

man, is making very satisfactory progress. Prof. H. is an earnest and efficient teacher, and imparts thorough instruction to his pupils, who labor assiduously to excel. We likewise owe a word of commendation to the teachers in the other departments, who have been so patient and untiring in their labors.

The broom shop is under the charge of J. Thomas Eagle, (blind,) who also gives lessons in music and piano tuning. There are at present eight boys in the Institution, who receive from one to two hours' instruction each day in broom-making. We have made during the past six months 800 brooms. Both the broom shop and the girls' work room have been self-sustaining for the past year.

Though the general health of the Institution during the past year has been good, yet one of our number, much endeared to us, has been taken away. Paulinia Young died on the 4th of November last, at the residence of her father in Cumberland, to which she had been removed some months previously. She was a child sadly afflicted, and through her long and painful suffering, manifested such fortitude and resignation, as to win our deepest sympathies. Her rare disposition, ever cheerful, kind, obedient and truthful, linked her to our affections, and traced her name deep upon our memories.

The building which we occupy at the present time is by no means adapted to our wants. It is not only ill-arranged but entirely too small for our increasing numbers. In addition to the inconvenience under which we labor from the bad construction and contracted dimensions of our building, we find also great disadvantages arising from the want of more extensive grounds for out-door exercise. This is of the most vital importance to the blind. But I trust the day is not far distant when all these difficulties shall be removed. The fine lot of ground which you have purchased,* and the comfort-

*From the date of the establishment of the Institution, a building designed solely for its use, and arranged conveniently for the purpose, has been contemplated. In order to accomplish this object, a site has been procured in a delightful and healthy location, and all that is necessary is the provision of the means to insure the more extended and convenient accommodations desired. The lot which was purchased three years since, consists of a little more than three acres of land. It is situated on North avenue, the northern boundary of the city of Baltimore, near its intersection with St. Paul and Calvert streets. A more eligible and beautiful site could hardly be procured. It is elevated, and commands a view of the city, and river, and bay, which is unsurpassed in attractive excellence by any other within the same distance from the centre of the city.—*Extract from Report of Directors for the year 1863.*