

12 Piazza dell' Equilivis, Roma,
January 5th, 1903.

President Hon. R. Harper,
~~Mr. Abbott~~ Chicago, (10)
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear President Harper:-

I have just received the information that they are to create a new post in the Latin Department at the Johns Hopkins College, Baltimore, and desire to know if I wish to be considered in the matter. As the position is only an Instructorship, my cousin, who is a Dean there, could not speak for me; I wish your advice concerning it very much. They had hoped to offer

me, some time ago, an Assoc.
Professorship, but there are as
I hear from my cousin - certain
local difficulties just now.
The salary would not exceed
a thousand, now, and, for awhile,
the work only the Freshman
work. The change would have to
be in a year or two. As I have
had the other title, I fear I
should not incur the misun-
derstanding by taking this,
especially as it would make
it harder to find a publisher
for my book, without suf-
ficient rank in the work.

The college is very sound
and the conditions of life

ideas, and there are good libraries
at hand. I have suggested the
title of Assoc. Professor in Latin
and Archaeology, as I wish to do
work, as much as I may, in
the latter line, because of my own
work, and as this would answer
some local objections. I have also
asked President Guicher to write to
you and if, in any way, you
could help to arrange this, it
would relieve me of much anxiety
for next year. The position is one
talked of when I came abroad
but postponed from lack of funds.

My work goes far easier than
last year. Like Mr. Abbott, I
suffered all year from the climate,
but seem absolutely well now.
I am getting my work done in
the Forum itself so far as I
can: the excavations will not

be finished at once, I fear, so I
must try to return after a
year for the summer, as I cannot
publish anything till the
whole Atrium is all laid bare;
Mr. Boni told me it would not
be abandoned till completed,
but he works slowly just now,
because of new interests. Next
year will be spent in getting
things finished off, I hope, in
general if I am not overworked.

Much pleasure has come to me
from some recent courtesies from
Professor Hilse. I enjoyed his
work very much a year ago,
and, later, saved him a slip
in his new volume of the Cor-
pus, not yet published, by some
conversation about ^{my} inscriptions.
Recently, he has spoken in most

pleasing terms of me to a German
friend, and he has just written
me a most cordial note, wish-
ing me 'all speed in the New
Year' and saying that his
library and himself personally
would be always at my service.
It was pleasing, as promising
a cordial reception for my book
from him and the Institute.

I have tried to leave every-
thing open in my letter to Presi-
dent Tucker. If this is not wise
to accept, I trust you will re-
member me, if there should
come to you any knowledge
of anything suitable for me.
I wish very much to have
a few weeks with Vissera
in Halle on my way to

America, if I need not return
to seek a position too early.

Begging pardon for so
troubling you, with all
good wishes for the New Year
to our Universities & yourself.
I remain,

Yours sincerely,
Elihu B. Van Dusen

January 23rd, 1903.

Miss Edith B. VanDeman,

12 Piazza del l'Esquilus, Rome, Italy.

My dear Miss VanDeman:-

I have received your letter of January 5th and will take great pleasure in communicating with President Goucher. I hope that the position will turn out to be one that you can accept, and that you will consequently be relieved of any further anxiety.

I have read with much interest the notes you write on your work and am taking the liberty of placing your letter in Mr. Abbott's hands.

With pleasant recollections, I remain

Yours very truly,

January 23rd, 1908.

Miss Edith B. Vandeman,

12 Piazza del Popolo, Rome, Italy.

My dear Miss Vandeman:-

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With pleasant recollections, I remain

Yours very truly,

12 Piazza Esquilino, Roma.
March 29th 1903.

President Univ. R. Harper,
University of Chicago.

My dear President Harper:-

I thank you for your kind note concerning the position in Baltimore; I do not know that the President wrote to anyone, as he seemed not to feel it called for, since he has known me quite well for some time.

The title of Associate Professor was granted me; the salary will not be more than \$1,000 for several years, but will increase later. Although the lack of money will hinder my work, I have accepted the position, since the President has done all in his

power to render the work attractive to me; I am very glad to have the matter settled.

Just now, I am hoping I have the final proof that "my bestials" dressed in red, in a bit of color on a statue in the Atrium; I await Mr. Peterson's opinion with much interest.

Thanking you for your kind courtesy, and wishing all prosperity to our University, I remain,

Yours sincerely,
Esther B. Sandeman