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ALABAMA INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF,
J. H. JOHNSON, PRINCIPAL.

Ans

TALLADEGA, ALA., Oct 14 1891.

Dear Doctor

In the light of recent events, does it occur to you that some, organized action is necessary on the part of those who believe the Combined Method of teaching the deaf is the proper Method, should be taken -

I think I believe in Articulation just like you do & just as strong as you do, or any other person who has had much experience with the deaf - I think I know, that the efforts constantly being made, and as it seems to me the unfair, Methods used in accomplishing these ends, by the so called pure Oralists, is fast weakening confidence in the Combined Method

In my opinion nothing

ALABAMA INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF,
J. H. JOHNSON, PRINCIPAL.

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TALLADEGA, ALA., _____ 1891.

Worse could befall the Deaf of this country than to, substitute more oralism for the common system of teaching the deaf—

In my judgement if we delay, longer in asserting in some positive manner our, firm convictions on this subject, and in letting the Oralists know that they can no longer, ride into public notice on our shoulders: or use the Volta, or whatever other fund to destroy us — we must suffer the inevitable consequences—

Yours very truly
J. H. Johnson

for
E. M. Gallaudet
Director Nat'l D. M. College

Milford Del. Mch 23/91

Mr. W. G. Fowler

Dear Sir

your kind Letter was Recd and was Glad to here that Herbert was well I hope this may find him well and enjoying himself, Enclosed you will find two dollars for Herbert you can give him some change when he goes to the city say 5 or 10 cts But use your own judgment about it I hope this may find you all well

Please write, and oblige yours. with Respects

J. W. Jones

INDIANA INSTITUTION FOR THE
EDUCATION OF THE DEAF AND DUMB,
RICHARD O. JOHNSON, Superintendent.

Indianapolis, May 23 1891

Dr. E. M. Gallaudet
President &c
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir -

Answering your favor of several weeks ago relative to College Correspondence, I desire to say I have conferred with the editor as requested and have instructed him in accordance with your letter which I believe to be a most just and proper suggestion

Very Truly Yrs
R. O. Johnson
Supt.

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Milford Del. June 8/91

Mr. Wm G Fowler

Dear Sir

your Letter was Rcvd and was glad to here from you that Herbert well and his Suit fitted him I suppose he want to come home the time will soon Roll Round I suppose the other children will come also Miss Boyer Miss Lynch the will all come together, — Enclosed you will find check for 10$ do the best you can with it and — oblige yours

John W. Jump

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To Dr E M Gallaudet
Kendall Green
Twenty eight east Brooklyne st
Boston Mass

Jos H Johnson

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Talladega Ala
June 22/91

Dear Doctor:

Yours at hand
for reply. I will frankly
state that I regret to lose
Miss Fish, since Miss Brown
has been promoted to the
Principalship of the State Deaf
School at Scranton Penn.
— My Oral department
was first class, in every way
and it is hard to find
competent & Experienced teachers
— but Miss Fish was
seeking a position in a
city, and I had agreed
to give her until July 1st
to see if she could find
a place to suit her

I am glad she can find a place with you — she is an elegant woman and is alone in the world.

In a small place like this — there was little to interest such a person out-side the School room — I am not strong of late, am over-worked but must stay at home and, get my School for Negro' ready for opening next year. I have been here 33 years, after teaching nine years in Ga. Wishing you the utmost measure of success in your new departure & hoping that you found a pleasant summer — I am Yrs Truly J H Johnson

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JOHNSON & MORRIS,

SUCCESSORS TO BATES & JOHNSON, In NEW YORK and WASHINGTON.

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509 ELEVENTH STREET, N. W.

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New York.

Washington, D.C. July, 22 18 91

Dr. E. M. Gallandet,

Kendall Green.

Dear Sir:

We offer for the sum of Three Hundred and Eighty Seven [$387.] Dollars, to furnish and set in the basement of the Laboratory Building an 18 horse power vertical tubular steam boiler with low pressure attachments and shaking grates. Make necessary connections between the boiler and the heating mains of the building. Seven horse powers will supply the steam for heating the entire building, leaving a surplus of eleven horse power should you desire to use the boiler for high pressure steam.

Respectfully

Johnson & Morris.

Thos Egan Mgr.

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13 Pitt St.
Edinburgh
Scotland
8th Sept. 1841.

To
Dr. Gallaudet.
President National College &c.

Dear Sir,

I have been informed that my name has been mentioned to Professor Gordon, in connection with the establishment of a Chair of Articulation in the Training College.

