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July-December 1907

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Blue Lick,  
R. F. D. # 1. Mo.

Aug. 7, 1907

President of Gallaudet  
College

Washington  
D. C.

My Dear Sir,

I have been thinking  
sincerely of entering  
Gallaudet College for the  
deaf, located in your  
city, upon my grad-  
uation at the Mo. School  
for the Deaf, Fulton  
Mo, which I can in  
one more term.

I would like to study



for a teacher. My teacher strongly advises me to go to College & study for one. After consulting with my mother upon the subject she had no objections whatever, I will give you a little history of my self that you might form some idea of my ability as a student.

I was born on a farm in Pettis Co, Mo, April 8, 1886, which makes me 21 now. I have always resided on the farm, up to the time that I was stricken deaf. I had



been attending the  
 Public Schools. My  
 deafness occurred in  
 my 10<sup>th</sup> yr. which put  
 a stop to my going to  
 those schools any  
 longer. I was made  
 entirely deaf but not  
 dumb. I admit that  
 I possess an unusually  
 good voice for a deaf  
 person who has been  
 deaf as long as I. I  
 have been told that  
 I have the best voice  
 of all the deaf pupils  
 attending <sup>the deaf</sup> school at  
 Fulton upon my  
 stopping going to the  
 Public Schools, I had



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ically been promoted to  
the 4<sup>th</sup> grade a short  
time, I was in hopes  
there that my deafness  
could be benefited, but  
after consulting many  
doctors I spent a large  
amnt. for medicine  
with out any benefit  
I decided that my case  
was hopeless so I quit  
trying ~~to~~ any longer.

In 1904, I decided,  
to go to some deaf  
school after having  
been deaf eight yrs.  
I had near attended  
school during that  
time.

I was ~~but~~ ~~but~~ in



the seventh grade, when I first began at Fulton, and have been promoted, each year to a grade higher until now, I will be in the senior class ~~this term~~ which is the last.

I rank almost first in my class in averages. I lead in language, history, speech, second in arithmetic, third in speech reading, second in physiology & geography.

I do not claim



to be a model pupil  
 but, I do admire that  
 I pass a little  
 ordinary common sense  
 one can never get to  
 old to learn, and I  
 know that there is  
 much more for me  
 to learn yet.

I write <sup>asking</sup> you to kindly  
 send me a catalogue  
 of the college, stating  
 what chances I have  
 in being admitted as  
 a student etc. I will  
 have a talk with my  
 supt. about it, when  
 I return to school this fall.

Very Respt yours  
 Thos. Smiley



Cat.

Baltimore Md. August 7, 1907.

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

Esteemed Sir:-

Enclosed please find a stamp with which at your earliest  
convenience please mail me a catalogue describing the courses given at  
the Gallaudet College.

Thanking in advance for the above favor , I am

Respectfully yours

*Wm H. Soine*

2809 Walbrook Ave.  
Baltimore Md.



~~Not  
Encouraged~~

Baltimore August 13, 1907.

Dr. Edward M. Gallaudet,  
Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

The catalogue of the Gallaudet College received, "Many Thanks" for the same.

Would my being totally deaf prevent me from attending the Normal Course? My hearing was destroyed about eight years ago, am now totally deaf, but still speak very distinctly. I have Diplomas from the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, Baltimore Maryland Institute, -School of Art and Design-, and International Correspondence Schools. I am a practical machinist and draftsman. Am thirty two years old for morals etc. would refer you to Rev. D. E. Moylan, and Rev. O. J. Whildin, both of Baltimore. Hoping to receive an early reply, I am

Respectfully

2809 Walbrook Ave.  
Baltimore Md.

*William H. Soine.*



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Filbert S. Co.

Aug 27-07.

Superintendent of  
Kendall Green  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Please send me your latest catalogue or particulars. We are talking of sending two boys to your Institution. They are aged 21 and 17 years respectively. We would be glad to get your particulars as to how we must do in sending them to college.

