

SEVENTH REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE

HALIFAX ASYLUM FOR THE BLIND,

TOGETHER WITH THE

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AND

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HALIFAX ASYLUM FOR THE BLIND,

Incorporated in the year 1867.

Managers and Officers of the Institution.

MANAGERS FOR 1878.

JAMES F. AVERY, M. D.,
JOHN S. MACLEAN,
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CHARLES FLETCHER,
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GEORGE THOMSON.

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Superintendent.

C. F. FRASER.

Teachers.

LITERATURE—MISS C. ROSS.

MUSIC—C. F. FRASER.

Trade Instructor.

DAVID A. BAIRD.

Steward.

R. T. BLAIR.

Matron.

MRS. R. T. BLAIR.

Attending Physician.

DR. G. L. SINCLAIR.

Ophthalmic Physician.

DR. S. DODGE.

Visiting Days—Wednesday, 3, p. m.

Halifax Asylum for the Blind.

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 of 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 40 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, 1878.

THE SEVENTH REPORT
OF THE
Managers of the Halifax Asylum for the Blind,
1877.

THE year now drawing to a close calls forth this the Seventh Report of the Halifax Asylum for the Blind, which is submitted in a spirit of gratitude to God for the past, and hope for, and in dependence on His blessing for the future.

As the seasons come and go, bearing their record for eternity, ample and increasing evidence is afforded of the Christian love and wisdom of the late founder of this Asylum—Wm. Murdoch—the first to plant so much needed an institution in the Maritime Provinces of this Dominion.

The pupils gone forth from the Asylum, on the whole, were wonderfully improved by their sojourn there, not only in mental capacity and physique, but in that healthful, happy self-reliance, which, without a fair amount of self-confidence, it is impossible to attain.

Another piano has, during the past year, been added to our valuable stock of Musical Instruments, which now consists of five Pianos and one Organ. Music is the principal source whence the educated blind draw their happiness and health, and that which gives the best chance of success in the effort for self-support to such of them as have a fair natural ear; hence no expense has been spared by the managers in this department, which the funds under their control would at all bear. Four Tuners, now doing well, are already in the field. Howard Taylor supports himself and brother; Daniel Reid earned, during the year, \$200. Further particulars on Educa-

tional and Work Departments appear in the Report of our highly valued and indispensable Superintendent, Mr. C. F. Fraser.

During the Autumn the Institution did not escape from one of those terrible diseases lately so prevalent in city and country. Diphtheria made its appearance, and seven of our pupils, the teacher Miss Ross, and one of the domestics, were at different times on the sick list. By the mercy of God all recovered but one; a delicate boy of nine years, from New Branswick, who, although well through the disease, had not sufficient strength to rally, even under the best of treatment. This successful dealing with so dangerous a disease, was due to the professional skill and unwearied attention of the House Physician, Dr. Sinclair, assisted, when required, by Dr. Dodge, the Ophthalmic Surgeon, and the Hon. Dr. Parker. This result was no doubt also largely due to the healthy, well drained building, its large airy rooms and halls, and the sound substantial diet with which all are bountifully supplied. In this visitation Miss Ross proved that she was not only a valuable teacher, but a kind and loving nurse. In these labors and watchings she was cheerfully seconded by the Matron, Mrs. Blair, whose unwearied care and motherly affection assisted greatly in the recovery of the pupils.

Impressed with the necessity of providing further accomodation for the Manufacturing Department, and extending the facilities for active exercise to the pupils suitable to their condition and capacity, the Managers, trusting largely to the generosity of the friends of the Blind, erected, at a cost of \$1450.00, a much needed Gynnasium and Workshop just now completed. Of this sum, \$600.00 were appropriated from funds under their control, the balance they trusted to receive in donations; they thankfully acknowledge that the greater part of this balance has already been paid in, and confidently look for further aid from many not yet heard from.

David Baird, a promising young man of Onslow, trained in this Institution, was sent to Philadelphia by the Managers to be perfected in the General Work of the Blind, and especially to be taught some additional branches of Manufacture not as yet introduced into their work-room. Of his character and ability most satisfactory accounts have been received. When fully equipped in the new work-shop, with Baird as instructor, this Institution will be in a position second to none for carrying out the objects for which it was founded.

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The Treasurer's account, duly audited, shows the income to have been \$3275.05, expenditure \$3205.11.

