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FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TO THE

TWO HOUSES OF CONGRESS

AT THE

COMMENCEMENT OF THE FIRST SESSION

OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

JANUARY 31, 1860.—*Resolved*, That there be printed, for the use of the Senate, fifteen thousand copies of the Annual Message of the President of the United States, with the Reports proper of the Heads of Departments and Chiefs of Bureaus communicated therewith, omitting the statistical matter accompanying said reports.

VOLUME I.

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1860.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INSTITUTION FOR
THE DEAF AND DUMB AND THE BLIND.

COLUMBIA INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE
DEAF AND DUMB AND THE BLIND,
November 5, 1859.

SIR: In compliance with the acts of Congress incorporating and providing for the support of this institution, I have the honor to report its operations during the last year, and its condition on the first day of July last.

For detailed information, I respectfully refer you to the superintendent's report, transmitted herewith.

"Appendix A," annexed to that report, shows that during last year the institution received from private subscriptions \$875.

"Appendix B," being the treasurer's report, shows that the entire receipts of the year, including the above sum of \$875, were \$6,610 87.

Of this sum, there was received from the treasury of the United States, for tuition and maintenance of indigent pupils, under the act of Congress approved February 16, 1857, \$2,451 96.

Also, from the same source, for salaries and incidental expenses, under the act of May 9, 1858, \$3,000 00.

For tuition and support of one paying pupil, \$158 32.

For board of a visitor, \$125.

"Appendix B continued" exhibits the superintendent's account, showing somewhat in detail the objects of expenditure, amounting to \$6,466 92, and leaving on hand the 1st of July last, \$462 73.

"Appendix C" gives the names of fourteen deaf and dumb and seven blind pupils, making in all twenty-one taught during last year.

To all which is appended a copy of the regulations.

The management of the institution by the superintendent has been highly satisfactory, and the matron and teachers have discharged their several duties with commendable fidelity.

Since the 1st of July last, the building mentioned as in progress by the superintendent in his report, has been completed, and is now occupied by the institution, not only adding much to the comfort and convenience of the superintendent, matron, teachers, and pupils, but providing accommodations for a much larger number.

This building and its conveniences has cost upwards of seven thousand dollars, and will be presented to the institution upon the sole condition that provision shall be made and continued for the instruction of the deaf and dumb and the blind of the District of Columbia by public appropriations or by private charity.

A fine stable has also been built, and other improvements made on the institution lot, by means of savings from private donations and the funds received for tuition and maintenance of pupils.

So far as regards domestic comfort, perhaps nothing is left to be desired by the institution; but it still has one serious want; that want is, more ground for agricultural or horticultural purposes. The lot now owned and occupied by the institution contains less than three acres. It has upon it two houses and a stable. Deducting the space occupied by them, their yards and entrance, little is left for any other purposes. Owing to the beauty of the site and the superior quality of the new building, being also well fitted for a private residence, this property is very valuable, and might, with the consent of the donor, be exchanged, on favorable terms, for a suitable tract of land further from the city. In this way, an abundance of ground may be obtained for the teaching and practice of horticulture and agriculture, instruction in which, or in some other useful calling, is little less important to the deaf and dumb than intellectual culture. But, in the event of such exchange, the institution will need new buildings. When private charity has done so much, will not Congress do all that is now necessary to enable the deaf and dumb of the District, an unfortunate class of human beings, who may be expected to increase with the increase of our population, an opportunity not only to cultivate their mental faculties, but also to acquire a knowledge of some kind of business, by which they may be able to earn a living when no longer the foster-children of the public?

With high consideration, your obedient servant,

AMOS KENDALL,
President.

HON. JACOB THOMPSON,
Secretary of the Interior.

Second annual report of the Columbia Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, for the year ending June 30, 1859.

JAMES BUCHANAN, *President of the United States, Patron.*

HON. AMOS KENDALL, *President.*

WILLIAM STICKNEY, *Secretary.*

GEORGE W. RIGGS, jr., *Treasurer.*

WILLIAM H. EDES, JAMES C. MCGUIRE, JUDSON MITCHELL, DAVID A. HALL, Rev. BYRON SUNDERLAND, D. D., *Directors.*

EDWARD M. GALLAUDET, M. A., *Superintendent.*

JAMES DENISON, (of the deaf and dumb,) Mrs. MARIA M. EDDY, (of the blind,) Mrs. FANNIE BROOKE, (of the blind, in music,) *Instructors.*

A. Y. P. GARNETT, M. D., *Attending Physician.*

Mrs. THOMAS H. GALLAUDET, *Matron.*

