



C. J. Wallace



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My dear Sir,

In answer to
Your inquiries I beg to say—

1. Mr Donald's experience in teaching has hitherto been with high school boys—14 to 16 years of age. With them he has been successful, and has I think cultivated a good deal of enthusiasm for natural science.

2. As a working chemist he is I think not quick, but careful and successful.

He has worked a good deal
in our laboratory, and has
been in the habit of having
his pupils perform experiments
at school examinations. There
have been some of them, successfully,

3 His salary from the
Univ. here has been out
\$800. It would be in-
deared if we had the
means. He has earned
a little more, perhaps \$150
\$200, of chemical work in
aiding in our Museum
in mounting & labelling specimens
etc.

4. His hearing is the only defect. It has not so far caused any complaint as to his efficiency, and in England, whence he has just returned, he has procured an apparatus which he thinks will enable his defecture ^{one being comparatively good,} to be entirely satisfactory. I should not anticipate difficulty as to this, provided the deafness does not increase, and as to the probability of this I can give no opinion.

The cause of defective hearing
was I believe measles in early
life, and I believe it has
been much as ever throughout
his student life and in
his teaching, in which he
has now been engaged for
I think three years.

He is occupying a useful
position here, and I do not
know at present where to look
for a successor; but I could wish
that he had a higher position,
and one where he could advance
and do original work,
which I think he has zeal
and capacity to do.

I may add that his manner
is gentle, and he has a very
kindly disposition, yet has had
no difficulty with the government
of his classes.

Truly yours

W. D. Austin