On this subject no little anxiety is felt by the managers. Pressing need for additional appliances, extraordinary and unlooked for, but unavoidable expenses arising from circumstances already noticed, with considerable increase of pupils in indigent circumstances has, even under the most careful economy, largely increased the expenditure on the one side, while the unexpected withdrawal by the Legislature of one-fifth of the usual grant has seriously troubled them on the other. They appeal to every constituency in the Province to urge their representative to support a vote for their usual grant, or at least that there may be no further diminution. But why should the blind of our children be left out of the general scheme which, at so large an expenditure, provides instruction free to the youth of this Province. Let our rulers see the justice of this claim and embrace these children in the general scheme of education. The New Brunswick and P. E. Island Governments are paying for the pupils of theirs—now being taught in this Institution.

The Managers record with grateful acknowledgement two bequests during the past year—the first from the late J. M. Walker, Esq., \$500, the latter of the late N. L. West, \$800.

Mr. and Mrs. Blair continue to fill the respective offices of Steward and Matron. Much of the home comfort which is aimed at for the pupils is dependent on their activity, faithfulness and discretion.

The thanks of the Managers are due to A. Doane and W. Nannery, Esqs., for providing free tickets to the pupils for Concerts under their management. To the authorities of the I. C. & P. E. I. Railway, and P. E. I. Steamship Co., for reduction of fare to Mr. Fraser and party; also, to Mr. F. W. Fishwick and W. & A. Railway for free passes. Thanks are due to Miss McKie for continued service as Music Reader, and to the ladies who were so kind during the sickness referred to in the Report, and to the many friends of the Institution for kind remembrances at Christmas.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. S. MACLEAN,
VICE-PRESIDENT.

Halifax, December 15th, 1877.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

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

GENTLEMEN,—During the past year twenty-six youths of both sexes have received instruction in this Institution, and the results continue to be both satisfactory and gratifying to those entrusted with their education.

Since its inception, there have been in the school thirty-seven pupils, twenty of whom are still in attendance. Of the remaining seventeen, two have died, one—by a successful operation performed by Dr. Dodge—has entirely recovered her sight in one eye, two are Music Teachers, four Piano Tuners, four mechanics, and three—girls—have returned to their own homes able to assist in many of the duties of the household.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

In the Literary Department two new features have been introduced, viz :—one, in the using of Mr. Moon's raised characters for the older pupils, the handsome gift of Sir Charles Lowther, Bart., who has placed at our disposal a number of valuable books printed in the Moon system. The other, the employment of a new set of Wall Maps in the study of Geography. These latter were designed by myself and Maynard Bowman, Esq., and are in every particular superior to all other maps used by the Blind, whilst their cost is much less. As many of the pupils are studying music with a view to qualify themselves as teachers, I have organized a class in Harmony and Thorough Bass, in order that they may successfully fill such positions. In this study Braille's Musical Notation is found useful, as it enables the students to write off the various exercises and study them for themselves. Miss J. C. McNeil graduated creditably from this department at the close of the last term.

TUNING DEPARTMENT.

Many of those who have employed our graduates from this department have expressed to me their thorough satisfaction with the

manner in which their instruments were tuned, and it is hoped that those who have Pianos will give our Tuners a trial and thereby judge as to their competency.

MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT.

As all of our pupils do not possess the requisite musical ability to insure success as Teachers or Tuners, we have extended our Mechanical Department so as to enable some to receive instruction in one or more of the following trades :

Chair Seating,	Basket Making,
Mat Making.	Brush do.,
Broom do.,	Mattress do.,

and thus provide them with the means of obtaining a good livelihood. The three first trades have been taught in this Institution for several years in a basement room of the main building, but that not being found a suitable place, and the introduction of three new Trades requiring additional room, it was decided to erect a building to be used for a Work Shop and Gymnasium, provided the funds could be obtained. Appended will be found the names of those who so liberally subscribed towards this object, with the amount contributed. The new building now completed is convenient, roomy, and well ventilated. In addition to the instruction given our girls in sewing, knitting, use of the sewing machine, &c., they are being taught to work the knitting machine. The Branson Knitter, manufactured in Philadelphia, was selected for the school on account of its simplicity of construction and adjustment, and moderate cost. It is now being successfully taught by Miss Ross, though she has only had the book of instructions for her guidance.

HEALTH.

