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ST. LOUIS, MO., April 23, 1888

My dear President:

Before beginning this letter, let me hope that if you find anything herein impertinent, you would readily pardon me.

It has sometimes occurred to my mind, that while there is building a very fine and complete laboratory at the College, which I understand is now nearly finished, you may, as is natural, be thinking of getting an Assistant for Prof. Gordon to teach Chemical analysis and Assaying.

I sometimes think I should like to be a Candidate, unless you have already in mind some other person better qualified for the work and think it wiser for the good of the College to appoint him. There is certainly plenty of such persons.

The motive for my candidacy (if so it can be called) is not for the object of Salary, for I think I can command a better salary outside; but for the prospect of more time for study and experimental work than I can ever hope for in employ of private persons or firms.

I am persuaded that there are not many young chemists who have had such a varied experience in industrial work as I have; and, indeed, I flatter myself that I can teach from my own experience so that my students would meet with better success in the world's battle than I myself have.

ST. LOUIS, MO.,.....

I would earnestly wish that you do not in the least feel embarrassed on account of me in case you consider another person better fitted for the place, but appoint him and rest assured that my personal feelings for you will remain as ever friendly and gratefully.

Incidentally, my wife has often expressed her hope of making Washington her home. I feel much the same myself.

Present my kind regards to Prof. Gordon. I always have had a high respect for him and his general knowledge of Chemistry.

May your health be excellent, and your life long spared to Kendall Green, is the hope and prayer of

Very Respectfully Yours,

George T. Dougherty.

Address: 7119 Virginia Avenue, South St. Louis, Mo, or
in care of my mother, Mrs. Henry Dougherty,
262 3/4 Texas Avenue, St. Louis, Mo

Treasury Department,

W.H.O. (Initials)

FIRST COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., May 26, 1888.

John B. Wight, Esq.,

Disbursing Agent,

Columbia Inst. for the Deaf + Dumb.

Sir:

Your account with the United States ~~of~~ for Columbia Insti-
tution for the Deaf and Dumb, 1888,
for quarter ended Dec. 31st, 1887,

has been examined and adjusted in this Office, per First
Auditor's Report, No. 263,169, and a balance found due to
the United States of - - - - - \$14.04

agreeing with your statement of the same.

A.W.

Respectfully yours,

M. J. Duchant,
First Comptroller,

By

R. Garrison,
Deputy First Comptroller.

Treasury Department,

M.K.P. (Initials)

FIRST COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., July 9, 1888.

John B. Night, Esq.,
Disbursing Agent
Columbia Inst. for the Deaf and Dumb,

Sir:

Your account with the United States *for Current Expenses.*
"Columbia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, 1888,"
for the quarter ended March 31st, 1888,
has been examined and adjusted in this Office, per *First*
Auditor's Report, No. *264967*, and a balance found due to
the United States of - - - - - \$ *1,297.02*
agreeing with your statement of the same.

Respectfully yours,

M. J. Durham,
First Comptroller,

By *R. Garrison*
Deputy First Comptroller.

Washington D.C.
Aug 5th 1888

Dr. Gallaudet

for myself they come in, one
ear ^{and} go out the other.
Dr, I certainly do not desire to
have you loose, any of the con-
fidence which trusted in me, or
the reputation which I have
hitherto held, therefore if you
will pardon me for my neglect
of duty ^{and} all that have
been ^{to} dismiss, I'll assure you
that hereafter I will be mind-
ful, of my duty ^{and} ever keep
your exhortation bright in
my memory

Your humble servant,

Dennis.

Sir yours of the
2nd Inst was received, ^{and} I have
nothing to say in the way of
my defence, I admit sir,
that some things Mr Wright
told you are very true, that
is he did find me asleep for
which it is not necessary for
me to make, an excuse, as
you have justly said no
excuse is exceptable on such
occasions, He spoke to me
about the windows, they were
windows on the 2nd floor,
which I told Mr Wright, I
always put them down, at
10 o'clock, if it looked likely

to rain. Sir I have, deeply
considered your letter and feel
very grateful to you for your
words of advice and shall
endeavor from this time
henceforth to treasure them
as apples of gold, I feel
justified in saying Sir that
I have tried to do my duty
as an employee since I
have been in your employ
never grumbling about my
work, when the same parties
that have been to Mr. Night
with deceitful tongue has
come to me with the same
saying what they would do
and what they would not do
if they were me but that never
move me, although I am a
young man I feel capable
of judging matters of business

Treasury Department,

W.F.C. (Initials.)

FIRST COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., August 31, 1888.

