

SEVENTEENTH REPORT

OF THE

Board of Managers

OF THE

HALIFAX SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND,

TOGETHER WITH THE

ACT OF INCORPORATION,

AND

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

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Incorporated in the Year 1867.

## MANAGERS AND OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTION.

### MANAGERS FOR 1888.

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### Teachers.

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### Gymnastics Instructor.

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### Matron.

MRS. R. T. BLAIR.

### Attending Physician.

DR. A. W. H. LINDSAY.

### Ophthalmic Physician.

DR. S. DODGE.

### Dental Surgeon.

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SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT  
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Another year in the life and history of this Institution has rolled around, a year of faithful work, a year of solid advance, and a year of increased usefulness. Reference to past reports show a gradual improvement in methods of teaching, increased uses of appliances, developments of intellectual capacity of our pupils, and a comparison of the work attempted and performed in 1887 with that of the year just closing, abundantly testifies to the fact that the education of the blind has kept abreast with that of the general school system of our provinces. The reports of our able and devoted Superintendent are usually so exhaustive that but little is left for the Board of Managers to do outside of the presentation of the Financial Statements. Still, there are subjects on which the Managers feel it of some importance to dwell, especially in connection with finance. Two years ago we expressed the confidence that our Provincial Legislature would increase the annual grant from \$120 to \$150 per capita, and hoped the Governments of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island would do likewise. Last year it was our pleasing privilege to report that the Government and Legislature of Nova Scotia had kindly responded to the appeal made by the Board, and had increased the public support to \$150 per pupil. New Brunswick has not lagged behind in the measure of support always accorded by her Government and Legislature to our Institution, and has also acceded to our request, which was brought directly to the notice of the provincial authorities by our Superintendent in person. We feel sure that Prince Edward

Island will in due time respond to the appeal on behalf of the blind children of that Province who are eligible for admission to the Halifax School, and that Newfoundland will also come into line with her sister Provinces in this most important undertaking.

During the year no fewer than four of our life members have been removed by death, viz. : His Lordship Bishop Binney, Hon. Sir William Young, George H. Starr, Esq., and Dr. J. F. Avery, all of them friends of our institution from its inception. Sir William Young who was so long identified with the history of our city and province as a patriot and statesman, has proved himself to be a true philanthropist by nobly endowing ten of our benevolent and educational institutions, among them the Halifax School for the Blind, to the extent of \$10,000 each, and by his other numerous bequests to Dalhousie College rendered a service to the young men of Nova Scotia that will keep his memory green when the present generation has passed away. Dr. Avery and Geo. H. Starr, Esq., have also each bequeathed \$500 to our endowment fund, for all of which we would devoutly thank the Giver of all good gifts. Our roll of departed benefactors, headed by the name of our founder William Murdoch, abundantly testifies to the hold our work has upon the sympathies of those interested in the education of the blind. We can truly say of those whose names are on our list of legacies "their works do follow them."

Your Board has to regret the loss by death of Mr. William Ackhurst who for upwards of two years served faithfully on the Directorate of the School.

With respect to the work of the several departments of the School we would refer to the improvements in the Literary Department in the introduction of the point letter instead of the line, also the use of Nelson's Royal Readers, and in this connection the increase in the Circulating Library, which is a valuable aid to the literary work of the School.

The Musical Department likewise scores an advance on last year's work in the adoption of the improved course in technique. Music pupils are rendered more independent in their studies by the use of the publications of the British and Foreign Blind

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Association. Greater attention has been given to teaching vocal music, and the musical life of the School has been quickened by the Quintette Band whose performances are highly creditable.

Our workshops are conducted under the supervision of Mr. Baird, Instructor, with skill and economy. One of our workmen has served his apprenticeship and goes out into the world as a basket-maker to earn his own livelihood.