The average number of days absence from school on account of illness has been five for each pupil. As compared with former years this average is high, and is due to Diphtheria having made its appearance in the Institution in the month of October. We had in all nine cases, one of which proved fatal, despite the care of the nurses and the skill of the attending physician, Dr. Sinclair. Richard Peterson, aged 9 years, died at the Institution, November 13th. The deceased was a native of St. John, N. B. The difficulty of isolating the patients was so great that I would recommend to the Board of Directors that in future we should avail ourselves of the advantages

of the neighboring Provincial Hospital when contagious diseases break out in our School. I feel deeply grateful to the House Committee and Secretary who, during the continuance of the disease, visited the Institution daily.

The Gymnasium referred to in the last Report, has been built in connection with the Work Shop, the funds for this purpose having been subscribed early in the year. It is now ready for occupation, and the pupils will have an opportunity of obtaining systematized exercise. The valuable "Cumulative Health Lift," presented to the Institution by the heirs of the late Judge McCully, is much appreciated by our older boys who have derived benefit from its use.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the Summer vacation, accompanied by Miss Ross, Mr. Blair and five pupils, I visited twenty-eight of the cities and towns of the Lower Provinces, in each of which we gave a Concert and School Exhibition. Three-fourths of the receipts were required to meet our travelling, advertising and other expenses, leaving a balance of two hundred and twenty-three dollars and nineteen cents towards the new building. Our Concerts were well patronized, and my thanks are due to the Press and many private individuals for their efforts to make our trip successful. By means of such entertainments the general public become familiar with the objects and advantages of the School.

Mr. Baird, formerly one of our pupils, travelled through the Western part of the Province, exhibiting articles manufactured in this Institution, as well as samples of work made in the Philadelphia Working Home for Blind Men. Liberal contributions towards the Work Shops were made by the generous people of Yarmouth and other places, amounting in the aggregate to three hundred and twenty-two dollars and eighty-six cents, which, after deducting one hundred and twenty-two dollars and eleven cents for travelling expenses, &c., left a balance of two hundred dollars and seventy-five cents. Adding to these amounts two hundred and nineteen dollars and fifty cents subscribed towards the Gymnasium, and one hundred and twenty-nine dollars contributed by the citizens of Halifax, gives a total of \$772.44.

This Institution is of purely Educational character, its object being to provide for the Blind similar advantages to those enjoyed by

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SCHOOL RECORD.

Number of school days in the term, 245. Possible number of marks to be obtained in either the Literary or Musical Department, or for Department, 1000. Two prizes awarded in the Literary Department, two in the Musical, one in the Girls' Work Department, and one prize in the Boys' Work Department.

	Attendance.	Schools.	Music.	Department.
Jane Atwood, Yarmouth.....	231	884	906	1000
James Butler, Barrington.....	208	690	½ yr. 476	988
A. M. Chisholm, Great Village.....	180	611	749	999
Minnie Corbin, Halifax.....	230	820	954	997
Charles Cole, Fredericton, N. B.....	208	749	½ yr. 482	983
E. P. Fletcher, DeBert River.....	240	931	983	995
John W. Hiltz, Maitland.....	185	614	757	991
Lena Laurilliard, Windsor.....	204	677		1000
Janet C. MacNeill, Pictou.....	239	978	996	1000
Frank McLean, Musquodoboit.....	240	753	977	992
Maggie Newcomb, Shoal Bay.....	220	741		996
Richard Petersen, St. John, N. B.....	149	568		995
William M. Smith, Norton, N. B.....	240	891	992	1000

Temporary Pupils, {
 Ella Hawkins, Halifax.
 Lydia Evans, "
 David A. Baird, Ishgonish.
 Robert S. Whitman, Bridgewater.
 George W. Theakston.

LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

Prize 1st, E. P. Fletcher; 2nd, William M. Smith.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

 *Prize 1st, Janet C. MacNeill; 2nd, Edward Leedham.*

GIRLS' WORK DEPARTMENT.

Prize, Jane Atwood.

Subscriptions towards Gymnasium Fund.

