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# COLUMBIA INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB.

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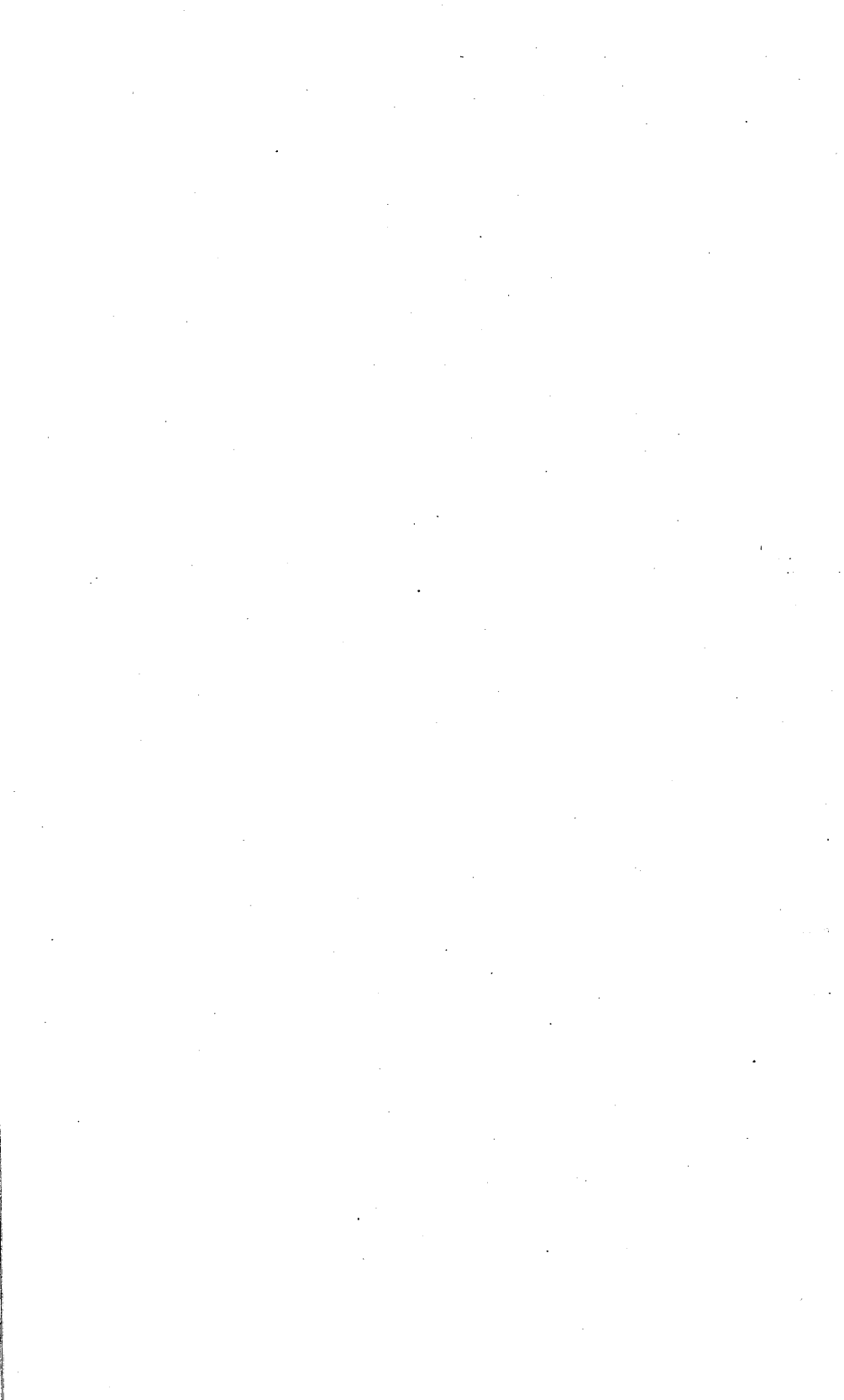
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# TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## COLUMBIA INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB.

COLUMBIA INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB,  
KENDALL GREEN, NEAR WASHINGTON, D. C.,  
November 1, 1878.

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, 1878.

