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Gallaudet, E. M. Correspondence -

[441-452]

July - Folder 14  
December 1909  
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Box 52

24413

Harford Ct. July 1<sup>st</sup> 1909

Mr. E. M. Gallaudet

Dear Sir

Since your letter of June 14<sup>th</sup>  
I have talked with Mr. Will-  
iams - they have no way  
at this school to prepare for  
college. Mr. Williams seems to  
think he could try for college  
who he says he is not a bril-  
liant scholar - he stood  
9-3 in his examinations  
Mr. Williams referred me  
to Mr. Clark his teacher

Respectfully

Mr. J. J. Rockwell

137 Kenyon St.

Hartford

Conn.

who he said would know  
best what Walter can do -  
Mr Clark seem to think  
he can try for College & is  
going to talk with me  
again - & then I <sup>can</sup> write  
you what he advise -  
what ~~are~~ is the tuition  
at the preparatory & when  
does the school open -  
will you kindly write me  
particulars & send a report  
of the school's college -

Ans. fully.  
A. G. S.

4423

David City Nebr.  
July 27<sup>th</sup> 1909.

My dear Mr. Drafer :-  
I have decided to  
write to you once more  
concerning my exam-  
ination in Astronomy  
and I beg your indulgence.  
I should have written  
before college closed but  
we were so very busy  
preparing for and giving  
the pupils final examination  
and doing the numerous  
other things incident  
to going home that I simply

did not have the time. I am wondering if I can still take the Examination, and if Prof. Day would want me to have new questions. The ones he sent me are still in the sealed envelope. If you think I had better write to Mr. Day will you please send me his summer address. I am anxious to have my degree and the failure in Astronomy was such a disappointment that I just have to conquer a certain abhorrence to the book which up to that time did not exist. Astronomy is a fascinating subject and would be so to me if it were not for this bitterness behind it. However I have overcome other things and I can overcome this, I think. Would it be alright for me to take the Examination in our County Superintendent's office here?

I am sure Miss Shaffer  
will be glad to let me  
take it there. She is our  
Suft. and is the first  
woman in Butler County  
to hold that office. We  
are proud of her.

I would rather take  
the examination here  
than bother the  
authorities in a school  
in which I had no  
connections as a pupil.

I have been rehired and  
had my salary raised.  
We have a fine Superinten-  
dant, and he is sure to  
bring the school to the

front if he has the means  
and is kept there long  
enough. He is such a  
conscientious worker.  
All the deaf teachers  
will return.

You probably remember  
Miss Brummitt our  
principal; though not  
a college graduate, she  
has had a great deal of  
experience, is a bright  
young woman and a  
faithful worker. We  
thought so much of  
her.

The Isallaudet girls were



always eager to hear from our dear old college, and often spoke of the faculty. We remember you all with gratitude and reverence, and we were so glad to learn of Dr. Sallaudet's recovery.

Mrs. Merrill tells me that you and Dr. Hatchkins are in Washington during the summer. I would like to see Washington again but the next trip I take will be west. I have never been west of Nebr.

We are planning to take in the N. A. D. next year, by me I mean the Oklahoma Deaf.

I must not intrude farther upon your time and patience so hoping this will not cause you any extra trouble, and awaiting your reply.

I remain with kind regards to you and Mrs. Draper.

yours Sincerely  
Hattie B. Pen

# 4433 2029 South 4th St.

Philadelphia.

August 14th 1909.

Prof. Annie Draper,  
Ballou's College,  
Washington D. C.  
Dear Prof. Draper,

The fall term  
will soon commence and I had  
almost forgotten that I've not  
yet applied for admission. I am  
entirely at sea how to go about it,  
as I depended on Dr. Crocker to  
let me know. As he is at present  
away on his vacation and has  
been for some time I hesitate  
in troubling him again.

Could you please explain what I  
must do and send me the  
necessary papers to be signed?  
I may as well tell you that I am  
in no circumstances to pay for  
my tuition and board, but was  
assured by Dr. Crouter that it  
could be settled I obtain a  
college education without  
having to do so.

Hoping to hear from you at  
your earliest convenience and  
thanking you for past favors,  
I am,

Yours  
A. G. D.

Yours most respectfully  
Rebecca H. Rosenstein.

And it could be  
arranged later on  
if necessary.

W.G.P.

2029 South 4th St. -4447

Philadelphia.

September 10th 1909.

Prof. Amos Draper.

Washington D. C.

