

YALE UNIVERSITY
LINGUISTICS

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Dear Miss Kober,

Your very interesting letter of Dec. 4 reached me this morning. By all means do what you can to land Kent's job.

I've known for a year or more that Penn. was looking for someone to take over that work. When I was in Philadelphia someone asked whether I would be available for a temporary appointment. Then I had a letter from Baugh, saying that he was chairman of a committee to look over the field.

Of course there are very few persons in the country who are fit for the job. I wrote naming Henry Hoernigswald, Ralph Ward, and two or three others. Sorry I didn't happen to think of you.

Kent was strictly and solely an Indo-Europeanist. His specialties were Iranian and Oscan-Umbrian, aside from Latin and Greek. He had no classes in Classical authors, and I should be surprised if his successor would have. I think also that you could safely neglect the Iranian, if you want to. You would probably be expected to offer Oscan-Umbrian occasionally. About Greek Dialects I'm not sure; but I think you had better be ready to undertake the subject, if asked to.

It is none of my business, but I'd advise you not to go in for archaeology. There are plenty of diggers already, and they don't know what to do with written ~~not~~ records when they find them.

Sincerely yours,

E. H. Stuart.