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with you were transferred to us, then it might be possible for me to do so.

I very nearly met your son last year I think. In the hotel book at Loèche les Bains, in Switzerland I saw his name and the address Washington. I went to enquire but the waiter said he was out. We left early the next morning over the Gemmi to Kandersteg. So I missed my opportunity. I was with two of my daughters for a three weeks' trip on the Continent.

I sent you a copy of a little school book I wrote on Articulation & Lip Reading. I hope you got it.

With very kind regards
I am Yours sincerely
A. Elliott

1247

4. Grosvenor Terrace,

Margate.

England

23rd Jan. 1896

Dear Dr. Gallandet,

I intended to write to you long before this, to wish you and yours a Happy New Year. I am afraid this wish is now rather belated, but it is not the less heartily offered. I have just finished

a Month's Vacation,
in which I took some
necessary rest, and
perhaps some not quite
so necessary. At any
rate one of the pleasur-
able duties I put
off too long has been
this Commemoration.
I am becoming one
of the Veterans of our
work here - I shall
have been engaged
in it forty years
next August. It is
a long time to look
back upon. I do

so with some pleasure
when I contrast the
life and movement of
the present time with
the stagnation of that
at which I joined it.
Even with you - where
there has always been
more life in this respect
than with us - there
seems to have been a
big measure of progress.
I do not yet see any
way to pay a visit to
your great Country - I
would some of the
liberality which char-
acterises the way our
work is carried out

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Maryland School for the Deaf,

Frederick, Md. Feb 5 1896.

My Dear Dr. Sullens -

You have of course seen the statement - that Miss M. Garrett has secured from the House Committee a favorable report - and a bill appropriating \$100,000 to her education for the purpose of educating 100 teachers to carry vocal culture into the States & Territories - Is there any possibility of the passage of the act - Can it be quietly put out of the way? I consider it an extravagant and absurd demand. It would be better if Congress has money to give away to make a general appropriation to establish Kindergartens & day nurseries for

for the children of the poor & poor
to all cities & towns -

Yours very truly

Chas. W. Dyer

320 Union st.,

Bethlehem, Pa. Feb. 25th '96

Dear Dr Gallaudet:

I take what I suppose will be the excusable liberty of sending you the enclosed letter received yesterday from a lady friend at the Mt Airy Institution. It is self explanatory. It is not my desire to bother you with a letter from me personally as I consider the enclosed letter a good substitute. In fact it is very much against my pride to do so under present circumstances and in view of the very short talk we had last summer at the Teachers Convention; but yielding to other considerations and particularly

to the persuasions of my wife,
I concluded I would write you
a few lines and say that with
all my college education and
experience as a teacher I am
unable to get any thing to do
for the support of my family
or self; that having deprived
myself of much of my "substance"
for the sake of others, I find now
after years of hard toil and
economy my family in a
state of abject want, and
dependent on charity for the
necessities of life. I regret
exceedingly to say that the
need of a more practical ed-
ucation has made me very
despondent not to say desperate.
It is a disgraceful reflection on
myself and a worse comment-
ary on my alma mater. This
is not what it should be; but
who is responsible for such a

state of affairs. No body can say I have not done my part and endeavoured to do it well. I might have retained my position at the Met Army Institution if I had "bent the knee" to them for whom I had but little respect, but it was not a place where I found honesty encouraged nor merit always appreciated (take as instances the cases of Prof. Jenkins, Mr Van Allen, Mrs Wall or the late Mr Trist) Entre nous. It is a place where moral cowards and sycophants, and where hypocrites and sophists of education bent on self aggrandizement and glory, have the best of everything. Apropos to these facts which I have carefully weighed, I quote a few

Hard Lines

It's hard to live a saint on whay
When sinners drink the cream;
It's hard to be a middle man
When a great man ye might seem.

It's hard to lift your hat to him
Ye ken to be a rogue;
It's hard to gie a doonricht "no"
To what is maist in vogue.

It's hard to speak the truth when lies
Would earn you power and place;
When Providence gies scanty fare,
To say a hearty grace.

It's hard to be an honest man
When rascals rule the roast;
It's hard to make self sacrifice
And yet to make no boast.

The above lines may not indicate much
of a Christian spirit; but there is a
great deal of truth in them nevertheless

Yours very respectfully
Jerome T. Stowell

P.S. I hope you will not be
offended at the tone of my
letter as it is very far from
my thought or intention to
hurt your feelings. Permit
me to say we, the Deaf, all
know we have no better friend
and champion than yourself.
You will therefore not fail
to discern that the object
of my candid ^{and simple} statement of
my case is for the best, and
with the hope that your
influence may accomplish
what my own weak and
unsupported efforts have
proved so fruitless.

Respectfully
J. P. C.