Dear Prof. Draper.

Your letter  
was received but I am sorry to  
say that as yet I have been  
unable to obtain the required  
letter. I have heard that the  
Representative of our district  
has been out of town for four  
weeks but is expected to return  
early in the week. If you only  
knew how hard it is to get  
to him I am sure you would

not think it strange I have not written before, I thought the examinations were the hardest ordeals I would have to go through but this seems to be hardest.

I would sooner take three examinations than ask a favor of a politician. Because I am not a man and cannot vote they have no use for me. I even went up to see a Senator but evidently to no purpose. Finally I got some one to go up to the City Hall for me and I was assured that when the Representative returns steps will immediately be taken in my behalf.

But that will take a few days  
so I am writing to ask you  
whether or not that will suit  
you. I believe you shall hear  
from the Representative before  
this day a week. In the  
meantime if there are any  
papers I might have to sign  
could you please forward  
them on the understanding  
that I succeed in getting the  
letter. Hoping that I am  
not causing any inconvenience  
by my delay. I am,

Yours very respectfully,  
Rebecca H. Rosen stein.

*And Miss K  
will admit  
with the assurance  
Mr C. will recommend*  
House of Representatives U. S.  
Washington, D. C.

Cleveland, Ohio,  
September 13, 1909.

Professor E. Draper,  
Gallandet College,  
Kendall Green,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:-

By reason of Mr. Cassidy's absence in Europe, on a tour of inspection with the National Waterways Commission, I am in receipt of the enclosed letter from Miss Ruth Knox, 2254 Ashland Road, S. E., Cleveland, Ohio, which explains itself. I have held this letter in the hope that I might receive some word from Mr. Cassidy, but, as your school opens the 21st instant, I am taking the liberty of writing you direct.

The young lady called upon me and showed such an amazing degree of intelligence that I have become greatly interested in her case, which I believe to be a worthy one, and I am anxious to assist her, although I am at sea as to the method to pursue in securing the free scholarship she asks about, if the same is obtainable.

In Mr. Cassidy's absence, I shall highly appreciate the courtesy of advice as to the best way to go about the matter, and will be very grateful for an early reply.

Very respectfully yours,



Secretary to  
Honorable James H. Cassidy

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House of Representatives U. S.  
Washington, D. C.

Cleveland, Ohio,  
September 18, 1909.

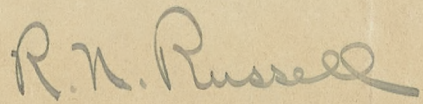
Professor E. M. Gallaudet,  
Gallaudet College,  
Kendall Green,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:-

This will serve to introduce to you Miss Ruth Knox, of 2254 Ashland Road, this city, the young lady about whom I wrote you recently, and who you advised me would be received for free scholarship upon Mr. Cassidy's recommendation.

Please permit me to thank you sincerely for your courtesy in this matter, on Mr. Cassidy's behalf. I feel sure he will approve of my action in the matter upon his return to this country next month.

Very respectfully yours,



Secretary.

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House of Representatives U. S.  
Washington, D. C.

Cleveland, Ohio,  
September 20, 1909.

Professor E. M. Gallaudet,  
Gallaudet College,  
Kendall Green,  
Washington, D. C.,

My dear Sir:-

Please accept my sincere thanks,  
on Mr. Cassidy's behalf, for your courteous  
letter of the 16th instant, and for your kind-  
ness in offering a free scholarship to Miss Ruth  
Knox, about whom I wrote you on the 13th.

I am sure Mr. Cassidy will approve my ac-  
tion in this matter upon his return, and also  
that he will appreciate your kindness in his ab-  
sence.

I furnished the young lady with a letter of  
introduction to you and she will arrive in plenty  
of time, I feel sure, for the opening of your  
term.

Very respectfully yours,

*R. M. Russell*  
Secretary.

