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TO INSURE PROMPT DELIVERY,
ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO THE
SIGNER OF THIS LETTER.

May 1, 1912.

Miss Hortense Butler,
Peterson, Iowa.

My dear Miss Butler :

I have just received from Albert's Agency in Chicago a reference blank to be filled out in your interest. I shall take pleasure in saying some good things about you to Mr. Albert, but I am wondering why, if you plan to go on teaching and are no longer planning to stay home, you do not go to some university and get an advanced degree, and then get a better position. With the teaching experience which you now have to your credit added to such a showing as I believe you could make, I think there ought to be little difficulty finding a good position. Of course, I know nothing of your reasons for embarking now in this missionary profession, nor of your circumstances, but out of my interest in your welfare, I am dropping this suggestion. If you should find it desirable and in casting about for a place to stay ^{study} should think favorably of Cornell, I would be pleased with that also. Mrs. Needham ^{is} would be glad to be remembered kindly to your mother. We hope she is well, and that you have been enjoying to the full the long interval during which we have not heard from you. We are all well. The children are grown so that you would not know any of them. We have spoken a good many times about you, and have thought that perhaps you would come this way some day long enough for a visit at least. I shall be glad to hear from you when you have time to write.

Yours sincerely,

James S. Needham