

MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA.

Phonetic Section.

GUSTAF KARSTEN, Secretary.

Dear Sir: -

I take the liberty to make these suggestions with perfect confidence in the wisdom of the Gentlemen of the Board and also with the perfect understanding of either the practical importance or significance of my advice or else of its superfluity, because if the information which I have covers the whole ground, every single member of the Board is likely to have the same feelings any how.

But I did not think that in a critical moment I should stand aside, without saying what I think. I try to be an impartial, cool headed observer who wishes, first of all, to promote the interest of our institution and then, so far as possible, the interest of all those connected with it.

I beg you to take the letter, such as it  
is offered: well meant and impartial,  
unpretentious and sincere.

Very respectfully,

Bloomington, Ind

March 11. 1889

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