Let me know by return mail with the particulars or your information. Say those boys are deaf-mutes. And oblige,  
Yours Respectfully,  
Ellie Smoak.



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911 South Twentieth Street,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

September 4th, 1907.

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

My dear Dr. Gallaudet;

If I may presume upon your kind consideration for a few minutes I should be very grateful to for your opinion on the following matter; Having been a student at Gallaudet, I naturally turn to you for advice.

I hope, in a year or two, to receive my degree from the University of Minnesota.

I am specializing in Physical Training and



Home Economics; Will there be any opportunity for me along these lines, at Gallaudet? Will the fact of my deafness operate against me even though my training should be of the best? At a place of Gallaudet's standard, I realize that I should have to do the work, not as well, but better than another could do it, and that every effort should be concentrated in that endeavor.

I am aware, also, that no course in Home Economics is at present offered at the college; it has seemed, however, that recent agitation in the Legislature would result in a public appropriation for that purpose in all schools in this country. Moreover, when the faculty



faculty of Gallaudet come to consider the matter do you not think they will admit that the young women of the college need such special <sup>training</sup> fitted to their needs as the young men receive through Chemistry, Surveying, and so forth?

It may be objected that a large proportion have already had Domestic Science at the various state schools; I think, however, that investigation would show this instruction to have been of the simplest kind. If Home Economics is foreign to every aim and ideal of the college, would it still be possible for me to work up into the Physical Training Department?

Hoping this enquiry has not encroach



ed too seriously upon your time, and with best wishes to you in your splendid work,

I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine M. Schwartz

What I particularly desire, is to know whether my "wagon is hitched" to a quite impossible star or not.



"525" Laconia - N.H.

Sept 25

Edward M. Gallaudet, 107

Dear Sir:—

While in Portland  
Maine, last month, I met  
Miss Elizabeth Taylor - Prin.  
of the School for the Deaf in  
that city. Previously interest-  
ed I became still more so  
during my conversation with  
her, and the result was a  
letter sent you - endorsed by  
Miss Taylor. Promptly a  
reply came from your  
Co-workers. Albert C. Gau, to  
the effect that you were  
ident abroad & that the



in my heart that I write  
you to-night - to enquire  
if, under these conditions,  
you would receive me now.

I will say regarding  
myself that I am a dis-  
abled teacher of hearing  
children, & teaching at pres-  
ent. I am also a graduate  
of the "Simerson College of  
Oratory" - & have had a  
bit of work in Vaible Spent.

Also I am a friend  
of Mrs. Gurnee, whose hus-  
band is Pres. of Lexington  
Ave. School for the deaf,  
in New York City - Six years

Normal Class for this year  
was completed. I had greatly  
desired entering this fall,  
& unwilling still to lose the  
chance to do so I went to  
Magnolia to see your daugh-  
ter, Mrs. Clason, a friend  
of a friend of mine. She gave  
me quite a little encourage-  
ment for entrance <sup>in</sup> another  
fall, & indeed did say it  
might be possible that  
some outside room near  
the school I could engage  
- board myself, & attend  
the daily classes <sup>now</sup> if even I  
had to forfeit the evenings.  
It is with this hope



ago - I took up the work  
with her for a few weeks,  
but I was at that time  
teaching in a private school,  
& found I could not  
attend to both lines of work  
at the same time, so I  
gave up my course with  
her - I am & have been in-  
terested in working with  
deaf people & so I earnest-  
ly desire to begin training  
at once - With Miss Taylor,  
I prefer your method of  
teaching - believe in the  
manual accompanying



the oral, & so wish your  
Normal works. Is there  
any chance for me now?  
I will board myself gladly  
if only I can have tuition  
& instruction in your Col-  
lege. Miss Taylor will be  
my voucher. Also Mr. &  
Mrs. Bean, (friends of Mrs  
Crosson,) & I think Mrs-  
Crosson herself; also the  
President of the Board  
of Education in Penacook,  
N. H., where I have been



your classes in training  
this year.