The general health of the pupils has been good. One death occurred during the year, that of Murdoch Morrison, who died of consumption. In connection with this special case, as well as the general medical attention bestowed on the pupils, the managers would gratefully acknowledge the invaluable services of Dr. Lindsay, who has placed the Board under obligations they cannot repay. Dr. S. Dodge, Ophthalmic Surgeon, has also been exceedingly attentive. In one case, that of John Dunn, he greatly improved the sight, performed two operations, and removed a cataract.

Some considerable attention and improvements have been effected in the main building and workshops. An Hospital room has been provided, also a separate dormitory for small boys. The cost of these alterations and improvements have come out of current receipts. Other needed improvements are contemplated, especially on the grounds, the only drawback being the want of funds to carry on the work, but we trust these will come in due time.

In the domestic department everything moves satisfactory, the food supplied is good and wholesome. Mr. Blair, the Steward, and Mrs. Blair, Matron, give every attention to the wants of the pupils, who seem happy and contented.

In closing this report the Directors can only say in reference to our Superintendent, Mr. C. F. Fraser, that it is a privilege to be allowed to testify to his abundant labors and successful conduct of the work of the Institution, in which he is ably seconded by Miss Mackenzie. The Treasurer's account and other statements, as well as the full report of the Superintendent, is cordially commended to the perusal of all friends of the Halifax School for the Blind.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

*To the President and Board of Managers of the Halifax School  
for the Blind :*

GENTLEMEN,—

The table of attendance, herewith submitted, shows that 32 blind persons have been under instruction during the year, 21 of whom were males, and 11 females,—4 of these have since graduated or left the School, and one has died, making the actual attendance, December 1st, 1887, 27, of whom 17 are males and 10 females. Of these 18 are from the Province of Nova Scotia, 6 from New Brunswick, 1 from Prince Edward Island, and 2 from Newfoundland.

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE.

	Boys.	Girls.	Adults.	Total.
Registered Dec. 1st, 1886.....	10	9	5	24
Entered during year.....	5	2	1	8
Graduated or remained at home.....	2	1	1	4
Died .....	1	0	0	1
Registered Dec. 1st, 1887.....	12	10	5	27

### LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

Of the three departments into which the work of this School is divided, the Literary Department has always been recognized by me as one of the most important and at the same time one in which it was very difficult to secure the results at which I aimed. It must be frankly admitted that during the ordinary course of a pupil in this institution it is impossible to cover all the branches included in the curriculums of the Grammar School and County Academy; and while I by no means undervalue many of these branches, I deem it but prudent that in a school where the study of music and the training in handicrafts occupy

such an important place, we should confine our efforts almost exclusively to those practical studies, a knowledge of which all men and women would find it advantageous to possess, and which do something more for the student than merely to increase the power of memorizing,—this faculty of the mind among those who are deprived of sight being as a rule abnormally developed. To those entrusted with the education of the blind the one idea which must be kept clearly in the mind is, that of the cultivation of those powers in the pupil that will ensure future self-maintenance, and with this idea firmly grasped no conscientious instructor can afford to waste time over studies which, properly speaking belong to a collegiate course, and would be of little practical value to nineteen-twentieths of those who pass through this school. I do not wish to be understood as depreciating the advantages of higher education among the blind, but merely desire to direct attention to the necessity of our holding closely to a course that will best serve the after needs of our graduates. The young men and women trained here are to be prepared for lives of active work either as teachers of music, pianoforte tuners, or willow basket makers. In order that they should succeed it is requisite that the sense of touch should be developed to its utmost capacities; that the mind should be trained so that its powers of observation and deduction may be brought into immediate play, and finally that the knowledge gained while here should be in such an available form as to be capable of easy reference. The first of these desideratums is secured by the practice in reading from raised letters. The study of embossed maps and the placing of moveable type with tangible signs at their extremities; the second is insured by means of a sound mathematical training embracing *the entire* arithmetic, several books of geometry, and as far as equations in algebra. The third is made possible by the system of Braille point writing by which the pupils now take down the lessons from dictation, preserving their manuscripts for future reference. Among the advances made in the Literary Department during the past year is that of the abandonment of the line for the point letter, and the introduction of several complete sets of Nelson's Royal

