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ANNUAL REPORT



OF THE

HAMILTON INSTITUTION

FOR THE

Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb

AND OF THE BLIND,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1867.

HAMILTON:

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
ONTARIO INSTITUTION

FOR THE

Deaf and Dumb and the Instruction of the Blind.

To REV. DR. ORMISTON, *Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.*

DR. RYALL, *Secretary.*

E. STINSON, Esq., *Treasurer.*

REV. DR. RYERSON, *Chief Superintend't of Education.*

MAYOR CHARLTON.

HON. JUDGE LOGIE.

JOHN McKEOWN, Esq.

Rev. Sirs, and Gentlemen :

The undersigned respectfully reports for the year ending 31st December, 1867, as follows :

The year just closed has been one of unprecedented health among the inmates, and of general prosperity of the affairs of the Institution—many thanks to the liberality of County Councils, the public in general, and the corporation and city of Hamilton in particular. The number of pupils in attendance has been 64, eleven of whom have left during the year. Average attendance 53—thirty boys and twenty-three girls.

The salubrious and healthful location of Dundurn, with its ample accommodation, beautiful surroundings, and extensive play-grounds, added to the prompt attendance and skill of Dr. Ryall on the first approaches of illness among the inmates, combine to make us the happiest of happy families. But there is a drawback, the removal of which, can only be effected by a change in the management of the establishment. To this, I have frequently directed the attention of the individual members of your Board, and I sincerely hope that you will, before the close of the school for the summer vacation, be empowered by the Government to carry my views into practical effect. My proper position is in the department of instruction, where, freed from the anxiety and care of the general supervision, collecting funds, &c., I could the better throw my whole mind into the instruction of the deaf and dumb, and thus move in my native element. Placed in such a position my fondest anticipations would be realized.

Respectfully submitted.

J. B. MCGANN.

To		Mayor of Toronto.
J. E. SMITH, Esq.	.....	" Hamilton.
B. E. CHARLTON, Esq.	.....	Warden of York.
H. S. HOWLAND, Esq.	" Wellington.
JOHN SMITH, Esq.	" Halton.
A. CAMPBELL, Esq.	" Simcoe.
T. R. FERGUSON, Esq., M. P.	" Norfolk.
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J. HOLMES, Esq.	" Elgin.
J. NAIR, Esq.	" Huron.
ROBERT GIBBONS, Esq., M. L. A.	" Lambton.
ROBERT RAE, Esq.	Warden of Durham and Northumberland.
J. McLEOD, Esq., M. L. A.	.....	Warden of Lanark.
DANIEL GALBRAITH, Esq., M. P.	.....	" Brant.
J. B. HENRY, Esq.	.....	" Perth.
THOMAS FORD, Esq.	.....	" Peel.
DR. BARNHART	.....	" Haldimand.
JOSEPH HURSELL, Esq.	.....	" Waterloo.
EPHRAIM ERB, Esq.	.....	" Ontario.
J. HAM PERRY, Esq.	.....

Gentlemen :

I beg leave most respectfully to submit for your consideration the financial condition of the Institution during the time in which it has been placed under my supervision and management :

Year.	Amount Expended.	No. of Pupils maintained for year.
1864	\$3,044	40
1865	6,878	60
1866	8,346	56
1867	5,395	52

By deducting from this sum, \$2,000 expended on furniture, fittings, and stock, we have the sum of \$ ——— expended on the maintenance and education (school requisites included) of an average attendance of 52 pupils, showing \$113 the cost for each pupil per annum.

The cost per pupil in the Toronto school, when under the management of the late medical superintendent, was \$300 per annum.

Bearing upon this extravagant expenditure, it is well worthy of remark, that the Premier of Ontario, Hon. J. S. McDonald, when at the head of the Government of 1864, dismissed the medical superintendent referred to, and gave an additional appropriation of \$2,000 to liquidate the indebtedness of the Institution. Now, in 1868, it is free from all pecuniary liabilities—the salaries of assistant teachers excepted, amounting to \$1,350. Had the usual Government aid been granted, we could have shown a balance on hand.

The prosperous condition of the Institution may be truly ascribed to the very satisfactory way in which the County Councils of Wellington, Simcoe, and Carleton have made cash advances to enable me to purchase provisions at the right time, thus realizing 10 per cent. profits for the benefit of the Institution. The donation grants of the County Councils of Halton, Wentworth, Lambton, Durham, Haldimand, Waterloo, and Perth, have also been equally beneficial. For example, I purchase tea, sugar, molasses, barley, rice, at wholesale prices, for which I pay cash down, thus saving $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on three months' credit, or 10 per cent. for one year.