May I hear from  
you at your earliest  
convenience?

Yours truly -  
Lillian G. Stevens -

Address

386 Main St.

Laconia -

W. H.

teaching for five years -

Mr. Gann kindly sent  
me your catalogue which  
I take pleasure in reading.

I can go - I find - to several  
oral training schools -  
but none offer the manual  
work, nor, seemingly,  
the close intimacy with  
the pupils & their interests -  
as does your school -

Kindly consider me &  
advise me - I do not wish  
to wait an entire year  
if you can possibly find  
a way for me to enter



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Parkville, Md.  
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Resident Principal.

BUSINESS OFFICE:—220 EAST NORTH AVENUE.

Parkville  
Baltimore, MD., Sep-26-07

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

Dear sir,

One of our teachers, Miss Georgena G. Rogers of Baltimore, is very desirous of taking the normal course offered at your institution. She has had one of our classes for two years and has done excellent work, still, she feels the need of a training that she could only get at Gallaudet College.

As our buildings are not completed, we will not be able to have all the teachers begin their work for some time and could spare Miss Rogers till Jan-1-08.

She would be willing to do an extra amount of work, and expect no privileges except those given to a Normal Student.

I realize that your buildings are crowded, but the pupils from Washin would be the ones to receive the direct benefit. Six of the fourteen pupils in Miss R's class are from Washington. She has



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the second grade and every pupil from Washington comes under her instruction at some time during their school course.

The work of our institution would be better and the Washin pupils greatly helped, if you could find it possible to consider this matter favorably.

With deep appreciation of your kind interest and past favors I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Lyman Steed.



EDWARD BURLINGHAM SCHURR,  
NATURALIST--LECTURER.  
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY.

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

My dear Sir:-  
Your letter of the  
17th, is received. I thank you  
for your early reply.

I will be present to give  
my lectures on November 19th,  
and 20th. However, before that  
time I will write you again.

Believe me

Very truly yours  
Edward Burlingham Schurr  
P. O. Box 88

Oct., 18-07

Newark, N. J.



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BUSINESS OFFICE:—220 EAST NORTH AVENUE.  
BALTIMORE, MD.

*wrote*

Parkville, Md  
Oct. 22 - 07

Mrs Phelps

1601 - 15th St N.W.

Washington, D.C.

Dear madam,

Through Miss M. M. Ellis  
the matron at Gallaudet College, I  
learn that you know of a boy  
who is a candidate for entrance  
into this school.

All of our Washington pupils are  
just approved by Dr. E. M. Gallaudet  
Kendall Green, Washington, D.C.

If you will kindly take up  
this matter with him, it will  
be disposed of in the proper way.

Mrs. Chas Phelps  
1601 - 15th St -  
North West  
Phone No North 3920

Yours truly,

Lyman Steed, Prin -  
North 3920



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911 South 20th Street,  
Omaha, Nebraska,

November 2, 1907.

Dr. E.M. Gallaudet,

Dear Sir: -

Would it be a feasible plan for me to take up again my work at Gallaudet College and enter the senior class at once? I could reach Washington by November 11th, if I hear from you without delay.

As you may recollect, I spent two years at Gallaudet College (1901-'02. 1902-'03.) After that I attended the Wright Oral School for two years, and then studied at the University of Nebraska for one year and a half. I could keep on at the University until I earned a degree, but I find the



handicap due to my defective hearing too much of a nervous strain. As I have been learning the value of a degree from Gallaudet College, I hope that you are willing to accept me again as a student. If you should have room for me, I think I have enough credits from the University to render me eligible to the senior class.

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

*Katharine Schwartz*



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DURHAM, N. H.,

Waban, Mass., Nov. 8, 1907.

Pres. Gallandet,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Charles Lane Clark of Washington, D.C. has given us your name as reference. May we ask you to kindly send us a letter of testimonial which will serve to make us better acquainted with him, and which we may use in his behalf if the occasion should present itself.

