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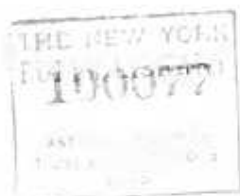
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INTRODUCTION.

FOR some time the editor had been of the opinion that there existed a demand for a work giving a glimpse at the achievements of the deaf of America, which should contain portraits and character sketches of such of them as have distinguished themselves in various walks of life. The cordial endorsement which the proposed undertaking received at the hands of several of the prominent deaf persons whom he had consulted led him to decide to undertake and publish the work, and he accordingly sent out circulars for the names and addresses of deaf persons engaged in any one of the following occupations:

1. Business and professional men and women.
2. Foremen, superintendents, bosses.
3. Manufacturers, inventors, etc.
4. Editors, publishers, authors, poets.
5. Clerks occupying responsible or important positions.

Although names were wanted for only those engaged in one of the occupations above specified, a good many were sent the editor which he could not use. That the educated deaf, in the great majority of instances, are successfully following the ordinary occupations and making a comfortable living is to be expected; what was especially desired in gathering material for this work was a list of such of them as are engaged in the higher pursuits of life, filling positions demanding intelligence of a high order, or special qualifications.

There are some deaf persons occupying responsible positions who never attended a school for the deaf, and, being unknown in the society of the deaf, their names could not be obtained. There are also a few graduates of pure oral schools who should have a place in the work, but since no one sent the editor a complete list of names they do not appear. For these reasons the work does not embrace all who should be represented.

By reference to the table of contents it will be seen that some states are represented by but a single individual, while others rejoice in several. The lack of more names to a state is due to either of two causes—there were no more

names to be obtained, or those to whom was entrusted the work of sending the editor a list were apathetic, and did not send in as complete a list as otherwise might have been.

There are 210 deaf teachers in the United States today, of whom 51 are represented in this work. It is manifest that it would be both improper and impossible to give all of them a place in a work of this character. The editor, therefore, was obliged to confine himself, with a few exceptions, to a selection among the leading ones.

Subjects will be found under the state where the person treated of is at present living, names and states being arranged in alphabetical order. An exception is made in the case of the aged and honored Mr. Edmund Booth, who is given first place in the book.

There are a few cases where the subjects, though educated in American schools, are residing in a foreign country. Their names will be found under the states in which they were educated.

No sketches of deceased persons, or those formerly engaged in one of the occupations enumerated, but now retired and following other employment, are to be found in the work.

It is the hope of the editor and publisher that this work, the first and most complete of its kind ever undertaken, will do much to show to the world the brilliant results of the American system of educating the deaf, which includes all methods that are helpful in imparting instruction and rejects none.

JAMES E. GALLAHER,

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