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The Evening Post,
NEW YORK CITY.

Dear Sir:

Kindly send me your catalogue and
president's report, and inform me at what time
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EDWIN EMERSON.

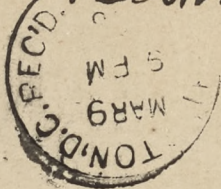
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Sect'y
of National Deafmute College
Washington
D.C.



Columbus, O.,
608 Franklin Ave.,
Mar. 10th, 1896.

Prest. E. M. Gallaudet,
Washington, D. C.,

My dear Bro. —

I will first make a statement to you of a personal kind after which I will make known to you what is the prevailing desire of my heart. During my connection with the institution for the Deaf of the Prof here I became greatly interested in the work and nothing would have been so agreeable to me as to have continued in it. But I saw that a condition of things arose so that I must have become subservient to the Board of Trustees & a disreputable matter to such

a degree that I must sacrifice my honor to remain - that I could not do. So I resigned my position. My interest in the work was not because it was an easy comfortable position. It was not such. I never worked harder than I did during the time I was in the institution here. And I felt as if I could cheerfully give my life to the work.

Now if the way were open, let me say, that it is the desire of my heart to return to the work. There is a possibility that there may be an opening here, ^{in the near future} but not now.

Knowing that you have a wide acquaintance with institutions in this country by correspondence I write you, hoping that you may give me some information that

May open the way for me to
some institution where I may
take up the work again.

And if you can say a good
word for me, either from
personal knowledge, or
from what you may have
learned concerning me from
mutual friends, I will
be much obliged.

I hear rumors of ~~a~~ vacancies
in the Suptcy of Va., Ark.,
& Mo. institutions.

Do you know anything about
the ~~condition~~ facts as to these
institutions?

Hoping to hear from you soon
& thanking you in advance
for your kindness.

I am most cordially yours

N. S. Egleson
Ex Supt. C. P. M. S.

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Maryland School for the Deaf,

Frederick, Md. March 21 1896.

My Dear Dr. Fullwood -

I am informed that "there is a movement on foot among prominent men in the state (Md) to prevent the name of some suitable man" for the head of the Virginia School; for the Deaf & that "Mr. C. H. Hills of West Va has been mentioned in this connection."

At the outset I want to say I have no desire to antagonize Capt Doyle. I do not know him personally nor his case; but according to the papers the schools for the Blind & the Deaf are to be separated & this of course opens the way for another principle. If there is to be a change & the way is open I want to utilize your good offices for Mr. Hills. Having been intimately associated with him for fifteen years I feel justified in speaking

ing as to his fitness. In my judgment - he is
the man for the place. He is a man of the
highest-moral character & most sterling
worth. He takes no doubtful stand on
any question. Intellectually he is one of the
best men in the profession. He is a
thoroughly equipped & skillful teacher,
troubles in his efforts, devoted to the in-
terests of the deaf and popular with
them, an expert-sign-maker and a
clear and forcible writer. He is sound
on questions relating to the education
of the deaf. He is a cultured Christian
gentleman, with a very high sense of
honor and a keen sense of duty.

He is a good disciplinarian -

His marked success as principal of
the West Va School for the Blind & the
Deaf which have rapidly grown in
numbers & efficiency under adverse
circumstances, with changing Boards

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Frederick, Md. 189

and limited means, from his ability
as an executive head and as a busi-
ness manager. He is steward as well
as principal & has the financial man-
agement in his hands.

I write thus specifically as your ac-
quaintance is more limited than mine
& as I think you would rely much on
my knowledge of his qualifications if
your judgment were asked.

Mr. Hill would suit the environ-
ment. He is a native of N. Carolina,
politically & socially in sympathy with
the dominant element of the state and
his wife is a Virginian, a very attractive
and accomplished lady.

He would be glad to receive the position but
could not apply while Capt. S. is a candi-

due. It may be that the better would prefer to go
to go with the Blind in the course of operations

I do not hesitate to endorse Mr. Hill in
every particular. He will know the place
& the friends who assist him

If you are at liberty to do so I shall
esteem it a great personal favor if
you will lend your aid.

Yours very truly
Chas. W. Ely

Leamington

March 25th - 1896

Dr E. M. Goodrich -

Dear Sir:

Having qualified as one of the members of the new Board of Directors of the D. A. & Blind Institution at Stamford & as the duty of re-organizing that Institution will soon devolve on us, I take the liberty of addressing you in search of information & advice in the premises. Mr L. H. Hill, now Principal of the W. V. D. & Blind Asylum at Romsey, Hampshire Co., which was formerly an Asylum, was very highly recommended by his friends for the position of Supt. of our Institution. If you know, or know of Mr Hill, will you be good enough to inform me of your estimate of his qualifications for the place - is he well versed in the sign language, & is that acquirement a matter of much value or necessity to one occupying such a position? Should you not be able to recommend or speak favorably of Mr Hill, will you do me the favor, if you can, to call my attention to some other suitable person. I shall also take it as a favor, if you would give me some general suggestions in respect to the re-organization of our Institution.

