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JAMES E. GALLAHER

In the October number we made brief mention of the death of James Ernest Gallaher at the Henrotin Memorial Hospital, Chicago, on the 15th of September.

James Ernest Gallaher was born in Girard, Ill., of Irish parentage February 4th, 1858. Spotted fever deprived him of his hearing at the age of seven. He graduated from the Illinois School for the Deaf at Jacksonville in June, 1877.

On the 16th of August, 1883, he was united in marriage to Jennie Elizabeth Gilchrist, of Lincoln, Ill., also a graduate of the same school. In September, 1879, he accepted an appointment to teach in the Chicago Day Schools. He was editor of the "Chicago Letter," in 1880, and Managing Editor of the "National Exponent" from March, 1894, to April, 1896. He was also author of two books, "Representative Deaf Persons" and "Best Lincoln Stories Tersely Told," published in 1898.

In April, 1901, he resigned his position as teacher in Chicago Day Schools in order to accept the appointment of principal of Evansville Day School, but resigned same in May 1903, returning to Chicago where he lived until his death.

Since that time he had followed, irregularly, his trade learned at school, that of compositor, and contributed various articles to the leading newspapers for both the hearing and the deaf. His articles in the *SILENT WORKER* under the caption of "Ernstographs," dealing with a wide range of subjects relating to the deaf, were favorably received by the readers of the paper everywhere.

He had not been in the best of health for two or three years and was on the point of moving to Co-



lumbus, Miss., for the winter. Before leaving on that trip he decided to undergo an operation which he had contemplated for over a year. The operation, while successful, was too much for his system and he passed away at midnight September 24th, with his son at his bedside, the other members of his family having been sent home with the assurance from his doctor that he would live till morning. All that was possible was done for him, he having a well-known specialist and special nurses attending him.

The remains were taken to the home of his married son at 555 Aldine Avenue, where they lay midst banks of flowers and were viewed by many friends, his own home having been sub-let, preparatory to his wintering South.

Services were conducted in Arutzen's Chapel by Rev. Philip Hasenstab, interpreted by his daughter, Miss Grace, Sunday, September 27th. He was cremated, according to his oft repeated wishes, on September 28th, at Graceland Cemetery, Chicago.

He is survived by the widow, his son Fayette G., and daughter Letitia G.