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Reader, beautifully printed from the stereotyped plates of the British and Foreign Blind Association. These books are light and of a convenient size, and are read by the pupils with as much avidity as is displayed by the ordinary school boy when he peruses for the first time the thousand and one tales of the Arabian Nights. Among the most pressing needs of the department is a class map of the Maritime Provinces, and as Dr. Armitage, Secretary of the British and Foreign Blind Association, has signified his willingness to prepare and emboss such a map, I would strongly recommend that a grant for this purpose be made from your funds at an early date. Miss Mackenzie, whose success as a teacher of the blind is noteworthy, still continues to give me valuable assistance, and her readiness to co-operate with me in any movement which would advance the interests of the pupils or the school are deserving of my most grateful recognition.

#### MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

Of the 27 persons now attending this Institution 20 are receiving instruction in the Musical Department; the beginners occupying from one to two hours a day in piano or organ practice, while some of the more advanced pupils devote from five to six hours each day to their musical studies. Of the pupils who graduated at the close of the last school session three received diplomas as competent teachers. Miss Mary Ellwood, of Halifax, as a teacher of the cabinet organ, and William Collins, of St. John, N. B., and James Butler, of Barrington, N. S., as teachers of the pianoforte and vocal music. Miss Ellwood has settled among her relatives and friends in the north end of the city of Halifax and has secured a small class of pupils; William Collins has removed with his parents to Mechiasport, Maine, and is now preparing to follow teaching as a profession in that place, and James Butler has settled in Pugwash, N. S., and writes encouragingly of his prospects of success. Mr. A. M. Chisholm, whose service were engaged in the musical department on his return from Germany, has proved himself a most conscientious instructor, and on his recommendation an improved

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course in *technique* has been adopted which promises to be of lasting value to the pupils. Heretofore our work has been greatly hindered by the difficulties arising from the pupils having to commit the greater portion of the music to memory from dictation, but happily now this is in a great measure overcome by their having access to the musical publications of the British and Foreign Blind Association. These include the principal standard works of Crammer, Bertinni, Czerny, Berg, Müller and others, and as the expression marks, as well as the fingering, are accurately given, the pupils have a decided advantage over those who have been trained by the slower and more unsatisfactory method previously employed. Mr. D. M. Reid, our tuning instructor, has zealously devoted himself to the training of our young men as pianoforte tuners, and it is probable that most of those who have been under his instruction will be able to supplement their earnings as teachers of music by tuning the pianos in the localities in which they may settle, otherwise competition being so keen, and the number of pianos in the provinces so comparatively small, pianoforte tuning scarcely offers a sufficiently remunerative employment for any person to devote his entire time and attention to it.

In addition to the general choir practice, a number of the pupils receive private vocal lessons with a view to their utilizing the knowledge gained as teachers of singing, in which they meet with much encouragement. By way of a pastime, more than in the way of regular work, a quintette band of brass instruments has been organized, and during the winter evenings it has proved a great source of pleasure to the performers.

#### WORK DEPARTMENT.

The current income of the Institution is not sufficiently large to allow of much latitude in the way of expenditure upon permanent improvements, but owing to the draughty condition of our workshop, it became imperative to take measures to put it in a thorough state of repair, and at the same time to tar-paper and ceil the walls so as to make it comfortable to work in during

the winter months. As stated in a previous report the willow used in making baskets has to be soaked in water, and hence it is necessary to keep the work-shop well heated, otherwise the workmen's hands become numb with the cold. The improvements spoken of were effected during the summer holidays and will without doubt prove in every way satisfactory. Joseph Cook, the first person who has gone out from this Institution as a willow worker, left the school in June last and is now settled in Portland, N. B., his native city, in which he should find no difficulty in establishing himself as a basket-maker. Six young men are now being instructed in willow work by Mr. D. A. Baird, our trade instructor, who devotes about nine hours a day to their training.