### NUMBER OF PUPILS.

The pupils remaining in the institution on the 1st day of July, 1877, numbered...	81
Admitted during the year.....	15
Since admitted.....	21
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Total.....	117

Under instruction since July 1, 1877: males, 103; females, 14. Of these, 66 have been in the collegiate department, representing twenty-five States and the Federal District, and 51 in the primary department. A list of the names of the pupils connected with the institution since July 1, 1877, will be found appended to this report.

### PROMOTION OF OFFICERS.

Mr. John Burton Hotchkiss, a graduate of our college, B. A., 1869, M. A., 1874, who has filled a position in our college faculty as tutor in history and English since 1869, was promoted to an assistant professorship last October. At the same time the board of directors promoted to the same rank Mr. Amos G. Draper, also a graduate of our college, B. A., 1872, M. A., 1876, who has filled a position in our college faculty as tutor in mathematics and Latin since 1872.

Miss Mary T. G. Gordon, who has been for many years a faithful and successful teacher in our primary department, has devoted herself during the summer vacation just passed to the study of Bell's system of visible speech, under a competent instructor, and is now giving all her time to the teaching of articulation and lip-reading to pupils in the primary department. The results of her efforts in this interesting department of deaf-mute instruction will be fully stated in our next report.

Mr. Wilbur Norris Sparrow, a graduate of our college in 1877, has been engaged for one year as an instructor in the primary department, and has assumed the duties hitherto discharged by Miss Gordon.

No other changes have occurred among our officers during the year, and all have discharged their several duties in a manner deserving of hearty commendation.

### HEALTH OF THE INSTITUTION.

We are permitted to record another year of exemption from sickness of any serious nature, with a single exception.

*Death of James M. Cosgrove.*—In April last Mr. Cosgrove, of Minne-

sota, a member of the junior class of our college, was seized with what at first seemed to be an attack of ordinary neuralgia in the head. His illness, however, soon took a more serious form, and after only three days' duration resulted fatally. So unexpected was the death of the patient that a post-mortem examination was made, which revealed the presence of an abscess at the base of the brain.

*Death of Julius C. Dargan.*—On the 30th of May last, being Decoration Day, and consequently a holiday, Mr. Dargan, of South Carolina, pursuing a select course of study in the college, made a visit to Mount Vernon. The day being quite warm, he went a short distance below the landing and took a bath in the river. He was seen by some fishermen to go out of the water and then return for another swim. After being in the water for a few moments this second time, he threw up his arms, struggled, and sank. When, after some hours, his body was recovered, his lower limbs were found rigidly drawn up, leaving no doubt as to the occasion of his sinking.

Both these young gentlemen were held in high esteem by their friends in the institution, as the following extracts from the records of the college faculty will testify:

Whereas, in the providence of God, we were called to mourn the death, on the 22d of April last, of James Martin Cosgrove, a member of the junior class, we desire to do honor to his memory, and to afford such consolation as we thus may to his afflicted relatives, by placing on record an expression of our sense of his worth, and of our sorrow at an event which seemed so untimely to our limited vision.

During the four years that Mr. Cosgrove was under our tuition his conduct and the character he manifested were such as to entitle him to our esteem and to win for him our affectionate regard. Truthfulness, frankness, generosity, and kindness of heart were marked traits in his character, while his intellectual ability and bodily vigor, with his enthusiasm and earnestness in study and in efforts for self-improvement, gave promise of a life that would be useful to his fellow-men and a comfort and blessing to his friends, and that would reflect honor upon the college. We felt his death as a loss to the institution; and to each of us it brought grief as the loss of a friend to whom we had a strong personal attachment. The evidence which he gave of a Christian temper of mind and of Christian conscientiousness in his daily conduct leads us to the confident hope that the event so afflictive to his surviving friends has been to him the gain of an everlasting life.

Mr. Julius C. Dargan, who lost his life by drowning on the 30th of May last, had been a student in the college for nearly four years; and, during that time, he had won the regard of his teachers by the serious, earnest character of his daily walk and conversation. It is, therefore, their desire and pleasure to put on record this evidence of their appreciation of his many admirable qualities as a student and as a man.

