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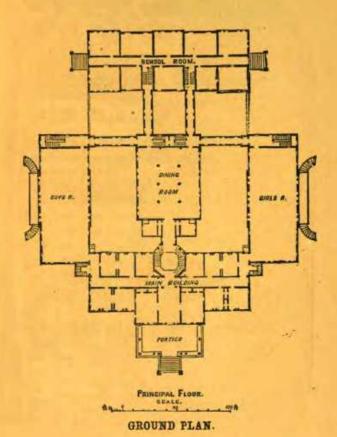
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In presenting the forty-fifth annual report, the directors of "The New York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb" would acknowledge their obligations to Divine Providence for His continued smiles on that christian charity which it is their privilege to administer. Every year unfolds new significancy in those words of our Lord, descriptive of the effects wrought by His presence and power, "The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the deaf hear, and the dumb speak," for systematised efforts for the relief of these unfortunate classes, unknown to heathenism, ancient or modern, spring up in the path of christianity, as flowers and grass after the rain.

To be able to say, at the close of a year, that nothing extraordinary has occurred, but, that, all things have continued in uniform prosperity, is a form of providential favor which demands our special gratitude. It is the deviations from the usual and ordinary course of events which generally attract attention, and are chronicled in public documents, while many are indifferent to that Divine goodness which preserves and directs affairs in a smooth and regular channel. The newspaper reports the inundation which sweeps away the bridges and the mills, but says nothing of the flow of the streams in their ordinary