



[Solon J. Buck Papers.](#)

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January 6, 1915

Professor C.W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Building
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Alvord:-

This is to acknowledge receipt of a set of page proof of Pease' introduction. I am very glad, indeed, to have this. Kellar has nearly finished a preliminary survey of the archives of Minnesota, and is going to prepare a paper on the subject to be read at one of our Council meetings, probably in February.

I shall be glad to receive at your convenience copies of the contracts which we spoke about when I was in Urbana.

How does this strike you as a subject for your address? "Historical Research as a Function of the State." "Research" is not exactly the right word, but I cannot think of a better one, and in its broadest sense, it covers, I suppose, everything that we wish to include.

I had a very interesting time in Madison Friday and Saturday. Quaife warmed up quite a bit and told me a great many things about the situation there. Evidently

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some attempt was made to restrict him, but nobody was sufficiently interested to keep it up. I will tell you more about this when I see you here.

Sincerely yours

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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

416 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois,
January 11, 1915.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

I will accept your title for my address,
namely, "Historical Research as a Function of the State."
The thing is outlined and I expect to put it into its
first draft this afternoon.

Sincerely yours,

C W Alvord

January 11, 1915

Mr. Clarence W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Alvord:-

I finally settled on the following as a subject of your address; "The Relation of the State to Historical Work" and the announcements will go to press today or tomorrow.

If you can do so conveniently, we would like to have you arrive Sunday morning and spend Sunday visiting with us and with the Fords. The Fords would like to have you stay with them Sunday night. Mr. Noyes, the Vice-President of the society, and chairman of our library committee, wants you to stay with him Monday night. If you can be here Sunday, it will give us an opportunity to talk things over together before the meeting.

You might as well plan to stay until Tuesday night as it much better to take a night train than a day train from here to Chicago, and that will give you an opportunity to see something of the University on Tuesday. Let me know on what train to expect you. The train which leaves Chicago on the Northwestern at 6:45 P.M. is an excellent train and has especially good diner service. It arrives in Minneapolis about 7:30. If you come in Sunday morning, I will meet you at the

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I am enclosing a copy of a draft of an act which I have drawn up and also of a revision of our by-laws. These will give you some idea of my present plans for reorganization. These have not been submitted to the officials of the society as yet, so they represent simply my own views.

In the preparation of your paper, it has occurred to me that you might get valuable illustrations and suggestions from Leland's article on The National Archives in the American Historical Review a year or so ago.

My seminar in American history which includes practically all of our graduate students meets on Monday from twelve to one, and I should like very much to have you talk to the class on some such subject as "Opportunities for Research in Western History". This subject is only a suggestion, and I should be glad to have you talk on any subject which you might choose. I took the liberty of announcing to the class this morning that they would probably have the privilege of hearing you next week.

I am very busy this afternoon getting ready for the Council tonight and the Annual meeting next week. Will write you again if anything further occurs to me.

Sincerely yours

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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

416 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois,
January 14, 1915.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

This is to notify you that I shall
take the 6:45 P. M. train on the Northwestern
on Saturday evening, arriving in Minneapolis the
next morning at 7:30 and shall be delighted to
stay with Ford and afterwards with Mr. Noyes.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Alvord

January 22, 1915

Professor C.W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Alvord:-

I am returning your paper to you under separate cover. I have noted a few things which need revision, but in general I think it is in pretty good shape. I had a complete copy of it made for the Minneapolis Tribune which expects to run a column or more of extracts from it next Sunday. I will send you a clipping, of course.

I will appreciate it very much if you will give this such revision as you think it needs and return it to me as soon as possible. Our legislature will be in session only about two months longer, and I am very anxious to get copies of this into their hands of the members some time before the session adjourns.

You seem to have struck Minneapolis at a fortunate time. The day before you arrived, we had a semi-blizzard and this morning the temperature is sixteen below zero.

Sincerely yours

January 27, 1915

Professor Clarence W. Alvord

416 Lincoln Hall

Urbana, Ill.

Dear Alvord:-

I enclose a part of the Sunday Tribune which speaks for itself. I am sending a copy also to President James.

Sincerely yours

JAN 29 1915

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

416 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois,
January 27, 1915.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

I am returning to you under separate cover the paper which you will see has been very greatly changed and improved. I, of course, will want to read proof upon it.

I do not believe that I have written you to tell you how much I enjoyed my stay in the Twin Cities. It was really a glorious time and every minute of it was enjoyable. For this I am greatly indebted to you and wish to thank you. Give my best regards to your father and mother and cousin.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Alvord

February 8, 1915

Professor C.W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Mr. Alvord:-

I am sending you enclosed a copy of the stenographic report of your remarks in the discussion of Professor Woodburn's paper at the Conference of Historical Societies. I will appreciate it very much if you will make such changes or corrections as you may desire and return it to me at your earliest convenience. Leland has asked me to compile the report of the conference as soon as possible.

I enclose also the report of your remarks in the discussion of Furpee's paper. You will doubtless agree with me that it is important to get this in and you will probably wish to re-state what you then said, or are reported to have said.

Some time ago I received a letter from you stating that you were sending your paper in its revised form, but the document itself did not arrive, and I began to get excited about it. Finally a day or two ago, I received a slip from the postal officials in Madison from which I gathered that something was being held for me at the St. Paul post office addressed to me at the Wisconsin Historical

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Society, St. Paul. I am wondering if there is come one
in your office who needs geographical instruction.

Sincerely yours

February 15, 1915

Professor Clarence W. Alvord:

416 Lincoln Hall

Urbana, Ill.

My dear Alvord:-

Many thanks for the six copies of the introduction to the County Archives volumes. I am sure they will be very useful to us in our campaign for similar work in Minnesota.

I put into the appropriation bill which has been introduced into the legislature, a section giving the Society three thousand dollars a year for the next biennium for archives work. I doubt, however, that it will carry, as the pressure for economy is very great.

Sincerely yours

February 16, 1915

Professor Clarence W. Alvord

416 Lincoln Hall

Urbana, Ill.

Dear Alvord:-

A few days ago I had a long letter from Stevens telling me about his work and his plans. He says that no arrangements have been made for continuing the work on Illinois election returns, and apparently he is wondering whether there will be any chance for him to work along this line next summer. As you know, I believe that this piece of work would be very valuable and would attract a good deal of attention. I sincerely hope that the library will see its way to push it as rapidly as possible. It would be unfortunate, I think, to lose the advantage of Stevens' familiarity with this work. It is, as you know, rather complicated and technical, and it would probably take some time to break in another when Stevens is no longer available.

He intimates also that there is a possibility of his going elsewhere for the third year of his graduate work. I advised him to go to Harvard, but added that if that did not seem feasible, he might try either Wisconsin or Minnesota. He could find a good deal of material on his thesis subject at either place, and personally I should be very glad to have him

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come here. It would probably be best, however, for him to take his degree at Illinois.

I want to remind you again of your promise to see what can be done about securing a photostat of the file of the Illinois Intelligencer in the St. Louis Mercantile Library. Dr. Schmidt is urging me to push forward the work on "Illinois in 1818" as rapidly as possible, and this file is almost essential for that work.

Mrs. Alvord will doubtless be interested to know that in volume seven of the South Dakota Historical Collections recently published, Idress Head of Missouri is listed as a corresponding member of the South Dakota Society.

Sincerely yours

February 17, 1915

Professor C. F. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Alvord:-

Is there any way by which we could secure two hundred copies of Pease's Report on the County Archives? I am inclined to think it would be worth our while to put a copy into the hands of each member of our legislature. If you will let me know at your earliest convenience, I will appreciate it very much.

Your paper will go to press in a few days, and we expect to have copies ready for distribution within a few weeks. I would be glad to furnish copies to you for distribution among the members of the Illinois legislature. I think they would be as useful there as here.

Sincerely yours

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

416 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois,
February 16, 1915.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

Thanks very much for the check
which is greatly appreciated. I enclose re-
ceipt.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Alvord

MAR 5 1915

THE
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
HISTORICAL REVIEW

CLARENCE W. ALVORD
MANAGING EDITOR

416 LINCOLN HALL, URBANA, ILL.

Dr. S. J. Buck,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

DEAR SIR:

Would it be possible for you to write for this
journal a review (about words) of Babcock's

The Scandinavian element in the United
States. The number of words is left to
your judgment.

If you consent, a copy of the book will be sent to you. If the
review should reach me by April 20 it
would be in season, for the June number.

Very truly yours,

CLARENCE W. ALVORD

Managing Editor

March 3, 1915

March 5, 1915

Professor Clarence W. Alvord

416 Lincoln Hall

Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

Although I had about made up my mind not to review any more books for the present, I cannot refrain from taking on Babcock's Scandinavian Element for the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. I have already read the book through from cover to cover and am glad to have an opportunity to say a few words about it. I solemnly promise, not only this review, but also reviews of the other two books which are in my hands, by April 26. Our legislature will be adjourned before that date and then the pace will not be quite so strenuous.

Your address is in galley proof and will probably be ready for distribution in a couple of weeks. I am publishing with it as the first number of the Minnesota Historical Society Bulletin some notes on the work and plans of the society.

The House Committee on State and other libraries reported out to the senate our bill for the amendment of the law of 1913 providing for a building and also

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another bill for the repeal of the act of 1913. Both measures were reported by the committee without recommendation, so the fight is now transferred to the House and will probably be fought to a finish in a couple of weeks. We are conducting a vigorous campaign and will win out, I believe. The other day I sent out over four hundred circulars to members of the society and prominent men all over the state, asking them to bring their influence to bear upon the members of the legislature from their districts.

I am wondering how things are developing for the historical interests in the Illinois legislature. The election of Shanahan as speaker ought to be an advantage.