Although I have lately entered the ministry, I am not yet sure what my future course may be, and I would be glad if you, and those acting with you, think me an eligible man for

the position to be favored with such particulars of the position as you find it convenient to give. That you may know what my education and experience has been, I should perhaps, give those details of my life and work that are, of course, desired in arriving at a decision, regarding one's suitability for such a position.

I am a native born American, the son of an American Clergyman, and was educated in, and I taught in, the Massachusetts Schools, until I came to this country. I passed through the High and Normal Schools of Westfield, Mass., and, at the recommendation of the Normal School Principal, I was offered

and accepted the Principalship of a Hopkinton, Mass., Grammar School, with supervision of three lower departments.

This position I held for about five years, during which time my salary was twice raised, and my relations with both Committee and Parents were, I am happy to say, of the most cordial nature throughout. During vacations I had attended the private course of study at the Boston School of Vocal Physiology, & in 1878 I received an offer from Alexander Graham Bell of the Principalship of the Greenock Scotland Articulation School for the Deaf, resigned the Hopkinton School and came to this country.

I remained in Greenock for three years. The School was the first

purely Oral School in Scotland, and the results we were fortunately able to produce were such that our Private School was taken over by the Government Authorities, the School was converted into a Public Institution, and now other Schools on the Oral system have been established in the principal cities in Scotland.

As, however, it has always been my purpose to obtain a thorough University education, I — after the Oral School was fairly established, in Greenock, — obtained a Successor from America and, resigning my position, I entered the University in this city.

I have passed through the whole four years Arts course, taking the M. A. Degree, and

entering Divinity Hall of the same University, I have now graduated from the three years course and was received in May, as a Licentiate of the Church of Scotland

Before graduation I received the offer of an Assistantship in one of the city churches here; but, as the position is only temporary, and as I am not sure, if a suitable opening occurs, whether I ought not to remain in the ranks of the Teachers, I write you concerning the position spoken of.

Perhaps I should say that I have, throughout my University Course, kept up my private teaching of the Deaf — indeed, entirely supporting myself by it — so that I have

by no means become "crusty"
in my teaching of the Deaf

As I know you will
wish, in arriving at any decision,
all available details concerning
a possible candidate, I feel I
shall not seem egotistical in
sending you such documents,
photographs &c. as may enable you
accurately to judge of myself and
my work. Other testimonials could
be obtained if desired.

I also enclose stamps
for reply and remain -

Yours faithfully

T. H. Jones

the pupils had made. From what he had seen and heard, he was prepared to give the movement his most hearty support and encouragement, and he was sure he conveyed the sentiment of all present, when he thanked Mr Jones, the talented teacher, for affording them an opportunity of witnessing the marvellous progress made, and the intelligence displayed by his pupils. (Applause). He wished the movement every success. (Applause).

EXTRACT from Report in 'GLASGOW DAILY MAIL.'

The Annual Examination of the pupils attending the Greenock Articulation School took place yesterday in the Greenock Academy, in presence of a numerous assemblage of ladies and gentlemen interested in the education of the deaf. The School was first started in September 1878, and was opened by Professor Bell, (inventor of the telephone) who first applied the system of visible speech to the teaching of the deaf. The school thus opened in Greenock is the only one of the kind in this country, and it has since the commencement been under the care of Mr T. H. Jones, from the School of Vocal Physiology, Boston University, and the results of that gentleman's teaching have been of the most gratifying nature. The examination was lengthy but very interesting, and the audience testified their appreciation of the efforts of the pupils by frequent applause, and several of those present stated that they would scarcely have believed it possible for youth afflicted as those attending the School were, to have been made to speak so correctly, and to carry on conversations as they had that day done.

EXTRACTS FROM PRESS NOTICES CONCERNING VISIBLE SPEECH & ARTICULATION.

EXTRACT from 'GLASGOW HERALD,' 3rd March 1881.

VISIBLE SPEECH.

At a Meeting of the Glasgow Philosophical Society, held last night —Mr Michael Connal, Chairman of Glasgow School Board, presiding— a most interesting Lecture on "Visible Speech and its Application to the Teaching of the Deaf," was delivered by Mr T. H. Jones, Principal of the Greenock Articulation School for the Education of the Deaf, and from the School of Vocal Physiology, Boston University, U.S.A. At the close of the Lecture and the exercises, Professor Ramsay, of Glasgow University, said the discourse was one of the most interesting, from an educational point of view, that he had ever listened to. Mr Jones had been able absolutely to give senses to those who were without them. All present had a sort of idea of what it must be to go through life without hearing and speaking. Mr Jones had just been showing them that it was really possible to make the dumb speak, and than the gift of speech he knew no greater. He had been very much struck with the extraordinary intelligence exhibited by Mr Jones' pupils. It would seem as if in their case the shutting up of one avenue of knowledge had sharpened the others.