Thanking you in advance for the courtesy of an early reply, we are

Yours sincerely,

The Science Agency,  
E.

EBR/ILM.



K. M. S.

911 South 20<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Omaha, Nebraska.November 10<sup>th</sup>, 1907.Dr. Edward M. Gallaudet,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Gallaudet:—

Your recent letter has come. I am greatly disappointed at its contents but most deeply am I hurt at the tone. It comes like a thunderbolt as I have not the slightest idea of wherein I have displeased you.

I tried to become worthy



of my privileges at Gallaudet and know of no abuse which I made of them. It seems as if I owed almost everything to the college.

Perhaps you think I should have paid my way, but I assure you we could not and cannot afford it. My carfare and even my clothes while there, were owing to my uncle; and to him, also, am I indebted for what I paid at the Wright<sup>School</sup>. Though I was permitted there to earn the larger part of my expenses. My two years at the University are due to my brother-in-law, Dr. Elements.

I had hoped to get a degree this year then try for a scholarship

at Simmon College in Boston, or else work my way through Pratt Institute in Brooklyn. I should thus be fitted to enter my chosen field with a good technical foundation to build upon. It will be a great kindness,

Dr. Gallaudet, if you should tell me now, before I spend more time in preparation, whether you are opposed to my trying to become an instructor at Gallaudet. That is, whether I may stand on my own merits as a candidate for Physical Director, and instructor in Home Economics, (should the course be created) and not have to fail through unknown



opposition.

There is evidently a colored gentleman in the woodpile, and, O I should be glad to ferret him out! Will you not help me?

I have done nothing of which to be ashamed; and if it has seemed to you that I have, will you not let me face it openly?

Hoping you will explain the implied rebuke of your letter,

I am,

Very sincerely yours,  
Katharine Schwartz





Nov 27 1907

Dr. C. M. Gallaudet Pres  
Washington D.C.

My dear Dr. Gallaudet -

The Minneapolis Association of the deaf is planning for you a lecturing and reception tour that shall be made a great national event, and as Chairman of the Committee having the matter in charge, I am instructed to write you, outlining our purpose and plan, and asking you to give your consent to our going ahead.

Our plan is that you visit Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Minneapolis, Omaha, Seattle, Los Angeles, Denver, Kansas City, St Louis, Louisville, Cincinnati, Columbus, Indianapolis and Pittsburg. In each of these cities you





will deliver a lecture and hold a reception where you shall meet and shake hands with the hundreds of poor and humble deaf men and women who have never seen you and who may never see you unless you take this trip.

We plan that this shall be a great rational demonstration of love and appreciation of you; a great and united endorsement of the Combined System by the deaf of this country, such as has never been witnessed. Your expenses will be paid, your health and comfort will be guarded with the utmost care, you come as the guest, friend and teacher of the deaf of the nation.

I am aware that the plan we propose is great and that there are many difficulties





in the way, but if you give your consent we expect to carry it out.

As soon as you give your consent I will issue a call to the deaf in the cities mentioned and to the deaf of the nation. We, of course, expect cooperation. We expect that on a matter like this the deaf will rise to the occasion.

If we can carry this to a successful conclusion no man can estimate the power for good it will be, the uplifting, the strengthening, the encouraging influence will be beyond calculation.

You leave all to me. I will undertake to perfect all details. You do not leave Washington until all arrangements are completed absolutely. It will take me two or three months to do it. I will succeed, or if I fail it will be because the deaf are lacking in that great virtue, gratitude. All I want of you now is your consent. Then instantly I will get busy.

Sincerely A. R. Spear Chm  
1610 Stevens Ave Wpls.



Washington, D.C.  
Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> 1907

Mr. E. M. Ballou

Sir:

I respectfully ask at what time on  
Sundays could you grant me an  
audience with you? in order that I could  
lay an important subject before you.  
Hoping to be informed as to the above  
inquiry.

