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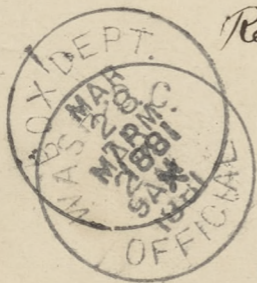
Fairbault, Minn.

March 24th 1881.

Will you please
send me the
latest reports
of your Institu-
tion ^{and} oblige

Yours Respy

Rev. A. J. Graham,



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WRITE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Institution for Higher Education
of The Deaf ^{and} Dumb.

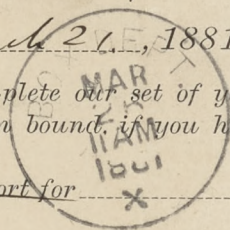
Washington,
D. C.

Wisconsin State Board of Charities and Reform,

Madison, March 21st, 1881.

Will you do our Board the favor to complete our set of your Reports for our library? We would like them bound, if you have bound copies or sets to spare.

~~We have on hand bound copies of your Report for~~



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We have also copies of your Report, in pamphlet form, for
1867 to 1871 and 1876 & 1878 inclusive.

Respectfully,

H. W. Wright

Secretary of State Board of Charities and Reform.



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE-THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Columbia street. For Deaf & dumb.
Washington,
D. C.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF EDUCATION,

Washington, D. C., ^{March} December, 1880.

Dear Sir:

The Report of the Commissioner of Education for 1880, now in preparation, will present a comprehensive review of the condition of the various grades of education in the several States and Territories, together with detailed statistics of the following classes of educational institutions:

1. Elementary education, including Kindergärten and all public and private schools below the classical or scientific academies and high schools.
2. Secondary education, including high schools, the classical and scientific academies, and other institutions preparatory to college, public or private, business institutes, &c.
3. Training of teachers in normal schools and teachers' institutes.
4. Superior instruction, including colleges and universities both for men and women, regularly authorized to confer degrees.
5. Professional education, including schools of theology, medicine, law, science, technology, and colleges of agriculture and the mechanic arts.
6. Special education, including schools of art, education of the deaf and dumb, blind, orphaned, &c.
7. Education through historical and scientific societies or associations.
8. Education through libraries.
9. Education through museums, as of anatomy, geology, zoölogy, archaeology, art, &c.

The Commissioner hopes for the continuance by educators and school officers of the coöperation hitherto so generously extended, and that replies to the accompanying inquiries respecting the institutions or systems of schools under their supervision may be sent in as early as possible. A prompt return will greatly further the work of the Office and insure the early completion of the report, a copy of which will be sent you when ready for distribution.

Catalogues or registers, programmes of study, examination papers, reports, financial statements, and other documents relating to schools, colleges, &c., are also solicited, for which postage is inclosed.

The Report for 1879, now in the hands of the Public Printer, will be sent you as soon as the supply for this Office ordered by Congress shall have been received.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN EATON,
Commissioner.

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TENTH CENSUS
OF THE
UNITED STATES.

Social Statistics of the Defective,
Dependent, and Delinquent
Classes.

FRED. H. WINES,
Expert and Special Agt.

Department of the Interior,

CENSUS OFFICE,

Washington Mich 23, 1881.

C. M. Gallaudet, L. D.,
Kendall Green.

My dear Sir,

I find that I shall have to ask you a question. In tabulating the returns made respecting deaf mutes, I find that some superintendents fail to distinguish the "semi-mutes," & others mark them in a way which I do not understand. I have always supposed that a semi-mute is one who has acquired some use of spoken language before losing the sense of hearing. Is it, then, conceivable that a child should attain the age of four, five or six years, before becoming deaf, & not know how to talk? Do not children ordinarily talk, by the time that they are two? and ought I not to class all who were two years old, before losing their hearing, as semi-mutes, unless marked as idiotic? Please advise me of

Your opinion, in order that I may adopt some uniform rule. If age is not the rule, what is? & if age is the rule, or at least the only one practicable for this office, what age shall I adopt, as my guide?

I am expecting to leave for the west, on Friday evening, & a prompt reply will be highly appreciated, as a favor done to

Yours sincerely,

Fred. A. Niles.

And
it depends on
the permission of
speech whether
a deaf child should
be called a semi-mute.
Children may lose
hearing at 5 & become
entirely dumb.

Wilmington March 23/81
Mr Carandet

Dear Sir I have just
received your letter stating Alice
was sick it is imptiable for me
to come down at once as my
Husband is away and I have
a family of small children
and her sister is sick please
answer by return mail and
let me know how she is if you
think she is dangerous please to
Telegraph ever since she has
been afflicted she has had a sick
spell every March or April but
would never take any medicine
we had to just let her be
untill she got better please answer
and Oblige 3/5- Gallie Moody

OFFICE OF

Territorial Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Helena, Mont., March 24th 1881,
Pres. E. W. Gaillardet,

Columbia Institution for Deaf & Dumb,
Dear Sir:

Some time since the bills for tuition, board, traveling expenses &c. of Thomas Peters a deaf mute of Butte City Mont. placed under your care & now in your Institution, came into my hands from my predecessor in Office, for settlement. The Laws of Montana are specific for such cases & give the proper steps to be taken. I referred the whole matter including the bills to the Atty. General for an opinion. He decided that the bills as now presented cannot be paid, since there must first be a Contract entered into & properly signed by the Governor of Mont., the Supt. of Pub. Instr., & the Institution in which the Child is placed. The yearly appropriation is \$300. We cannot pay more than this. We cannot pay the traveling expenses of a child from Mont.

