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Rev. Thos M. Clelland D.D.

Dear Sir

I received your letter of the 5th yesterday and have today been to Portland to see Miss Martha Fraser, the lady who wrote you in regard to elocution and art. I made inquiry of the work of a prominent lawyer, Mr. T. H. Strong, who is also the Sec. of the City Board of Charities and has had some acquaintance with her and he spoke very favorably of her as to character, and success in teaching elocution. I saw Miss Fraser at her home (where she is spending the summer with her sister and an other teacher), and we discussed possible arrangements. I suggested two, with a distinct understanding that the whole matter was subject to your approval, as follows: 1st that she give us at least (3) three days, two for elocution, and the rest for art, and we pay her \$250- and her fare and expenses (at Ladies Hall) the art pupils to be her own. I did not pledge and given number of art pupils, but told her what the experience in that matter

had been. My offer of \$250- was made rather beyond her demand for elocution alone that we might secure a starting point in art and fulfill our promise in regard to it - The other proposition was that she give us five days (except 1 hr per day for art) and fill the time with other work within her range, for \$600- she paying her own expenses. I told her that I supposed she could have board & room at the Ludia Hall for \$2⁵⁰ or \$3- per week. She wished in that case to stipulate that she might come out from Portland Monday morning (as her sister is there and she would like usually to spend Sabbath with her) and wished if possible to have the hour from 2 to 3 for her art as then she could run on late if necessary. She expressed a willingness to accept either proposition, but would much prefer the last. Her work in art seems to be fair, while not of very high order, I am not a judge in the matter but think it would be satisfactory. I was pleased with the ladies appearance and would recommend the arrangement if it can work in with the other plans and engagements that you have made. She would include under Elocution, Reading & Calisthenics Under the other arrangement she would readily take Spelling, Literature, Physical Exer. & Ginn (with less assurance as to Ginn) in their respective

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terms, or if necessary History & Eng. Composition. I told her that it was yet uncertain what arrangements you might make at the East and that I could not give her a definite proposition until I should hear from you. She is anxious to hear as soon as possible. I told her I thought I could let her know in a fortnight.

Mrs Kellogg writes inquiring for her papers & picture which Mr Shindler forwarded to you. She makes a good impression I think as a capable woman, but I did not see her and think her terms would be too high. Of course the scientific work needs still to be provided for as well as the music and the Principal of the Acad. My son William can take the Physiology and Botany, but would not wish to undertake the other sciences. He also would like to know whether he is wanted. I send a few names which I find of my brother's earlier trips East. They will only show where inquiry can be judiciously made. I have not been able to get later lists, partly because Mr Failing who has the papers has gone to Alaska. I did

a letter from Mrs Billings yesterday courteously declining to give to us but giving hope that her influence might be of service to us in this region, I hear that Dr Hamilton is in England, I presume you can reach the point with some others there, I have written to Dr N. G. Clark, who has been a director of the College Society for years and who has known of our work from the beginning, I think it will be well to see him, I believe I mentioned Mrs G. Livingston Morse, son of Sidney C Morse, a prominent editor formerly in New York, ^{he left} \$25,000 - for our school to be given after his widow's death but with certain conditions which I do not fully remember, If you are in New York it will be well to look it up, Mr Morse's business is in N. Y. I suppose, but his residence is at Yonkers, It might not be best to make inquiry unless you find out that the widow is dead, It is now at least 20 years since the husband's death, I presume you have engaged Miss Brooks and perhaps she can do some of the scientific work, I send herewith in another enclosure two applications from Wellesley graduates, and Miss Fraser named another from Wellesley, Miss Sarah H. Harlow, Middletown N. J. with 3 mo experience in teaching, who has made science a specialty, I send also 2 from Smith College, I hope still to find

The names were Misses Brooks & Fraser, & S. Rec. from Dr Hamilton

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more names for you in a day or two. The prospects here are quite good. I hope you may succeed in finding some good teachers; and also in securing some money. Please write as soon as possible.

Yours very truly