<i>Collected by the Superintendent.</i>	<i>Collected by Mrs. F. Allison.</i>
Edward Binney, Esq.....\$50 00	J. C. Haliburton, Esq., Halifax... 4 00
Dr. Cogswell..... 20 00	Mrs. Lawson, " " ... 0 50
Bishop Binney, Halifax..... 10 00	F. Allison, Esq., " " ... 5 00
Judge Jackson, " " 5 00	A. G. Jones, Esq., M.P. " " ... 5 00
B. G. Gray, Esq, " " 2 50	James Moren, Esq., " " ... 4 00
Rev. J. Abbott, " " 2 50	Capt. Scott, " " 0 50
J. F. Phelan, " " 2 00	Mrs. Bradshaw, " " 1 00
J. J. Bremner, " " 2 00	Rev. A. Townhend " " 1 00
Cash, " " 1 00	Collected in Windsor by D } ... 50 00
J. McDougall, " " 1 00	B. Fraser, M. D., } ... 50 00
Friend " " 1 00	X. Y. Z.,..... 25 00
G. P. Payzant, Windsor, 4 00	Friend in Truro..... 1 00
Edward Dimock, " " 4 00	Dr. Avery, Halifax,..... 5 00
W. Lawson, " " 3 00	Mrs. Geo. Thomson, Halifax..... 5 00
W. Dimock " " 1 00	Rev. J. Avery..... 3 00
D. K. Hobart, Esq., " " 1 00	S. Logan..... 1 00
Geo. Wiggins, Esq., " " 2 50	

Subscriptions towards the New Work Shops.

Collected by David A. Baird.

LUNENBURG.	BRIDGEWATER.
Stephen Finck..... \$2 00	R. A. Logan..... \$1 00
Joseph Rudolf, jr..... 2 00	P. M. Morrison..... 1 00
E. H. Solomon..... 2 00	H. A. Baxter..... 1 00
Robert Lindsay..... 4 00	Hewitt & McLean..... 1 00
D. N. McCulloch..... 2 00	James A. Cail..... 1 00
D. M. Owen..... 1 00	W. H. Muler..... 1 00
D. J. Rudolf..... 1 00	M. B. DesBrisay..... 1 00
Edwin Kaulback..... 2 00	J. S. Calder..... 1 00
James Eisenhauer..... 5 00	Robert Davison..... 1 00
Charles Morash..... 2 00	Andrew Gow..... 1 00
Cash..... 2 00	Cash..... 5 75
MAHONE BAY.	PORT MEDWAY.
Wm. E. Colp..... 1 00	J. S. Foster..... 1 00
Henry Schnare..... 1 00	L. M. Seeley..... 1 00
Cash..... 20 00	Cash..... 2 00

MILL VILLAGE.		YARMOUTH.	
J. M. Barnock.....	\$1 0	Spinney Earauc.....	\$5 00
John Campbell.....	0 85	William Law & Co.....	4 00
Cash.....	3 00	J. R. K.....	2 00
MILTON.		J. M. Cennis.....	2 09
S. Brown.....	1 00	Freeman Dennis.....	4 00
J. Brown.....	1 00	W. H. Louts.....	5 00
LIVERPOOL.		Jacob Bingay.....	4 00
William Anderson.....	1 00	B. E. Rogers.....	1 00
Charles Knight.....	1 00	Moses Starrett.....	2 00
E. McDonald.....	1 00	H. A. Parr.....	1 00
John Tupper.....	1 00	J. H. Millam.....	5 00
J. C. Barsling.....	1 00	McLaughlin Bros.....	2 50
L. P. Calkin.....	1 00	Crosby & Ryerson.....	2 50
A. Cowrie & Sons.....	1 00	Godfrey Bros.....	2 50
Cash.....	6 25	Kinney & McGray.....	2 50
LOCKEPORT.		Hood & Guest.....	1 00
Thomas Johnson.....	\$4 00	T. B. Murray.....	1 00
O. Payzant.....	1 00	B. Rogers & Sons.....	2 00
L. P. Churchill.....	3 00	T. B. Flint.....	1 00
Clifford Locke.....	1 00	James Murray.....	5 00
W. Kenny.....	1 00	A. S. Murray.....	2 00
W. Johnston, jr.....	1 00	E. C. Baker.....	5 00
Howard Locke.....	4 00	Dr. Geddes.....	2 00
Austin Locke.....	4 00	D. Sullivan.....	2 00
Rev. W. Ainsley.....	1 00	A. F. Stoneman.....	2 00
Edward Capsticks.....	1 00	J. H. Cann.....	2 00
Stewart, Truman & Co.....	1 00	B. Dane.....	2 00
Churchill Locke.....	2 00	R. Ellenmor.....	2 00
Cash.....	75	J. E. Clements.....	1 00
SHELBURNE.		Parker, Eakens & Co.....	3 00
Robert Gibson.....	\$1 00	B. Hilton.....	1 00
E. D. Millar, Rev.....	1 00	N. Churchire.....	1 25
Cash.....	2 17	G. B. Smith.....	1 00
BARRINGTON.		J. H. Rowley.....	1 00
Edgar D. Coffin.....	1 00	J. K. Ryerson.....	2 00
F. W. Homer.....	1 00	Jonathan Horton.....	1 00
F. H. B. Ritchie.....	1 00	L. M. Ryerson.....	1 00
J. Bazant.....	1 00	H. E. Cann.....	2 00
Mrs. W. Sargent.....	1 00	S. E. Kelly.....	1 00
A. D. Crowell.....	1 00	W. Pendugh.....	1 00
Cash.....	3 00	W. Johns.....	2 00
IRRSKEL.		O. Davison.....	2 00
Henry Sterns.....	\$2 00	Andrew Louth.....	4 00
		W. K. Doumer.....	1 00
		John Louth.....	3 00
		J. D. Morton.....	1 00
		John Murphy.....	1 00
		W. A. Wyman.....	1 00
		Capt. Thos. Perry.....	1 00
		A. M. Hatfield.....	2 00
		B. Lovitt.....	1 00
		W. E. Trefry.....	1 00
		H. Lewis.....	1 00
		G. G. Sanderson.....	1 00
		E. H. Lovitt.....	1 00
		W. M. Gui.....	1 00

