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INSTITUTION AT CANAJOHARIE.

Besides the institution at New York, there is another in the same State, called the Central Asylum, located at Canajoharie in Montgomery County. This location is said to have been selected from the circumstance that the parents of twenty or thirty deaf-mutes happened to reside in this vicinity. This institution went into operation in 1824, and has received since its foundation, perhaps as many as one hundred pupils. A few years since it was under the direction of Mr. De Witt Clinton Mitchell, already mentioned as having been previously an instructor in the New York Institution, where he married an interesting deaf and dumb young lady, Miss Mary Rose, then also an assistant teacher of that institution. Mr. Mitchell died at New York during the winter of 1830-31; his widow with her two children still reside in or near that city. More lately the Central Asylum was directed by Mr. John C. Selleck, who, we suppose had qualified himself for the employment at Hartford. Its present principal is a Mr. Morris. He spent a few months at the New York Institution in the summer of 1832, to acquire the method of Mr. Peet.

The legislature of New York supports *twenty four* pupils in this institution at the annual charge of eighty dollars for each, making one hundred and twenty supported by this State in both of its institutions. The supervisors of the county of Montgom-

ery also support three pupils here, by virute of an enactment of the legislature, authorising the board of supervisors of any county to tax their respective counties for the support and education of a number of deaf mutes, equal to the number of Assemblymen which such county is entitled to elect ; which provision has, however, been inoperative except in the counties of New York and Montgomery.

The number of pupils in this institution at the date of our last advices (in Jan. 1834) was *thirty four*. The success of this institution we can attest to have been very respectable, having seen and conversed with many of their pupils.

We do not know the names of the assistant teachers ; most or all of them are educated mutes. We do not even know their number, but suppose there are two or three.

The acts of the legislature of New York in behalf of this institution will expire by their own limitation, in 1836. It is thought probable that the legislature will decline renewing their provisions, and will transfer the pupils to New York, as it is considered the best policy for the legislature rather to build up one good institution, than to keep two alive indifferently provided.