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Box 20

New York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf & Dumb.

POST OFFICE ADDRESS,  
Station M,  
NEW YORK CITY.

New York, March 28, 1892.

Edward M. Gallaudet, Ph.D., L.L.D., President,  
and the Faculty of the National Deaf-Mute College.

Gentlemen: Permit the undersigned alumni of the College to respectfully present to your consideration for the honorary degree of Master of Arts, the name of Enoch Henry Currier, professor of articulation, and instructor of the high class, in the New York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb.

Mr. Currier is a native of Massachusetts, ~~forty-one~~ years of age, and a gentleman of ~~nineteen~~ years experience in the instruction of the deaf. As a youth he had been prepared for admission to Amherst College by Dr. C. Woodward, now of Washington University, when a painful accident deprived him of the sight of his left eye.

By advice of Dr. Henry Williams, the distinguished oculist of Boston, all study was laid aside for a period of two years. Subsequently, under private instruction, he pursued a thorough classical course, his readings embracing Caesar, Virgil, Livy, Tacitus, Horace, Juvenal, Homer, Xenophon, Herodotus, Plato, Aeschylus & Sophocles. He enjoys an extensive reputation for his excellence in Greek language & literature

In science, in addition to the usual academical courses, he had devoted considerable time to the study of acoustics, especially those branches relating to the human voice. He has had extensive reading in medicine, having enjoyed the advantages of clinics in the leading hospitals of New York.

In view of these considerations, <sup>we believe</sup> that the conferring of an honorary degree upon him by the College would in no way detract from the high standard it maintains, and it would, moreover, be an honor that would be as sincerely appreciated by the recipient, as it would by his sponsors and fellow-workers, who esteem him as a gentleman of high mental & moral qualities.

Presenting this petition in the hope of your kind consideration we remain, with pleasant remembrances and the most profound respect,

Very Sincerely Yours.

William George Jones, '76-  
Thomas Francis Fox, '83

State of Indiana,  
Institution for the  
Education of the Deaf.  
Richard O. Johnson, Superintendent.

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1895

Dictated.

Indianapolis, April 11, 1892.

Dr. E. M. Gallaudet,  
President National Deaf Mute College,  
Washington, D, C.

My Dear Sir:

I desire to make inquiry concerning the young men now being trained in the College for positions as teachers of the Deaf. Have they all had positions offered them for the ensuing year, and if so, have they all made engagements? If not, I may be able to offer one of them a position here. What would you consider a proper salary for him, without board?

I would also like to know what arrangements will be made for a new class in this department, in your Institution next year, and especially how these young men are to be selected.

Please furnish me with the information, and oblige me.

Very truly yours,

*R. O. Johnson*  
Superintendent.

1902

State of Indiana,  
Institution for the  
Education of the Deaf.  
Richard O. Johnson, Superintendent.

Dictated.

Indianapolis, April 16, 1892.

Dr. E. M. Gallaudet,  
President National Deaf Mute College,  
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 13th in answer to my  
letter of the 11th has been duly received. Please  
accept my thanks for promptness and courtesy.

I cannot just at this time make any offer to  
Mr. Vaught.

Some time during the next few weeks I shall be  
pleased to avail myself of your invitation and suggest  
to you the name of some young man for appointment as  
a Normal Fellow next year.

Very truly yours,

*R. O. Johnson*  
Superintendent.

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Dictated.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 23, 1892.

Dr. E. M. Gallaudet,

President National Deaf Mute College,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor of the 18th. I cannot say anything definitely on this matter until next month some time. Our needs are large, our appropriation small and I cannot tell what to do or how to do it until after a full talk with our Board of Trustees. The whole subject will be under consideration at the June meeting.

Thanking you for your kindness, I am,

Very truly yours,

*R. O. Johnson*

Superintendent.

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Alabama Institute for the Deaf.

1923

Galladega, May 2 189

Dr E. M. Bassett

Dear Sir -

Your of the 26<sup>th</sup>  
April, was duly received, and  
in reply, I do not know of a  
young man, whom I could  
recommend as "a fellow" - I  
wish I did - I am most  
heartily in accord with you  
in your views as to  
teachers for the deaf, and  
think nothing could be better  
than your Annual department  
- I hope in future to  
reap some of the benefits,  
even if I am not able to  
send a suitable young  
man to you

Very truly yr J. H. Thomas



Dms for Prof =193=  
Tallahassee Fla

May 10<sup>th</sup>  
=1892=

Dear Doctor,

Your of the 7<sup>th</sup> duly  
received - In reply I will  
write to each of our College  
Presidents and try if  
possible to secure a  
suitable young man  
for the Normal Fellowship.

