGS.

The Board shall held 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 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 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 at 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 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 and twenty dollars per annum, the payments to be made by half-yearly instalments in advance. The 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.

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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 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 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-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 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:



