

Harvard University.  
Cambridge, Mass

Nov<sup>r</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1882

Sir I should be greatly obliged if you would kindly inform me if there is any probability of a vacancy occurring in your Chemical Staff next year, if there is I should like to offer myself as a Candidate for the appointment. I have studied Chemistry for six years in Europe under the most distinguished Chemists and for the last two years I have been engaged in original investigation with Prof C. L. Jackson here. At King's College London I was elected to the Daniell Scholarship for the best series of researches in pure Chemistry. I have published in the Journal of the English Chemical Society

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conjointly with Dr. C. R. A. Wright - F. R. S  
papers.

"On some Points in Chemical Dynamics"

"On Manganese Dioxide"

"On the Alkaloid of the Japanese  
Acorn-root"

"On *Veratrum Viride*"

With Prof. G. L. Jackson in the Journal  
of the Ann Academy of Arts & Sciences

"On Curcumin"

"On Turmeric"

And several other papers in different  
journals. I have had great experience  
in all kinds of Analytical work, and  
the instruction of students, and can  
give the very highest testimonials as  
to character and ability.

I am  
Yours very respectfully,

Albert. E. Menten

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Harvard University  
Cambridge Mass Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> 1883

Judge B. F. Kuebler

Sir

I should be greatly obliged if you would kindly inform me if I can become a candidate for an appointment in the A and M College to teach either Agriculture or Chemistry. As a Chemist I have had very great experience having studied for six years in Europe with the leading men both as a pupil and associate. I am a Daniel Scholar of King's College London and have published numerous

researches in Organic and Inorganic Chemistry which have appeared in the various American & European Scientific journals, I have been accustomed to instruct students and am thoroughly practiced in all kinds of analytical work.

In Agriculture I worked for considerable time with Mr. G. O'Heffe of the Cork Agricultural College Ireland, he is now Sub-Commiss<sup>r</sup> of Land under the new Land Act. He is a man of very profound Agricultural knowledge and he gave me every possible advantage for its acquisition. Whilst studying with him I was offered the appointment of Asst<sup>t</sup> Chemist to the

Agr Dept Washington D. C. I had however just a week before accepted an appointment from Harvard University. In the summer of 81 the Agr Dept asked me to assist in the Sorghum Investigation which I did and then returned to Harvard. I have the very highest testimonials as to attainments & character from the most prominent American and European Scientists & trusting to have a favorable reply.

I remain

Yours respectfully

Albert E. Menko

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Harvard University,  
Cambridge Mass

Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>

Mr. J. H. Patterson,

Sir,

I am extremely  
obliged for your very kind  
letter and have acted upon your  
suggestion. Please find enclosed  
a copy of the letter I wrote to the  
Judge. I should be glad if you  
would forward me a catalogue  
of the College. Thanking you  
once more I am yours respectfully  
Albert Ement

Jan. 22, 1893

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Harvard University  
Cambridge, Mass Feb 9<sup>th</sup>

Dr Patterson

Sir I thank you many times  
for the interest and trouble you  
have taken in my behalf, also for  
the copy of your very able address  
and must congratulate you on the  
way in which you defeated the  
extraordinary opposition of the  
denominational colleges

Yours respectfully  
Albert E. Menck



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but is a very valuable supplement to lectures. The compensation should ask the first year would be \$1200.

Note what you say about Dr. Peter and if the time does come for me to be his successor I see no reason why those methods which have been adopted in Europe and at Harvard for making Chemistry one of the most-practically useful subjects should not be applied with equal success at Lexington. I feel sure that the A and M College is destined to take a prominent position as an educational center and am fully aware that to accomplish this will require work. I am prepared to do my share.

I am  
yours respectfully  
Albert E. Menck

Harvard University  
Cambridge, Mass Feb 9/83

Dr. Patterson

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> I would say that I am engaged at Harvard until June and could begin work after that time. I firmly believe I could make an attractive Agricultural Dept. I think that in addition to a theoretical knowledge of Agriculture and Agricultural Chemistry a student should if possible have some laboratory instruction as it not only increases his interest—

CHEMICAL LABORATORY OF HARVARD COLLEGE.

