

One of the older pupils, S. Washington Clifford, has lately taken charge of a class in arithmetic, and gives promise of success as a teacher.

The Musical Department continues under the direction of Mr. William Harman. Two years of experience in the musical instruction of the blind, with a thorough knowledge of the science to which he has devoted himself for many years, both in this country and Europe, together with qualities admirably fitting him in other respects for his position, are the guaranty of success in this branch of instruction.

Much attention is bestowed on music, because of its acknowledged importance for the blind. Most of the pupils engage in the study. With the requisite talent a few attain to a proficiency which they can rely on as a means of future support, notwithstanding the competition of seeing teachers and performers. We hear of three of our former pupils who are sustaining themselves respectably and with comfort in Baltimore as music teachers.

Our orchestra is reduced to the number of seven performers. After an intermission of some months, caused by the retirement of the older pupils, who had completed their term of study, the weekly concerts have been resumed with flattering encouragement. They are regarded as a means of improvement and recreation for the pupils, and a source of gratification to the visitors, who have thus an opportunity of witnessing the attainments of the pupils.

In the Industrial Department broom-making continues to be the most available trade for our male pupils, who have the past year wrought at no other. A larger number of boys have been occupied in the broom-shop than at any former period. Some of them learn in a short time to make very good brooms, which, if not always as neat, are as strong and durable as any that are made by seeing workmen. By reason of the quantity of material spoiled in the incipient efforts of the pupils, the proceeds of the shop are to be considered remunerative mainly by the skill derived to the operatives. Thomas Eagle, a former pupil, is foreman of the broom-shop. He also assists in elementary musical instruction, and tunes all the pianos.

In the intervals of the school studies the female pupils occupy themselves with bead work, plain and fancy needle work, knitting, and other household matters.

Much inconvenience continues to be felt from a want of additional rooms for recitation and music. Let us hope that the day is not very remote when the needed accommodations shall be supplied by the completion of the new building.