Sincerely yours

March 13, 1915

Professor Clarence W. Alvord

Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

Leland is urging me to get the report on the Conference of Historical Societies into his hands as soon as possible. I should like, therefore to receive as soon as possible the stenographic report of your discussion of Woodburn's and Burpee's papers with corrections. If it does not reach me before long, I shall be obliged to use the report, of which I have another copy, without corrections.

Sincerely yours

March 17, 1915

Professor C.W. Alvord

Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I am wondering if you have put the Book Review Digest published by the H.W. Wilson Co. of White Plains, N.Y. and Faxon's Magazine Subject Index published by the Boston Book Co., on the mailing list for the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. It seems to me that the Review ought to be indexed by one or the other of these publications. Possibly I have mentioned this to you before, but I think not.

Sincerely yours

416 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois,
February 20, 1915.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

We will give you the privilege of ordering from the Illinois Printing Company, Danville, Illinois, as many copies of Pease's report on county archives as you wish. This seems, on the whole, the best way of managing it since your business relations will be only with the printing firm.

The question of obtaining a similar number of my address before the Minnesota Historical Society will be kept in abeyance at present although it is my opinion now, and also Greene's, that a general distribution to the legislature would not be of much value. I would like, however, a certain number of copies for distribution here provided you can give me that author's privilege. Probably fifty would be enough as I imagine you will distribute it rather widely among historians.

I have taken up the matter of the political statistics with Stevens who evidently gave you the wrong impression. I told him some time ago that whenever he found anybody who could do the work he might engage him

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or her, but he has done nothing. I think it is very possible that I can keep him this summer.

I have in mind the securing of a photostat copy of the "Illinois Intelligencer" in the Mercantile Library at St. Louis. Mrs. Alvord will be going to St. Louis for her spring shopping some time next month and I am rather inclined to think that I shall appoint her diplomatic agent for this work since she probably could succeed a great deal better than I.

Sincerely yours,

C W Alvord

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

MAR 17 1916

416 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois,
March 15, 1915.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

Remember that I am expecting your article on historical activities by April 15th or thereabouts. If there is anything I can do to help you let me know. You may expend a small sum in assisting you to get the material together if necessary.

Sincerely yours,

C W Alford

March 20, 1915

Professor C.W. Alvord

Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I am sending you herewith some copies of letters in the New England Baptist Library which were sent to me at Urbana and forwarded by Miss Boherty. I enclose also the letter from Mr. Smith who sent these copies.

I do not remember all of the details connected with this transaction, but think that you can run them down in the correspondence which I left at Urbana. My recollection is that I wrote Mr. Smith, who was formerly librarian, asking if there was any way by which we could secure copies of these letters, and that instead of replying he proceeded to make copies and send them in batches, some of which you will find filed. I do not think he ever sent a bill for the work and am not sure that he intends to. I will write him acknowledging the receipt of these copies, and stating that they are forwarded to you. I think it would be well for you to write him also.

Sincerely yours

March 1, 1915

Professor Clarence W. Alvord

Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I am sending you under separate cover six copies of the Minnesota History Bulletin volume 1, number 1.

You spoke of wanting about fifty copies for distribution. It occurs to me that it will be best for you to send a list of names and addresses to me and then I will be glad to have the copies mailed out from here. That will save you the trouble of addressing them and will also save you the postage. We can send them second class with our regular consignment. Another point is that duplicates will thus be prevented. I am distributing the copies rather widely myself.

Sincerely yours

APR 3 1915

416 Lincoln Hall,
 Urbana, Illinois,
 April 1, 1915.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
 Minnesota Historical Society,
 St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

Where is that speech of mine? I should like a few copies to send over to Springfield. This is no great matter but it is the first thing that popped into my head.

I thank you very much for calling my attention to the two review magazines to each of which I have written and have already received a copy of one.

I suppose that you are working diligently on your survey of historical activities. I believe I wrote to you about this some time ago. At least I intended to. The manuscript should be in as near April 15 as possible.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Alvord

P.S. For work here, Alvord-Heart volumes, are ready for distribution, other in type.

*Reese's volume in press.
 Alvord, The Mississippi Valley in British Politics - ~~Another~~ Essay
 in Imperialism, ready for press you to press next month, only ~~not~~ ~~done~~*

April 2, 1915

Professor C.W. Alvord

Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I have looked over the last issue of the Mississippi Historical Review with great interest as always, and knowing my interest in the enterprise as you do, I am sure that you will appreciate suggestions and criticisms and give them such consideration as they may be worth.

I was disappointed, of course, in not finding an article on Historical Activities, but I suppose that could not be helped. Have you decided to omit the one on the Southwest entirely for the present? I have begun work on the article on the Northwest Activities, but it does not move very rapidly. I have a feeling that this is the last of these which I will be willing to compile.

I don't like the idea of publishing articles in parts. Why would it not have been better to have completed Hulbert's article and to have left some of the others over until the next number? It does not seem to me to be necessary to have different articles in each number of equal or nearly equal length.

On page 561, Quaife refers to "still another Fort Dearborn narrative longer and more interesting than

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the group which follows". It seems to me unfortunate that this could not have been included, even at the expense of omitting for the time being some of the other documents or articles.

You will be interested to know that I now have a photograph of the letter which I located through Esarey while in Illinois. I received it last fall, but he asked me not to make use of it until after hearing from him further.

On page 567 about the middle of the page, I find the expression "judging from the way and cautious line of conduct." Should not "way" be "wa[r]y"?

It took me some time to figure out that the notes indicated with a star instead of a number are notes from the original. In order for this to be perfectly clear to the reader, would it not be well to put at the ends of such notes some such statement as [original note]. Then it would be possible to do away with the star and number the notes as the others.

I really cannot see any good reason why a book on northern Patagonia should be reviewed in a periodical devoted to the history of the Mississippi Valley. Can you?

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On the whole it seems to me that the first volume of the M.V.R.R. is something of which the managing editor and all others connected with it can be extremely proud. I hope that a large number of renewals and many new subscriptions will be received. I shall renew my personal subscription at once.

Sincerely yours

APR 8 1915

416 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois,
April 5, 1915.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

The bulletin has come and I am very much pleased with its appearance. I think the form is excellent and the general make-up is fine. Allow me one criticism of your title page - the cover I think is very good. If you think it is necessary for the purpose of advertising the work of the Society to have your titles down, I should compress them into smaller compass and it would improve the looks of the page very much. The printer has done a very good piece of work but point out to him that he could be a little more careful in the distribution of his ink. On the whole, though, I am extremely well pleased with the whole thing and congratulate you most heartily on the prospects of the Society under your charge.

I wish to thank you for your kind criticisms of the last Review which have been noted and may be acted upon. *Didn't have your letter in hand when I dictated above.*

S. J. Buck, 2
4-5-15

I am enclosing herewith a list of people to whom I should like to have you send the bulletin. Since this is a select list will you kindly have somebody write on the cover "With the compliments of the author". I am leaving to you the list of historians throughout the country. There can be no question but that you will send them to Turner, Jameson, Leland, etc. If you do not have the names of the editors of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review on your list I should be very glad to have you send each of them a copy with my compliments. In fact, I think this would be a good plan. Please send me a half dozen more copies for distribution here.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Alvord

P.S. Have just received notice from secretary of board of trustees that I have been appointed Director of the Illinois Historical Survey. Note the title.

Sent

List for Mr. Buck.

- Clinton Alvord, 32 Dean Stree, Worcester, Massachusetts
- ✓ Rev. James C. Alvord, Littleton, Massachusetts
- ✓ Mrs. Franklin Sherman, McClean R. 1, Fairfax County, Virginia
- J. Wallace Head, Palmyra, Missouri
- Dr. John Wallace, Brunswick, Missouri
- Dr. Otto L. Schmidt, 1516 Mallers Bldg., Chicago, Illinois
- + President Charles H. Rammelkamp, Illinois College, Jacksonville, Ill.
- + Professor Archibald Henderson, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
- Professor John T. Latané, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.
- Governor Edward F. Dunne, Springfield, Illinois
- ✓ Hon. Logan Hay, Springfield, Illinois
- Hon. James J. Brady, Auditor, Springfield, Illinois
- ✓ Hon. David E. Shanahan, Springfield, Illinois.
- Hon. Lewis G. Stevenson, Secretary of State, Springfield.
- Hon. Morton D. Hull, Senator, Springfield, Illinois.
- Hon. Kent E. Keller, Senator, Springfield, Illinois
- ✓ Hon. John S. Burns, Representative, Springfield, Illinois
- ✓ Hon. Francis G. Blair, Springfield, Illinois
- ✓ Mr. Finley Bell, Legislative Reference Bureau, Springfield.
- ✓ Hon. Henry W. Johnson, Ottawa, Illinois.
- ✓ Hon. Clayton C. Pervier, Sheffield, Illinois

April 7, 1915

Professor C.W. Alvord

Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I enclose a clipping from the Minneapolis Journal which will interest you. The write up is an unusually good one for a newspaper. The only error I noted in it is in the last paragraph where a statement is made that the Bulletin is to be published weekly. Krey suggested that the only trouble with this was in the spelling of the word "weekly", but of course, I considered the source.

Sincerely yours

~~APR 9~~ 1915

416 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois,
April 7, 1915.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

Will you kindly add the following
two names to the list I sent you: William K.
Bixby and Hon. D.R. Francis, both of St. Louis.

Sincerely yours,

C. Wood

April 10, 1915

Professor C.W. Alvord

Urbana, Ill.

My dear Alvord:-

I am in receipt of your letter of April 5, and appreciate your remarks about the Bulletin. I quite agree with you that the titles are too conspicuous on the title page. My only reason for putting them in was to get in some reference to the University of Minnesota. I could not, of course, follow your practice by putting in merely "U. of M." because there would undoubtedly be objections from the society, so the only thing to do seemed to be to put in the whole thing. If I retain these titles I shall use smaller type in the future.