Cambridge, Mass., U. S. A.

.....March 12..... 1883.

Dr. J. K. Patterson  
President Kentucky State University -

Dear Sir:

I have known Mr. A. E. Menke for two years or more and have found him well acquainted with the facts and literature of Chemistry, clear in his judgment, and eminently successful in making practical application of his knowledge -

I can therefore most heartily recommend him for the position which he seeks.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt -

W. B. Hill  
Assistant Professor of Chemistry

Harvard University  
Cambridge Mass

March 7<sup>th</sup>/83

Dr. J. R. Patterson

Sir

I should feel extremely obliged if you will kindly let me know at your earliest convenience what decision the Committee has arrived at in reference to my application, as I must inform the College this month if I intend to resign in June; under these circumstances you would confer a great favor by your kind reply.

Yours Respectfully  
Albert E. Mente.

Harvard University

Cambridge, Mass. March 15<sup>th</sup>

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Dr. J. H. Patterson

Sir

I have forwarded you  
by this mail copies of my  
Testimonials, you will also receive  
one from Professor Hills and one  
from Professor Shaler. I hope  
that you will be pleased with them.  
Is there any possibility of my  
hearing if I am a successful  
Candidate before June 6<sup>th</sup> as you  
can very readily understand  
I am anxious to know since  
I have in view two other

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appointments and it places me  
in rather an awkward predicament -  
what to do about them,

I am

with great respect

Your obedt servant

Albert E. Muntz

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Harvard University  
Cambridge, Mass. April 1<sup>st</sup>

Dr. Patterson,

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> was received and in reply, I would say that Dr. Shaler told me the reason why you did not get his letter was that he mailed it three days later than he intended to, however in order that it should be all right he has sent another letter. I feel under deep obligations to you for your great interest and hope that the Ex Com will come to a favorable decision in order that I may personally thank you. In case it is favorable I should be obliged if you would kindly send me a despatch next Saturday.

Yours respectfully  
Albert E. Menke.

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and Berlioz, and an Associate  
of Kings College London.  
You may rest assured that I  
will do my utmost to serve  
the College faithfully in  
every way. Please accept  
my heartiest thanks for all  
that you have done for me.

I am,  
yours respectfully,  
Albert Smeaton

Harvard University  
Cambridge, Mass  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>/83

Dr. Patterson,  
Dear Sir,

In reply to your  
letter of March 31<sup>st</sup>, I beg to  
say that I accept the appointment  
offered me by the Executive  
Committee of the Board of  
Trustees, and do not desire  
any modification in the  
designation of the Chair.  
I am an F. C. S. of London

Harvard University

Cambridge, Mass

May 28<sup>th</sup>

[1883]

Dr. Patterson

Dear Sir

As I fear a letter  
addressed to you on May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
inquiring if you would be in  
Lexington end of June may not  
have reached you. Will you kindly  
favor me with your reply and  
oblige

yours respectfully

Albert E. Meeker



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give the Associateship to those men  
who rank highest in Science or Arts.

See by the Lexington paper that you  
had quite a successful Commencement  
at the College. Class day here is on  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> and Commencement the  
week after.

I am

yours respectfully

Albert Wentworth

Harvard University  
Cambridge, Mass

June 17<sup>th</sup> 1883

Dr. Patterson,

Dear Sir,

Your letters of May 26<sup>th</sup>  
and June 13<sup>th</sup> have arrived safely. I  
intend to leave Cambridge on June 26<sup>th</sup>  
and hope to have the pleasure of being  
with you July 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> when I shall  
be very glad to converse with you  
about my work.

The degree I have is honorary,  
and is that of Associate of Kings  
College London, they have not a Charter  
like the American Colleges so cannot  
confer the ordinary degrees, they therefore