

Exford, Dec. 22nd 1836.

My respected & dear friend,

Yours of the 14th in answer to mine of a few days previous, came to hand this evening. In answer to your inquiry respecting our friend M^r Harris, I have to say that he has not, ^{since} ~~since~~ he became engrossed in pastoral duties, paid much attention to general literature. As to his ability to recover what he may have lost, and to make further advances, — may to make himself an accomplished master in the department, I have no doubt. He has a mind that can grasp and master anything, — at least within the range of ordinary intellect. But I think it rather problematical whether, owing to his unimposing appearance and manner, — his lack of address and talent for popular oratory, — in short his want of that *show* and *ad captandum* which is the resort of smaller minds, and takes so with the popular — he would succeed with your Board, and before your public. Besides I have my doubts whether he would deem it his duty to leave a pastoral charge, and secularize himself so much, as he would consider it in entering a college. I felt him on the subject once, at the request of Prof. McGuffey, when he first took the itching for a metaphysical chair in place of that of languages; but he declined.

I have known in my eye the man who I believe would admirably suit you. His name is Mr. S. S. Galloway, a graduate of our institution, of between three and four years standing, and of the first grade in his class. He once commenced the study of Theology at Princeton, but his health failing him, he left it off for a time, and has not since resumed it; — perhaps may not again do so, as other spheres of usefulness are presenting themselves. Since he graduated he has been principally engaged in teaching. He has taught with much applause in more than one place, — especially in the Springfield Academy in this State, of which he was principal, and where he taught longest. He was invited here this fall by the Faculty to fill pro. tem. the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Prof. McGuffey, and the subsequent death of Mr. Cough, Prof. elect. He has been filling the place to the present date to the great satisfaction of the Faculty, and with much credit among the students, even the very ones who had united in the same department to Prof. McG. whose longer experience in teaching might be expected to give him great advantages over a new hand. Mr. Galloway was expected to remain

with us during the Sefim, but the place having been filled by the permanent appointment of a Prof. Totten of Wash. College, Conn. and the opening which your letter suggests presenting itself, on consultation with Dr. Bishop, we have thought we can get along ^{without him} till Spring ~~without him~~, when the new Prof. will most likely be here.

I have been endeavouring to persuade him to mount his horse and go directly to Bloomington, and let himself be seen and known, — and get an opportunity of shewing himself as a scholar and instructor with some class until the close of the Sefim; for I feel confident that all he wants is an opportunity of action, to make elbow room for himself. But he stands a little upon dignity, and although he would rather take a place in your institution, than perhaps any other at his command, yet as he has other situations in offer, he will not go without an invitation. Now what I have to suggest to you is to invite him (Should you think it best) to your institution to reside a short time, and give him an opportunity to hear a class — in Greek, say, — as he has been hearing our Junior Class on the Troje. May. Vol. 2. — At the same time you need not commit yourself at all to him for future support before your Board, but let him stand or fall on his own exertions. I have very little apprehension about the result. His services for the short time of trial need cost but little, — merely what would cover board and other incidental expenses. It may appear a new way of recommending a man for a Professorship, — by trial, — but it is a fair & a sure way; and it will be, as we have ourselves experienced it, much more easy ^{way} to slide into an arrangement which is desirable, — to shew a Board by experiment, Philosophy's own evidence that the thing works well. If however he should need other testimonials, — he can have them from the Faculty here, — from Prof. Mc Luffey, — from Dr. Mc Conaughy his old preceptor in Classics — from Hon. Sampson Mason of Springfield, and many others of character & standing.

I believe you will feel yourself much pleased should you make the trial. You will find him a fine Greek ~~scholar~~, and Bell, Latin scholar, — a prompt & exact instructor, — and a young man who may appear before the public as a Speaker. He can be secured on a considerably lower salary than your Board offered Prof. M. G. — say \$400. — per ann. and as Dr. B. remarked this evening, "is this day a better teacher of Greek, and give him a little ago and experience, and he will go round him in any thing as a teacher." It may be asked why our Board did not elect him. I answer, ~~because~~ that such was the plan

MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

SENIOR CLASS—December 1, 1836.

