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

KENDALL GREEN, *November 5, 1860.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a report of the operations of the Columbia Institution for the instruction of the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, for the year ending with the 30th day of June last.

With high consideration, your obedient servant,

AMOS KENDALL.

HON. JACOB THOMPSON,
Secretary of the Interior.

WASHINGTON, *October 31, 1860.*

SIR: As required by law, I proceed to report the operations of the Columbia Institution for the instruction of the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, for the year preceding the 1st day of July last.

The full report of the superintendent and of the examiners, hereto appended, save me the labor of entering into details.

The number of pupils taught during the year was thirty, composed of twenty-four mutes and six blind, being an increase of nine over the preceding year. Their names and residences are given in document marked D, in the appendix.

The receipts of the year were as follows, viz:

From the United States.....	\$5,759 26
From paying pupils.....	300 00
From private subscriptions	400 00
	6,459 26
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The expenditures were \$6,895 60, the difference between that sum and the receipts having been made up from the balance in the hands of the superintendent at the commencement of the year.

For details of receipts and expenditures, see Appendix A, B, and C.

Since my last annual report, the legislature of Maryland have passed an act authorizing the sending of indigent deaf and dumb children from that State to this institution, at the public expense, and several had been received prior to the 1st of July last.

A further accession is expected from that quarter, which, with some additions from the District of Columbia, will crowd our buildings to their utmost capacity.

It is quite obvious that a two-acre lot, including two houses, out-buildings, and yards, can afford little opportunity for the practice of

agriculture or horticulture by the pupils; nor can any portion of the present buildings be spared for mechanic shops. It is a noble work to cultivate the intellect of the children of silence and darkness; but the objects of this institution are but half accomplished without accustoming them also to some occupation by which they may be able to earn a living when they leave its precincts. The lot and buildings now belonging to the institution would probably sell for ten thousand dollars; and it possesses a fund of nominally about \$4,900, worth probably \$3,500, transferred to it by the trustees of "Washington's Manual Labor School and Male Orphan Society," in conformity with an act of Congress, passed at their last session. Rather than see the institution remain in its present cramped condition, the donor of the house and lot would consent that they may be sold, and the proceeds be applied, together with the funds derived from the manual labor school, to the purchase of more adequate accommodations elsewhere.

But those means would not enable the directory to purchase the needful lands, and also to erect the necessary buildings. The institution, therefore, must be content with administering but half the relief which the community owes to these classes of its unfortunate children, until it shall receive liberal aid from Congress, or some other source.

I cannot close this report without paying a just tribute to the superintendent and other officers and teachers of the institution. To the energy and perseverance of the superintendent is mainly due not only its prosperous condition, but the aid it has received from Maryland, and the funds it has acquired from the trustees of the manual labor school—funds which had, in fact, been collected through the instrumentality of his grandfather. Mrs. Gallaudet, the matron; Mr. Dennison, teacher of the deaf and dumb; and Mrs. Eddy and Mrs. J. M. Gallaudet, teachers of the blind, have each, in their appropriate spheres, contributed their share in elevating the character of the institution. Mrs. Eddy carries with her, in retirement, the affection of her pupils, and the sincere regard of every one connected with the institution.

Thanks are due to Dr. Alexander Y. P. Garnet, attending physician, for his gratuitous services, not less deserving of grateful remembrance because, fortunately, they have been very little required.

At the request of the board of directors, the Rev. Geo. W. Samson, the Rev. N. J. B. Morgan, and John P. Ingle, Esq., kindly consented to act as examiners at the close of the last term.

To the views expressed by them in relation to the progress of the pupils, the management of the institution, and its imperative wants, I invoke special attention. They are the views of gentlemen who have no conceivable motive to misrepresent or magnify.

By order of the board of directors.

AMOS KENDALL,
President.

HON. JACOB THOMPSON,
Secretary of the Interior.