#### HEALTH.

A fair average of health has been preserved during the past year and the pupils have been able to apply themselves to work with scarce an interruption. The only serious illness was that of Murdoch Morrison, a young man belonging to Stellarton, N. S., which, despite careful medical treatment and faithful nursing, proved fatal. Young Morrison was a kind-hearted lad and warmly attached to the school, his constitution was weakly and when attacked by a severe cold he had no power to shake it off, and so fell a victim to that woeful disease known as galloping consumption.

#### OUR SUMMER TOUR.

During the summer vacation a party of twelve from the School made an extensive tour through Prince Edward Island, the eastern counties in New Brunswick, and the counties of Cumberland and Pictou in Nova Scotia. Most of this ground had been covered some ten years since, but experience proves the advisability of occasionally taking such a tour as it enables us to make the school known to many who would otherwise be ignorant of its very existence. We visited in all twenty-six towns, giving in each a concert and a few brief illustrative

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exercises of our school work. While from a pecuniary standpoint the trip was not an unqualified success, yet the balance was on the right side after having paid out in expenses upwards of \$800. We may well feel thankful and gratefully express our acknowledgments for the many favours which we received from kind friends, and the privileges extended to our party by the railway and steamship authorities. Among the pleasant incidents of the tour which we cannot forget, was the kindness of the proprietor of the Rankin House, Charlottetown, who entertained, free of expense, five of our party during our stay in the Island's capital. Several donations were received, all of which have been acknowledged elsewhere in this report. The necessity for thus carrying the Institution to the people will be appreciated when it is understood that at least nine young blind persons of both sexes will within a measurable period be admitted as regular pupils of the school. Two of these have already entered, and applications for the admission of several others have been accepted by your board.

#### CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

The interest accruing from the fund collected some years ago for a circulating library of raised print books has been expended in the purchase of books printed in Braille point characters by the British and Foreign Blind Association. This addition of 47 handsomely bound volumes to our circulating library will be much appreciated by the graduates of the school who have become regular subscribers, as well as by the pupils who, during their term of pupilage, are allowed to borrow books as they may require them.

#### LOAN FUND.

During the past year \$106 has been advanced to assist graduates in making a start as teachers of music, or in the purchase of appliances required by willow workers. The fund now amounts to \$1093.56 of which \$650 is invested in good securities and the balance loaned to deserving graduates.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

As full reference has been made in the report of the Board of Managers to the magnificent bequest of Sir William Young, as well as to the thoughtful liberality of other warm friends of the Institution, it will be unnecessary for me to make any more lengthy acknowledgments of our indebtedness, but in view of the many needs of the school, all of which require money if they are to be carried out, I think it well that the public should be made aware of the fact that even under existing circumstances the annual average cost per pupil is about \$215, and that your Board have to meet the difference between a *pro rata* government grant per pupil of \$150, and that of the actual cost, with the interest upon endowments and voluntary donations.

In an interview with the Executive Council of New Brunswick I brought the foregoing facts to the notice of the members and have much pleasure in stating that both the government and the legislature willingly increased their grant per pupil from \$120 to \$150 per annum. I find that in Prince Edward Island there has existed some misconception as to the number of pupils who would probably avail themselves of the advantages of the school were the legislature of that province to place the blind upon the same footing as those blessed with sight, by extending to them a free education.

It has been feared by those in authority in Prince Edward Island that the concession of a free education to the blind would be a serious tax upon the revenue of that province, but happily this cannot be so since it is not probable that at any one time within the next ten years there will be more than five or six Island pupils in attendance at this School, which at the outside would only involve a yearly grant of \$900. At the present time we have but one pupil from the Island, for whom we receive \$200 per annum, but I trust that during the next session of the Prince Edward Island legislature the government will introduce and carry a measure for the free education of from one to six blind persons in the Halifax School, for whom a *per capitum* grant of \$150 per annum should be made by law.

