

Marion, Iowa, March 27, 1887.

Hon. A. W. Puryear;

My dear Sir,—

I wish to thank you most heartily for your letter complimenting my "Lessons in English." Mr. Munn asked for it and published it in full. Other papers in Iowa have published it in full. The Iowa Normal Monthly will also publish it. I noticed also that it called for it an editorial in the Inter Ocean. You have vigorous ideas on writing English as well as on other

subjects and the public like
to read them. The letter
will help me very much
and I thank you heartily
for it.

The alumni of Iowa
State University are urging
me for the position of
Professor of Eng. Lit. in that
institution. I have not decided
to be an applicant yet, but
my inclination is very
strong in that direction.
My Church work is very pleas-
ant, however.

Your first "Letter to a King"
is a most beautiful
specimen of rhetoric. If
I make a ^{volume of} selections from
your works for publication, I

will want to have that
nearly complete.

Hoping that you have
fully regained your health
and that your vigorous pen
may long be felt in
inspiring the young coeds
to their aspirations,

I remain,

Yours most truly,

W. W. West.