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42 Sterling Road
Waltham, Mass.
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Prof. C. F. Binns.
Alfred, N.Y.

Dear Friend,-

There must be some one
who has an opening for one of your
graduates who has had experience in
actual production work. If you know of
such an opening, perhaps you can aid
me in finding a location and help the
other fellow to fill his wants.

As I write this I am fully aware
that general conditions are rather
poor and that very few positions are
vacant. Yet I feel certain that there
is still a chance for anyone that wants
to work to find a place in which to
work.

The grinding wheel industry has been
hit very hard by present conditions and
there are strong indications that it will

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be sometime before it returns to normal.
at least the smaller concerns will have
a hard time to get on their feet again.

My position here at Waltham can
only last until I obtain something else,
not over two months at the longest. Of
course you must realize that I am making
strong efforts to find a location. The
company has made strong efforts to keep [a]

thin force going but a recent cut in prices which was forced upon them, made it necessary to cut all expenses down to a minimum. Consequently as the ceramic side of this production was quite well standardized and as no new investigation could be entertained at this time, I am among the unlucky ones. Mr. R. G. Williams, Supt. has very kindly offered to answer any questions regarding my work that any interested person may desire to ask. In fact he is writing to other concerns in an effort to locate me.

I shall be very grateful for any efforts

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or suggestions that you can make, to enable me to find a location.

I realize that at this time I can not make my selection but Mrs. Austin and I do get a little lonely for Western New York. Binder New York paid for my education and justly it ought to have some returns.

Mrs. Austin joins me in wishing you and Mrs. Binns the best of regards.

Yours truly,
James L. Austin

P. S. We have just been enjoying Henry Hoyt Mooris pictures of Alfred in the "outlook". Tell "Del" that I never expected to see anything quite so natural as his "Muding up"
J.L.A.