I remain Respectfully  
George W. Simons  
37th Eng & Printing  
Washington, D.C.



Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 1907

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

My dear Dr. Gallaudet

Your letter rec'd. I  
have delayed answering until I could  
consult members of the Committee.

We regret very much that you have  
decided you cannot leave your duties at  
the College at this time.

The sentiment of the Committee is that if  
you can possibly reconsider your decision but  
with hold your final answer I will write to  
leading deaf men in some of the cities mentioned  
in my former letter and ascertain how the  
plan would be received by their people.

We should propose to make this a great  
national uprising of the deaf in approval of your  
work and the Combined System - such as has  
never been witnessed, and it is impossible  
for us to believe other than that our



Call would bring out the deaf everywhere  
in prompt and favorable response -

If, however, you cannot reconsider  
the matter, and could not possibly undertake  
such a trip at this time, we shall hope  
to so arrange it that you can stop in  
Minneapolis at least on your way to  
the teachers convention next summer.

Very sincerely,

M. Spear



Omaha, Nebraska,

December 6, 1907.

Dear Dr. Gallaudet,--

You will remember that last year you communicated with me with regard to a contemplated visit out west, and that, when forced to give up the project, you assured me that you would probably come this year. I would like very much to know if you still think it probable that you will come, and if so, about when could we expect you.

Our Alumni chapter is planning for an elaborate banquet to be given this year, and, if you are planning to go to California this winter and will go by the way of Omaha, we all will be more than delighted to have you with us on the occasion. Indeed, to say we would be delighted would not be putting it strong enough. So do come our way if you are to make the trip this year and let us know about when to expect you so we can "time" our banquet accordingly.

And right here I wish to remind you of your promise to be the guest of Mrs. Sowell and myself. In fact, we both shall insist on this and can assure you we will do all in our power to make you feel perfectly at home. For, though we have made the west our home, I think we still may claim a share of that hospitality for which southern people are "noted". And I am sure nothing would please us better than to be able to entertain the man we think so much of; it would be like entertaining angels, not unawares but "awares".

I am much pleased to note how much my humble poem to you, written on the occasion of your birthday, is being reprinted in the institution papers. I know, too, that this is done more out of a love and respect for you than on account of



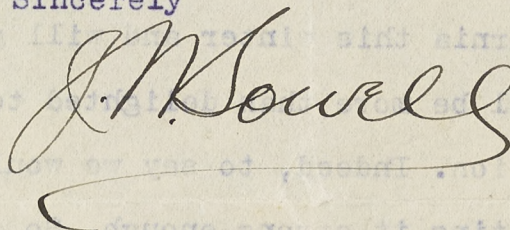
any special merit on the part of my poem.

We all like Mr. White very well here. I was loyal to Mr. Stewart to the last and hated to see him go, but I am glad we got such a man as Mr. White to succeed him. I believe he will make good and that our school will always be ready to do its level best in the way of working for the best interest of the college.

I have noticed in the papers about the death of Prof. Hall's father and wish you would convey to him my sincerest sympathy.

Wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year I am, with love from Mrs. Sowell, baby and myself,

Sincerely





and  
fully +  
not very  
encouragingly

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Northfield Min. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 1907  
President Gallaudet

Kind Sir.

I just received a letter from  
my son " Clarence E. Sharp  
asking for money to bring him  
home, as he had failed.

I just sent the money this  
afternoon. You can not imagine  
how sad I feel about poor Clarence

I have worked so hard  
so as to help him through, & now  
he has failed "just because  
he would play foot-ball &  
neglected his studies. Oh I  
am so sorry."



We did not want him to play  
as we were afraid he would  
fail." I surely think  
he should have one more  
chance to try & make up.

He failed in two of his studies  
last Fall, & should not be  
allowed to play foot ball unless  
he passed in them.

Clarence has always been  
a good boy, & do hope you  
can help him out in some way.

If possible please do what  
you can for an anxious Mother,

Yours Resp.

Mrs. E. H. Sharp.