— Our Annual Meeting  
of Board of Trustees comes on  
May 25, and I am busy  
getting things ready for  
them - I have three  
schools, separate and  
distinct under my  
charge now and am  
kept quite busy  
W. H. Moore

[1942]

and  
only college  
men wanted  
Jno for deaf

Telladega Ala

May 17

[1892?]

dear Doctor -

I have two applicants  
for the Normal Fellowship -  
— one from a Member of  
the Graduating class of Howard  
College - the other from a  
Member of the Senior Class of  
The Marine Military Inst  
the best school in the  
South in my opinion -

Col Murfee the Presch  
Speaks in the highest  
terms of this young man  
and as soon as he  
hears from his

Letter on the Subject will  
Confer further with me  
about it - So you  
may Count on finding  
this place from Ala  
- I may hear from  
two or three other Insts  
in a day or two -

Yrs

J. H. Johnson

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I College Court,  
Providence.

May 18, 1892.

My dear Dr. Gallaudet:

What Annie has written me of the public exercises of a week or so ago makes me desirous to take this opportunity to thank you in general for all the kindness of the year, as well as for the particular and most gratifying compliments of that occasion, and the substantial and unexpected testimonial with which they were accompanied. You have certainly been exceedingly good to her, and have placed us all under great

obligations. I realize, too, that we are indebted to you for her obtaining so advantageous and so pleasant a place for work next year, and am warmly grateful for this also. I assure you that your kindness will not be forgotten. Believe me, with the kindest regards to Mrs. Gallaudet and the young ladies, and with the most cordial thanks,

Very sincerely yours,

J. F. Jameson.

P. S. Please pardon this mode of writing, to which I am at present confined.

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May 18 = 18927

Dear Doctor -

I have two applicants  
for the Fellowship, both of  
them 1st class young men, so  
I am informed - I will  
decide between them in a  
few days, and write you  
again - You can then  
let me know when, he  
should report to you  
in Washington & such other  
information as you  
may kindly impart, &

Very truly,  
Yours,  
J. A. Schmitt

State of Indiana,  
Institution for the  
Education of the Deaf.  
Richard O. Johnson, Superintendent.

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Indianapolis, May. 18. 92

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

Dear Sir.

According to your request I write you again concerning Mr. Naught. I am prepared now to make him an offer. If he does not consider the salary sufficiently large I cannot help it - 'tis the best thing I can do under existing circumstances. We intend to employ several additional teachers for next year which means an increase of three or four thousand dollars in our payroll.

If Mr. Naught chooses to come I can give him \$900<sup>00</sup> per year under an existing rule this amount

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Institution for the  
Education of the Deaf.  
Richard O. Johnson, Superintendent.

Indianapolis,

will be increased 50<sup>00</sup> per year until the maximum for hearing-speaking teachers is reached - 1500<sup>00</sup>

The 900<sup>00</sup> per year does not include, or take with it, board - out of this amount Mr. Vaught will have to board himself. Our teachers do not reside in the institution

You may consult with Mr. C. concerning this matter and if he chooses to accept what I may offer, I will make him a formal proposition and write him concerning matters in detail.

Hoping to hear from you soon so that I may know what to do with several other applicants whom I have under consideration, I am  
Very Truly,  
Richard O. Johnson



State of Indiana,  
Institution for the  
Education of the Deaf.  
Richard O. Johnson, Superintendent.

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Indianapolis, May 22. 92

Dr. E. W. Gallaudet  
Pres. Nat. Deaf Mute College  
Washington D.C.

My dear Sir,

Our Reuben Girard a deaf-mute and former pupil in this institution years ago and whom I refused to reappoint as instructor in the Cabinet shop last September because of his reprehensible conduct, has, among many other things I do not care for, stated to at least one of our teachers that he "had written to Dr. Gallaudet concerning Mr. Johnson and that he (Dr. G.) was opposed to him (G)" I do not believe this to be true and feel 'tis my duty to call your attention to it for denial.

Very Respectfully  
Richard O. Johnson

Jessadaiga Ala -

1892

May 24 92

Dear Doctor -

I Enclosed testimonials  
of the two young men - applicants  
for the Fellowship - Both seem to  
be good men, - I have not  
yet decided between them,  
- I have the highest respect  
for Col Murfrees opinion, I  
think he is the best Educator in  
the Southern States, and a man  
who would not say any thing, he  
did not mean - I have wanted  
him to know if he confers degrees  
at the Institute - I think he  
does - I know that the young men  
he turns out are first class as  
a rule -

Very truly yours

J. H. Johnson

Marion, Ala.,

[199a]

May 16, '92.