James H. Anderson,
Jacob Burnet,
Robert Duncan,
Michael Effinger,
Peregrine D. Foster,
Allen T. Graves,
Henry H. Goodman,
Gilbert Gordon,
Neal M. Gordon,
John M. D. Gordon,
Wilson C. Holliday,
James B. Howell,
Robert Lockridge,

John A. A. Lyle,
Charles T. M'Caughan,
Duncan Murphy,
George M. Parsons,
Samuel Reber,
Moses Russel,
William D. Sayer,
Robert C. Smith,
William M. Smith,
William Stanbery,
Alfred W. Thomas,
A. M. White,
John N. Young.

JUNIOR CLASS—December 1, 1835.

James H. Anderson,
John B. Anderson,
Jacob Burnet,
Robert H. Caffee,
John C. Campbell,
Robert Duncan,
Michael Effinger,
Peregrine D. Foster,
Henry H. Goodman,
Gilbert Gordon,
John M. D. Gordon,
Allen T. Graves,
Wilson C. Holliday,
James B. Howell,
Andrew Jackson,
Robert Lockridge,
John A. A. Lyle,

Charles T. M'Caughan,
John F. M'Ilhenny,
Duncan Murphy,
Benjamin R. Neal,
George M. Parsons,
Samuel Reber,
Moses Russel,
Robert Scott,
Robert C. Smith,
William M. Smith,
William Stanbery,
Alfred W. Thomas,
John Weakly,
A. M. White,
John Woodbridge,
John N. Young.

** N. M. Gordon was with the Class one Session of the Junior Year.

SOPHOMORE CLASS—Dec'r 1, 1834.

James H. Anderson,
Archibald C. Allen,
John C. Campbell,
John Crothers,
William Davidson,
Robert Duncan,
Henry H. Goodman,
Gilbert Gordon,
Neal M. Gordon,
John M. D. Gordon,
Allen T. Graves,
Wilson C. Holliday,
James B. Howell,
Robert Lockridge,
John A. A. Lyle,
James M'Clurg,

Charles T. M'Caughan,
Duncan Murphy,
Robert H. Parks,
George M. Parsons,
Benjamin R. Neal,
Moses Russel,
Milton A. Sackett,
Robert Scott,
William Stanbery,
Robert C. Smith,
William M. Smith,
Alfred W. Thomas,
Eugene Underwood,
John Weakly,
John Woodbridge,
John N. Young.

FRESHMAN CLASS—Dec'r 1, 1833.

James H. Anderson,
Henry H. Goodman,
Gilbert Gordon,
Neal M. Gordon,
John M. D. Gordon,
Wilson C. Holliday,
James B. Howell,
Charles T. M'Caughan,
Moses Russel,
William M. Smith,
William Stanbery,
Alfred W. Thomas,
John Woodbridge,
John N. Young.

Archibald C. Allen,
John C. Campbell,
Samuel B. Holley,
Robert Irwin,
John W. M'Cormick,
Robert H. Parks,
Milton A. Sackett,

Eugene Underwood.
—
John M. Bishop,
John L. Brown,
Elias P. Byram,
John Crothers,
William Davidson,
James M. Dickey,
La Fayette Farnsworth,
Walter D. Gunn,
James P. Harrison,
Abram Hendricks,
James C. Junk,
Benjamin R. Neal,
Robert Scott,
David E. Smith,
Oscar Smith,
Orestes Smith,
William H. Trimble,
John Tyler,
John H. Walker.

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Of the 41 who commenced in the Freshman Year, only 13 are members of the present Senior Class.

