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JAMES E. GALLAHER.

Mr. James E. Gallaher assumed charge of the Evansville School for the Deaf on the second of December. The school was opened with five pupils, but through his energetic efforts it now has sixteen, with two or three more expected. As is well known, he is the author and publisher of that famous book called "Representative Deaf People of the United States," which made its appearance nearly four years ago and whose only fault was that it was incomplete. He is also the publisher and compiler of "Best Lincoln Stories Tersely Told," of which two thousand copies were sold. He is a practical newspaper man, having been managing editor of the *National Exponent* for three years, and one of the editors and publishers of the *Chicago Letter*. He devotes his leisure time only to newspaper work. In his younger days he was a compositor.

Since 1879 he had been connected with the Chicago Day School for the Deaf, the last few years as head teacher in the manual department. He has therefore been teaching 23 years. One characteristic of him as a teacher is that he is bound to have *all* his pupils learn something each day, no matter how little. He is unassuming in manner, and kind, but firm in disposition.

The one who can speak best of Mr. Gallaher as a boy, man and teacher, is Superintendent Hammond of the Kansas institution. He is his former instructor and principal and has known Mr. Gallaher intimately for thirty-five years. Commenting on the latter's appointment to Evansville, Prof. Hammond remarked, among other things, in the *Kansas Star*, that he always bore a clean record as a man and as a teacher; that he ranked high as an instructor; was among the very best of the Chicago teachers, and was



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thoroughly conversant with all matters relating to the education of the deaf. The *Minnesota Companion*, whose editor is a level-headed man, stated editorially that "Mr. Gallaher is a teacher of many years experience, and he is one of the ablest and most respected among the deaf of the United States." These two selections will show the estimation in which Mr. Gallaher is held by the profession.

The Evansville School is now maintained by a private fund raised by public subscription. Whether or not it again receives city or state aid one thing is certain: The school will not lack for support so long as the *Evansville Courier* exists. This is what the friends and supporters of the school say.