Amos Crosby.....	1 00	Alpheus Jones.....	1 00
Israel Steele.....	1 00	P. J. Fellent.....	1 00
T. C. Gardner.....	1 00	G. D. Campbell.....	1 00
W. A. Chase.....	1 00	St. Clara Jones.....	2 00
C. W. S.....	1 00	Cash.....	11 85
J. J. B. White.....	1 00		
G. A. Hood.....	1 00		
Thos. Allen, jr.....	1 00		
Duncan Cann.....	2 00		
C. E. Brown.....	5 00		
S. Vulham.....	5 00		
Nathan Lewis.....	2 00		
J. W. Moody.....	2 00		
G. J. Farish.....	3 00		
Mrs. Joseph Farish.....	1 00		
Annie Farish.....	1 00		
D. Horton.....	2 00		
Alex. Linie.....	1 00		
Justice Hilton.....	1 00		
Cash.....			

WEYMOUTH.

J. B. Campbell.....	\$1 00
C. P. Jones.....	1 00
Foster Jones.....	1 00
Colin Campbell.....	2 00
Geo. Johnson.....	1 00
Charles Burvill.....	1 00
S. Jones.....	1 00

ARCADIA.

Robert Tweedie.....	\$1 00
A. Robbins.....	2 00
J. B. Kenny.....	1 00
G. Y. Allen.....	2 00

DIGBY.

E. Burnham.....	\$1 00
J. W. Roop.....	1 00
Cash.....	3 65

ANNAPOLIS AND GRANVILLE.

Thos. Whitman.....	\$5 00
Rev. J. J. Bitch.....	1 00
Clarence Delap.....	2 00
Cash.....	8 27
Bridgetown.....	\$2 40
Lawrencetown.....	2 95
Berwick.....	3 10
Cash.....	1 02

Subscriptions received by W. C. Silver for Gymnasium.

Henry Howard.....	\$ 5 00	M. P. Black.....	10 00
W. L. Black.....	20 00	C. H. Black.....	5 00
Levi Hart.....	4 00	A Friend.....	1 00
Alex. McLeod.....	5 00	W. Kenney, Yarmouth.....	1 00
Henry Hesslein.....	5 00	Hon. Robert Boak.....	25 00
T. B. Aikins.....	5 00	Sir W. Young.....	20 00
Mr. Harry King.....	5 00	Duncan McGregor.....	1 00
E. K. Brown.....	5 00	E. W. Fraser.....	10 00
Friend, New Glasgow.....	2 00	Chas. Fletcher.....	5 00

Donations Received on the Concert Trip.