THE BLIND.

In this country, as well as in Britain, and in the United States, the Annual Reports of Charitable and Endowed Institutions, serve not only as historical and statistical records, but constitute a sort of periodical literature for the blind and the mute, the idiotic, and insane, and furnish an opportunity to those engaged in the amelioration of human affliction, for setting forth the results of their experience and reflection. The knowledge thus attained in Britain and in the United States, is made useful in Canada, and the institutions of these countries become mutually advantageous to each other. The Reports of Superintendents contain valuable hints and suggestions, which, when carried into practical effect, are productive of beneficial advantages in the mitigation of human suffering. The observation of simple and earnest men engaged in philanthropic, or indeed, in any pursuit involving anxious solicitude and weighty responsibility are almost necessarily worth more for practical purposes than the speculations even of superior men, who, at best, give but a passing attention to the matter. I would presume to say that if the deaf and dumb, and the blind be educated in one institution, under the supervision of one man, it will prove, in Ontario, as in Great Britain and the States, *a great failure*.

The number of blind in the Province of the proper school age is 25, while 100 are eligible to learn a handicraft trade suited to their condition, and thus become self-supporting. This latter class can devote their time after labor hours to learn to read, &c.

BLIND GIRLS.

Employment in household duties is the most suitable for this class, as a larger proportion of them can be so employed with advantage to themselves and those with whom they live than was formerly anticipated. We must not infer that the loss of sight precludes the possibility of overcoming difficulties that seemed even to them insuperable. They are handy at the needle; do various kinds of netting, knitting and crochet-work.

They can do common washing and ironing, wash up dishes, make beds and clean up chambers. When they are thrown upon their own resources and obliged to perform such domestic offices for themselves they work with a will, and become expert and handy at housework, we are inclined to believe too little account has been generally made of the capacity of blind girls for becoming useful domestics. Left at home, under the influence of the false sympathy of their parents and friends, they are very indolent and useless. Sent to school, where they will be industriously employed, they will become strong and energetic, and in a short time will prove useful members of the family circle. We commend their condition to County Councils, and hope to see provision made for the education and industrial training of this class of persons.

Many thanks to you, gentlemen, and to the members of the Councils and Corporations over which you preside. Many thanks also to Mr. Swinyard, and his deputy, Mr. Howard, of the G.W. Railway; Mr. Cumberland and his deputy, Mr. Hamilton, of the Northern Railway, for their considerate kindness in giving my pupils a free pass home in July. This is a great boon conferred on their parents, the majority of whom are unable to meet even the expenses attendant upon the clothing of their children.

Words of mine are too powerless to express in suitable language, my best thanks to the citizens of Hamilton for their generous support.

I am happy to bear testimony to the undeviating kindness of the parents of my pupils. I have not, since the opening of the Institution in 1858, to record a defaulting creditor in my books. This, combined with the prompt and cheerful manner in which they remit monies, is of a gratifying character indeed, and tends to lighten my labors very much.

I have had some difficulties with the parents of deaf mute idiots and paralytics whom *I discharged as hopeless subjects of instruction*. The parents of these have, on the return of their children home, shown very unkind feelings towards me. The triple infirmities of deafness, dumbness and idiocy or paralysis is a fearful calamity to deal with, one beyond my powers to mitigate.

Respectfully submitted.

J. B. MCGANN,

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SUBSCRIPTIONS COLLECTED IN 1866,

The amount of which was added in one sum in Treasurer's account, and published in the city papers

CITY OF HAMILTON.