Rev. J. H. Johnson,

Dear Sir,

Your kind favor of 13th  
came Saturday night, and I sent you  
a card yesterday morning.

I assure you that I appreciate very  
highly your kindness in asking me  
to name a young man for the place;  
and I am glad that we have in our  
graduating class one that I can

recommended with confidence. And in  
 this recommendation all the members  
 of my Faculty concur. - Mr. R. Harkness,  
 of Clinton, Green Co., Ala., is the man.  
 His family is one of the best in the State.  
 His mother and father came from S. Carolina,  
 long before the War, and there have never been  
 any people in their County, <sup>(better</sup> than they.  
 Robert was brought up on the farm and  
 in a store. He enjoys in his neigh-

for hood an excellent reputation; and his  
reputation here is excellent. He is a man  
of a man, physically, mentally, and  
morally. He is a consistent member  
of the Presbyterian Church and of the Young  
Men's Christian Association. - He has  
dignity and force of character, is very  
industrious, and is well educated. - I  
think he is just the man for the  
place. - I have told him that I  
would recommend him for the place,

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and he is anxious to get it. - But he  
is not willing to say he will take  
it, before he hears from his Father.

He has written home, and as soon  
an answer comes, I will write you. This  
will be in a day or two.

Yours Truly,  
L. J. Kenner.

Marion, Ala.,

19967

May 17, '92.

Dear Sir,

I wrote you yesterday, and  
recommended Mr. R. B. Harkness, of Clinton  
Green Co., Ala.

He has today recd. a letter from his  
father, now 79 yrs. old, saying he can  
accept.

I recommended Mr. Harkness to you  
with great confidence. - He has

the blood, the family training, the industry, the intelligence, the moral character, and the party to make him useful to the cause. - If you see proper to give him the scholarship, he will reflect credit upon your appointment. -

Yours Truly,

J. J. Knapp,  
 Sept. 10. 1846.



OFFICE OF  
GEO. W. MACON,  
Professor of Chemistry and Biology,  
HOWARD COLLEGE.

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EAST LAKE, ALA., May 23, 1892.

Dr. J. N. Johnson,  
Talladega, Ala.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter came while I was absent from East Lake, in attendance upon a teacher's institute.

Mr. Bledsoe makes application, through me, for the fellowship.

He is 23 years of age, 5 ft. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$  in. in height, weight 160 lbs., and has a fine personal appearance.

His family is one of the most prominent in East Alabama. He is a christian gentleman, and his standing both among his fellow-students and in his classes is very fine. I enclose you a recommendation signed by our faculty. Believing that he would do credit to all concerned, I hope you may be able to decide in his favor. - Sincerely your friend,  
Geo. W. Mason.

OFFICE OF  
GEO. W. MACON,  
Professor of Chemistry and Biology,  
HOWARD COLLEGE.

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Howard College,

EAST LAKE, ALA., May 23, 1892.

To

Dr. J. H. Johnson, Pres.,  
Talladega, Ala.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. J. F. Bledsoe has been a faithful student here for two years, and graduates in a few days with high standing in a class of twenty. During his student-life, he has had excellent health. His habits are rarely excelled among college-students. He has manifested a uniform and cheerful obedience to the regulations. With mental powers much above mediocrity, and earnest, faithful application, he has been a successful and satisfactory student. He has impressed us as a young man of noble instincts, refined feelings, and christian character. We can safely commend him to you for appointment to the fellowship for which he applies.

B. F. Riley, President,  
R. J. Wadsworth  
Thos. J. Hill

W. S. Payne  
B. F. Giles  
G. W. Maccon.

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Dictated.

State of Indiana,  
Institution for the  
Education of the Deaf.  
Richard O. Johnson, Superintendent.

Indianapolis, May 27, 1892.

Dr. E. M. Gallaudet,  
President National Deaf Mute College, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter concerning Mr. Vaught, I am very much obliged to you for the kindness you have shown me in this matter.

I believe the new departure (Normal Fellowships) in the college a good thing and believe that your efforts should receive hearty cooperation on the part of Superintendents of State Institutions.

I have just written to Mr. Vaught, offering him the place, at a salary of \$900.00 per year, which is the best I can do under the circumstances. In the letter I have outlined, more or less in detail, the nature of his duties.