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A new field for usefulness has opened up for us in Newfoundland, and if our efforts to assist the blind of that colony are heartily seconded by the Newfoundland government we may reasonably hope to place many otherwise helpless persons in a position of self-dependence. Your Board have during the present term admitted to the School two youths from Newfoundland, having faith that the government would not shrink from assuming the responsibility of paying for their education at the same rate per pupil as that of the other Maritime Provinces.

There are many matters of detail with reference to the education of the blind in general, and the improvement of our own school in particular, which it would afford me pleasure to refer to, but these, in view of the length of this report, may well be left for a more opportune occasion. Trusting that the work in which you have evinced so deep an interest, and in the furthering of which I have spent fourteen of the best years of my life, may continue to progress satisfactorily, and with ever increasing results, I beg to submit this my annual report for the year 1887.

Respectfully yours,

C. F. FRASER,

*Superintendent.*

## SCHOOL RECORD.

Number of school days in the term, 235. Possible number of marks to be obtained in the Literary or Musical Department, or for deportment, 1000.

NAMES OF PUPILS.	Attendance.	School.	Music.	Deportment.
<i>Senior Division.</i>				
1. Minnie Corbin, Chester, N. S.....	235	877	923	926
2. Mary Ellwood, Halifax, N. S.....	233	856	892	1000
3. Maggie Newcombe, Pleasant Harbour, N. S..	235	787	881	929
4. Isabel Staten, Forreton, N. B.....	220	809	832	936
5. Agnes Valley, Chatham, N. B.....	235	756	841	925
6. James Butler, Barrington, N. S.....	235	846	910	939
7. Willie Collins, St. John, N. B.....	235	808	950	934
8. Martin Fletcher, DeBert, N. S.....	235	886	890	926
9. Stephen Harivel, Stellarton, N. S.....	235	869	897	988
10. George Theakston, Halifax, N. S.....	225	872	870	977
11. Montague Warren, Montague Bridge, P. E. I.	235	817	870	934
12. John Rafuse, Chester, N. S.....	229	.....	.....	875
<i>Junior Division.</i>				
13. Bertha Hall, Lawrencetown, N. S.....	233	804	832	987
14. Alice Gammon, Tor Bay, N. S.....	222	817	881	1000
15. Phoebe Armstrong, Kempt, N. S.....	235	600	585	1000
16. Harriet Smith, Walton, N. S.....	233	715	525	1000
17. John Dunn, Advocate Harbor, N. S.....	235	835	796	994
18. Clifford Williston, Newcastle, N. B.....	233	825	871	983
19. John O'Donnell, Halifax, N. S.....	75	165	.....	950

## PUPILS ENTERED DURING THE YEAR.

Kate McLaughlin, Curryville, Albert Co., N. B.  
 Eunice Legg, Scot's Bay, Kings Co., N. S.  
 John W. O'Donnell, Halifax City, N. S.  
 Wm. Sloan, Halifax City, N. S.  
 Jas. Upham, Prosser's Brook, Albert Co., N. B.  
 Samuel Hussey, Bonavista Bay, Newfoundland.  
 Stephen Hulan, St. George's Bay, "  
 Wm. Morris, Carlton, N. B.

## ADULT WORKMEN.

Thos. Crowell, Horton Landing, Kings Co., N. S.  
 Wm. Morris, Carlton, N. B.  
 Frederick Horton, Musquodoboit, N. S.  
 Ed. Corbett, Musquodoboit, N. S.

## GRADUATED OR REMAINED AT HOME.

Mary Ellwood, Halifax City, N. S.  
 Jas. Butler, Barrington, N. S.  
 Wm. Collins, St. John, N. B.  
 Jos. Cook, Portland, N. B.

