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Ann Arbor, Michigan, May 5, 1905.

President W.J.Kerr,

Utah Agricultural College,

Logan, Utah.

Dear Sir:-

I am informed that the professorship of English in the Utah Agricultural College is vacant. If you have not already provided for the position I should be pleased to be considered for it.

As to my equipment for such work I offer you the following: I have had the very best of training in the teaching of English, under two men of national reputation in such work, - Professor F.N.Scott of the University of Michigan and Professor J.V.Denney of the Ohio State University. I am a graduate of Ohio State University.

I have a master's degree from the same institution, and in addition have done two years of consistent work toward a doctor's degree in the University of Michigan, my subjects being Rhetoric, English Literature, and Aesthetics.

My first year's experience in teaching English was obtained in Ohio State University. At the close of the year I was appointed Instructor in English in the University of Michigan where I have served for the past four years. In the summer of 1905 I was appointed instructor

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May 18, 1905.

in English in the University of Alabama for the summer session.

Mr. Royal S. Abbott,
Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Dear Sir:-

Reply: I am sending for your consideration a book entitled "A Manual of References and Exercises in English Composition." The book is being revised and enlarged for republication next year. I wish to add that I have just submitted the manuscript of another book entitled "Specimens of Scientific Exposition."

^{to D. Appleton & Co.}
I wish to add that I have just submitted the manuscript of another book entitled "Specimens of Scientific Exposition."

For recommendations concerning my equipment, ability, and success in teaching I take pleasure in referring you to Professor F.N.Scott of the University of Michigan, Professor J.V.Denney of Ohio State University, and Professor Chas. Barnwell of the University of Alabama. I should be pleased to have letters forwarded from these men if you so desire.

Very truly yours,

Royal S. Abbott
Instructor in English, University of Michigan.

1817 Geddes Ave.,

Ann Arbor, Michigan.

May 13, 1905.

Mr. Royal S. Abbott,
Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your favor of the 5th inst., will say that there will be no vacancy in the Department of English next year. Your application will be kept on file, however, and should a vacancy occur in the future, I shall be glad to notify you.

Yours very truly,

W. J. KERR, President.