

## DEAF-MUTES.

These unfortunates are cared for by contract in the deaf-mute institute located at Guthrie.

The school department is in immediate charge of a very efficient teacher, who has had twenty-six years' experience in the work. She has organized and has personal charge of an oral class, who have made wonderful progress.

Another competent teacher of five years' experience, has charge of the intermediate department.

A graduate of the Kansas School for the Deaf has charge of the primary department. All of these have proven hard workers. The pupils have taken more interest and made greater progress than at any previous term. The health of the pupils has been remarkable, owing to the good sanitary arrangements of the institution and the careful and watchful attention of the resident physician.

The number of pupils in attendance the last term was 52; 3 of this number withdrew, leaving 49. They are from the following counties, viz:

Logan .....	11	Pottawatomie .....	8
Noble .....	2	Pawnee .....	2
Payne .....	7	Lincoln .....	2
Canadian .....	5	Woods .....	7
Oklahoma .....	2	Washita .....	1
Kingfisher .....	3		
Roger Mills .....	1	Total .....	52
Kay .....	1		

From the different reports and statistics gathered, I deem there are about 72 deaf-mutes of school age in the Territory.

It is a pleasure for me to state that with the corps of excellent teachers and employees in the institution, and their work ably supplemented by the matron and superintendent, the work and progress accomplished during the last term have been a surprise even to the parents and guardians themselves.

The pupils accomplished a vast amount of work, and are preparing themselves for profitable employment in afterlife.

## THE BLIND.

The fourth legislative assembly authorized the making of a contract for the care and education of the blind of the Territory and the levying of a special tax to carry out the same.

I have made two contracts for the same, but both have been relinquished because the small number of blind in the Territory would not justify the expenditure necessary to establish a proper institution.

There are about 50 blind persons in the Territory, but not over one-third of them are of school age. I have several times been appealed to by blind persons who desire assistance to attend some institution where they can learn some trade and become self-supporting, and feel that there should be some action taken to educate and assist all these unfortunates so that they will not be burdens upon society.