As to the appointment of a Fellow for next year--I will give the matter thoughtful consideration and think that within two or three weeks I can send you the name of a young man I would be pleased to see appointed.

Very respectfully,

Richard O. Johnson

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Institution for the  
Education of the Deaf.  
Richard O. Johnson, Superintendent.

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Indianapolis, May 28/92

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

My dear sir.

Your letter concerning  
Mr. Girard has been duly rec'd  
and is of just the nature I  
thought it would be for I did  
not for one moment believe  
the case to be as Mr. Girard  
represented. I wrote you  
only because I considered it  
a duty I owed you.

I thank you for your kind  
words of encouragement. As  
far as I can my every endeavor  
shall be for highest good of the  
institution in every possible way  
This institution is "out of politics"

State of Indiana,  
Institution for the  
Education of the Deaf.  
Richard O. Johnson, Superintendent.

Indianapolis,

Now and shall remain "out" as long as I am its Superintendent or the present Board of Trustees remain in control.

It is not now and shall not be a "lying-in place" for party workers or any one else. Our whole aim is to make it a high type of what it is, an educational institution, worthy of praise and goodwill at home and abroad. We, of course, need not expect kind words from disappointed applicants nor from those who back them.

I appreciate your offer of a copy of the correspondence, but 'tis wholly unnecessary -

Very Respectfully,  
Richard O. Johnson

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Talladega Alabama

May 20th

[1892]

Near Docton.

I have the honor to  
present the name of Mr  
J. F. Bledsoe for the  
Fellowship, you were so  
kind as to place at my  
disposal. Please notify  
me when he shall report  
to you for duty, and  
such other directions as  
you, think he ought to  
have before going to  
Washington —  
J. M. Schuman.

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Institution for the  
Education of the Deaf.  
Richard O. Johnson, Superintendent.

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Indianapolis, June 17, 1892.

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

Dear Sir:

Your letter concerning Mr. Vaught and the appointment of a Fellow was duly received.

During the first part of May my bookkeeper died, at the close of the month the second Supervisor for boys was married and just before the close of school the first Supervisor, who was also acting as bookkeeper, was compelled to absent himself from the building on account of diphtheria in his family--thus you can see I only lacked a boil to make my happiness supreme. Because of this great rush of business devolving upon me I have delayed answering your letter until the present time.

If it is not too late I am ready to suggest the name of a young man for appointment as a fellow--in fact I have two young men in my mind, one of them a graduate of Hanover College, the other of Butler University, both Indiana Institutions. If the young man is admitted I will provide him with a place in September '93.

Please let me know in regard to this matter immediately.

Hoping that you can appoint the young man, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

*Richard D. Johnson*  
Superintendent.



State of Indiana,  
Institution for the  
Education of the Deaf.  
Richard O. Johnson, Superintendent.

Indianapolis, June 21, 1892.

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

My Dear Sir:

Your telegram was received late Sunday. Early Monday morning I wired you name of young gentleman (Lazarus Noble).

The reason for your telegram wishing telegraphic reply was not quite clear at first--however your letter received this morning, fully explains matters. I certainly appreciate your favor in this matter and will promise that Indiana shall be represented by a fellow--you may depend on that.

I wrote you that I had in mind two young men. Instead of sending you the name of either of these, I concluded at the last moment to offer the place to Lazarus Noble, also a graduate of Butler and whose sister is a full professor in that University and a most competent and popular instructor. I believe the brother would be a success in our work.

Mr. Noble is out of the city for a few days--on his return I will have him secure testimonials and forward same to you. He is quite a literary young man, quick in mind and body, 24 or 25 years old and the descendent of a very old and intelligent family.

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It may seem strange, but I have not a very clear idea of just what is furnished a Fellow in the way of cash, (if any), maintenance etc. etc. My knowledge of the matter has been gleaned from the institution press--I know- and yet do not know. I understand that he is utilized in teaching articulation? Will you please send me some publication answering these points, or be so kind as to write me again?

Thanking you again for your kindness, I am,

Very respectfully,

*Richard O. Johnson*

Superintendent.

The South Australian Institution  
for the Blind & Deaf & Dumb.  
Brighton.

Adelaide June 28<sup>th</sup> 1892

Dr. E. M. Gallaudet,  
President,  
National Deaf-Mute College,  
Washington.

My Dear Sir,

I regret to say that the appointment of Missionary to the Adult Deaf & Dumb of Adelaide was made before Mr. Ellsworth Loring's letter reached me. However I am inclined to think that the remuneration attached to the position at present is too small to attract a student of your college. The salary is only £100 per annum to begin with, but it will be increased according to the ability and energy of the Missionary.

