

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES MAYFIELD

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All Souls

S<sup>t</sup> Leonards on Sea

March 10<sup>th</sup>.

J.M.J.

My dear M<sup>r</sup> Marshall

I think you will not be surprised when I tell you that Elizabeth Connolly is not a subject suited to our Training School.

Her conduct here has not been such as to impeach her character, but simply to prove her inability – to adapt herself to our training. She has been accustomed to command & to teach during the last seven years, and thus has acquired dogmatical manners & habits which are difficult subjects to encounter when ripened to a certain age.

I am anxious not to injure the girl, and we should be very sorry to subject her to any disgrace that might tend to injure; but we cannot keep her.

She is aware of our decision – I wish her simply to disappear from our list of Queen's Scholars before we have received any pension on her acc<sup>t</sup>. from Gov<sup>t</sup>. to take a school & to present herself for future examination as a Mistress. I think she would be desperate at being expelled, and perhaps grateful if placed in a school with the hope of

a future examination.

Her mother lives in London, and if you know of any School in or near London, that she could take, pray help us to dispose of her with as little annoyance as possible.

With kind remembrances to dear M<sup>rs</sup> Marshall, Johnny & Edith.

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Yours very truly in J.C.

Cornelia Connelly.