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(Supt. W.A. #3)

June 2, 1903.

Supt. William Allison,
Ogden, Utah.

My dear Sir:-

Since you talked with me over the telephone on May 21st, regarding the matter of securing the release of Principal A. E. Wilson of the Ogden High School from his engagement as Professor of Modern Languages in the Agricultural College of Utah, I have given the whole matter careful consideration, and regret to have to inform you that it is impracticable for us to release Mr. Wilson from his engagement with the College.

Before receiving your communication, our catalogue for next year had gone to press and was at that time in type, so that we were unable to make any changes. The catalogue will be received from the press in about a week.

As I explained to you over the telephone, we began our arrangements for next year's work early, in order that we would have no difficulty in securing experienced and competent men to fill any vacancies that might occur. Those who were applicants for the professorship in modern languages at the time of Mr. Wilson's election have since engaged with other institutions. If we were to release Mr. Wilson at this time, it will be necessary for us to correspond with eastern institutions for recommendations of available persons to take his place. It is very doubtful whether any but inexperienced college graduates would now be available. Under the circumstances, it would, I am sure, be inconsistent with the interests of the College

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to release Mr. Wilson and run the risk of securing an incompetent man to take his place.

I am very much interested in the Ogden City schools, particularly in the High School, and I assure you that it is with great regret that I am unable to accede to your wishes. No doubt you will be able to secure a good person for the principalship of the High School. Wishing you continued success, I am,

Very truly yours,

President.