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Dr. Edward M. Gallaudet,  
Kendall Green, Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Gallaudet - Would you mind  
sending me a photograph of yourself?  
Any we will do - whether it was taken  
when I saw you last, or if it be a  
recent pose. I have always wanted  
one to have framed with a selected  
number from among my most distinguished  
friends. I may say that when I graduated  
from Gallaudet, I wanted so badly to ask  
you for your likeness, but I had already  
asked you a favor then and it was not  
in me to press you for another - Both of  
us - Mrs. Runde and myself - would deeply  
appreciate the granting of this favor - Of course  
you know that we both love and honor  
you for what you are and your unselfish

devotion to the Cause of deaf-mute education.  
We have often wanted to write you and tell  
you how we are faring out in the world,  
and to thank you for the immense  
blessing you have brought upon us in  
enabling us to secure a higher education,  
but the thought that we would only be adding  
to your labors, in that you would have to  
write us in return, has prevented us  
from doing so. My Real Estate business is  
quite slack, but it will pick up in time. I have  
never gotten over my love for the schoolroom  
and I intend to return at the first opportunity.  
Mr. Keith, the new Superintendent here, has been  
pressed to take me in and it may be so in time.  
He will visit you, I think, very soon. I know  
though that he is going to visit Wt. Ariz. I hope that  
my record in Dakota will be strong enough to  
elect me even if Mr. Keith favors Oregon. I think  
he rather favors the Combined system. I told him that  
he ought to visit you and he said he may do so.

We both hope that you are in  
the best of health and that you will  
yet remain at the head of your distinguished  
institution for many, many years more  
to come. With love and best wishes  
from the two of us—

Yours faithfully,  
Winfield Wood

NORTHERN NEW YORK  
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EDWARD C. RIDER, SUPERINTENDENT.

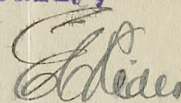
Malone, N. Y. October 21, 1909.

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

Dear Dr. Gallaudet:-

I have just received a letter from Mr. J. E. Paterson, whose son, Robert, is one of your boys now. Mr. Paterson informs me that it is necessary for his son to have a recommendation from the Congressman of his district in order to have a free scholarship at college. Have you any blanks for this purpose? If not, will you kindly give me necessary information as to the form of recommendation desired.

Yours respectfully,



Superintendent.

Clathro, Kansas,  
26<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1909.

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

My dear Doctor:—

It was extremely distasteful for me to discuss the Standard of the College in print, but I felt that the facts warranted drastic measures, as far as Steidmann was concerned.

His statements would not matter to me were it not that, coming from a graduate of the College, they have been seized upon by the enemies of the school and used to further influence the the prevailing sentiment against it. Steidmann's conduct has been unwarranted and inexcusable. You know, I dare say, that in every locality there are some people who hate the College and College graduates, mainly, I suppose, because they failed to attend it themselves.

Here in Kansas, I am too well aware of the situation not to see that Steidmann's attitude and

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Statements have delighted the enemies of the college. There are quite a few out here, and, I am sorry to say, several are teachers in our school. They have tried time and again to influence our pupils against going to Washington. With a few they have been successful, but with the majority they have only injured themselves by their arguments.

When Steidmann's editorial appeared, referring to the College as a high school heretofore and that if the raised standard proved too much for the deaf we might as well call it a high school and be done with it, I saw with my own eyes the effect it had upon the opponents of the College here. A deaf man of very little intelligence, insufficient in fact to understand the language Steidmann used in his editorial, accosted me and asked whether it were true that Gallaudet College was only a high school. I am confident he was prompted to do this by some one else.

Last winter the editor of the official paper of the Fraternal Society of the Deaf made reference

3: to the large number of Yale graduates who had taught in the Hartford School. He mentioned the number and added that he would "like to know how many men of that calibre Gallaudet College could boast of." At the time, I was acting as a correspondent for the "Success," and prepared a list of the professors, past and present, giving their colleges, and included it in one of my weekly letters. The list was never published.

Excepting yourself, there can be no one more zealous than I for the continued advancement of the college. I recognize its former shortcomings in some respects, but these have been immaterial in the development of true manhood and womanhood. Where public discussion would injure the college further, I shall always refrain from the temptation to answer criticism, but I feel that sometimes it is necessary to counteract such influence as Steidman has exerted in the past.

I thank you for your letter and for its contents. Mrs. Roberts and I send you our love, with the hope for your continued good health and happiness.

Yours respectfully,  
Arthur H. Roberts.



Mr E M Galland

Dear Sir

Miss Dixon requests  
me to write to you & say for her  
that she received the blank  
sheet and would gladly attend  
to the same at once. But she  
has two bad cases of scarlet fever  
in her home, consequently her home  
is quarantined, and she is not  
allowed to send any thing outside,  
as soon as she possibly can she  
will write to you. Respectfully

A R Roberts

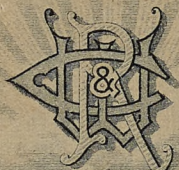
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