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Martins Ferry. Oct 26th 47.
Dear & Rev. Friend

The accompanying communication, was handed to me, by my friend Dr. Drummond, to be forwarded to you. Although I have casually been in your company once or twice, I presume you have no recollection of me. I had the pleasure of attending the Grand Division, in Chillicothe, with you, in Apt last.

I placed my name before the Board of Trustees of the Blind Asylum, as a candidate for appointment as Superintendent, to that Institution, early last Spring, endorsed by a variety of recommendations. One paper of that kind, was signed by every Physician in Belmont County, and many others. Another was signed by the Judges, Attorneys, and all the officers of the County Court, with others, also a number of private letters, all of which I presume are in the possession of John W. Andrews Esq, Clerk to the Board of Trustees, which consists of the following Gentlemen, (viz), Rev. James Hoge, Wm. Armstrong, Matthew J. Gilbert, John W. Andrews, Saml. McClelland, and Joseph M. Elvair.

I presume dear Sir, that you are acquainted with these Gentlemen, and if you can consistently, favour my cause, in any way,

you may deem proper, I doubt not but that
your influence would be paramount, and
whether my application should be successful
or not, I should always feel the weight of the
obligation, and duly appreciate the kindness.

I will not disguise the fact, that I
feel extremely anxious for the appointment,
all its duties would exactly accord with
my studies, and pursuits through life, and
(I am perhaps presumptuous) but I flatter
myself, that by due application, I should
be able to give satisfaction to the board, by being
useful to the pupils —

I hope dear Sir you will pardon the
liberty I take in thus addressing you, which
I should not have presumed to do, upon so
slight a personal acquaintance, but that I
know the goodness of your character well,
and that any cause, which is so fortunate
as to secure your favour, and support, will
not be likely to fail from its own indifference.

with sentiments of high respect

I am dear Sir, Affectionately

Your friend & Bro.

Wm Wood

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