PLACE.	NAMES.	AMOUNT.
Maitland,	Friends,	\$ 10 00
Truro,	Friends,	4 20
New Glasgow,	Mrs. C. Reid,	4 00
"	Miss McGregor,	2 00
"	Miss Buse,	1 00
"	Miss Carmichael,	2 00
"	Miss A. Carmichael,	1 00
"	R. J. McCurdy,	1 00
"	J. McColl,	2 00
Pictou,	A Friend,	2 00
"	John Monahan,	4 00
"	Elizabeth Stewart,	1 50
"	Miss Beattie,	1 00
Souris,	Rev. Mr. McBean,	1 00
"	Rev. Mr. Gordon,	1 00
Mount Stewart,	Mrs. G. White,	2 00
"	Mrs. G. P. Gillis,	2 00
"	W. E. Clark,	2 00
"	James Ross,	1 00
"	Dr. Inches,	2 00
"	Miss Baddock,	1 00
Crapaud,	T. Howatt,	10 00
"	John Meagher,	2 00
"	D. Palmer,	2 00
"	A Lady,	1 50
"	C. Lathers,	1 00
"	B. Hasell,	0 50
"	Friends,	4 00
Bedeque,	G. G. Robins,	1 00
"	Stephen Wright,	3 00
"	Rev. R. S. Patterson,	2 00
Alberton,	Hon. R. B. Reid,	2 00
"	Friend,	1 00
"	Mrs. John,	1 00
"	Rev. R. W. Dyer,	1 00
Shediac,	Rev. S. Boyd,	5 00
Buctouche,	Friends,	6 30
Kingston,	Rev. Mr. Bearsto,	2 00
Richabucto,	J. D. Phinney,	1 00
"	A Friend,	1 00
Chatham,	Mr. Muirhead,	2 00
"	Friends,	2 10
"	Friends,	7 60
Bathurst,	Friends,	1 50
Dalhousie,	Rev.,	1 00
"	A Friend,	2 00
"	Mr. Haddow,	3 00

PLACE.	NAME.	AMOUNT.
Campbellton,.....	Friend,	\$2 10
Newcastle,.....	{ W. A. Anderson, }	4 00
"	{ W. A. Paile, }	
"	{ R. R. Call, }	
"	W. Smith,	2 00
Peticodiac.....	Thomas Fleetwood,..	1 00
"	A Friend,	0 70
"	Mr. Davison,.....	5 00
Sussex.....	Friends,.....	2 75
"	Col. Beer,	5 00
Moncton.....	Mr. Thomas Foot,	5 00
"	Mr. Dunlap,	5 00
Hillsboro,	Friends	13 00
Dorchester.....	J. Chandler,	2 50
"	Mrs. J. Chandler,.....	5 00
Amherst.....	Hon. R. B. Dickie,	10 00
"	J. Laurie,	5 00
"	Col. C. Stewart.....	2 50
	Cash,	\$39 14

Dr. Halifax Asylum for the Blind, in account with G. Thomson, Treasurer. Cr.

To House Expenses	\$1635 75	By Balance from 1876.....	\$ 273 86
“ Salaries.....	675 00	“ Interest and Dividends.....	1657 93
“ School, Piano &c.....	252 00	“ Grass sold.....	22 00
“ Printing, Books &c.....	49 57	“ Manufacture.....	57 30
“ Repairs, &c.....	83 75	“ Board and Tuition of Pupils.....	330 00
“ Stock for Manufactures.....	66 28	“ Donations, &c.....	167 82
“ Fuel.....	136 65	“ Donations for Gymnasium.....	772 44
“ Gas.....	104 01	“ Nova Scotia Government Grant.....	800 00
“ Board for Baird at Phila.....	58 65	“ New Brunswick Government Grant.....	240 00
“ Paid on Work Shop and Gymnasium	900 90	“ Bequests.....	1300 00
“ Insurance.....	45 00		
“ Improving Grounds, &c.....	98 45		
“ Dep. Receipt to cover Cost of New Building...	600 00		
“ Invested in Mortgage.....	700 00		
“ Cash on hand.....	216 24		
	<u>\$5621 35</u>		<u>\$5621 35</u>

Examined and found correct
 S. A. WHITE,
 J. S. MACLEAN. } Auditors.

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Halifax, 11th December, 1877.

GEO. THOMSON, Treasurer.

Original Subscribers

to

HALIFAX ASYLUM FOR THE BLIND.