*John B. Wight Esq.,
Disbursing Agent,
Columbia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb,*

Sir:

Your account with the United States ~~#~~ for Current Expenses,
Columbia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, 1887,
Supplementary to second quarter, 1887,
has been examined and adjusted in this Office, per *First*
Auditor's Report, No. 265,532, and found balanced. and
closed agreeing with your
statement

Respectfully yours,

R.A.W.

M. J. Durham,
First Comptroller,

By *R. Garrison*
Deputy First Comptroller.

Doyle (Initials.)

Treasury Department,

FIRST COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., Sept 7, 1888.

John B. Wight, Esq.,
Disbursing Agent
Col. Inst. for the D. & D.

Sir:

Your account with the United States of ~~Current Expenses,~~
~~Columbia Institution for the D. & D.,~~ 1888,
from April 1 to June 30, 1888,
has been examined and adjusted in this office, per ~~First~~
Auditor's Report, No. 265,533, and found balanced, agreeing
with your statement.

A.W.

I am, very respectfully,

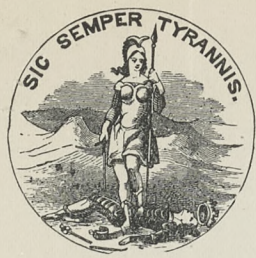
M. J. Durham,
First Comptroller.

By ~~W. Harrison~~
Deputy First Comptroller.

Virginia Institution

FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE

Deaf and Dumb and the Blind,



Address all Communications to
T. S. DOYLE, Principal.

Staunton, Va. October 11th 1888

E. M. Gallaudett, Esq. L. L. D.

Pres. Natl D. M. College.

Washington D.C.

My dear Sir.

Yours of the 8th inst. reached me last evening - Annie Leary Griffin was here as a pupil for a number of years - was last in the 5th year class. never graduated - is not bright - would rank as average probably in point of capacity - was of studious habit + of good disposition - very susceptible to influence - one year here she gave me a good deal of trouble in the way of complaining but I discovered that she was led on in this line by the influence of another girl from Norfolk with whom she was very intimate. The next year I did not permit the return of her friend and Annie gave us no more trouble - Altogether I should say she is a good girl and one that will give you no trouble -

I am glad to hear King is with you. You will find him a first-rate fellow - of good mind, excellent habits + the very greatest industry - He has a sister that I wish you could induce to enter at the College - She is one of the finest girls I ever knew. Ask Sidney about her.

Mrs. Lee Randalph of Norfolk wrote me some time ago about getting into the College. She is a bright boy - classmate of the Kings - A good printer - industrious + well behaved - of good capacity.

Very truly yours -
T. S. Doyle

What do you think of the probability of a man who has never taught deaf-mutes, who is ignorant of sign, who has but little skill in reading from the fingers, making an efficient teacher of a first year class of mutes - a class that has been taught entirely by the use of signs + the manual alphabet? That is the sort of a teacher (Lindsay) that our Board has put into the place of Loring Turner - and our directors.

J. R. DOBYNS,
SUPERINTENDENT.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 3, 1888

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

My Dear Sir.

I was much surprised this morning to find I had not answered yours of Nov. 13, in regard to the Census.

I answered the same question for Prof. Bell and suppose that led me to think yours had been answered too. I beg your pardon for the neglect.

In answer I enclose you copy of proceedings on that point.

I never rec'd Prof. Bell's corrected manuscripts till a few days ago and I immediately handed minutes to printer who said he would have them ready by Christmas. I

J. R. DOBYNS,
SUPERINTENDENT.

Jackson, Miss.,

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do not expect them before Jan. 1st.
I am sorry they were delayed so
long, but I could not help it.
Dr. Peck did not return his fon about
three months and Prof. Bell's trip
to Europe prevented his attention to
the matter sooner. I thought we
could better wait, even a few
months, than to lose so valuable a
contribution as Prof. Bell's.

We have indeed experienced a great
loss in the death of Miss McGarr.

Mrs. Dobyns sends kind regards to your
self, and Miss Grace, to whom you
will also kindly remember me.

Yours friend
J. R. Dobyns

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

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PROF. BELL. YES SIR BUT I THINK THAT A COMMITTEE FROM THIS CONFERENCE CAN MANAGE IT, AND ANYTHING YOU WANT CAN BE DONE IF YOU WILL ORGANIZE; AND THE ONLY POINT ABOUT THESE LITTLE ONES, YOU PUT IN THE WORDS 'HARD OF HEARING' I WOULD NOT SAY DEAF. WE WANT CHILDREN HARD OF HEARING AND WE WILL FIND OUT FROM THE ANSWERS

DR GILLETT. I THINK THIS SUBJECT IMMENSELY PRACTICAL AND VERY IMPORTANT AND IF PROPERLY HANDLED WILL BE PRODUCTIVE OF VERY GREAT AND PRACTICAL RESULTS. PROF. BELL HAS CALLED OUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT AS I UNDERSTAND IT THAT THERE ARE ABOUT 8,000 PUPILS IN THE SCHOOLS, AND ABOUT 7000 NOT IN THE INSTITUTIONS. I THINK THAT THE NUMBER, THE SCHOOL AGE, THE CONDITION OF THE CHILDREN SHOULD BE REPORTED. A LARGE NUMBER OF FEEBLE MINDED CHILDREN ARE REPORTED AS DEAF AND DUMB BECAUSE THEY DO NOT SPEAK..

