

**THE DAILY EXAMINER**

APRIL 20, 1893.

**THE EDUCATION OF THE BLIND.**

EVERYONE must agree to the proposition that blind children have as much right to free education as those who can see; and we have no doubt that sympathy for those who are deprived of the blessings of sight will move our Legislature to vote an extra amount to the end that every blind child in this Province may be enabled to attend the school at Halifax. The Halifax School for the Blind is a well-managed institution, reflecting high credit upon those who established it and upon its able, energetic, and devoted Superintendent, Mr. Fraser. The children who attend it are well cared for and well trained. We have no doubt that public opinion throughout the Province will applaud the Government in making reasonable and sufficient provision for the education of the blind children of Prince Edward Island. While it is true that the Province is financially in a bad way, it is also true that the Government may economize in other directions in order that our children deprived of the inestimable blessings of sight may in common with those of the other Provinces be trained under the direction of the skillful and careful instructors of the Halifax School for the Blind.

**THE WAR PROSPECT.**

OUR despatches of today confirm the belief that Spain must be compelled to yield Cuba. The government and Congress of the United States having decided to make war to this end we have no doubt the people of the United States will unitedly and vigorously enter upon the war and try to make it as short as possible. Many persons in the States doubt the policy, the necessity, and the utility of the war. But now that war has been decided upon these persons may be trusted to patriotically aid their compatriots in winning a speedy and decisive victory. It is indeed possible that those who have talked most loudly about Spanish atrocities in Cuba will not be the most ready to risk their lives for the honour of their country and the freedom of Cuba from Spanish thralldom. However, this may be, the campaign ought not to be a long one or to test Uncle Sam's bravery and resources over-much. Spain is already a broken and bankrupt nation; and even though the Spanish troops should fight with the bravery born of despair, Spain must soon yield to the inevitable.

**Spaniards Will Leave New York.**

NEW YORK, April 19.—Arturo Baldasso, consul-general of Spain in this city, said yesterday that arrangements had been made to afford transportation to all Spaniards in the city who were anxious to leave this country; and that about 150 would sail tomorrow by the Panama. This, he said, will be simply done to satisfy those who feared that in the present crisis war might be declared, and preferred sailing at once.

**Marine Risks are Stronger.**

NEW YORK, April 19.—Marine risks were somewhat stronger yesterday. London cables do not quote rates, but ask for them. Rates are one per cent. on coastwise business, and two to two and a half per cent on long voyages. Bombardment offerings are heavier than at any time since war became imminent. The characters of a number of American companies precludes the acceptance of bombardment risks. As a result, many English companies are handling this business.

**Clerks Who Want to Fight.**

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Secretary Gage has issued a circular stating that in case of any officer, clerk or employe under the Treasury department desiring to leave the service temporarily to engage in the military service in the event of war, he may be reinstated at any time within one year. Temporary appointments will be made to fill places so vacated, with the understanding that upon the return of the employe the temporary clerk will be removed so that the former occupant of the place can be reinstated.

—The Montreal Gazette stuns up the well known argument used by the Liberals in the recent West Prince election contest, and says: In so far as the main arguments advanced on behalf of its candidate are concerned it would, however, be gross misrepresentation to call the result the vindication of any political principle. Only as justifying the meanness of the appeals of those who won it does it deserve the name of Liberal victory."

—A sample of the goods made at the School for the Blind is to be seen in the show window of Brace's grocery store.

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**HALIFX SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.**

**Entertainment Last Evening - Strong Resolution Passed.**

The entertainment given last evening by Professor Fraser and a number of the teachers and pupils of the Halifax School for the Blind was attended by an audience which completely filled the Opera House. Besides there were hundreds who could not obtain admission.

On the platform, besides Professor Fraser and the pupils, were Premier Warburton and a number of members of the Provincial Legislature, and Drs. McLeod and Taylor.

Mayor Warburton, who presided opened the entertainment with a brief address in the course of which he spoke highly of Professor Fraser and of the work that is being done by the Halifax School for the Blind. He also read a letter from Rev W. J. Kirby regretting that owing to an engagement, previously made, the ministers of the city would be unable to attend the entertainment with which they were in sympathy.

Then Professor Fraser came forward and announced the first number on the programme, a selection by the band of the institution, "The Liberty Bell," by Sousa. This selection was played very well, and during the course of the evening the band contributed several other good numbers. There were also two clarinet solos, (one by Mr. Vernon Jones, of Pownal) and cornet and piano solos by others of the senior pupils. The junior pupils also gave some vocal and instrumental selections, the rendering of which was very creditable. There were also several readings, and vocal solos by Miss Maxwell and Mr. Chisholm of the staff, besides one or two numbers by the choir, all of which were well given. The pupils were also put through lessons in arithmetic, geography, and typewriting, and the proficiency they displayed in these branches indicates the thoroughness of the instruction that is imparted in the School for the Blind. It was very evident as, Professor Fraser remarked, that what they know they know.

Towards the close of the entertainment Professor Fraser briefly explained the aims and objects of the School for the Blind at Halifax, pointing out that by its aid those who are deprived of sight may be so trained as to be able to earn their own livelihood instead of becoming a burden upon their relatives in the Province. Scores of graduates of the School are now earning their own living, some of them being married and having homes of their own. The School at Halifax, has thrown open its doors to the Blind of the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, as well as those of the Colony of Newfoundland, and in five years the number of pupils enrolled has increased from 54 to 104, the latter being the number on the register today. The blind children have the same right to free education as children who are blessed with sight. The Government of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have recognized this fact and legislation has been enacted making provision for the free education of the blind of these provinces. Each province pays \$150 for every pupil educated at the School for the Blind and the Government of Newfoundland contributes a like sum for each pupil from the ancient colony. The Government of Prince Edward Island have contented themselves with giving the lump sum of \$300. This was all right when there were only two pupils from this province, but when the number increased to six it was entirely insufficient. At the present time the Government of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland are actually paying for educating the blind of Prince Edward Island. He believed the people of the Province did not wish this to be the case, and felt sure they would support the Legislature in any action they might take in the way of making matters all right in this respect.