Miss Potter, my editorial assistant, was dissatisfied with the distribution of the ink, but that was a minor matter compared with some of the other difficulties we had to struggle with. Unfortunately there does not appear to be a first class printing establishment in the Twin Cities.

Copies of the Bulletin will be sent to the people in your list and also to those whose names you sent in your letter of April 7 with your compliments as requested. Copies have already been sent with the compliments of the

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society to three or four of the people in your list and additional copies will not be sent to these unless you especially desire.

You will receive shortly half a dozen more copies. I sent copies, however, to all of the members of the History Department at Urbana, except Lybyer and Jones; and also to James, Kinley and Babcock.

I am delighted, of course, to learn that ^{the} Illinois Historical survey has been officially established with you as director. Once more I would like to remark that "the world do move".

Our building bill has passed the Senate and we have enough votes to pass it in the House if we can get it up in the few remaining days of the session.

Sincerely yours

APR 17 1915

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

416 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois,
April 15, 1915.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

I have received a request for a copy
of my address before your Society from James A.
Conf. Holden, State Historian of New York. I shall be
glad to have you send him a copy but if you have
not entered into relations with him as yet you
had better send it in your name than in mine.

Sincerely yours,

C W Alvord

APR 17 1915

416 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois,
April 15, 1915.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

I have had several inquiries of late concerning "Illinois in 1818" which I have answered as best I could. Would you some time when you have a moment's leisure write me off a statement of your plans so that the next time President James makes inquiry I will have something definite to answer and so that I can write a memorial on the subject ~~if~~ that is required.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Alvord

P.S. Better send me a dozen of that Address. The names of persons keep cropping up. Kindly send soon.

April 19, 1915

Professor C.W. Alvord

Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I am in receipt of your two letters of April 15, and am sending a copy of your address to Mr. Holden as requested. Some time ago we sent you six additional copies, and six more will now be sent.

With reference to the Illinois in 1818 volume. I have had several calls from Dr. Schmidt for a statement of the prospects, and told him that I hoped to have it ready for the press by the first of January. I am planning to secure the services of a competent assistant on this work about the first of June and will put in as much time as I can possibly devote to it during the summer.

I am working diligently on the "Historical Activities" article, but you will have to furnish me with more explicit and extensive information about the work in Illinois, if you expect Illinois to show up well in the report.. I know nothing whatever about developments since my leaving the state with reference to the Centennial Commission and Celebration, or with reference to the building proposition; nor have I specific information about any acquisitions of material either at the University of ^r in Springfield. There must be monographs (e.g. Master's or Doctor's theses) in preparation in the University which should be listed.

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Shall I announce the definite organization of the Illinois Historical Survey with you as director?

What is the status of Miss Sheftel's work? Is Thomson's thesis to be published in the Studies and if so, when, etc., etc., etc.? Shall I announce the plans for the Centennial History with titles of volumes and names of authors? If so, you had better send me an exact list.

I nearly forgot to add the important fact that our building bill has passed both houses of the legislature, and been signed by the Governor, and we expect to begin operations at once. Our maintenance appropriation will remain as before twenty thousand a year.

The legislature adjourns next week, and I had hoped that this would mean a let up on the pressure of work, but I have had to postpone so many things during the last month or so that it will be some time before I dig out. It will probably be impossible for me to get the Activities article and the reviews to you by the time set, but I will do the best I can.

By the way, it has reached me in a round about way that you delivered an address on the subject of "The Relations of the State to Historical Work" over in Indiana not long ago. It was lucky for you that volume 1, number 1 of the Minnesota History Bulletin was somewhat delayed in publication.

Sincerely yours

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CLARENCE W. ALVORD, EDITOR

416 LINCOLN HALL, URBANA, ILLINOIS

April 21, 1915.

Dr. Solon J. Buck, Superintendent,
The Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Dr. Buck:

Mr. Alvord went to New Orleans last night, and your letter of the 19th inst. arrived this morning. We have been in daily expectation of receiving your copy of the article on Historical Activities, and I am surprised that it is still so far from being on its way to the office. Mr. Alvord will not return until Tuesday morning, so that you would positively not have a letter from him until late Thursday. In other words, if you hold up your article until he can answer your queries, it will not reach this office before this day ^{two} ~~weeks~~. In view of the fact that it will take a week at least for you to read the proof; that is, counting in the time for transit to St. Paul and return, I would suggest that you send the article in its present condition, especially as we are endeavoring to get the June issue out on time.

I fear I am not able to give you any definite answers to the questions you asked Mr. Alvord. Personally I think there have been no developments with reference to the Centennial Commission and the celebration, or the building proposition. The only manuscripts which the University has acquired since you left last fall are copies of the Messenger papers which belonged to Amanda Glenn, of Belleville, and which are not of any great moment, since most of the letters seem to have been written from the East to Illinois instead of

Dr. S. J. Buck

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vica versa. There are no masters' theses on the Northwest in preparation, neither is there any candidate for a doctor's degree in history. Stevens is working up the fur trade in the Old Northwest after 1789, but I take it for granted that you know more about his thesis subject than I do. F. B. Streeter is working up party politics in Michigan. I do not know whether his study is restricted to any certain period. Miss Scheftel's monograph is in exactly the same place that it was when you left. The last I heard of Thompson's thesis was that it was to be the next number of the Studies, but I would not wish to make a definite statement to that effect, as I am not positive at all about it. I might add that Miss Scheftel is now working on economic history under Bogart.

Mr. Pease will be back in the office tomorrow, and if he can add anything to the information that I have given you, I will ask him to write to you. However, since all of these undertakings seem so tentative, I do not see ^{that} ~~whether~~ a notice of them is at all essential, and it is best to leave something to write about next spring. I am sending you under separate cover a copy of the Biennial Report of the Trustees of the Library which may answer some of your questions regarding their activities.

It will simplify matters for me slightly if you have not already copied your paper if you will be very sparing in the use of capitals. The present rule is: "when in doubt, do not." For example, we lower case in addition to what we lower cased last year rivers, lakes, territory, state, counties, and the like, capitalizing ^{institution titles given} only when the title ^{rule} is the authentic title of the institution named. This ^{rule} applies even to titles of articles and books. We are using strictly bibliographical style for them, such as you used in Volume IX of

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the Collections.

I trust that I have given you some information that may be useful.

I am especially interested in having the copy in my hands as soon as possible,
for tempus fugit.

Very truly yours,

Mary G. Boherty

MGD/MGS

April 22, 1915

Miss Mary G. Doherty

Urbana, Ill.

My dear Miss Doherty:-

I have just read your letter of the 21st, and am very glad to have the information which it contains on work in progress in Illinois.

I regret very much that I have not been able to make more rapid progress on the article, but, as you say, "tempus fugit" and I have had other things to attend to which were of very great importance, especially in connection with the meetings of the legislature. In the meantime, I have been obliged to neglect my University work and have not yet prepared for the press the Biennial Report of the Minnesota Historical Society which should have been published a couple of months ago, to say nothing of the May number of the Minnesota History Bulletin. In spite of the fact that both of these publications should be out before the date of the publication of the M.V.H.R., I am giving precedence to the work on the Historical Activities article. I cannot say just when I will have it in your hands, but I assure you that it will be as soon as possible. I have been working on an average of about twelve hours a day for the past month and that is pretty nearly my limit.

M.G.D. 4/22/15 -2

I assume that you are more anxious to get this article than the reviews of the books which have been in my hands for some time, and consequently I will let them go for the present. If it is absolutely essential that the copy for the Review go to press next week, my only suggestion would be that you put in something else in the place of my article. If a decision to do this is reached, please let me know at once on order that I may not spend time on this work unnecessarily.

Your suggestion that I send the article to you in its present form is hardly feasible, as it does not exist as yet. The greater part of the work is the collection of material and when I get that all together, it will not take very long to put it into form. I might add that if you do publish it, I will not insist upon seeing the proof, which will facilitate matters somewhat.

I am very glad, indeed, to have the copy of the Trustees' Report and am somewhat surprised that a copy was not sent to me before. I understand that it has been out for several weeks, and I supposed that my name was on the mailing list for all such publications.

Although this letter is addressed to you, it is intended for Professor Alvord also, of course.

Sincerely yours

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April 29, 1915.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

I think that Miss Doherty's answer to your letter asking several questions was sufficiently explicit. Thompson's thesis is already in press and will appear shortly as a number of the Studies.

My volume for the Arthur H. Clark Company is almost ready for the press and I am expecting to send it on May 30. The title has been changed to: "The Mississippi Valley in British Politics: An Essay in Imperialism." Whether it will be published in one or two volumes is still an open question.

You may have seen that the Indiana Historical Commission has been formed for the purpose of taking care of the centennial celebration of that state. They have a certain sum of money, I think

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\$5000, which may be used for publication purposes and which it is their intention to use in that way. If you do not get the details of this I can look it up when your paper comes.

I gave at Indianapolis the same address that I gave at St. Paul and Woodburn asked if he might publish it in the Indiana Magazine. I told him that you were going to have it out in a little while but that I had no objection and I felt sure you had not, so I expect that humble piece of work will appear a second time.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Wood

P.S. Better announce in your "Historical Activities" the fact that I have been made Director, and also announce names of authors of historical volumes except Fairlie who has declined.

May 6, 1915

Professor C. . Alvord

Urbana, Ill.

Dear Mr. Alvord:-

Here is the remainder of the paper. I have not known, of course, whether books referred to are to be reviewed in this or future numbers of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review, so I relied upon you and Miss Doherty to supply that information. In case, a book referred to is reviewed in the same issue, the bibliographical data which I have given might well be stricken out.

