

0

**M E S S A G E**

OF THE

**PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,**

AND

**ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS,**

TO THE

**TWO HOUSES OF CONGRESS,**

AT

**THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE FIRST SESSION**

OF

**THE THIRTY-NINTH CONGRESS.**

831

REPORT  
OF  
THE COLUMBIA INSTITUTION

*For the Deaf and Dumb, for the year ending June 30, 1865.*

OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTION.

Patron—ANDREW JOHNSON, *President of the United States.*  
President—EDWARD MINER GALLAUDET, A. M.  
Secretary—WILLIAM STICKNEY.  
Treasurer—GEORGE W. RIGGS, Jr.  
Directors—Hon. AMOS KENDALL, Hon. BENJAMIN B. FRENCH, Hon. SALMON P. CHASE, Rev. BYRON SUNDERLAND, D. D., DAVID A. HALL, Esq., JAMES C. MCGUIRE, Esq.

---

NATIONAL DEAF-MUTE COLLEGE.

FACULTY.

EDWARD MINER GALLAUDET, A. M., *President and Professor of Moral and Political Science.*  
RICHARD SALTER STORRS, A. M., *Professor of Linguistics.*  
Rev. LEWELLYN PRATT, A. M., *Professor of Natural Science.*  
Rev. WILLIAM W. TURNER, A. M., *Lecturer on Natural History.*  
Hon. JAMES W. PATTERSON, *Lecturer on Astronomy.*  
PETER BAUMGRAS, *Instructor of Drawing and Painting.*

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT.

President—EDWARD MINER GALLAUDET, A. M.  
Instructors—JAMES DENISON, A. M., JOSEPH HENRY IJAMS, A. B., SAMUEL A. ADAMS, MARY T. G. GORDON.  
Instructor of Drawing—PETER BAUMGRAS.

DOMESTIC DEPARTMENT.

Family Supervisor—JOSEPH HENRY IJAMS, A. B.  
Attending Physician—NATHAN SMITH LINCOLN, M. D.  
Matron—Mrs. THOMAS H. GALLAUDET.  
Assistant Matron—Mrs. ELIZA A. IJAMS.

COLUMBIA INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE  
DEAF AND DUMB, *Washington, November 6, 1865.*

SIR: In compliance with the acts of Congress making provision for the support of this institution, we have the honor to report its progress during the year ending June 30, 1865 :

The pupils remaining in the institution on the 1st of July, 1864, numbered.....	58		
Entered during the year.....	22		
Dismissed during the year.....	9		
Died during the year.....	2		
	—	11	11
<hr/>			
Remaining on the 30th of June last.....			69
Entered since June 30.....	14		
Dismissed since June 30.....	10		
Total number of pupils under instruction since July 1, 1864.....			94
Deaf-mutes, males, 56; females, 29; total.....			85
Blind, males, 4; females, 5; total.....			9

A catalogue of the names and former residences of the students and pupils instructed during the year will be found appended to this report.

In pursuance of authority conferred by Congress in an act approved February 23, 1865, the blind pupils hitherto instructed in this institution have been placed in the Maryland Institution for the Blind, at Baltimore.

The number transferred was seven; six residents of the District of Columbia, and one whose father is in the regular army.

Our board, at a meeting held in June last, voted to transfer to the Maryland Institution, all our books, maps, and apparatus specially designed for the instruction of the blind, including a piano-forte donated a few years since by some benevolent ladies of Georgetown, to be used for those pupils who may be at any time in that institution, as beneficiaries of the United States.

It is believed that this removal of the blind to the institution at Baltimore will inure to their advantage, while it relieves our institution of a department never large enough to be successful in the highest degree.

Since our last report several changes have occurred in our corps of officers and instructors.

In January, William H. Edes, esq., an honored member of our board of directors, was removed from us by death.

In the same month our assistant matron, Mrs. Sophia G. Hunter, after a brief illness, passed away from the scenes of earth, and in March Judson Mitchell, esq., a member of our board since the organization of the institution, died at an advanced age.

The following extracts from the records of the board may be properly recorded here as evidences of the regard with which our departed co-laborers in the important work of building up this institution were held by us who survive them :

“Mr. Kendall, in behalf of the committee appointed at the last meeting to report resolutions touching the death of Mrs. Hunter and Messrs. Edes and Mitchell, submitted the following report and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :

REPORT.

“The committee appointed to prepare some suitable testimonial in memory of our deceased directors, William H. Edes and Judson Mitchell, and of our deceased assistant matron, Mrs. Sophia G. Hunter, report as follows, viz :