Buchanan, Hope & Co.....	\$10 00	T. Bickle & Son.....	\$2 00
Kerr, Brown & McKenzie...	10 00	John Eastwood.....	2 00
E. Jackson	10 00	Jas. Turner.....	2 00
I. C. Chilman	10 00	Freeman & Mahoney.....	2 00
Dr. Ormiston	5 00	Stanbury & Co.....	2 00
John McKeown.....	5 00	C. McQuesten, M. D.....	2 00
E. Stinson.....	5 00	J. W. Ferguson, M. D.....	2 00
A. Logie.....	5 00	James Howard.....	2 00
George Ryall, M. D.....	5 00	Moore & Davis.....	2 00
C. Magill.....	5 00	James McKay.....	2 00
H. Hamilton.....	5 00	J. R. Cherrier.....	2 00
E. Magill	5 00	Angus Sutherland.....	2 00
A. Murray	5 00	J. A. Bruce.....	2 00
Brown, Gillespie & Co.....	5 00	John Garrett.....	2 00
George Barnes.....	5 00	P. Fraser & Co.....	2 00
J. Winer & Co.....	5 00	C. A. Sadleir.....	2 00
Harvey, Stuart & Co.....	5 00	P. & D.....	2 00
Hendrie & Co.....	5 00	James Craigie	2 00
A. F. Skinner & Co.....	5 00	Young & Brother.....	2 00
S. McInnes & Co.....	5 00	Charles Hardy.....	2 00
Lawson Brothers.....	5 00	Service & Wyld.....	2 00
D. McInnes & Co.....	5 00	Colin MacRae.....	2 00
G. J. Forster	5 00	C. & E. Gurney	2 00
Bishop Farrell.....	5 00	C. S. Chittenden.....	2 00
W. Brown	5 00	A Friend.....	2 00
J. D. McDonald, M. D.....	5 00	B. M. Wanzer.....	2 00
F. W. Gates & Co.....	5 00	Hurd & Roberts.....	2 00
B. Juson	5 00	W. Farmer.....	2 00
James Watson	5 00	William Edgar.....	2 00
Mr. Furlong, Blacksmith...	5 00	Mackelcan & Robb.....	2 00
D. Moore & Co.....	4 00	W. F. Findlay.....	2 00
James Stewart.....	4 00	W. Craigie	2 00
Geo. Papps.....	4 00	George A. Young.....	2 00
L. Galbraith.....	4 00	Morris & Bro.....	1 50
F. M. Wilson.....	3 00	J. A. C.....	1 50
Daniel, Barry & Mills.....	3 00	D. Evans.....	1 50
D. Smith.....	2 00	A Friend.....	1 00
J. W. Glassco.....	2 00	Jos. Lyght.....	1 00
C. McNab.....	2 00	J. H. Boleur.....	1 00
W. McKinstry	2 00	George Lee.....	1 00
Thomas Thomson & Co.....	2 00	A Friend.....	1 00
C. E. Pierce & Co.....	2 00	R. Brierley.....	1 00
J. H. Crossley.....	2 00	T. N. Best.....	1 00
J. Peacock	2 00	A Friend.....	1 00
T. C. Watkins.....	2 00	D. B. Chisholm.....	1 00
George James.....	2 00	W. H. Lamphier.....	1 00
Wm. Boice.....	2 00	F. G. Ritchie	1 00
Canadian Oil Company.....	2 00	J. F. Rivener	1 00

T. Muir	\$1 00
Munro & Henderson	1 00
J. Mills	1 00
J. W. Lottridge & Co	1 00
P. Grossman	1 00
R. S. Beasley	1 00
B. Batty	1 00
John Fairgrieve	1 00
A. Walker	1 00
C. Foster	1 00
J. H. Davis	1 00
J. B. Jones	1 00
J. Muir	1 00
A Friend	1 00
Wm. Reckett	1 00
B. W. Donnelly	1 00
A Friend	1 00
Samuel Nash	1 00
C. J. T.	1 00
J. Campbell	1 00
Thomas Mitchell	1 00
A. M. L.	1 00
A Friend	1 00
Day, McCombe & Co	1 00
J. Stuart	1 00
A Friend	1 00
R. N. Law	1 00
G. A. Birge	1 00
J. A. Mullin, M. D.	1 00
W. & B.	1 00
A. Green	1 00
E. Kraft	1 00
James Thomson	1 00
J. J. Mason	1 00
J. W. Ferguson	1 00
S. B. Freeman	1 00
J. B. Morrison	1 00
P. & D.	1 00
W. Gunner	1 00
Wm. Harris	1 00
F. Beckett	1 00
Alfred Turner	1 00
J. Proctor	1 00
T. W. Myles	1 00
N. B. Robbins	1 00
W. H. Cooper	1 00
A Friend	1 00
Spohn & Tiffany	75
A Friend	50
Thomas Duncan	50
J. McAllister	50
S. Woodley	50
A Friend	50
T. Hill	50
G. Lind	50
A Campbell	50
A Friend	50

A. R.	\$0 50
M. A. K.	50
A. G.	50
J. H.	50
Wm. Hannon	50
J. M. D.	50
J. W. Ranold	50
Robert Chisholm	50
H. Monro	50
Thomas White	50
Marsden & Toms	50
W. T. Ecclestone	50
A Friend	25
Do.	25

ANCASTER.