I am very sorry to be so late in getting this in, but I did the very best possible under the circumstances. I am inclined to think that you will still be able to get the June number of the Review out on time and in case you should not, I do not believe that the world would come to an end.

I did not take the trouble to reply to your telegram because I was too busy working on the article. Indeed, I was very much surprised to receive so peremptory a message after the explanation contained in my letter to Miss Doherty. After receiving your last letter, however, I concluded that the telegram must have been sent before you saw my letter. As I was already working to the fullest extent of my ability, it accomplished nothing except the transfer of fifty cents from my pocket to the coffers of the telegraph company.

C.W.A. 5/6/15 -2

I have not had time as yet to figure out the cost of transcribing the paper, but will let you know later. That was the only expense connected with it.

Dean Ford showed me your letter to him which told what the association did not do at New Orleans, but failed to say what it did do. I trust that you will take pity on a poor unfortunate who was obliged to remain away from the meeting in order to prepare a paper for publication in the association's Review and send him some news.

Sincerely yours

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May 11, 1915.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

Any little idiosyncrasies that I may be guilty of should be excused on the ground that I am going to bed anywhere from two to three o'clock every morning. The reason for this is my desire to send my Arthur H. Clark volume to the press on May 30th if possible. Everything else is going to sixes and sevens until this work is finished. This is my excuse for my neglect of you and also the shortness of my letter to Ford and I wish that you would explain it to him. As for the telegram, kindly charge the fifty cents up to expenses of the paper and send it on.

We had a good time at New Orleans. There were eight men from north of Mason's and Dixon's Line. The meetings were, on the whole, pretty well attended - in fact a good crowd turned out

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at all times and the papers were of high standard. New Orleans people were lovely and they entertained us and made us very welcome. Mr. Beer of the Howard Memorial Library was the responsible party for this and he did his work in a most satisfactory way.

We elected Dunbar Rowland president, ^{Lousat} and Moore vice-president, and Willard of Colorado and White of Tulane the executive committee. Dunbar Rowland was feeling fine and has promised great assistance in extending our membership in the South.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Slood

May 15, 1915

Professor Clarence W. Alvord

Urbana, Ill.

Dear Mr. Alvord:-

You certainly have my sympathy. I sincerely hope that you succeed in getting your book off on time.

I was glad to hear about the New Orleans meeting and think that you made a very wise selection of officers. Especially am I glad that Howland was elected president. I notice that most of the officers elected were southern men, and that was doubtless wise, as it is very desirable to build up interest in the association in the south.

I enclose a bill for expenses in connection with the paper.

You will be interested to know that I am now the proud possessor of a Studebaker four, and the next time you come to the Twin Cities you will not be forced to suffer the indignity of riding on the plebeian street ^{et} car.

Sincerely yours

May 14, 1915

Mississippi Valley Historical Review

To S.J. Buck, Dr.

Expenses in connection with the preparation of
the report on "Historical Activities in the
Old Northwest, 1914-15"

\$11.88

May 19, 1915

Professor C.W. Alvord

Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I should like to have at least one hundred separates of my article on Historical Activities In the Old Northwest.

By the way you will be interested to know that we actually received an order from a book dealer the other day for a copy of your address, which necessitated our fixing a price for it: to wit, fifteen cents, with the dealer's discount.

Sincerely yours

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May 20, 1915.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

I notice in your Survey of Historical Activities that you mention the possibility of a meeting of representatives of the northwestern states at Chicago in June. I do not remember just how we left that whole matter but believe you were appointed as secretary of the conference, and I am writing to ask whether you think it would be wise for us to arrange such a meeting.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Alvord

May 24, 1915

Professor G.W. Alvord

Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

Replying to your letter of May 20

I certainly do think it would be wise for us to arrange for a meeting of representatives of historical work in the Northwest in Chicago during the latter part of June. I have just had a letter from Quafe in which he states that so far as he can see at present it would be possible for him to attend. He suggests that we have the meeting in Madison instead of Chicago, but I am inclined to think that we would get a larger attendance at Chicago. We might possibly hold another meeting in Madison in the fall at the time of the annual meeting of the Wisconsin Historical Society.

As to subjects for discussion, what do you think of bringing up the question of a cooperative arrangement for making a calendar and possibly transcript of material relating to the Northwest in the archives of eastern missionary societies? Another topic which we might well take up is that of the preparation of a uniform style code for historical publications. Let me know what you think about this and what date would be convenient for you, as I ought to take

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it up at once with Shambaugh, Lindley, and Moore.

Ought Woodburn to be invited to attend, and how about Libby? Is there anyone in Ohio whom we ought to invite?

I don't suppose Hockett could come.

Sincerely yours

May 26, 1915

Professor C.W. Alvord

Urbans, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

Doubtless you have read with much interest the article entitled "Our States and their History" in the Nation for May 20. Possibly some parts of it struck you as familiar. What do you think of the ethical aspect of such bodily lifting of ideas and illustrations without even mentioning the source? I enclose a carbon of a letter which I have just written to the editor of the Nation on the subject.

Sincerely yours

June 7, 1915

Professor C.W. Alvord

Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

Would you please take time to answer my recent letter with reference to the proposed conference in Chicago? How does Thursday, June 24, suit you for the date? If you see any objections to it, let me know. What arrangements would you suggest for the meeting or meetings; time of day, place, etc.? You are so much more accustomed to handling such things, especially in Chicago than am I, that I will need your assistance in these matters.

I hear strange news to the effect that Dorner is to be married to one of the instructors in the music department. It is incredible, but Mrs. Ford is the authority for the statement. Can you verify it and if so, who is the fortunate or unfortunate girl?

I understand also that Miss Kirkup is soon to join the Minnesota faculty group as the wife of Parcel.

Ford says that he is in bad with the Illinois people now. I understand that his capture of Goffman is considered as the last straw.

Sincerely yours

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June 8, 1915.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

I have neglected work of all kinds for the book, the first thirteen chapters of which go to the press tomorrow. I don't believe I have looked inside my tray since May 19th. I certainly approve of the meeting in Chicago and you may call it whenever you choose, although I am likely to be obliged to be there on the 18th or 19th of June and that would be a very convenient time for I am not anxious to make two trips to Chicago this month.

The subjects that you suggest for discussion I think all right and I believe it would be wise to invite Woodburn to the conference besides Shambaugh, Libby and Moore.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Alvord

P.S. This will answer letter just received. I'll make arrangements in Chicago when you fix the day. Better be at Sherman House. Danner is to be married. Don't borrow the girl.

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MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL REVIEW

416 Lincoln Hall

Urbana, Illinois,

June 8, 1915.

Dear sir:

I am enclosing herewith a statement of prices for separates. Please advise how many you want and whether with or without covers.

C. W. Alvord,

Quotation on Separates.

For a four page reprint, twenty-five (25) copies, one dollar (\$1.00); additional copies one dollar (\$1.00) per hundred.

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For sixteen pages or more, in multiples of four pages, twenty-five (25) copies, twenty-five cents per page; additional copies ten cents per page per hundred.

All of the quotations contemplate reprints without any change in folio lines, and without covers. They include, however, the insertion of a line indicating the source of the reprint.

For a cover there will be an extra charge of one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) for twenty-five (25) copies, and additional copies could be furnished at the rate of one dollar (\$1.00) per hundred.

The prices for additional one hundred copies would govern a less number.

June 14, 1915

Mr. Clarence W. Alvord:

Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

Your letter of June 8 finally reached me today. I have had considerable trouble about the delivery of your letters and would suggest that you give your stenographer instructions to address me Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul. Several of your letters have been addressed "Minnesota Historical Society, Minneapolis" with the result that they have been delivered after delay at my University office which I visit at rare intervals. I particularly regret the delay in the delivery of this letter because had I received it earlier, it might have been possible to arrange the meeting for the eighteenth or nineteenth. Those dates are now so near that I think we will have to stick to the twentyfourth. I have already corresponded with Quaife on the subject and he says that date will be agreeable to him. I have not written to the others because I was waiting to hear from you, but I am sure that the dates you suggest would not give them sufficient notice.

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I will write today to Libby, Shambaugh, Harlan, Woodburn, Lindley and Moore. With Quaife and ourselves, that will make nine. I doubt if Libby will come, however, and possibly some of the others will not.

Don't you think it would be advisable to ask Dr. Schmidt to attend our meeting? If I remember correctly he took your first conference under his wing, so to speak, and he might possibly be moved to do something nice for us this time.

I will designate the Sherman House as the place of meeting and will state that further details will be announced later. I have written to Heland to the effect that this meeting is to be held and suggested that it might be a good opportunity for him to communicate his views about the publication of the material in the French archives. I invited him to attend, but do not suppose he will come.

With reference to separates of my article, twenty-five will not be enough and as there appears from your quotation to be no reduction for less than one hundred additional copies, I might as well take one hundred and twenty-five. I wish them without change in folio lines and without covers.

I am very glad, indeed, to hear that part of your book has gone to press. I am wondering when the first volume of British Illinois will appear. It seems to me that

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I have a recollection of a wager on that subject with you. In view of the fact, however, that our May Bulletin is not yet in press, I do not think that I have much to say. Our Biennial Report will be ready for distribution in a day or two.

You will be interested to know that Krey has been made assistant professor, but without any increase in salary. Practically all of the University promotions this year are of this sort, due to the failure of the legislature to grant the full maintenance appropriation requested.

I am wondering what is the situation with reference to university and historical matters in the Illinois legislature this year.