## PRIZES.

## LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

*Senior Division.*

1st Prize—Martin Fletcher, DeBert, N. S.  
 2nd Prize—Minnie Corbin, Chester, N. S.

*Junior Division.*

1st Prize—John Dunn, Advocate Harbor, N. S.  
 2nd Prize—Clifford Williston, Newcastle N. B.

*Musical Department.*

1st Prize—Wm. Collins, St. John, N. B.  
 2nd Prize—Minnie Corbin, Chester, N. S.

*Work Department.*

1st Prize—Frederick Horton, Musquodoboit, N. S.  
 2nd Prize—John Rafuse, Chester, N. S.

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HALIFAX SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND in account with E. D. MEYNELL, Treasurer.

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**LEGACY AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT:**

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Examined and found correct.  
HALIFAX, 11<sup>th</sup> December 1887.

(Signed) **GEO. MITCHELL, Auditor.**  
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*Treasurer.*

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Examined and found correct.  
HALIFAX, 11th December 1887.

(Signed) GEO. MITCHELL, Auditor.

[E. & O. E.] E. D. MEYNEILL, Treasurer.

## PATRONS.

BY-LAWS, ART. 1.—The payment of five hundred dollars at one time shall constitute a Patron of the Institution.

WILLIAM CUNARD, ESQ.

## 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 be constituted life members of the Association.

Lieut.-Gen. Lord Alex. Russell.  
Sir Edward Kenny.  
W. J. Stairs.  
J. Duffus.  
William Hare.  
Edward Albro.  
Hon. J. W. Ritchie.  
Hon. D. McN. Parker.  
John Doull.  
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John H. Bauld.  
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James Scott.  
Daniel Cronan.  
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Stephen Tobin.  
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Hon. S. L. Shannon.  
E. J. Lordly  
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John H. Symons.  
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Chas. Cogswell, M. D.  
B. D. Fraser, Esq., M. D.  
S. A. White.  
E. W. Chipman.  
W. H. Neal.  
John Silver.  
John S. Maclean.  
H. N. Paint.  
P. Lynch.  
T. V. Woolrich.  
W. H. Newman.  
W. H. Creighton.  
T. E. Everett.  
D. Falconer.  
H. P. Burton.  
Capt. Lowry, 47th Regt.  
Hon. John Boyd.  
George Thomson.  
M. H. Richey.  
J. C. Mackintosh.  
M. A. Buckley.  
James R. Lithgow.  
Sir Patrick McDougall, K. C. B.  
Lt. Thos. A. W. Cochran, R. N.  
George Mitchell.  
H. H. Fuller.

## 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 the annual payment of five dollars.

Dr. A. P. Reid.  
Mrs. L. A. Wilmot.  
Prof. W. J. Alexander.  
Prof. Johnson.

James Farquhar.  
Sir H. W. Hoyles.  
Prof. Chas. Macdonald.  
Jas. Maclean, Pictou.

## LEGACIES.

1871—Jane Molloy.....	\$ 88 87	1882—W. P. West.....	\$1000 00
1872—Robert Noble.....	100 00	1883—Jos. Hart.....	100 00
1874—R. Purvis.....	100 00	Mrs. G. Dunn.....	40 00
1875—James McDonald.....	150 00	1884—Hugh Elliott.....	100 00
1876—Miss Jane M. Tonge...	20 00	Alex. McLeod.....	100 00
N. L. West.....	800 00	1885—James Thomson.....	100 00
1877—J. M. Walker.....	500 00	H. Hesslein.....	100 00
1878—W. L. Black.....	250 00	1886—S. B. Smith.....	100 00
1879—Charles Roche.....	100 00	A. Shiels.....	552 18
Miss Service.....	400 00	James G. Merkel....	50 00
1880—Mrs. Williamson.....	200 00	1887—J. C. Macdonald....	50 00
G. Freize.....	100 00	W. H. Merkel.....	50 00
Ann Wilson.....	100 00	Jas. A. Buist.....	500 00
1881—Ann Hunter.....	20 00	Mrs. M. J. Hamilton..	50 00
1882—John Saunders.....	416 36	Mrs. Jer. Northup...	200 00
John King.....	600 00	Mrs. E. Binney.....	500 00

## FORM OF LEGACY.

I hereby give and bequeath to "the Halifax School for the Blind," Halifax, Nova Scotia, and their successors, forever, (if real estate) all that, etc., (if personal), the sum of, etc., to be used for the general purposes of the Institution.

