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Correspondence Regarding Holman's National School of Accountancy at Portland, Maine: A. P. Richardson, Secretary, American Institute of Accountants; Henry A. Niles, Esq.; W. B. Brockway, Comptroller, Berlin Mills Company, Portland, Maine.

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New York, May 16, 1917.

Mr. A. P. Richardson,
Secretary, American Institute of Accountants,
20 Vesey Street, New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

On receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, with reference to the Holman's National School of Accountancy at Portland, Maine, I took the matter up with some friends of mine who live in the State of Maine, and found that they were disinclined to give any definite information. They did state, however, that the school has issued letters and pamphlets and has advertised in the daily papers and that it should be comparatively easy to get copies of these advertisements.

Regretting that I cannot aid the Institute in the matter, I am

Yours truly,

W. A. Hall

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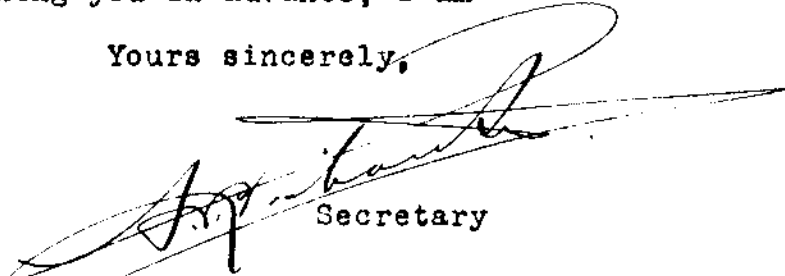
Dear Mr. Niles:-

Mr. Davies tells me that you have some information which you would be willing to give to the Institute relative to the Holman School of Accountancy, Portland, Maine.

Will you kindly let me have any information of this kind which you may have as soon as convenient?

Thanking you in advance, I am

Yours sincerely,


Secretary

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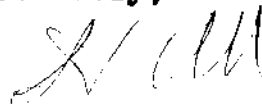
Mr. W. B. Brockway,
Comptroller, Berlin Mills Company,
Portland, Maine.

Dear Mr. Brockway,

Very many thanks for your letter of the 11th instant, giving me your views with reference to the matter mentioned in my letter of the 7th instant. I shall advise accordingly.

With kind regards, I am

Yours truly,



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Portland, Maine, May 11, 1917.

Dear Mr. Niles:-

Replying to yours of the 7th about the Holman School.

I, personally, know nothing about the matter except such rumors as I have heard; and rumors are not worth much.

The feeling appears to be pretty strong among those who are interested on the one side or the other. The pros and the cons make noises very much alike and it is my opinion that each side is biased. The situation may contain something of the differences that always exist between the "outs" and the "ins."

At any rate, there must be some who know the facts, for instance Jno. W. Crowell, General Auditor of the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad, who was several years with Haskins & Sells, is a graduate from the school and I understand has the degree. There are business men in Portland who were, but are not now, directors in the school company, and there was an advertisement in the Portland papers within the past few months giving the balance sheet, etc., of the school. These are matters of public knowledge.

I have not discussed the matter with Mr. Brown, as you suggest, because I am sure he is quite unaware of the existence of the school and equally indifferent to the whole matter; but I am confident he would look upon it as unfortunate if your name should become connected with the matter. There are several reasons that will readily suggest themselves to you, especially as there are so many others to do the work.

Very truly yours,