Sincerely yours

P.S. By the way, I note from the Bulletin of the New York Public Library that Cyrus H. McCormack has given "a copy, number 6, of the private printed work, 'The Illinois Wabash Land Company Manuscripts, with an introduction by Clarence Walworth Alvord' " to the New York Public Library. If you will persuade Mr. McCormack to present a copy of this to the Minnesota Historical Society, the favor will be deeply appreciated, and you will be fulfilling in part the obligation of corresponding members of the society "to aid

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it by representing it in their vicinity and procuring donations for its library and museum." The expression is not mine, but it is so suggestive that I carried it over from the old to the new by-laws.

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Dr. Solon J. Buck,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

The 24th will be very convenient although July 1st would be still more convenient because I think I shall have to go up July 1st anyway, but if worst comes to worst I shall have to go twice. I think most decidedly you should ask Dr. Schmidt to be present.

I shall write to Cyrus H. McCormick and ask him to send a copy of the Illinois Wabash Land Company Manuscripts to your library. My list for Mr. McCormick was made up before you had become connected with the Minnesota Historical Society. There were only fifty copies printed and if I remember rightly I distributed thirty-five of them myself to libraries and it is quite possible that the edition is now exhausted, but I shall certainly do my best for you.

When you see Mr. Krey give him my best regards and compliments.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Alvord

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THE
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
HISTORICAL REVIEW

CLARENCE W. ALVORD
MANAGING EDITOR

416 LINCOLN HALL, URBANA, ILL.

Dr. Solon J. Buck

DEAR SIR:

Would it be possible for you to write for this
journal a review (about *left to your judgment* words) of

Bibliography of Arizona

If you consent, a copy of the book will be sent to you. If the
review should reach me by *August 1* it
would be in season, for the *September* number.

Very truly yours,

CLARENCE W. ALVORD

Managing Editor

June 17, 1915

Mr. C.W. Alvord

Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I should like very much to review the bibliography of Arizona, but I do not feel justified in undertaking any further obligations until I get caught up to some extent with my work. I had hardly supposed that you would ask me to review any more books in view of my failure to attend to the ones which I already have on hand in a reasonable length of time.

Sincerely yours

June 19, 1915

Mr. Clarence W. Alvord

Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

The notices went out several days ago for the conference in Chicago on June 24. July 1 would have suited me exactly as well, but some date simply had to be fixed upon in order to give the people a reasonable amount of notice.

Shambaugh has accepted and Libby writes that it will be impossible for him to attend. I have a note from Miss Varnam of the Michigan Historical Association stating that Moore is now in Washington and will not return to Lansing until the end of the month. I presume she will forward my letter to him and hope that he will be able to attend the meeting. Shambaugh inquired why Paine was not invited and on thinking the matter over, it seemed to me that he most decidedly should be included, so I have extended an invitation to him. Am writing to Dr. Schmidt about the conference today.

Do you think we had better get together first at luncheon or in the afternoon? We must determine these matters soon in order to have time to notify everyone. Don't forget that you are to make the arrangements in Chicago.

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If we call the meeting to begin at luncheon, I hope that you will come up the night before so that we can get together in the forenoon. There are a number of things I should like to talk over with you before the general conference begins. I will probably arrive in Chicago in the morning of the twenty-fourth.

I appreciate your asking Mr. McCormack to send us a copy of his book and hope that he will have one left for us.

Sincerely yours

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Dr. Solon J. Buck;
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

I had expected that you would decide on the details of the meeting and fear that this letter will reach you so late that you will not have an opportunity to send out word to the other men unless you telegraph them. It is a matter of indifference to me whether we meet first at luncheon or in the afternoon at the Sherman House but since you perhaps would like my opinion I shall say, luncheon. I shall come up the night before and shall be at the Sherman House probably sound asleep when you arrive but you may call me and we will breakfast together.

Sincerely yours,

C W Alvord

June 22, 1915

Mr. Clarence W. Alvord

Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I looked for a letter from you this morning about arrangements in Chicago, but none came. The time is so short that it is absolutely necessary to decide the details. I am writing to the others, therefore, to the effect that those whose trains arrive in Chicago in time, will lunch together at the Sherman House at twelve thirty. The conference will begin at the same place at two P.M. This is Thursday, June 24.

Besides ourselves, Shambaugh, Quaife and Lindley will be there. I have not heard from Woodburn, Harlan, Moore, no Dr. Schmidt. Libby and Paine cannot come. I will go direct to the Sherman House when I arrive in Chicago Thursday morning and will inquire for you.

Sincerely yours

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THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
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CLARENCE W. ALVORD
MANAGING EDITOR

416 LINCOLN HALL URBANA, ILLINOIS

June 24, 1915.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Buck:

This is to remind you that the
following books were sent to you for review:

Trexler: Slavery in Missouri

Babcock: The Scandinavian Element in the U. S.

Wellington: The Political and Sectional Influence
of the Public Lands

If these reviews are to be printed in the
September number they should be in my hands by the
20th of July at the latest. Will you kindly endeavor
to send them to me by that time.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Alvord

July 2, 1915.

Professor Clarence Alvord,
416 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Mr. Alvord:-

You may remember that at our conference some mention was made of the prices paid by this institution for standard typewriters. I will appreciate it, very much, if you will inform me as to the machine or machines which you use, the prices at which they are secured, and the exchange terms you have with the company.

I hope to find time to work up a report of the conference in the course of a few weeks.

Sincerely yours,

July 15, 1915

Prof. Clarence W. Alvord,
416 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Alvord:

I have just come across a couple of items in the Acts and Proceedings of the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies, Tenth Annual Meeting, 1915, which I am sure will interest you and which you might not see. In the "Report of the Pennsylvania History Club to the Federation" appears the following:

Papers read: "Recent Progress in the Study of the History of the West," by Prof. Clarence W. Alvord. This paper of ~~give~~ ^{gives} account of the introduction of scientific methods in the gathering and care of manuscripts, modern research methods in the use and editing of archives and opportunity of monographic work in State history - a paper of great value. (Page 35)

The following is an extract from the "Report of the Committee on Preserving Manuscript Records," Ames and McKinley:

In connection also with the future publication of historical material, the scope and plans of some of the other States might well be considered. We would especially desire to call attention to the comprehensive character of the project that is now in course of fulfilment under the auspices of the Illinois State Historical Library Commission. (Page 74)

Sincerely yours,

July 17, 1915.

Prof. C. W. Alvord,
416 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Alvord:

Beginning the 1st of July, I have had the services of an excellent assistant in my work on the "Illinois in 1818" volume, and have been making some progress. We have, however, run up again the problem of how to get hold of some of the fundamental material. Our library here contains all of the ordinary material for Illinois history, but some very important things are lacking.

Our most serious want at present is for the legislative journals and session laws of the later territorial and early state period. If I remember correctly, these volumes are extremely rare, and some of them are not in the library of the University of Illinois. This is especially true of the journals. Do you not think it would be advisable to have the copies in the Illinois State Historical Library at Springfield reproduced with the photostat. I could then use the reproductions, and when through with them, they could be turned over to the Library of the University of Illinois. It would seem to me that these would be absolutely essential to you and peace in the preparation of your volumes of the Centennial History.

I also need the transcripts of these documents in the state archives which we talked about having copied by Miss Gorman.

Have you done anything further about the file of the Intelligencer in St. Louis? I simply must have a lot of material from that file, and if there is no prospect of securing a complete reproduction, I want to make up a list of items for transcribing.

Dr. Schmidt is, as you know, very anxious that my volume be pushed along rapidly; but I will have to rely upon you to assist me in getting the material.

A possible solution with reference to the rare books would be for the Illinois State Historical Society ^{Library} to loan them to the Minnesota Historical Society; but I presume Mrs. Webber would object strenuously, and rightly so, I think, because the copies are almost if not quite unique, and could not be replaced if lost in transit.

We have just received a bolt of mousseline from Lord & Taylor of New York. My order called for exactly the same material as they had been furnishing to you, and in order to make sure that that is what I got, I am enclosing a piece, which I would like to have you compare with what you use. It does not seem to me to be quite the same, but I am probably mistaken.

Sincerely yours,

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July 20, 1915.

Professor Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

At the present moment there is n't a cent in the Centennial Commission. The Commission has n't organized and won't until August, so that that ties up the money. In the second place, an injunction has been brought against the State for appropriating two million dollars illegally; and the appropriation for the Centennial Commission is among those enjoined, so that the money is tied up in this way also.

To make matters worse, the governor inadvertently cut out of the appropriation bill for the Illinois State Historical Library the salaries in my office, so that we are short the \$3750 per year from the Library for next year. We hope to get it back, but it has n't been secured as yet. From the foregoing you will see that I have n't a cent to do anything with, and cannot get your papers from St. Louis and cannot get your transcripts from Springfield, as much as I should like to do both.

In regard to borrowing books from the Illinois State

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Historical Library -- we desired to borrow books and newspapers from there in order to use them here, but the trustees have decided that it cannot be done.

This is a very disappointing letter to you, but you keep a copy of it and use it when necessary. You certainly cannot do the work if money is not available or if you can get no assistance.

You didn't send a sample of the mousseline, but I will enclose a sample of ours.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Alvord

July 20, 1915

Prof. C. W. Alvord,
416 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois.

My Dear Mr. Alvord:

Enclosed you will find a review of one of the books which I have had on hand for so long. I have on my desk at the present time a long and, I believe, excellent review of Babcock's book written by my assistant, Mr. Blegen, who knows much more about the subject than I do. I shall look this over this afternoon, revise it if necessary, and send it on to you. I hope to write a review of the other book, which I have had for that purpose for so long, in a day or two, and will despatch it as soon as completed.

Since writing you the other day about material for my "Illinois in 1818" volume, I have discovered that our state library has the Territorial Laws from 1815 to 1818, and also the Laws of the Second General Assembly, 1820 to 1821. Unfortunately they do not have the Laws of the First General Assembly, 1819 which will be quite essential for my work on the volume. I am unable to find any House or Senate Journals for the territorial or early state period. Other materials which I need are the Churchill and Lippincott papers, of which you have, I believe, a complete transcript in the Illinois Survey files. Could you

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loan these transcripts to me for a while this summer? It is my recollection that another set was made for the State Historical Library, but of this I am not sure.