## DONATIONS, 1887.

Prof. Johnson.....	\$ 5 00	Dr. A. P. Reid.....	\$5 00
Mrs. L. A. Wilmot.....	5 00	M. Y. C., Durham, N. B.....	1 00
A Friend, Amherst.....	5 00	Jas. Maclean, Pictou..	5 00
Mrs. Northup.....	10 00	Sir Hugh W. Hoyles.....	5 00
Prof. C. Macdonald.....	4 00	Mrs. McCulloch, Truro.....	2 00
Prof. W. J. Alexander.....	5 00	Rev. Mr. Murray, Lawrencetown	1 00
Mrs. Lawrence, Margaree, C.B.	2 00		

## THANKSGIVING COLLECTIONS ETC., 1887.

United Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow.....	\$59 00
Presbyterian Congregation, Stellarton, per J. H. Turnbull.....	8 00
Wallace, per Rev. Mr. McKay.....	4 00
St. Andrew's, Presbyterian Church, Truro.....	7 50
United Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow.....	69 25
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## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

# Halifax School for the Blind:

## CONSTITUTION.

### ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Association shall, conformable to the Amended Act of Incorporation, 30 Victoria, C. 50, be styled, "THE HALIFAX SCHOOL 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 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 School 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.

### BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETINGS.

#### I.—STATED MEETINGS.

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 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 on Supplies, Repairs and Improvements, to have supervision of all matters connected with the supply of provisions, clothing and other necessities; 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 required.

## 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 forms 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.

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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 proceedings, 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 ten and twenty-one, may be admitted to the Institution in accordance with the provisions of the Acts in relation to the Education of the Blind, in Chap. 17, Act of 1882, and Amendment thereto, passed 1883, which shall entitle them to free education in the Institution. 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 regulation of the Board.

##### (2) *Day Scholars*—

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

##### (3) *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

### IN RELATION TO THE EDUCATION OF THE BLIND.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows :

1. The parents or guardian of any blind person between the age of ten and twenty-one years, who has, under the provisions of Chap. 33 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 4th Series, a settlement, within any County or District of the Provinces incorporated by Chap. I., Statutes of 1879, may apply to the Warden of such Municipality for an order for the admission of such person into the Halifax Asylum for the Blind, which order the said Warden shall at once grant under his hand and the Corporate Seal of the Municipality on being satisfied that such blind person is between the ages above prescribed, and has a legal settlement in the Municipality.
2. Such order shall entitle a blind person named therein to be received into the Halifax Asylum for the Blind and subject to conditions hereinafter described, to be educated and boarded therein, during the school terms. Pupils under thirteen years of age when entering the school shall be entitled to remain seven years; those entering between the ages of thirteen and seventeen shall be entitled to remain five years, and those between the ages of seventeen and twenty-one years to remain three years.
3. For every blind person received into the Halifax Asylum for the Blind, pursuant to this Act, and educated and boarded therein, the Board of Managers of the Halifax Asylum for the Blind shall be entitled to receive from the Provincial Treasury at the rate of Sixty Dollars per annum, payable half-yearly, and also to receive at the same rate from the County School Fund of the Municipality to which the said blind person belongs. When such Municipality shall not comprise an entire County, the last-mentioned grant of Sixty Dollars shall be charged against the County School Funds of both Districts included within the County in proportion to the amounts of their respective school allowance derived from the County School Fund.
4. It shall be the duty of the Managers of the Halifax Asylum for the Blind to furnish semi-annually to the Council of Public Instruction full returns of the names, ages, residences, &c., of the pupils in respect of whom the above grants may be claimed.
5. In the semi-annual apportionment of the County School Fund the Superintendent of Education shall include the amounts due the Managers of the Halifax Asylum of the Blind, and issue drafts therefor on the Treasury of the respective Municipalities.
6. The Provincial Secretary shall be *ex-officio*, a member of the Board of Managers of the Halifax Asylum for the Blind.
7. In the case of an incorporated city or town within the Province in which any such blind person as is designated in the first Section of this Act has a legal settlement, an allowance to the Board of Managers of the said Asylum of