Mr. Dargan was ever faithful to the duties imposed upon him as a student, and during the first years of his connection with the college he was regarded as a young man of much promise; and although the power of his mind were afterward affected unfavorably by the bodily sufferings to which he was subjected by diseases which had fastened upon him, he continued to the last an eager and aspiring student, patient and painstaking in all his work. To these qualities were added a rigidity of moral principle that, being the prompting of a sincere Christian spirit, gave rise to that anxious solicitude to do his whole duty to God and man which was a marked peculiarity of his daily life. We cannot but believe that, with these characteristics, he would have fitted himself to fill a high sphere of honor and usefulness had life and health been spared him. Still we recognize the infinite wisdom and love of our Heavenly Father in removing our friend, by a sudden and comparatively painless death, from a life that to all human foresight had naught but suffering in store for him; and we commend this thought to his sorrowing friends, and the lesson of his life to all aspiring young men, well assured that in them there is comfort and instruction for all who tread the thorny ways of this world.

*Death of Mrs. Thomas H. Gallaudet.*—On the 13th of May, 1877, Mrs. Thomas H. Gallaudet, the first matron of this institution, died after a few hours' illness, at the house of her son, the president of the institution. Mrs. Gallaudet was appointed to the office of matron by vote of the board on the 30th of May, 1857, and assisted her son in the organization of the institution, holding the office of matron for nine years.

Shortly after her resignation of the office of matron, the following

preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted by the board of directors:

Whereas this board, apprised of the fact of the retirement, as matron, from this institution, of Mrs. Thomas H. Gallaudet, and deeming this a fit occasion for some expression of their sentiments toward this esteemed and beloved friend, for so many years connected with this institution, caring for it, indeed, with a mother's care in the times of its infancy and comparative helplessness, thus having here accomplished the fullness of her task in this last important work of her earthly mission, and by reason of age and infirmity being now constrained to cease from all active participation in the public and philanthropic enterprise to which the later years of her life have been devoted; and whereas it is eminently proper that we should put in some permanent form, in testimony of our promptings, some tribute to a character so pure and a devotion so distinguished: Therefore,

*Resolved*, That we recognize in Mrs. Gallaudet one who was associated for many years in the nearest earthly relationship with a noble Christian benefactor (in our country the pioneer and founder of institutions for the deaf and dumb), and who, though herself knowing the loss of speech and hearing, and for years past walking in widowhood, has given her best energies to the cause of the afflicted, and left not only a bright record of her manifold personal services, but also a living monument in her philanthropic and devoted sons.

*Resolved*, That in her retirement now in the ripeness of her years and honor, and ceasing, as is most fit, from all those public, active labors and high responsibilities which she has so long sustained, she will bear with her, for the remainder of her life, our heartfelt appreciation of her many virtues and sterling worth, and our earnest prayers that her last days may be her best days, and that she may find at length in another state of being the perfect rest and reward which are promised to all the good.

After her retirement from the active service of the institution, Mrs. Gallaudet maintained, as was natural, a most lively interest in its prosperity, and during her yearly visits to her son she did much to advance the welfare of the institution, by her intercourse with the officers, pupils, and students in the capacity of a venerated friend and adviser.

#### ANNIVERSARY OF THE INCORPORATION OF THE INSTITUTION.

It was on the 16th of February, 1857, that the act of Congress incorporating this institution became a law. On the 16th of February last, the twenty-first birthday of the institution was celebrated by the formal opening and occupancy of the college building, an appropriation for the completion of which was made in March, 1877.

A meeting of the board of directors was called for that day, and all persons officially connected with the institution were invited to attend with their families.

Among those present were the President of the United States, who is ex-officio patron of the institution, with Mrs. Hayes and her cousin, Mrs. McFarland, of Kentucky; Vice-President Wheeler, who was for two years a director of the institution, with Mr. Dickinson, his private secretary, Dr. and Mrs. Woodworth, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Weed, and Miss Alice Skinner, of Malone, N. Y., friends of the Vice-President; Mrs. Speaker Randall (the Speaker being unavoidably absent), Senators Edmunds and Dawes, and Governor Claflin, of Massachusetts, congressional directors of the institution, with their ladies; Rev. Dr. Sunderland, Hon. William Stickney, and Hon. Henry D. Cooke, corporate directors, with their families; F. C. Withers, of New York, architect of the new building, with Mrs. Withers; Senator Windom and ladies; Miss Harris, of