Sincerely yours,

July 22, 1915

Prof. C. W. Alvord,
416 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois.

My Dear Mr. Alvord:

Your letter just received. I am very sorry indeed to learn of the complications which have arisen in Illinois, and I certainly hope that a way will be found to provide the salaries for your office. I will go ahead and do the best I can with the material at hand.

I sent a copy of my last letter to you to Dr. Schmidt, in order that he might know what I am doing, or rather, trying to do.

Thank you for the sample of the mousseline. I think ours is a slightly coarser weave, and I am going to take it up with Lord and Taylor.

I enclose what I consider to be an excellent review of Babcock's work, by my Assistant, Mr. Blegen. Blegen was a graduate student in the University last year, taking his master's degree, and has been working for me this summer. He is the son of a Norwegian minister, and is thoroughly competent to write such a review.

It may be that you will consider this too long, although I think the importance of the book would justify a rather long review. Neither Mr. Blegen nor I will have any objections, however, to the review being cut

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by you or Miss Doherty. I hope to be able to mail a
review of Wellington's book in a day or two.

Very truly yours,

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MANAGING EDITOR

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July 23, 1915.

Professor Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

Review received. Much obliged.
I shall be very glad to lend you
the Churchill and Lippincott papers,
and will ask Miss Doherty to look
them up for you and send them on.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Alvord

P.S. Ask library to loan you the laws

August 9, 1915

Prof. Clarence W. Alvord,
416 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois.

My Dear Mr. Alvord:

Dr. Schmidt and Mrs. Weber both write me that the Board is unwilling to loan any of the rare Laws and Journals in the Library. Mrs. Weber has sent, however, a transcript of the topic headings in the Index to the Laws of 1819, with the suggestion that I should indicate the topics in which I am interested, whereupon she would copy the Index in full for those topics. I am then to indicate from that the pages of the volume desired, and these will be copied by Miss Gorman.

In view of the fact that I intend to recount all of the activities of the First State Legislature, you can readily see that this method of procedure is quite unsatisfactory.

I find from my Bibliography, page 397, that there are at least five copies of the Laws of 1819 in existence. One of these is in the University Library. If I remember correctly, this volume is in a set kept in the office of Dean Harker, and the Dean used to be very chary of permitting anyone to use it. Do you suppose it could be loaned to us? If not, I will try the Library of Congress and the Newberry Library. The Chicago Historical Society also has

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a copy, but I know that it would be useless to attempt to get that.

Besides the Laws, I need badly, in fact I simply must have the Journals of the First and Second Sessions of the First General Assembly. For the First Session in 1818 the Journal of the Senate contains 43 pages and of the House, 40 pages. For the Second Session in 1819, at which the first Laws were enacted, the Journal of the Senate contains 224 pages, and of the House 192 pages.

If Miss Gorman has any time to make transcripts, as the action of the Board would indicate that she has, I think it would be an excellent thing for her to copy those unpublished Journals of the last part of the territorial period, which you and I looked over and selected for copying the last time we were in Springfield together. Can you not make arrangements for this?

Has any progress been made toward securing the photostatic reproduction of the file of the Intelligencer in the Mercantile Library at St. Louis? Dr. Schmidt writes that you are to look into the matter further. If it is impossible to obtain this, I will have to go through my notes and make selections for transcribing.

Sincerely yours,

August 9, 1915

Prof. Clarence W. Alvord,

416 Lincoln Hall,

Urbana, Illinois.

My Dear Mr. Alvord:

I have received several letters from Paine asking me to see what I could do along the line of getting guarantors for the Review. I took up the matter with our executive committee at its last meeting and suggested that the legal obstacle could readily be overcome by the use of the Society's private funds. As you know, these funds have never been used for ordinary expenses in the past, but have been allowed to accumulate, and the committee feels that it will be unwise to change this policy until our new building is completed and equipped. A suggestion was made, however, that it would probably be possible to raise the money from eight or ten individual members of the Society, and thus have the Society's name added to the list of guarantors.

Before proceeding any further along this line, it is necessary for me to know more about the present situation and prospects of the Review. I understand the original guarantees were for three years. Are you asking those who enter now to guarantee it for three years from the present time, or merely to the end of the first three-year period? Just what is the financial status of the Review at present, and what are the prospects of its being able to stand with-

out a guarantee fund? As you know, I am deeply interested in the project and want to do everything in my power to help it along; but I find it impossible to make any progress without the information needed to enable me to reply to such questions.

I took up with Dean Ford a suggestion of Mr. Paine's, that the University might become a guarantor in return for a page advertisement in each issue. The University is very chary of advertising projects or of anything which might get it into trouble at the present time, and there seems to be no prospect of securing anything in that way.

Dr. Jameson was here yesterday, on his way back from the Coast. He had lunched with Ford, and I took him for a ride around Minneapolis in the afternoon. He did not appear to be particularly cast down by the recent attack, but the matter was not mentioned.

Lindley went through here Saturday and I entertained him at lunch, but was unable to see more of him, as I had planned to take in the Harvard picnic down the river.

Sincerely yours,

P. S. I am sending a copy of this letter to
Mr. Paine.

August 10, 1915

Prof. Clarence W. Alvord,
416 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois.

My Dear Mr. Alvord:

I seem to write you a letter every day, and sometimes twice a day.

I am in receipt of a letter from Dr. Schmidt, in which he says:

I think it would be advisable for you to write Prof. Alvord in regard to the photostatic work, unless you can have this done directly. I do not remember having received any figures as to costs, but I will be willing to donate \$100.00, perhaps some more, if absolutely necessary. If this is sufficient, just go ahead. You may so write Prof. Alvord.

By the way, if you have not assigned the last volume of Proceedings of the Wisconsin Historical Society for review, I should be glad to take it. I have just written an extended article for our Bulletin on the recent activities of the Wisconsin Historical Society. This article is based largely upon the Proceedings, and I could easily cut it down for a review.

I will be interested to know whether or not you have decided to use Blegen's review of the Babcock book.

Sincerely yours,

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Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

I have already assigned Proceedings of the Wisconsin Historical Society, I find, so that I can not accept your extremely kind offer of a review of it, which I should like to have.

In the next two weeks I will arrange to have the photostatic work done in St. Louis. I have so written to Dr. Schmidt.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Alvord

August 13, 1915

Mr. Clarence W. Alvord,
416 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Alvord:

Enclosed you will find the titles of four Illinois county atlases or histories not listed in my bibliography, which we have in our library. The two Brink atlases are especially valuable because they contain the names, place of birth and date of coming to Illinois of the people in the county who purchased the atlas. You will doubtless want to enter these titles in your office copy of the bibliography. I have used the letter X to indicate our library.

You have doubtless received a copy of Quaife's report on the proposed work in the Washington archives. This looks promising, and I hope we may make a go of it. Do you not think it will be well to have another conference in Chicago to arrange the details?

It would seem to me that the best plan would be for the states or institutions concerned to divide equally the cost of making the calendar. Then let each institution pay for transcripts in proportion to the amount received. I should think that some reduction ought to be secured when several copies are made of the same document.

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Kellar has accepted employment with the McCormick family in Chicago, to collect and classify material, and in general to investigate the life of Cyrus McCormick, the inventor. He expects that the work will take at least two years, and he is to have a salary of \$2000.00. I am giving him a letter of introduction to Dr. Schmidt.

My copy of Volume 10 of the Illinois Historical Collections arrived a day or two ago. The library copy has not yet been received. I have looked it over with great interest, read the preface and the general introduction, and expect to read the special introduction as soon as possible. It is certainly a volume of which you and Carter have every right to be proud. Why would it not be a good idea, instead of including a general index in the last volume of the series, to start a new index series with a volume containing a general index to this series and the Virginia series?

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August 18, 1915.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Buck:

Will you be so kind as to send me a statement, as itemized as you can, of your expenses for the past year or those for the coming year upon the finding and collecting of manuscript material either in the original or in photograph. The purpose of this is to increase my budget along these lines, and I want a good object lesson to lay before the powers. I shall be greatly obliged if you can furnish me with this.

Sincerely yours

C W Alvord

August 20, 1915

Pref. C. W. Alvord,
Urbana, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Alvord:

The Minnesota Historical Society has spent no money during the past year "upon the finding and collecting of manuscript material, either in the original or in photograph." While I hope that some money will be spent along such lines during the coming year, we have no definitely formulated plans at present.

I was very glad to learn that you expect to have the newspaper file in the Mercantile Library at St. Louis reproduced shortly.

At your convenience, I will appreciate some consideration of some of the other matters referred to in my recent numerous letters.

Sincerely yours,

August 24, 1915

Prof. Clarence W. Alvord,
Urbana, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Alvord:

I have a letter from Dr. Schmidt in which he says that if you or I will give specific directions, he will request Mrs. Weber to have the unpublished journals, etc., which we discovered in the secretary's office at Springfield, copied by Miss O'Gorman. Have you any notes or record of these or of their selection? - If I remember correctly, it was the understanding that you would look after this, and consequently I did not take any notes.

Sincerely yours,

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August 28, 1915.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

I expect to go to Springfield next week and will see Miss O'Gorman and set her to work. The Centennial Commission has given me permission to use her.

After digging down in my basket a little deeper than usual, I find a letter from you of August 9, which I will proceed to answer. There is no possibility of "The Laws of 1891" in Dean Harker's office being loaned, but I think it is possible that either the Newberry Library or the Library of Congress would loan it to you. In regard to the "Journals" of the first and second sessions of the first general assembly, I don't know what to do. I will take up the matter when I go to Springfield. It might be possible even to have these copied, but there are a goodly number of pages of print.