Miss Ritchie	\$17 60
Miss Rousseaux	12 65
Mrs. Nidery	11 00
Miss Chep	9 25

BARTON.

Miss Yeo	6 40
Miss E. Blackstone	2 00
Miss Allison	2 13
Mr. King and pupils	2 44

GLANFORD.

Miss Frazer	6 52½
Miss Coon and Miss Case ..	10 70

STONEY CREEK.

Miss C. Lutz	5 60
Miss G. Jones	2 77½
Miss N. Miller	2 12½
Miss M. Bradley	50

PORT NELSON.

Miss C. E. Fisher	8 62½
" Johnson	6 05
" Walker	5 00

WHITBY.

Miss Lizzie Gunn	15 45
" Playter	12 50
Anonymous	57

BROOKLIN.

Miss J. Thompson	} 46 91
" M. Chase	
" S. J. Holliday	
Mrs. J. Hoar	

PRINCE ALBERT, MANCHES-
TER & PORT PERRY.

Miss Bates	\$8 80
" Palmer	4 67½
" Plank	4 35
One Card and School	15 21

WICK & VICINITY.

Miss McCreight.....	}	21 27½
" McDonald.....		
" Baird.....	}	7 75
" Smith.....		
" Davis.....		
Mrs. Fraser.....	}	1 85
Mr. Wm. Michie.....		
		10 25

MANILLA.

Miss S. Douglas.....	11 00
" M. Cattanach.....	4 60
" H. J. McBaines.....	4 00
Mrs. E. Brown.....	1 50

CANNINGTON.

Miss L. Gibbs.....	12 25
" A. Wyatt.....	7 02½
" Maybee.....	1 72½

ORILLA.

Mrs. Cooke.....	14 50
" Dallas.....	15 50
" S. Darling.....	12 25
Miss Powley.....	13 00

BEAVERTON.

Miss J. McLaughlin.....	11 75
Mrs. C. H. Davidson.....	7 50
Miss White.....	6 17
Mrs. G. Proctor.....	5 00

OAKWOOD.

Miss M. Whiteside.....	8 14
" Clarke.....	5 40
" Ainley.....	5 25

LINDSAY.

Mrs. Dunsford.....	31 47
" McGuire.....	4 70
Schools.....	2 82½

OMEMEE.

Miss Matchett.....	10 00
" Lauton.....	6 75
" Cottingham.....	2 00
" Beatty.....	2 10

MILBROOK.

Miss M. Knowlson.....	15 10
" M. A. Vogan.....	4 97½
Mrs. E. Gardiner.....	7 82½
Miss Wallace.....	2 20

COLBORNE.

Miss Anderson.....	17 00
Mrs. Ford.....	5 20

WARKWORTH.

Mrs. Humphries.....	7 25½
" Lavis.....	3 00
" McRae.....	2 87½

CAMPBELLFORD.

Dr. Bogart.....	5 40
Mr. Stillman.....	5 75
" Logan.....	1 25

HASTINGS.

Miss Fowlds.....	13 50
" Morton.....	3 90
" Dunning.....	62½

MARMORA.

Miss K. Bentley.....	5 00
" A. Ewing.....	5 00
" E. M. Hilton.....	4 00
" F. Kelley.....	1 00

MADOC.

Mrs. Dr. Jones.....	6 37½
Miss H. McDade.....	11 12½
" G. Eadus.....	4 25
" E. Deans.....	4 00

TWEED.

Miss M. A. Bentley.....	6 00	
" Jemieson.....	}	9 95
" Wright.....		
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THURLOW.

Miss E. A. Sills.....	}	4 76
" Kimmerly.....		
" Denneys.....		
" F. Palmer.....		

STIRLING.

Mrs. Steadman.....	8 43
Miss Judd.....	8 63
" Johns.....	6 78
" Allan.....	25

CONSECON.

Mr. Brown.....	7 45
Miss Robinson.....	3 10
Mr. McGrath.....	15

WELLINGTON.

Miss E. Garratt.....	3 75
" M. A. Haight.....	2 50
Mrs. T. Brown.....	1 50
" Dorland.....	1 00

BLOOMFIELD.

Mr. W. N. Beadell and a few others.....	6 00
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PICTON.

Miss Wellbanks.....	12 50
" Wright.....	11 50
" S. Carter.....	11 00
Mrs. Mitchell.....	9 60

DEMORESTVILLE.

Miss Greeley ...	6 50
" Morden.....	4 25
" Cronk.....	3 62½

REDNERSVILLE.