PROF. BELL THAT IS ANOTHER POINT I SHOULD LIKE A COMMITTEE OF THIS CONFERENCE TO INVESTIGATE; THERE ARE OVER THREE THOUSAND DEAF MUTES RETURNED AS IDIOTIC. I THINK A COMMITTEE OF THIS CONFERENCE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DIRECT THE QUESTIONS IN SUCH A WAY AS TO GET BETTER RE -

118 PLIES. THERE ARE OVER TWO HUNDRED BLIND DEAF AND DUMB.

MR WILLIAMS. HAS THAT BEEN VERIFIED ?

PROF. BELL. BUT I THINK SOME OF THEM ARE BLIND PERSONS BECOME DEAF, AND NOT DEAF PERSONS BECOME BLIND.

DR GILLETT. THERE IS CERTAINLY SOME MISTAKE ABOUT THREE THOUSAND DEAF MUTES IDIOTIC; BUT I THINK THEY OUGHT TO BE CHARGED TO THE FEEBLE MINDED AND NOT TO THE DEAF AND DUMB.. THERE IS ANOTHER MISTAKE IN THE CENSUS, AS THERE ARE A GREAT MANY OF SCHOOL AGE WHO HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED THEIR COURSE OF INSTRUCTION IN THE INSTI -

XX TUTION.. I RISE TO MAKE THE MOTION THAT THIS WHOLE SUBJECT BE REFERRED TO OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WITH POWER TO CALL TO THEIR AID THE CO-OPERATION OF ANY PARTIES WHOM THEY MAY SEE PROPER:

PROF. BELL ASKED THAT THE COMMITTEE BE APPOINTED TO GO BEFORE CONGRESS AND THE CENSUS TAKERS AS THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WHOLE BODY OF THE DEAF MUTES OF AMERICA

~~THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE MATTER WAS REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THIS CONFERENCE.~~

MR JENKINS SUGGESTED IN ADVOCATING THIS MOTION THAT THE COMMITTEE PREPARE FOR ADOPTION BY THE CENSUS COMMITTEE A SCHEDULE OF QUESTIONS IN REGARD TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEAF AND DUMB THAT WOULD BE VERY SERVICEABLE FOR THEM, AND TO CAUSE THIS SCHEDULE OF QUESTIONS TO BE PRINTED IN THE ANNALS. NOW AS IT IS IS THERE IS A STATE CENSUS TAKEN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DECADE AND THESE QUESTIONS WOULD BE VERY DESIRABLE TO THEM AS AN ACCESSORY. I DO NOT OFFER THAT AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE RESOLUTION BUT MERELY AS A SUGGESTION.

MR GILLETT. SUGGESTED THAT THEY TAKE CARE THAT THE PUPILS OF OUR INSTITUTIONS ARE NOT PUT DOWN IN TWO DIFFERENT PLACES AS WAS DONE IN SEVERAL INSTANCES THAT I KNOW OF IN THE LAST CENSUS. IN SOME COUNTIES THERE WERE NONE RETURNED AT ALL WHEREAS WE HAD THREE OR FOUR OF SCHOOL AGE, AND AN INVESTIGATION SHOWED THAT THE PARENTS HAD

119 NOT RETURNED THEM AT ALL BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT THEY WERE TO BE
RETURNED AT THE INSTITUTION.

MR MOSES. IF A RECOMMENDATION OF THIS BODY WILL HAVE ANY WIEGHT
WITH THE AUTHORITIES IN CHARGE OF THE CENSUS IT IS PROPER THAT WE
SHOULD NAME SPECIALLY BY NAME IN THIS RESOLUTION THE GENTLEMEN WHOM
DR. GILLETT HAS SPOKEN OF, HENCE I WILL MOVE TO AMEND THE RESOLU -
TION IN CONNECTION WITH PROF. BELL AND MR. Wines WITH SUCH OTHER
PERSONS AS THEY MAY CALL TO THEIR ASSISTANCE AND MAKE THESE GENTLE-
MEN PART OF THAT COMMITTEE.

DR GILLET ACCEPTED THE SUGGESTION.

MOTION PUT AND CARRIED.