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Ithaca N. Y. Dec 24, 1905.

Pres. W. J. Kerr.
Logan, Utah.

Dear Pres. Kerr:- I am taking graduate work at Cornell University this year with the intention of coming out home and taking up teaching next school year.

I was graduated from the Agricultural College of Utah with the degree of B.S. in 1899. I was Fruit tree inspector for Cache Co in 1900, I was principal of the schools at Newton Utah 1900-1901 and 1901-1902. I took up graduate work in Horticulture and Soils at Michigan Agricultural College in 1902-1903. In the Spring of 1903, I accepted the position of Soil Expert with the Bureau of Soils U.S. Department of Agriculture. I was advanced to Scientist in 1904. My work with the Bureau has consisted of studying the different soils under field conditions in Md. Pa. Ind. Ohio, N.C., R.I., and N.Y., as to their general crop adaptability, moisture, texture, temperature, fertility and methods of improvement and cultivation. My work has also consisted of making mechanical and

Chemical analysis of soils as to their plant food content etc, at the laboratories in Washington D.C. During the spring and summer of 1905, I have been stationed at the Rhode Island Experiment station doing cooperative work in connection with Dr. Wheeler on the mineral Requirements of the soils in that vicinity.

I am now at Cornell, where I am taking graduate work in Horticulture as my major study and Agronomy as my minor study. I shall be graduated from here next June with the degree of M.S. in Agr. if all goes well.

I am writing this not knowing whether there will be a vacancy at the A.C. this year in the lines of Horticulture, Agriculture or Soils. If there is a vacancy, I would like to be considered in filling it.

As to my work and ability, I refer you to Prof. U.P. Hedrick, formerly of Michigan Agr. College, now of New York Experiment Station, Geneva N.Y. also to Prof. F.H. King, formerly of the Bureau of Soils, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Washington D.C., now of Madison Wis. also to Professors. L.H. Bailey, John Craig and Thomas F. Hunt,

of Cornell University, Ithaca N.Y.

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Thanking you in advance for anything
which you may do for me, I am.

Respectfully yours.

J. C. Hogenson.

519 E. Buffalo St.

Ithaca, N.Y.

Jan. 3, 1905.

Mr. J. C. Hogensen,
Ithaca, N. Y.

My dear Sir:-

Replying to your favor of Dec. 31th, will say that the preliminary work of arranging for next year will not be taken up until some time in February, and we shall probably not know until some time in March whether there will be an opening for you in the College.

I note with a great deal of interest the statement of the work you have been doing, and should there be an opening in the College in your line of work, I shall have pleasure in corresponding with you.

Wishing you continued success, I am,

Very truly yours,

President.