Miss Redner.....	2 50
" Pulver.....	2 12½
" Morden.....	1 50
" Higgins.....	30

BELLEVILLE.

Miss Lyons.....	21 95
Mrs. Northrop.....	18 65
" G. B. Flint.....	9 00
Miss Jones.....	1 25

CANNIFTON.

Mrs. Caniff.....	6 80
Miss Nickelson.....	3 40
" Forrester.....	3 30

FRANKFORD.

Miss A. Walker.....	2 12½
" C. Fanning.....	1 60
" Allie A. Stephens....	1 30
Mrs. Rowe.....	1 22½

COBOURG.

Miss Pringle.....	28 02½
" Boulton.....	20 70
" Emma Barber.....	} 25 00
" Bella Fields.....	
" S. A. Field.....	} 22 25
" Martha Fields.....	

PORT HOPE.

Mrs. Cassie.....	17 52½
Miss Fortune.....	8 75
Mrs. Kirchoffer.....	6 50

BULLOCK'S CORNERS.

Miss E. Simmons.....	9 95
" R. Haines.....	} 8 25
" J. Haines.....	
" Binkley.....	} 7 82½
" Simmons.....	

HAMILTON FOR 1866.

Cecilian Glee Club.....	\$97 52
Home Guard, (St. Mary's Ward).....	23 43
Concert (Mr. Yeoman).....	34 00
Proceeds of Annual Examination.....	96 00
Subscriptions.....	354 00

Total collected for 1866..... \$604 95

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SUBSCRIPTIONS, DONATIONS, &c.,

Received for the Year 1867.

Corporation of Hamilton	\$150 00
“ “ Toronto	100 00
County Council of Brant*	275 00
“ “ Carleton	200 00
“ “ Elgin	85 00
“ “ Haldimand	100 00
“ “ Halton	100 00
“ “ Huron	200 00
“ “ Lambton	100 00
“ “ Lanark	50 00
“ “ Middlesex	40 00
“ “ Norfolk*	270 00
“ “ Durham and Northumberland	150 00
“ “ Perth	100 00
“ “ Prince Edward	50 00
“ “ Simcoe	175 00
“ “ Waterloo	100 00
“ “ Wellington	275 00
“ “ Wentworth	100 00
“ “ York	291 67
Township of Mornington	50 00
“ “ St. Catharines	25 00
	\$2,986 67

SHAKSPEARE.

Rev'd Mr. Drummond.....\$20 45

DEVON.

..... 15 37

EXETER.

Mr. D. Steinbaugh 34 25

..... 10 00

\$44 25

MALTON.

Miss M. J. Shaw 13 50

“ J. Morton 11 55

“ M. J. Gardhouse 5 05

“ A. E. Blain 2 60

\$32 70

ADARE.

Miss M. A. Brown 6 50

“ A. Savett 6 50

“ M. C. Grundy 4 00

Mr. C. Hamilton 4 67

\$21 67

MCGILLIVRAY.

Miss E. Cuthbert 6 00

PARMA.

..... 24 00

LUCAN.

..... 13 00

PETERSBURG.

..... 2 00

* Include balance due for 1866.

BRUCEFIELD.

Miss A. McLagan.....	3 18
Mrs. T. Gibson.....	8 00
Misses M. McDonald, E. El- coat, J. Gordon, and J. For- sythe.....	20 82
Miss M. Mustard.....	4 76
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BAYFIELD.

Per Clergyman.....	8 00
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J. B. Rankin, Esq.....	30 00
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BRESLAU.

Mrs. Gray and Miss Gaster..	17 00
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NEW HAMBURG.

Miss E. Matteson.....	11 20
Mr. J. Kee.....	3 15
Mr. F. Merner.....	1 50
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ROCKWOOD.

Rev. Mr. Campbell.....	18 00
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WESTON.