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Sixty Dollars per annum may be assessed upon the inhabitants of the said city or town, in case such city or town does not contribute to or draw from the County School Fund, and in such case said sum shall be paid to the said Managers for each such blind person sent to the said Asylum, and each such blind person shall be admitted to said Asylum in the manner prescribed in the first section of this Act, the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation exercising the powers therein conferred upon the Warden of the Municipality; and there shall be paid to the said Managers from the Provincial Treasury, for each such blind person for which such city or town contributes such allowance, the sum of Sixty Dollars in like manner as is provided in the third Section of this Act.

(See Amended Acts of 1883 and 1884.)

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AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 17, ACTS OF 1882, ENTITLED:  
"AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE EDUCATION OF  
THE BLIND."

Passed the 19th day of April, 1883.)

Section 1. Sec. 7 and clause substituted.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows:

1. Section 7 of Chapter 17, of the Acts of 1882, is hereby repealed and the following substituted:

In the case of any incorporated city or town within the province in which any blind person, as is designated in the first section of this Act, has a legal settlement, and which city or town does not contribute to or draw from the County School Fund, there shall be paid by such city or town to the Board of Managers of the said Asylum an allowance of Seventy-five Dollars per annum, and such sum shall form part of the general assessment of such city or town for each such blind person sent to the said Asylum; and each such blind person sent to the said Asylum shall be admitted to the said Asylum in the manner prescribed in the first section of the Act hereby amended, the Chief Executive Office of the Corporation exercising the power therein conferred upon the Warden of the Municipality; and there shall be paid to the said Managers from the Provincial Treasury for each such blind person for which such city or town contributes such allowance, the sum of Seventy-five Dollars in like manner as is provided in the third section of the Act hereby amended.

## AN ACT

### TO INCORPORATE THE HALIFAX ASYLUM FOR THE BLIND.

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 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 a nannual meeting of the members of the Society, to hold their offices 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 corporations 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 as 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 untill 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 regula-

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tions 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 Blind," either by way of gift or for valuable consideration, any land 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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AN ACT TO AMEND THE ACT TO INCORPORATE THE  
HALIFAX ASYLUM FOR THE BLIND.

(Passed the 19th day of April, A. D. 1884.)

WHEREAS, It has been deemed advisable to change the name of the Halifax Asylum for the Blind, which was incorporated under that name by Chapter 50 of the Acts of the province, passed in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven ;

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, as follows :

1. The Halifax Asylum for the Blind shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be called and known as "The Halifax School for the Blind," which name shall be the corporate name of the Institution, which shall be used and have effect in all respects, and for all purposes as fully as if such name had been inserted in the original act of incorporation.

2. All gifts, grants, deeds, conveyances, leases, agreements, devices, bequests, contracts, payments, reckonings, dealings and transactions, to, by, with, for, or on account of the said institution before the passing of this Act, shall be, remain and continue and inure to the benefit of the said "The Halifax School for the Blind," as fully as though the name, "The Halifax School for the Blind," had been used or specified in said gifts, grants, deeds, conveyances, leases, agreements, devices, bequests, contracts, payments, reckonings, dealings and transactions.

4. The said Act, as hereby amended, shall stand and remain valid and effectual in all other respects.