Provincial Grant.....	\$2000 00	Daniel Cronan	\$100 00
Hon. M. B. Almon.....	2000 00	S. N. Binney.....	100 00
Hon. E. Collins.....	1000 00	Joseph Wier.....	100 00
Wm. Cunard, Esq.....	500 00	J. & R. B. Seeton.....	100 00
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Judge Bliss.....	200 00	S. A. White.....	100 00
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John Doull.....	100 00	W. C. Silver	50 00
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Archbishop Connolly.....	100 00	Fraser, Paint & Co.....	50 00
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Burns & Murray.....	100 00	J. & W. Compton.....	50 00
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J. B. Bland.....	100 00	D. Murray & Co.....	25 00
Bauld, Gibson & Co.....	100 00	Lordly & Stimpson.....	25 00
James Scott.....	100 00	John L. Whytal.....	25 00

A. K. McKinlay.....	\$20 00	St. John's Church, Lunenburg.	\$18 00
J. Withrow.....	20 00	Onslow, per M. Baxter.....	8 00
Smith Bros.....	20 00	Yarmouth, per Rev. M. Moody.	18 40
John Farquharson.....	20 00	Wolfville, per Dr. Johnston..	96 00
T. V. Woolrich.....	20 00	St. John's Church, Truro.....	95 50
Thos. A. Anderson.....	20 00	Stewiacke	14 50
Very Rev. Dr. Hannan.....	20 00	Y. M. Asso., Chalmers Church.	15 00
W. H. Newman.....	20 00	Windsor Forks Church.	8 00
John H. Symons.....	20 00	Windsor, per Dr. Fraser.....	608 00
W. H. Tully.....	20 00	Upper Londonderry, per Mr.	
J. B. Elliot & Co.....	20 00	Morrison.....	12 00
W. H. Creighton.....	20 00	Rev. Mr. Wylie's Congrega-	
James Tremain.....	20 00	tion, Londonderry.....	8 20
M. H. Richey.....	70 00	Legacy from late Jane Molly.	88 00
Charles Fletcher.....	20 00		
Shaw & Murphy.....	12 50	LEGACIES AND LIFE MEMBERS SINCE.	
R. T. Muir.....	10 00	Legacy from late Robt. Noble.	\$100 00
C. Kaizer.....	10 00	Legacy from late Robt. Pur-	
Everett Brothers.....	10 00	vis, Pugwash.....	100 00
J. C. McIntosh.....	10 00	Legacy from late Jas. McDon-	
D. Falconer.....	10 00	ald, Green Hill, Pictou Co.	150 00
P. Walsh.....	10 00	Hon. Robt. Boak.....	100 00
John Lithgow.....	10 00	Jas. R. Lithgow.....	50 00
H. P. Burton.....	5 00	John Boyd, St. John, N. B...	50 00
M. A. Buckley.....	5 00	Mrs. Bauld, Sen.....	200 00
Col. Lowry, 47th Regt.....	5 00		

DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS
TO
HALIFAX ASYLUM FOR THE BLIND,
1877.

Tatamagouche Congregation.....	\$16 50
Thanks	5 00
Capt. Athorpe, Royal Engineer.....	6 00
Mrs. S. N. Binney.....	10 00
Mrs. Hall.....	1 75
Mr. Harry King.....	5 00
Sabbath School, Grand River, Congregation, C. B.....	3 00
Hon. Jas. Fraser, Pictou.....	3 00
Frederick Allison.....	10 00
132.....	2 00
Judge Marshall.....	4 00
Londonderry Congregation, Great Village.....	9 65
Rev. J. W. Day, Ontario.....	1 00
Rev. G. McNeil, Charlottetown, P. E. I.....	1 00
Grafton Street Church, Thanksgiving Day.....	10 00
Judge DesBrisay.....	4 00
St. John's Church, Truro, (Episcopal).....	11 00
Presbyterian Church, Garlock, Pictou Co.....	6 50
A Member of St. Andrew's Congregation.....	4 00
Presbyterian Church, River John.....	8 25
Part Thanksgiving Collection, Poplar Grove Church.....	1 50
G. P. Murray, N. E. Margaree.....	5 00
Part Thanksgiving Collection, Chalmers Church.....	10 00
Collected, per Rev. Thomas Cumming, Stellarton.....	11 00
Collected, per Rev. J. Thomson, Central Church, W. R., Pictou.....	11 22
Legacy from late N. L. West.....	800 00
“ “ J. M. Walker.....	500 00

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. 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 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 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 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 cested 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.

BY-LAWS.

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 received 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 Managers 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. 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. | 4. By-Laws. |
| 1. Act to commence when \$12,000 subscribed. Incorporation. | 5. City may convey lands, &c. |
| 2. Board of Managers. | 6. Managers shall report to Governor in Council. |
| 3. Officers—how elected. | |

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, and 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-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 other 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," and 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.

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