Professor M'Kendrick, of Glasgow University, said that all the Members of the Society were very much indebted to Mr Jones for his Lecture, and in a motion of the Chairman, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to that gentleman and his pupils.

A resumé of the Lecture was ordered to be published at the expense of the Society.

EXTRACT from an Article in the 'GREENOCK ADVERTISER,' June 30, 1880.

GREENOCK ARTICULATION SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.
Examination Yesterday.

The examination of the Greenock Articulation School took place

yesterday, in the Greenock Academy, in presence of Mayor Campbell, Professor Thomson, Institution for Deaf and Dumb, Glasgow; Mr James Bryden, Principal of the Institution for Deaf and Dumb, Edinburgh; Dr M'Vale, Secretary of the Philosophical Society, Glasgow; Mr W. H. Addison, School for Deaf and Dumb, Liverpool; Rev. Messrs J. Davidson, Edgar, and M'Culloch. There were also present a large number of the relations and friends of the pupils and others.

The Greenock School, we may mention, was established two years ago by Professor A. G. Bell, and is under the able management of Mr T. H. Jones, from the School of Vocal Physiology, Boston University. The programme yesterday was of a most interesting and varied character, and the different exercises were gone through in such a manner as reflected very great credit on Mr Jones and his pupils. . . .

Altogether the examination was of the most satisfactory and gratifying kind, and there can be little doubt that the school will in a very short time become a flourishing Institution in the town. Excepting in Greenock, there is not a school of the kind in the country, but, considering the amount of attention the one here is attracting, there is every likelihood that similar Institutions will be established in other towns.

Provost Campbell, who was present at the commencement of the proceedings, but who had to leave at noon to attend a Meeting of the Parochial Board, addressed a few words to those present. He congratulated Mr Jones on the proficiency displayed by the pupils in articulation. Such an excellent system of teaching the deaf ought to be encouraged, and he, as head of the Greenock community, would be glad to do all he could to further its advancement. He concluded by wishing the School all success.

Others of the visitors expressed themselves as highly satisfied with the proceedings.

EXTRACT from Report in the Edinburgh 'SCOTSMAN.'

An interesting exhibition took place at Greenock yesterday, when the examination of the pupils attending Greenock Articulation School, the only Institution of the kind in the country, took place in Greenock

Academy, in presence of a large number of ladies and gentlemen interested in the education of those who are deaf. The School was opened nearly two years ago by Professor Bell, inventor of the telephone, who was the first to apply the scheme of visible speech in the education of the deaf, and since then it has been under the care of Mr T. H. Jones, from the School of Vocal Physiology, Boston University, whose efforts have had very gratifying results, as was fully attested by the examination yesterday.

EXTRACT from Report in the 'GLASGOW HERALD.'

GREENOCK ARTICULATION SCHOOL.

The Annual Examination of the pupils attending this School in the Greenock Academy took place yesterday, in presence of a large number of ladies and gentlemen in Greenock, and from a distance, interested in the teaching of deaf mutes to speak. This Articulation School was established in Greenock two years ago, by Professor Bell, inventor of the telephone, and being the first and only Class of the kind established in a Public School in this country, and as sufficient time had elapsed since its formation to permit of an idea being formed of the value of visible speech to deaf mutes, considerable interest was manifested in the examination. The School has been under the charge of Mr T. H. Jones, from the School of Vocal Physiology, Boston University. . . . The entire examination was singularly comprehensive, and the progress made by the pupils proved of the most astonishing character. The pupils appeared to be upon the best of terms with their excellent teacher, and the feeling was generally expressed that the School was proving a success beyond the most sanguine expectation of the promoters. The result of this School clearly demonstrates that better days are at hand for the deaf and dumb amongst us. With Schools such as the one now established in Greenock, there appears every prospect that the deaf and dumb will receive a suitable education, and that they will for the future be in a position to maintain their own rights and plead their own cause in articulate language.

Provost Campbell, who presided, expressed the great satisfaction he had at being present, and to have witnessed the astonishing progress

GREENOCK

17th January 1885.