Very truly yours

W. Goodrich

Lexington Virginia
 March 30. 1896

Dr. E. M. Gallardo:

Dear Dr

Thanking you for your esteemed favor of the 28th inst., I beg to trouble you again. There will be numerous applicants for the office of Supt. of the D.D.D. ^{at Lexington} & Board of them will be strenuously pressed ~~on~~ personal grounds of relationship - friendship &c, rather than on pecuniary fitness, I fear. My only & chief desire is to find the best qualified - equipped man in that office. Your reply to my inquiry are satisfactory so far as they went, but you did not answer categorically my inquiry as to whether Mr. Hill was an expert in the sign language, & as to how far that was a pre-requisite to making an efficient Supt. May I trouble you again to reply on these points - it may be the pivotal in the election.

Thanking you in advance

I remain very truly

Yours
 E. M. Gallardo

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Maryland School for the Deaf,

Frederick, Md. June 2 1896.

Dr. E. M. Fallaudel -

Dear Sir,

Your letter enclosing the examination papers was received.

The same day Sister M. Joseph called on me in regard to her mission in Baltimore. Her idea seems to be to look after the deaf-deaf religiously & socially in Baltimore & for this purpose she keeps open an Assembly Room at her convent for them on Sunday afternoons -

Catholic pupils in our school are looked after by students in the Novitiate here, a Semit-Bellere, they come at the Sunday School hour and gather all in one room - All the older ones attend mass in the morning - About one fourth of our pupils are Catholics - The parents are usually particular to ask that the

children be sent to church & in many
cases themselves visit the priest - an
having the child here. Otherwise I ask
them what their wishes are & govern
myself accordingly. The first instruction
was given by the parish priest - himself &
I interpreted for him but this was not satis-
fying & he soon determined to walk to
the brothers; but it is still carried on
under the direction of the priest & he has had
many necessary.

Once or twice an anti-speeches young
man has objected to the Catholics attend-
ing our chapel services, but it has not
made any difference. All attend our ser-
vices.

It was rumored here some time ago
that three sisters were to start a regular
school in Baltimore. That may be their pur-
pose but I do not think so. It has been
a wonder to me that they did not long
ago start a day multi-mission in Balti-
more to oppose the Episcopal mission.

Yours very truly
Chas. W. Dey

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Maryland School for the Deaf,

Frederick, Md. June 10 1896.

Dr. E. M. Gallaudet,

Dear Sir,

Enclosed you will find
the examination papers of Misses
Ebaugh & Pettit. By mistake the
papers on which figuring was
done were destroyed; but the
examination was conducted
under my own supervision &
no assistance of any kind was
received or asked by the pupils.
I was surprised & not a little
chagrined at Miss Ebaugh's
paper as I had reason to expect
her to do well.

Very very truly
Chas. W. Ely

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Maryland School for the Deaf,

Frederick, Md. Jan 22 1896.

Dr. J. M. Sullander

Dear Sir:

Your letter giving the marks on the examination paper of Misses Ebaugh & Pettit, was received. I am in doubt as to the exact meaning of your language when you say the Faculty are willing to receive them with the expectation that they will do better in arithmetic in Sept. Does this mean that they must pass another examination in Sept. or that they will be admitted conditionally on their ability to do the required work in that branch. If the latter I have no hesitation in saying that they can do it & that they will acquit themselves creditably. I was disappointed in the result of the examination & do not think it reflects fairly the knowledge or ability of the pupils they concerned.

arithmetic with me beginning after Jan 1st -
when Miss Pettit returned to school. All their work
in that branch was directed by me, I heard the
recitations & corrected the work - They devoted
a good deal of time to composition & grammar
reading magazine articles, stories, biographies &c
critically under Miss Harris. They with others
committed to memory many poems analyzing
them with a view to perfect understanding of the
subject, the figures of speech &c - They also re-
viewed Physics - You will see that their atten-
tion has not been confined to arithmetic -

In regard to the examination I am sure that if I
had said to Miss Pettit read over your paper and
see when you have made mistakes she would im-
mediately have discovered & corrected most of them -
In the other case the paper also would have been
better. I do not expect of course that my estimate
will stand in lieu of an examination - Both are
good scholars, but Miss P. has the quickest mind
and the readiest use of language and will
excel where perhaps the other may only do well.
I hesitate to write to the parents of either
that their last examination does not
admit them to the Introductory Class

Yours very truly
Chas. W. Daly