Mr. Mason.....	11 00
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Grant from Committee of "Dominion Day".....	16 00
W. McGiverin, Esq.....	40 00
P. Dewar, Esq.....	5 00
A. C. Quimby, Esq.....	10 00
Grand Jury.....	5 00
Walker & Co., Toronto.....	4 00
Mrs. Prentice, ".....	7 00
Examination at Dundurn, 24th May.....	61 35
Campbellville Collections...	4 00
Mrs. Stewart, Kilbride Col..	10 20
Entrance Fees to Examina- tions at Berlin, Waterloo, and Dunnville—less ex- penses.....	39 45
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	\$201 95

*INSTITUTION for the Instruction of the DEAF AND DUMB and of the BLIND, in Account with
James J. Watson, Treasurer, for Year ending 31st of December, 1867.*

To Balance on hand.....	\$	90	94
“ Received from Corporations for Beneficiaries.....		250	00
“ “ County Councils for do.....		2,736	67
“ “ Parents and Friends of Pupils.....		1,066	52
“ “ Collections in Hamilton and county.....		537	80
“ Balance of Government Grant of 1866.....		610	00
“ Sale of Groceries.....		18	75
“ Discount on Bills.....		54	88
By Provisions, Groceries &c.....		\$2,103	82
“ Wages of Cook, Laundry and House Maid.....		279	62
“ Fuel and Lighting.....		436	73
“ Hardware and Crockery, \$153.78; Furniture, \$44.....		197	78
“ Bedding, \$78.60; Clothing Orphans, \$42.80.....		121	40
“ Soap, starch, blue, \$25.70; repairs. lumber, \$74.80.....		100	50
“ Printing Posters, Reports, Programmes, &c., &c.....		125	94
“ Insurance, School Requisites, Brushes.....		19	18
“ Feed for Cows, \$19.94; Cow, \$25.....		44	94
“ Postage, Stationery, Books.....		175	08
“ Steward for 6 months in 1866.....		100	00
“ Travelling expenses at County Meetings, County Councils, conveying pupils home, &c., &c.....		307	30
“ Cash advanced to Superintendent and Teachers.....		1,383	27
		\$5,396	56

* This Amount, for the maintenance of 52 Pupils, Officers and Servants of the Institution, appears small; but it should be borne in mind that we have a large vegetable garden and orchard, 3 cows, with hogs, poultry, &c., &c., and purchase fuel and provisions at the right time for ready cash, thus effecting a saving of over 25 per cent.

County Councils will, in future, be charged \$120 per annum for the board of their beneficiaries, if payment quarterly in advance, be not transmitted in due time.

J. B. MCGANN.

APPENDIX.

COUSIN MARRIAGES.

I really do feel that I would be guilty of a gross dereliction of duty, did I omit to take every opportunity to warn the public against unions in consanguinity, the results of which are of a most appalling kind, in the form of *deaf-dumbness, blindness, idiocy, insanity, mental stupidity, short-sightedness, stunted growth, scrofulous affection, and physical and nervous debility.*

True it is, that in cases where the cousin-husband and cousin-wife possess vigorous physical qualities, and dissimilar temperaments, their offspring escape the penalty inflicted by nature for the infraction of her laws. But there is the hereditary taint, and it will manifest itself in the next generation under some form or other.

The testimony of British and American teachers, and my own personal researches, abundantly confirm the fact, that these marriages are one of the greatest of human evils, and should be interdicted by the enactment of stringent laws. Out of 53 pupils in attendance in this Institution, I have this day counted twelve, the offspring of unions of this kind. The proportion to the deaf mutes of Ontario is 28 per cent. There is a predisposition in families to love none but their cousins.

Having in my travels through the Province made it a part of my duty to call on medical men with the view of increasing my knowledge of the causes which produce the manifold evils which afflict humanity, I met, on one occasion, a medical gentleman and a member of our Parliament, to both of whom I introduced myself and at once entered upon my favorite subject. The doctor endeavored to upset my argument by stating that "deaf-dumbness, blindness, &c., do not follow from marriages in consanguinity." In some cases, said I, the children die before they come to puberty. The doctor imagined





















that I took a fling at him, but I had not known that he was married to his cousin and buried seven of his children. On *several occasions*, when addressing large meetings in the country, warning those present of the evils resulting from these unions, I had no notion that the chairman had a cousin wife and scrofulous progeny.

Will some member of the Legislature take up this subject—first asking the advice of the Premier as to the practicability of enacting a law to prohibit these marriages?

OMISSION.

GYMNASIUM FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF OUR CLASS OF BLIND GIRLS.

The indolence of the blind may be ascribed to the want of muscular exercise consequent on their infirmity. In view of this, I have purchased from Dr. L. W. Shattuck, Montreal, a very ingeniously contrived gymnasium, made of Indian rubber, &c., to be used in a room. The ruinous defects of mental development, at the expense of the physical powers, is apparent in all classes, more especially the blind. These muscular exercises, added to sleigh drives of one hour each three times a week, will prove of lasting benefits to this afflicted class of girls. They will leave us good and useful domestic servants, in health of body and of mind.

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