

on the other side.

Miss Kahn will send you a copy of her letter, which she's writing to Williams.

As for Crasby & Heffner - well, I'll do my best at the meeting. It will be hard. Nitcher has not written anything I remember. Too bad I didn't prepare a linguistic paper - but it never occurred to me. I'm planning to go to New Haven late Sunday evening. I'm going to stay at the Taft. I'll certainly see you at the Council meeting, if not sooner. Merry Christmas

Alice

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Dear Franklin,

Your special delivery letter arrived yesterday about 2, but I didn't get hold of Miss Kahn till to-day. I read her the pertinent parts of your letter, and she said it was a good thing she didn't write sooner. She's going to make an attempt to write as specified.

One trouble is, we don't know Dec 21 1947
who the other candidates are. She
and I agree, for instance, that I can't
compete with a man like Sturtevant,
but we couldn't figure out what
younger person would be superior.

Don't you think a lot of the
opposition is really based on the
fact that I'm a woman? Even
if it isn't openly mentioned.

As for the "bouncing up" — anybody
must "bounce up" for a graduate
course, or for a course one has
never taught. All my great teachers —
Sturtevant, Edgerton, Goetze, Dillon,
Lane, etc., etc., do their homework,
even for courses they've taught over
and over again. Of course I'll have
to work at preparation. In the IE
field it must be done. The new
discoveries in ~~Indo~~ hieroglyphic
Hittite, Luwian, Lydian, Lycian,
the Caucasian languages, Etruscan, Hittite,
etc. are constantly changing the picture.
The whole field is in a state of
flux. IE sound laws are being
revised, in fact there's a whole new
school that refuses to accept them.
I'm a conventionalist myself,
but must consider the arguments