I expect that the Western Intelligencer will be in the process of being photostated in a very short time. *Next week in fact. Sent final order today*

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Alvord

August 31, 1915

Prof. Clarence W. Alvord,
Urbana, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Alvord:

Your letter of the 28th received, and I am very glad indeed to hear of the progress.

I have succeeded in borrowing the House Journal, 1818, from the Library of Congress, and am returning it to-day. They are sending the Laws of 1819 also, though under protest. I am now trying to get hold of the Senate Journal, 1818, and the House and Senate Journals for 1819, all of which are not in the Library of Congress. I am hoping to get them, however, from the New York Public Library.

It really seems to me that the University of Illinois ought to secure photostatic copies of these books. I do not see how you can write the Centennial history without having them constantly accessible. Such a copy of the House Journal, 1818, which I have just been using, could doubtless be secured from the Library of Congress for three or four dollars. The others would cost more because they are larger books, and a larger price per page would probably have to be paid for the work, where they could be obtained.

I saw an item in one of our papers recently to the effect that the matter of the injunction which is

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holding up the ^{operations} ~~efforts~~ in Illinois would probably be settled very soon. I would like to know as soon as there is money available, for I do not like to draw too heavily on Dr. Schmidt. He paid \$75.00 for the services of my assistant in July, and another \$75.00 is due for this month. We have been doing some very thorough work with the census of 1818, and will be in position, I think, to say something definite about the population of Illinois when admitted. Unfortunately the schedules for one or two counties are lacking, and we will probably need copies of some of the schedules of either the state or the United States census of 1820 to fill in the gaps.

I sent Leland a copy of the report of our meeting in Chicago, and received a very nice letter from him in return. He invites us to hold another meeting in his office during the A. H. A. meeting in Washington.

We moved last week to a house located at 428 Walnut Street S. E., Minneapolis, just a block and a half from the Fords, and should you or any of the family come up, we would expect you to stay with us.

Sincerely yours,

September 3, 1915

Prof. Clarence W. Alvord,
Urbana, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Alvord:

I find that there are three Illinois county histories which I need badly for the study which I am making of the population of Illinois in 1818. According to my Bibliography, all three of these are in the University of Illinois library, and I presume they are in the collection in your office. Would it not be possible for these volumes to be loaned to the library of the Minnesota Historical Society for my use? The titles are as follows:

History of Bond and Montgomery Counties, 1882; History of Crawford and Clark Counties, 1883; Biographical Review of Johnson, Massac, Pope and Hardin Counties, 1893.

I should like, also, to get hold of a copy of the Centennial History of Madison County, 1912, 2 volumes; but the last I knew, the University of Illinois did not have a set. Should one have been purchased in the meantime, I would like to have it included in the shipment.

Sincerely yours,

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Professor Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

Sometime in the years of long ago you showed me a map of Illinois showing the conditions in the primitive state. I am very anxious to examine that map at the present moment but cannot find it. I wonder if you will remember in what volume it is. If so, I shall be greatly obliged if you will send

the name
~~it~~ to me.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Alvord

CWA:ES

September 10, 1915

Prof. Clarence W. Alvord,
Urbana, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Alvord:

I think the map which you have reference to is the one in Gerhart's Illinois as It Is, opposite page 216. A modification of this map is in Bulletin No. 15 of the Illinois Geological Survey, opposite page 69.

Did you receive my letter asking for the Illinois county histories? Miss Relf is getting quite impatient for these and for the reproductions of the Intelligencer.

Sincerely yours,

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Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

I have been crowded all summer up to the limit with work as has Miss Doherty and the rest of us. For that reason my basket of correspondence has suffered sadly.

Miss Doherty has just handed me your letter suggesting that she find out what my opinion is concerning another conference in Chicago this fall. You and Quaife are in a better position to decide that question than I am. If you think it worth while I shall be glad to meet with you. We found plenty to talk about last time and did not really get to the subjects that were proposed for discussion. Still, if we are to have a meeting in Washington in December, isn't there danger of our being held up for graft? Such charges are being pretty freely hurled about lately.

Sincerely yours,



CWA:ES

September 30, 1915.

Prof. C. W. Alvord,
416 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Alvord:

I was very glad to get your letter of September 28th and learn that you are still in the land of the living. I too, have been buried in work all summer and see no immediate prospect of reaching the surface. Our building plans have taken a turn for the worse. Just as detail plans and specifications were being completed the Governor took it into his head to insist that we make provisions in the building for the department of education. We had a long session with him yesterday without arriving at any further conclusion and now the architect and I are up against the proposition of making two square feet grow where one grew before.

I hope it will not be necessary to have another conference in Chicago this fall as I do not see how I will be able to attend it. Quaife's latest communication would seem to indicate that he has the matter well in hand. I fear, however, that I will have to have a more definite idea of just how much the Minnesota Historical Society will be obligating itself to pay before I can commit it to the project

Now for a more pressing matter upon which I should like to hear from you as soon as possible. As you know Dr. Schmidt is very anxious to push the work on my volume for the centennial commission and I understand that it is under your editorial direction. Miss ~~Ralph~~ ^{Relf} has been working steadily and I have given as much time to it as possible during the last three months. We have just about exhausted the material available here but feel that it would be unwise

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to go ahead with the writing until we receive the newspaper material from St. Louis. A long time ago you wrote that your newspaper file was to be photographed but I have heard nothing more about it. Can you give me any idea as to when we can expect to receive this material? Miss Ralph desires to take a month off before long to prepare for her doctors examination and she wants to take it whenever it will interfere the least with the progress of the work on the volume. What is the financial situation of the commission at present? Shall I ask Dr. Schmidt to pay Miss Ralph for September as he did for July and August or shall I make out the bill against the commission? Is there any money available for securing copies of manuscript material in Wisconsin, Chicago and St. Louis?

In the summer of 1914 I calendared material belonging to the library of the Missouri Historical Society, the Chicago Historical Society and the Wisconsin Historical Society which I considered that it would be necessary to have copied. The amount of this material is not very great but its importance is considerable. There would be no difficulty in securing photographic copies from the Wisconsin Historical Society and Miss Drumm writes me that she can arrange to have the Missouri material reproduced. In the St. Louis Public Library so much of the on this volume will have to be done by Miss Ralph that I think her name ought to appear on the title page as joint author of the volume.

By the way do you suppose there is any possibility of our securing a copy of the schedule of Census of 1810 for St. Clair County, which is in the Court House at Chester? This is referred to in Pease's book at the bottom of page 560. As you know I have a copy of the schedule of Randolph's County for 1810 and it has

Prof. C. W. Alvord, -3,

been of much use to us in our study of the population of Illinois in 1818. There is other material listed among the Randolph County archives which would add greatly to the volume if copies of it could be secured.

Sincerely yours,

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Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
Saint Paul, Minn.

My dear Buck:--

I will send you under separate cover the newspaper material from St. Louis. As soon as you have finished with it kindly return to me. If you will let me know what material you want belonging to the Missouri Historical Society I will have it copied, as I have not exhausted Dr. Schmidt's patience yet. For the material in Chicago write to Dr. T. C. Pease, 238 South Kenilworth avenue, Oak Park, Illinois. He has a stenographer at work in the Chicago Historical Society and will probably accommodate you. The Wisconsin material I cannot take care of and dislike to ask Dr. Schmidt for more money. If you will approach him, however, I think he will have the photostats made.

The census for St. Clair county for 1810 is a very difficult matter. I have no money to get it done or have it copied, and I have no money to send anyone down to have it copied. I hope this money matter will be settled sometime in November, when I can take care of your wants.

When you have time write me the sentiment among your faculty concerning the Bancroft propaganda. Here we are middle-of-the-road men except Greene. I do not believe Bancroft has any great following. I believe I told you he read me out of his party.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Alvord

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October 5, 1915

Mr. Clarence W. Alvord

Urbana, Ill.

My dear Alvord:-

The county histories which you sent us are proving to be of much assistance in our work on the Illinois census of 1818. There is one more which we ought to have; the History of Massac County, Illinois, by O.J. Page, number 981 in my bibliography. If you can loan us the university's copy of this book, it will help things along considerably.

I have had time as yet only to glance over the September number of the Review. I was quite flattered to note that Burpee followed my arrangement in the organization of his paper on historical activities. Your note on the unity of history is excellent. I failed to find the two reviews which I sent in; Blegen's on Barcock's book and my own on the Missouri book. I am wondering whether they reached you too late for inclusion or whether you considered them not suitable. If the latter, I should like to have them returned in order that I may make other use of them.

Sincerely yours

October 7, 1915

Professor Clarence W. Alvord

Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

You had not told me that Bancroft had read you out of his party. I am rather glad to get a line on your position, as Ford had a letter from Bancroft some time ago in which you were counted as one of his supporters. Neither of us, however, were willing to believe that you had gone to such an extreme. I have recently set forth my position on the matter in a letter to Cox, and am enclosing a carbon of this. After you have read it, please return it for my file.

I think we are all moderate reformers here except White who is quite distinctly a conservative.

Sincerely yours

October 11, 1915

Professor Clarence W. Alvord

Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

The prints of the newspapers have arrived and Miss Relf is busily at work on them.

The first step must be to date and number the prints in order that they may not get mixed. Unfortunately, some of them do not appear to be in order at present, and it is going to be a very difficult task to straighten them out. When such prints are made, the date and page number ought to be entered on each sheet while the original file is accessible for reference. It is to be regretted that the volume was not broken apart and the sheets smoothed out before the prints were made, as much important material is frequently lost by the creases and by being bound in. What we have, however, is much better than nothing and we are very grateful to get it.

