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Rio, Knox Co., Ill, June 27, 95

Editor of The Basis,
Mayville N.Y.

Dear Sir:

If you should extend the competition for short story prizes will you please inform me of the fact unless it is announced in The Inter Ocean?

I did so wish to compete, but, on account of sickness and other hindrances, will not be able to send my story by the 1st of July.

I have my subscriptions for The Basis ready; but I suppose, according to the conditions, they are

to accompany the story.

I would have entered the teacher's competition, as that would have given me more time, had I thought it just right for me to do so; for, though teaching is my profession, I have not been actively engaged now for the last year on account of having to stay with my aged Grandmother who is now ill.

If that competition should not be closed, would be fair for me to enter it?

Yours respectfully,

Miss Mary Hall