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1500 Bedford Avenue,
Brooklyn, New York,

19 January, 1906.

Dr. William J. Kerr,

President Utah Agricultural College,
Logan, Utah,

Dear Sir:

I am writing to inquire whether there is likely to be a vacancy in English in the Utah Agricultural College, and, if the vacancy is one for which I am fitted, to offer myself as a candidate. If there is to be no such vacancy, pray do not take the trouble to reply to

my letter.

I am a native of New York state, and was educated at Mount-Holyoke, where I graduated in 1885, and at the University of Wisconsin, where I studied from 1896 to 1899. From 1897 to 1899 I held a fellowship in English. In 1898 I received the degree of Master of Letters. While my major study has been English literature, I have also done some work in Anglo-Saxon, Middle English, and English philology.

My experience in teaching English covers about nine years. From 1889 to 1895 I taught English literature, rhetoric, and composition in a large school for Colonial girls

near Cape Town, South Africa. From 1899 to 1903 I was instructor in English in the University of Wisconsin. My work there was a course for freshmen - rhetoric, the analysis of prose masterpieces, and theme-writing. I resigned my position in 1903 on account of illness. The last two years I have spent partly in rest and travel and partly in study. My health is now excellent, and I am desirous of teaching again. While I prefer to teach literature, I have had much experience in teaching theme-writing, and I feel a very genuine interest in the subject.

My most important reference is Professor F. G. Hubbard, head of

Department of the English Language
in the University of Wisconsin. He is well
acquainted with my scholarship and
teaching ability, for, as student and
instructor, I worked under his direction
for seven years. His address is 227 Lang-
don Street, Madison, Wisconsin. Other
references are: Professor F. M. Hazen,
Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley,
Massachusetts; Professor G. R. Noyes,
University of California, Berkeley,
California; Miss A. P. Ferguson, President,
Huguenot College, Wellington, South Africa.

Trusting that I may hear from
you soon if you should wish to
consider my application.

Yours very respectfully,
May Leland Hunt.

Jan. 25, 1906.

May Leland Hunt,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:-

Replying to your favor of the 19th inst., I am directed to inform you that, so far as known at present, there will be no vacancy in the Department of English of this institution next year. Should there be an opening for you, I shall have pleasure in writing you.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to the President.