Dr. McLeod then came forward and submitted the following resolution: Resolved, that this meeting endorses the principle of the free education of the blind; and further resolved that the Government and Legislature of this Province are herewith respectfully recommended to make statutory provision for the free education of the blind of Prince Edward Island.

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Provincial Government. In supporting the resolution Dr McLeod spoke feelingly of the blind, and expressed himself as being in full sympathy with the movement for their free education.

Dr. Taylor seconded the motion. He also expressed his sympathy for those afflicted persons and hoped such legislation

as was necessary to aid their education would be forthcoming.

Premier Warburton expressed his pleasure at the entertainment provided. He thought it was a rare thing to see blind people so trained as to be able to acquit themselves as creditably as Professor Fraser's pupils did to-night. It was not his place to point out here what the Legislature would do in connection with the free education of the blind. He felt sure, however, that his friends of the opposition would support the government in what they might do towards that end. He thought also that the City Council might do something along this line, as three of the pupils are from Charlottetown. Personally he was heartily in sympathy with the movement.

Hon. Mr. Gordon also expressed himself as highly pleased with the entertainment furnished. The Leader of the Government, he said, was a kind-hearted man, and would, he felt sure, do all he could to promote the interests of the blind and facilitate their education.

Mr. Shaw, M. L. A., also gave expression to his pleasure at the proceedings and his sympathy with the blind. He would be recreant to his duty if he did not do all in his power to aid in their education. But the Premier held the purse-strings. Mayor Warburton was also delighted with the performance and congratulated Professor Fraser upon the efficiency of his pupils. He declined, however, to say what action the City Council would take in the matter of educating the blind.

The resolution was then put and carried unanimously, and after some further remarks from Professor Fraser the entertainment was brought to a close.

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5. Vocal Quartette—"The Lovers"  
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7. Vocal Solo.....Selected  
Miss Edna Sinclair.  
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- PART II.**  
1. Scene from Opera Robin Hood.....  
2. Violin Solo.....  
Prof. Vinnicombe.  
3. Comic Quartette—"Call John".....  
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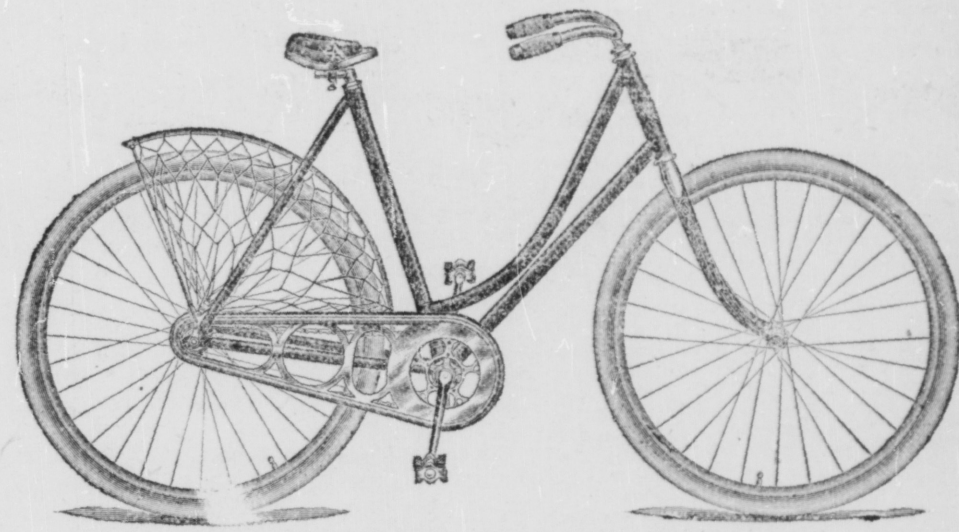
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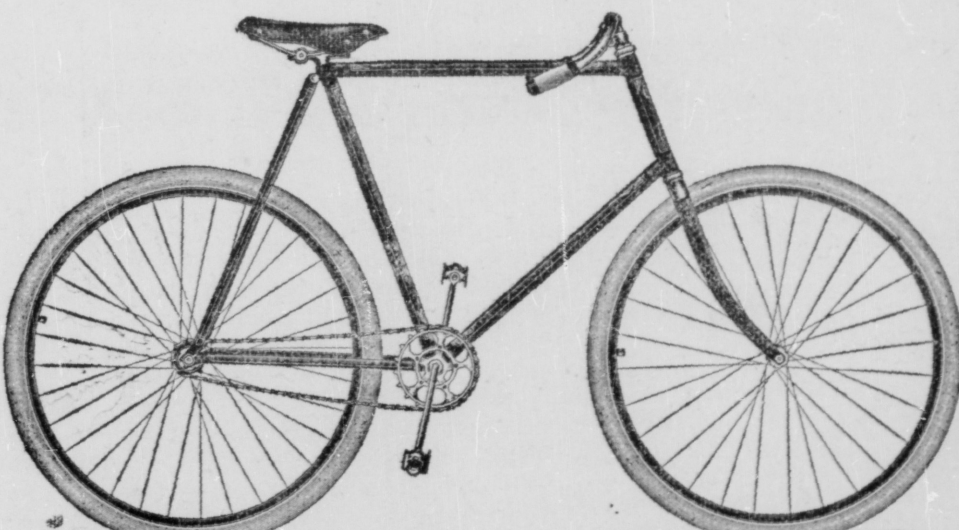
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