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OF THE
COLUMBIA INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB.
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1868.

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**COLUMBIA INSTITUTION FOR THE
INSTRUCTION OF THE DEAF AND DUMB,
Washington, October 26, 1868.**

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, 1868.

NUMBER OF PUPILS.

The pupils remaining in the institution on the first day of July, 1867, numbered.....	88
Admitted during the year ending June 30, 1868.....	22
Since admitted.....	12
Under instruction since July 1, 1867, males, 93; females, 29; total.....	122

Of these, nine have been dismissed, one has been expelled, and one has died.

The number of United States beneficiaries is 56; paying pupils, 12; supported by the State of Maryland, 35; supported by the city of Baltimore, 19.

THE HEALTH OF THE INSTITUTION.

We have to record, with devout thankfulness to Almighty God, another year of general health throughout the institution. No epidemic disease has prevailed, and the cases of sickness have, with a single exception, been of a mild character and have yielded readily to treatment.

We are, however, called upon to record the death, after a brief illness, of one of our number, Mr. Anthony J. Kull, of Wisconsin, a promising member of our collegiate department.

The high estimation in which Mr. Kull was held by his instructors will appear from the following minute from the records of the faculty.

Mr. Anthony J. Kull entered the preparatory class of the National Deaf-Mute College in the month of September, 1866. He came hither highly recommended by the principal of the Wisconsin institution, where he had finished a course of seven years.

Here he at once enlisted the interest and affection of both teachers and companions, by his simple, genial, and truthful character. Laboring under disadvantages arising from deficient training, especially in the structure and use of the English language, by force of will and sincere love of study he mastered steadily the difficulties of his course, and was developing all the true characteristics of successful scholarship. He was possessed eminently of that spirit essential to the entrance into the kingdom of knowledge, as well as the kingdom of grace—the spirit of “a little child”—and the truth ever found him attentive and receptive.

At the end of a single year in the preparatory department he passed the examination required for admission to the college, and entered the Freshman class. During the two terms he remained in that class his course was marked by the same perseverance and earnestness, and he ranked as second in scholarship. He had a strong and healthy organization, and gave promise of a long, progressive, and useful life. He had had no experience of sickness, and in his muscular form there was no indication that disease could stop him in the midst of his college course and bring him to the grave. On Monday, April 13, he was unwell, but apparently suffering temporarily from some imprudence, and no apprehension was felt that he was dangerously ill. The next day the disturbance continued, and the physician found interception of the bowels of such a character as to render his recovery doubtful. During Wednesday there was some hope that he might recover. He passed a quiet and comfortable night, and on Thursday morning seemed better; but at 10 o'clock his strength yielded to the progress of the disease and death came.

That morning, in conversation with President Gallaudet, he was informed of his condition, and the possibility that he might not recover; but, while he disclaimed all merits of his own and all fitness to meet death, he expressed himself as not afraid to die, and willing to trust himself to the Saviour who had died for him.

During his first year he joined the company of students who met for prayers Sunday evenings, and has borne an efficient part in sustaining those meetings. By this he understood

