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President William J. Kerr,
Agricultural College,
Logan, Utah.

Dear Sir:—

I desire to recommend for the position of professor of English in your University, Mr. Royal A. Abbott, for several years past instructor in English at the University of Michigan.

Mr. Abbott took his bachelor's degree at the Ohio State University in 1900. Immediately after graduation he was invited to take a fellowship in the Department of English on account of meritorious work as a student. He remained as fellow two years and devoted one-half of his time to work for the master's degree, which he obtained, and one-half his time to service to the University. The service in his case consisted in teaching two freshman sections and in correcting themes. He has proved to be a most excellent teacher.

Professor Scott of Michigan informs me that Abbott is the most successful classroom instructor that they have had at the University of Michigan for some years past.

Mr. Abbott is thorough; somewhat exacting; is of good humor and sympathetic in his teaching. He is not a fault-finder as so many of our English instructors become. He finds promotion at Michigan pretty slow, there being so many ahead of him; and I feel sure that in a new place he would
make more rapid advancement. His work for the doctor's degree is about complete, saving only the thesis, which can be finished at his leisure.

Personally he is an admirable man and would be welcome in a group of serious university workers. He is recently married. I shall be glad to answer any questions that you may desire to ask in regard to Mr. Abbott. I feel sure that you would go far before finding a better man.

Very respectfully yours,

J.V. Denney

Professor of English.