All the departments of society are fluctuating, and every department has its peculiar causes of change. In the present case, the prominent causes of these changes are:

1. A four years' course of study is a long period in a young man's life; and the studies of each year to be valuable must be various and heavy. Hence talent, and temper, and disposition, and pecuniary funds, are laid under a severe and continued requisition; and a failure in any of these, will produce a very considerable change.

2. It is and has been the settled policy of MIAMI UNIVERSITY, to give as full and as extended a course of instruction, as the state of society in the West demands and will sustain. And when all connected with society is on the advance, the means for the intellectual and moral improvement of the men who are in the next generation, to push forward the improvement of their country and of the world, ought not to be diminished or abridged. But short and abridged courses of education, both as to time and range of study, are still encouraged and patronised to a very considerable extent, by many who have an extensive influence on both the old and the young.

3. It has never been the policy of MIAMI UNIVERSITY, to encourage any young man to continue in attendance as a student, whose natural talents and disposition did not promise that with ordinary application, he would in a reasonable time become a respectable scholar and a useful man. A thorough and extended course of collegiate instruction is without doubt the best earthly portion that a young man who is capable of profiting by it, can receive from his friends, or secure by his own industry. But to allow a young man to pass through college, or to continue for two or three years at college, who is destitute of the qualifications necessary for personal profit, is to inflict one of the greatest curses upon the individual, and upon his friends, and upon the community. But,

4. While we wish to give a full and extended course of instruction to all who are capable of profiting by it, we enable them to profit by it, and to receive a diploma can be conferred upon them, if they have not made the required attendance. We do not require that a student should give instruction in every department of the course, and to give certificates of proficiency in any department. Any student who is admitted to study, is and has been admitted to receive instruction in the college class for which he is prepared; or if extra instruction is required to fit him for recitation with a regular class, that is also given. All that is required is, that it be distinctly stated WHAT is to be studied, and that when the study is commenced, the student shall be continued a reasonable time in the prosecution of the study.

Civil Society is one great whole; but it is also composed of an infinite variety of parts. Hence there is a continued demand for every variety of talent, and disposition, and attainment.

R. H. BISHOP.

Should my suggestion please you, please write to Mr. Gallows at this place so as to reach him in a fortnight at farthest.

I have scarcely any room in the present sheet for answering other parts of your letter, but there is one part I must just notice. It is with regard to the laugh which you thought you and I could have had in connection over my old letter of 1832. I must tell you that I had my laugh in solos; but to a different key from the one you thought. With regard to the "Tempter's mutability &c." - if it was me you were "hinting at," as the old rum-drinking elder once said to his preacher in the midst of a tirade one Sabbath day from the pulpit on intemperance, - and if you were hinting any thing at inconsistency or mutability of character or opinion, give me leave to say, that it is a maxim which I once heard from a ^{certain} venerated Professor in the old pupend room up stairs in Wash. College, and I shall always remember it; "a wise man often changes his opinion, - a fool never." But I think upon a reference to the said voluminous document (*Oh miserabile dictu*), I just bethink myself it has been torn up for - for sharing paper - it would be found that even at that early date I was not fiery zealous in the Veto, - or non-com - at - itus, or whatever it was I found against the destruction of our Prof. T U W T W.

I hope to hear from you soon, especially in reference to Gallows. You may learn to what that is to do. position & social character, a first-rate clown fellow just like "an o'Connell" &c. &c.

1836 Dec 22

W. Scott

From Mrs.

Rev. A. Wylie D.D.

Bloomington

Indiana

The other time to which I turned the laugh was the 20 dollars which you first had forgotten that I owed you, and then forgot again that I paid you. Do you recollect any thing of a little man 'yelled David Ritchie who made his way through this region somewhere about the fall of '32 to whom you gave an order for the money. I paid him, and have his note somewhere among my papers, and "So you roger" - I'll not pay you. I have a long note to tell you, but will have to put it off for want of room; and I presume you'll not need a dessert after such a meal as this is already. Our best respects to Mrs. Wylie & family. Yours very sincerely W. Scott