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to you. Inclusion. It does not appear that
any Contract has ever been made with you
by the Territory of Mont. for the Care & Maintenance
of Thos Peter, hence we are not authorized to
pay any bills. The Atty. Genl. has drawn up
a Contract in due form under the law, which
I forward you to fill out the blanks and
sign. Return it at once to me, & the Gov. & Impres
will sign it. Then you will be entitled to receive
your Compensation according to the terms of
the Contract. The amount for annuities includes
all expenses at your Institution must come within
\$300, otherwise we cannot pay it.

In filling out the blanks, better have the Contract
date from Jan. 1st 1881. — I see from the bills that
Mr. Reed of Butte has paid the expenses including
traveling &c, up to July 1881. — I return this bill
with the item marked, we can pay, viz \$75. —

We can only pay the actual expenses incurred
at the Institution. The law makes no provision
whatever for traveling expenses, expressage, drayage
&c, &c.

In making out your bill for the first half year
it will be better to make the \$75 coming to Mr. Reed,
separately, & certify that it is due him, then we can pay
him direct otherwise we will have to account for you
for whole amount. —

Please return the Contract signed in proper
filled out, at your earliest convenience —
Very Respectfully

R. H. Howey,

Pendall Green, near Washington, D. C.,

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Feb 18th 1881

The Territory of Montana

To Columbia Institution for the Deaf & Dumb D. C.

To board tuition of Thomas Petrus for first half of # school year ending June 1881, @ \$150.	7500	————
To Fares & Expenses from Montana	66	
To charges on baggage	1030	
To cash for use on road	4000	
To drayage and sundries	350	
	<u>\$19480</u>	

The accounting officers of the
Territory of Montana, are hereby authorized
and required to draw a warrant in settlement
of the above account in favor of W. Read Esq, of
Butte City.

C. M. Gallaudet,
President Columbia Institution

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Handwritten text, possibly a title or header, which is mostly illegible due to fading and bleed-through. It appears to contain several lines of text.

Morris Dell March 25th 1881
E. M. Gallaudet Pres't

National College
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

I really must write to tell you anything about your College I am thinking a great deal of your college all the time. It was with the gratification that I was very much pleased to attend your college I wish very much that I would attend your college again. I am very sorry, sorry that I was very much disappointed that I could not attend your college any more I am so lonely and sad for I like your college very much. I had such a happy time and enjoyed myself so much at your college Now I miss it very much. I don't think that I will come to college any more, but often I wanted to come again, because I want to get a great deal.

of intelligence and active mind.
I know that it would be hard for
me to get through College courses
I liked to study hard books there,
but my eyes are ^{so poor and} weak — not strong
they get hurt everything all the times
If my eyes are sharp I would like to
attend College for several years
till I have finished an education
there. — I have no news just
at present.

God bless you.

With kindest regards to
you, all the teachers and students

Most respectfully Yours

George A. Keller

to adopt.

Hoping I may be excused for
troubling you with the foregoing matters
& remain,

Yours Respectfully,
Jacob M. Raehler
Scranton

P. O. Box 487.

Pa

J. M. Raehler

Scranton, Pa., March 30/81.

Prest. E. W. Gallaudet.

Dear Sir:

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have arisen which may cause the school
over which I preside to be discontinued before
long, and I am desirous of resuming my
studies at the College, since that is the
only ^{other} course left me.

I may be allowed to state
the circumstances above referred to. My
school contains ten pupils - two more
than the legal number - but the Board
of Education is dissatisfied with this
number, and at a meeting on Monday
evening decided to discontinue the school
if I cannot obtain twelve or more
pupils by the first of May. Now I doubt
whether I can do that, and accordingly

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I am prepared to see the school discontinued at the end of next month. Such an event will, however, leave me with nothing to do, and no prospect of obtaining employment. Hence I turn my thoughts toward completing my course at College. My object in writing to you is to discover whether I could be allowed to return to College during the third term of the present session. If so, and I see no prospect of being able to comply with the demands of the Board of Education here, I shall at once resign my position and be in Washington in time to go on with my class in such studies as are pursued during the third term only. My object in wishing to return during the coming term, rather than at the beginning of the ~~the~~ session of '81-'82 is to make it possible for me (with study during vacations, etc) to

graduate in 1883, as I would have done had I not left as I did.

Family matters are such with me, that I am anxious to complete the college course as early as possible - if I again resume my studies. At the same time I cannot cease to regret the circumstances that led me to remain at home last fall. Nor do I now see any way clear to remain at College, if I return now or next fall. But it is my determination to complete my studies - either now or at some future time, if possible.

I would not thus trouble you, were it not that I consider it better for me to resign my position and return to College while there is yet time to be benefitted by so doing, than to remain where I am, see my school closed, and undergo two or three months of enforced idleness. And I shall esteem it a great favor if you will kindly advise me as to the best course for me

File

Prof. Gallaudet

College for Deaf & Dumb

I propose to paint all of the
tin work now painted on the
Chapel, one coat for x \$72.00

All of tin work on Primary dept	✓ 68.00
all tin work on College	✓ 48.00
all tin work on Carpenter shop	6.00
all tin work on Mr. Bryan's house	23.00
all tin work on stable	10.00
all tin work on Steward's house	14.00
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all tin work on
Prof. Gallaudet's house } 241
25.00

all tin work on
the 3 houses of others }
Professors } 60.00

To be painted with
Metallic Roof color,
state color and
light color, and
Red - as may be
desired -

326.

Very Respectfully
Oma Crickhof

Mar. 28 - 84