The successful candidate is Mr. Eugene Salas who has been appointed for six months on probation. Mr. Salas was educated in the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution and he improved

his education after leaving school by the assistance of the Melbourne Deaf Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society. The Mission here is in its infancy, the first service having been held on Ephphatha Sunday 1890 and from then till the beginning of this month when the Missionary was appointed the services were conducted by myself. The Mission is established on a non-sectarian basis as is also the Melbourne Mission which we organized nine years ago.

You will be pleased to hear that the visit of our Chief Justice to your College and Institution has caused increased interest in the welfare of the Deaf and Dumb of this Colony.

I should be very glad if at some future time we could secure the services of one of your students for Mission work among our Australian Deaf Mutes.

I am

My dear Sir

Yours faithfully

Samuel Johnson

Superintendent

Hon. Supt. of S. A. Adult D & D. Mission

State of Indiana,  
Institution for the  
Education of the Deaf.  
Richard O. Johnson, Superintendent.

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Indianapolis, July 18, 1892.

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

Dear Sir:

Your letter dated July 11th received just a few days ago.

The **reason** for my delay in sending you the information asked for has been Mr. Noble's absence from the city. He returned last week. After a most thorough consideration of the matter he concluded that it would be best for him not to accept the appointment and to remain in business.

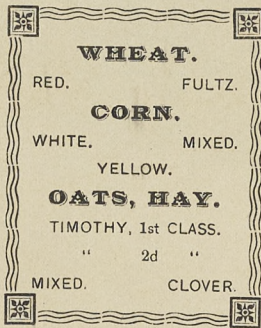
You will remember that in one of my previous letters I stated that I had in mind two young men, one from Butler and one from Hanover. I was undecided at the time which name to forward as both were first class young men. Mr. Noble having declined the position, I now desire to submit the name of Tunis V. Archer. Mr. Archer lives in Moorefield, Switzerland Co., Indiana, he is 25 years of age, a graduate of Hanover stood 6th in a class of 18 and is an A. B. The Faculty speaks in the very highest terms of him and seem to think that he would make an excellent teacher. I refer you to Dr. Fisher, President of the College, and especially to Dr. Young a member of the faculty. Mr. Archer has

already been offered the principalship of the Remington, (Indiana) schools. He will be most glad to accept the appointment if you see fit to tender it to him and I respectfully urge that you do so for I believe that we have in him the making of a good teacher.

Thanking you for your kindness and patience with my delay in the matter, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

*Richard D. Johnson*  
Superintendent.



T. C. PILCHER,

DEALER IN

Wheat, ♦ Corn, ♦ Oats, ♦ Baled ♦ Hay,

AND

General Merchandise,

Medland, Va., Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> 1892

Pres't Edward Miner Gallaudet  
Washington  
D.C.

Dear Sir:

J. Clarence Dowell,  
Now seventeen yrs of age, last year  
completed his seventh session at the  
State N. D. & O. Inst., at Staunton Va.  
He is very desirous of prosecuting his  
studies still farther, with a view of  
preparing himself for teaching, and  
desires to enter your school at the  
beginning of the coming session.  
He has no means for paying for tuition  
or board. He is not blind, but has perfect  
hearing. His hearing is bad, but can  
hear when spoken to in a loud tone. His  
articulation is affected, which is an outgrowth  
of bad hearing. Clarence is a young  
man of admirable physical build, being

5 ft. 6 inches in height - weighing 150 lbs.

I am told that he did well in his classes while at Staunton.

His deportment is very good, & I think with proper instruction, will make a fine man.

What can be done for him?

Resptly Yrs,

D. C. James  
Midland Co.

Denton,

9/13

1892

Dear Miss Mickle:-

In reply to your favor of the 11<sup>th</sup>, I beg to say that I think I wrote you in reply to your enquiries, and in acknowledgement of the very pretty souvenir of Pattersons memorial day which you sent me.

As to your entering at Washington, I have no doubt that you will pass easily enough. As to the date of opening I think you are correct, and in regard to other matters I think you would better write to Dr. E. M. Gallardet, President, Nat. Deaf Mute College, Washington, D. C.

I trust you will find no lack of any kind, and that when you shall have got settled, you will drop me a line to let me know how you like it. I am very glad to have been able in any degree to facilitate your preparation and, if I can do any thing more, please let me know.

Miss Minnie Mickle  
Paterson N. J.

Very Yours,  
Walter Jenkins.