We, the originators and directors of the Greenock Articulation School, having requested Prof. Alexan: :der Graham Bell - Inventor of the Telephone - to procure a thoroughly trained and qualified teacher for our School; he, along with Prof. Butterfield of the School of Vocal Physiology in Boston University U. S. A., selected Mr Thomas Henry Jones as being in every way qualified to be entrusted with the honour and the very important undertaking of introducing the system of teaching the Deaf and Dumb by Articu: lation, into this country.

The Greenock Articulation School was the first of its kind in Great Britain, being entirely a Day: School for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb.

Mr Jones commenced his duties in September 1878 and in three years by his successful labours had es: :tablished the School and the system in Scotland.

In addition to giving an annual Public Examina: :tion of the progress made by his pupils, he, at the request of the members of the Philosophical Society of Glasgow, gave a lecture demonstrating the prac: :ticability of teaching the Dumb to speak by exer: :cises and examples with his pupils. Many gentle: :men on that occasion expressed their surprise at

at the progress and attainments of the pupils..

At the close of the session in 1881 Mr Jones left in order to attend classes in Edinburgh Univer: :sity, but he had so far perfected the speech and ed :ucation of our children as to remove from our minds all anxiety about its further completion.

We have therefore great pleasure in testifying to his ability as a most successful teacher. His kind and gentle disposition, his sympathy with his pupils, his patience and perseverance, combined with firmness of purpose, and variety of resources, point him out as being pre-eminently fitted by nature as a teacher, while his high sense of honour and urbanity of character render him well qualified to be entrust :ed with the education of the young.

Believing that he will faithfully discharge all duties entrusted to him, in whatever sphere he may be placed, we have most sincere wishes for his wel: :fare.

Thomas Borthwick.

William Buchanan.

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11. Forres Street, Edinburgh.

March 28th 1889.

I have much pleasure in stating that I have taken lessons from Mr T.H.Jones in Articulation & Voice culture and I can confidently state that I have benefited very greatly thereby.

Mr Jones brings to his work immense patience and great tact. He is thoroughly skilled in the knowledge of " Visible Speech " and the physiological principles on which it is based, and he is therefore able, not only to detect errors of speech, but to remedy them by a scien :tific method.

I consider that I am well qualified to form an opinion of this matter, as I have for long been troubled with a serious defect in speech, for which I have gone to the best men in the country, including Mr Emil Behnke. Not one of them, however, seemed to know either what exactly was wrong, or how to remedy it, except Mr Jones

George C. Cathcart. M. A.

57 Manor Place, Edinburgh.

2nd April, 1889.

I have much pleasure in certifying that Mr Jones has instructed my deaf daughter in lip reading, and in most branches of her education for upwards of three years and that I have been thoroughly satisfied in every way

Mr Jones is most kind and painstaking with his Pupils and although my daughter has attended the most superior schools I could find in London and Glasgow, I consider him by far the best teacher she has ever had; her education is now being completed by him.

I shall be happy to furnish any further information that may be desired.

Mr J. Armstrong.

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STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

Westfield Mass.

Mr T.H. Jones, the bearer, is a recent graduate of the Westfield Normal School.

Before entering the Normal School, he taught successfully one of the Westfield Schools. In the Normal school he did excellent work, and was Valedictorian of his class.

I believe he will make an earnest and success: :ful teacher.

J. G. Scott, Principal.

Westfield Mass.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

This will certify that I am acquainted with Mr T.H.Jones of Westfield.

Mr Jones is a young man of an excellent moral character; he has high aims and great suavity of manners. Having gradu: :ated with honor at our Normal School, and having taught suc: :cessfully in our Schools, I commend him as a teacher, with a great degree of confidence in his success.

Geo. A. Walton.
Special Agt. of the
Mass. Bd. of Edn.

Recommended Mr Tracy

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OFFICE OF

LOUISIANA
Institution for the Deaf and Dumb.

Baton Rouge, La., Sept. 19th, 1891.

Dr. E. M. Gallaudet,
Washington, D.C.:

Dear Sir,

I am this morning in receipt of a letter from Mr. Shuey, tendering his resignation, which has been accepted. This leaves a vacancy in our corps of teachers to be filled at once, as our school re-opens on the first day of October.

Would you please give me the names of one or two of your graduates with whom I could correspond on the subject. If possible one, who would have some knowledge of the art of printing and who could take charge of the printing office.

With thanks for past favors,

I am,

Yours respectfully,
John Gaskins Ré, Supt.
Per E.