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# REPORT.

## COLUMBIA INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE DEAF AND DUMB, *Washington, October 20, 1869.*

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, 1869:

### NUMBER OF PUPILS.

The pupils remaining in the institution on the 1st day of July, 1868,	
numbered.....	99
Admitted during the year.....	13
Since admitted.....	7
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Under instruction since July 1, 1868.....	119
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One has been expelled, and thirty-six have left, the number now under instruction being eighty-two. Of these, fifty-five are beneficiaries of the United States, sixteen are supported by the State of Maryland, three by the city of Baltimore, and eight by their friends.

### THE HEALTH OF THE INSTITUTION.

No prevailing sickness has visited the institution since the date of our last report; no alarming cases of illness have occurred; death has not visited our household; and, with unimportant exceptions, uniform health has reigned throughout the establishment.

For this, as for all the rich blessings with which the year has been crowned, we desire to record our gratitude to that Power "in whom we live, and move, and have our being."

### CHANGES IN CORPS OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Lewellyn Pratt, who, for four years, has occupied the chair of Natural Science in the college, has resigned his position, and accepted a professorship in Knox College, and the acting pastorate of the Presbyterian Church in Galesburg, Illinois.

The retirement of Professor Pratt from our faculty is most deeply regretted by all connected with the college. His experience in the profession of deaf-mute instruction, his high, scholarly attainments, his marked success in his department, made him most valuable as an instructor; his calm judgment and discretion, coupled with a deep insight into character, gave his opinions in council great weight; while his amiability of temper and unvarying kindness of manner drew towards him in warm affection the hearts of all with whom he was associated.

Our best wishes for his prosperity and success follow him to his enlarged field of labor.

The vacancy occasioned by Professor Pratt's withdrawal from the faculty has not as yet been permanently supplied. A temporary provision has, however, been made by the employment, as tutor, of Mr. J.