With reference to the Forsythe collection of the Missouri Historical Society, I have gone over my notes and find that all of the material relating to Illinois in the collection amounts to about 170 pages. In reproducing this, whenever possible two opposite pages of the same document should be reproduced on one print. In this way, the number of prints could probably be reduced to about 120.

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Only about 70 pages of this material, however, is essential for my work, the rest of it relating to Illinois in earlier or later periods. The logical thing, of course, would be to reproduce it all at once, but it may be that in view of the financial situation, you will prefer to have copies made at present only of the material needed for my work. If you will let me know your decision on this point, I will then send you the calendar cards for the material which I need, or for the whole lot, as the case may be.

I have checked over my notes on the Forsythe and other papers of the Wisconsin Historical Society and find that I need about 80 pages, which can probably be reproduced in not to exceed 60 prints. I am going to get an estimate from Quaife as to the cost of this and then take the matter up with Dr. Schmidt.

What do you think of asking Quaife to wait for payment on this until the financial situation is straightened up, with the understanding that if it cannot ultimately be paid for by the commission, Dr. Schmidt will assume it?

I hope you noticed the notes on the Minnesota Historical Society in a recent issue of The Nation. I took it for granted that you had written them, but recently

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received a letter from John Thomas Lee of Madison
informing me that they were written by him.

Sincerely yours

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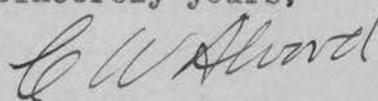
Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

You will be interested to know that your letter to Cox, the copy of which I am enclosing herewith, follows along exactly the lines of mine to the same. Considering the bond of sympathy between us, it is not surprising that your stand on every point is exactly the one that I have taken.

I have just received another letter from Bancroft trying to read me into the party but I am going to keep still now until the Christmas meeting.

Sincerely yours,



CWA:ES

P.S. Your reviews were cut out for lack of space.

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October 12, 1915.

Professor Solan J. Buck,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Buck:--

I am writing to remind you that I have not yet received the notice of Wellington's "The Political and Sectional Influence of the Public Lands," which you kindly consented to review for the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. Will you please send this to me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Alvord

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written. Yeat.

October 13, 1915

Professor Clarence W. Alvord

Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

The history of Massac County has just come in. Many thanks for attending to it so promptly.

The prints of the Intelligencer which we received come down only to the end of 1818. According to Scott and to my notes, the file in the Mercantile Library continued to May 12, 1819. Did you have these numbers for 1819 reproduced? We need them very much for the light which they will throw upon the session of the first state legislature in 1819. We had been relying upon them to take the place of the Journals which we will evidently have to do without.

Miss Relf has discovered that several pages are missing among the prints sent. In some cases we have three pages of a paper, and as it is difficult to see how there could be a third page without there being a fourth page, we think that there must have been some slip.

If you desire, I can send you the notation as to what is lacking.

Sincerely yours

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Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

I think it will be better to copy all the Forsythe papers in the Missouri Historical Society that are needed, and think it would be well also to ask Quaife to wait for his payment. I think there is no doubt but what I shall have money in a month or two. If you haven't taken up the subject with Dr. Schmidt and Quaife is willing to wait, I am ready to assume the responsibility. The State Historical Library can pay if Dr. Schmidt does not. Let me know by return mail your decision in this latter matter and I will write to Quaife authorizing him to go ahead with the work.

I have almost ceased to write for the Nation as I haven't time. The last four or five books they sent me I didn't even touch.

Sincerely yours,



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October 18, 1915

Professor Clarence W. Alvord

Urbana, Ill.

My dear Alvord:-

I am sending you under separate cover the cards for the Forsythe papers in the Missouri Historical Society; also two cards for documents in their collection of Lucas papers.

I have arranged the Forsythe cards according to the numbers which appear in the lower right hand corner. I think these are the numbers of the documents in the collection. I seem to have no cards for numbers 1, 3, and 58. I am not sure whether these cards have been mislaid or the documents were of no interest to Illinois history. I have inserted blank cards with these numbers on them. They are so few that it would seem to me advisable to reproduce them in order that you might have the collections complete.

Whenever feasible, two opposite pages of the same document should be reproduced on the same print. The prints should not be trimmed and the cards should be clipped to the prints for which they call. Before they leave St. Louis, some one should look them over to see

G. W. A. 10/18/15 -2

that no mistakes have been made, that every document is complete, and to note endorsements, etc.

I have taken up the matter of Wisconsin material with Quaife, but not with Dr. Schmidt. Quaife reports that the expense will probably be about ten dollars. I am sending him the cards today and telling him that he can expect a letter from you authorizing the work.

Sincerely yours

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Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:-

The cards for the Forsythe collection have come and we have sent them all to be copied.

I have a letter from Pease in which he seems to fear that you are going to appropriate all the material down to 1820 in your "Sketch of Illinois in 1818." I am not particularly fearful of whatever your conception of the book may be, and I do not doubt that you are appropriating a large amount prior to 1818 which I shall use, for which good deed I wish most decidedly to thank you. Still I believe that I ought to pass on the news of this fear to you in order that you may have it in mind in fixing up your book. I think it would be a mistake to make your book a history of Illinois during a long period of time; it ought to be a static picture. You will, of course, be obliged to solve a great many historical problems dealing with the year 1818, and the discussion will necessarily carry you backwards and forwards.

Take this with a sense of humor.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Alvord

CWA:EEB

P.S. Am sorry I can't meet you in Chicago. Come on down here for a visit over Sunday.

October 26, 1915

Professor Clarence W. Alvord

Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I was sorry you could not take in the meeting in Chicago, for I would have liked very much to have an opportunity to talk things over with you.

The meeting was attended by Quaife, Shambaugh, Harlan, and Moore; thus yourself and Lindley being the only absentees. We took you at your word, that you would agree to anything, and it is now definitely decided that five states will cooperate in the making of the calendar. Indiana is still doubtful. The meeting was called so suddenly because I received a letter from Quaife in which he stated that he was not getting anywhere with his long distance correspondence, and that something ought to be done at once as Mereness is waiting to know whether or not he is to be employed. I am going to prepare some minutes of the conference and will send you a copy.

I had hoped to have a talk with Dr. Schmidt, but was informed that he was out of town. I also tried to get in touch with Pease, but unfortunately he had left the Chicago Historical Society just before I called up. I did see quite a little of Kellar, however.

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I do not think there will be any serious difficulty about the scope of my book. Pease will not be able to devote more than one chapter to the period with which I will deal. I am collecting material quite extensively because it is necessary for me to understand the period in order to understand the situation in 1818. I have planned to give an account of the first election and the first legislature, but expect to go no further.

I find that the ideas of Quaipe and Moore about the American Historical Association are similar to ours. Shambaugh and Harlan were not there when we discussed the subject.

Have you made any plans with reference to the Washington meeting? If Mrs. Alvord does not go with you and you have made other arrangements, I think it would be pleasant for us to arrange for a double room at the headquarters hotel as we have done at previous meetings. What think you?

Sincerely yours

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November 10, 1915

Mr. Clarence W. Alvord

Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

This is to remind you that you have in your basket letters from me of October 13 and 26 which have not been answered. The first of these raises some points of considerable importance in connection with the work on the Illinois in 1818 volume.

Miss Relf is taking a vacation just at present to prepare for her doctor's examination, but I expect that she will be back to work in a few weeks.

Are you going to have a special session of the legislature in Illinois?

Sincerely yours

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Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

Will you kindly send me a few copies
of my address given before the Minnesota His-
torical Society last January? The last copy
for our files here has been given out. Also,
will you kindly send a copy to Miss Leila O.
White, 426 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois?

Thanking you for the favor, I am,

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Alvord

Buck ✓

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*P.S. Ms goes off Wednesday and
then I can attend to business. It has
been a grind.*

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November 24, 1915.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

I am going to answer all your letters in their order.

In regard to the matter of guarantors of the Review, mentioned in your letter of August 9, I took up the matter with Paine and suppose he has given you the requisite information. If he hasn't let me know.

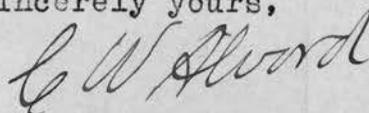
Letter of October 5: There were a great many reviews cut out of the last number of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review because we had overestimated our space. These will all be printed in the next number.

Letter of October 13: Have written to the Mercantile Library in regard to the missing numbers of the "Intelligencer," i.e. from Jan. 1, to May 12, 1819. I should like a list of the missing pages which Miss Wright has discovered among the prints sent. I will have these corrected as soon as I receive word from you.

Letter of October 26: This concerns a meeting in Chicago and needs no answer except that I shall be delighted to bunk with you at Washington. Will you attend to securing the room or shall I?

Your letter of November 10 needs no answer. It is only an impertinent inquiry as to why I have not answered your letters of thirty days before. This inquisitorial method of investigating a man's past is something that I have always objected to.

Sincerely yours,



CWA:ES

November 29, 1915.

Mr. Clarence W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

Miss Relf is away just at present, preparing for her doctor's examination, and will probably not return until about the middle of December. When she does, I will have her prepare a list of the missing pages of the Intelligencer and send it on to you.

Perhaps you had better make the arrangements for a room in Washington, as I expect to go down before Christmas, and suppose that you will not arrive until about thimetime the meeting begins. I am taking it for granted that you want a room at the Headquarters hotel.

We are still trying to let the contract for our building. Have another meeting with the board of control this afternoon at which I am in hopes the thing will be settled.

Sorry you don't like my inquisitorial method, but it seems to have produced results.

Sincerely yours

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CLARENCE W. ALVORD
MANAGING EDITOR

416 LINCOLN HALL URBANA, ILLINOIS

December 14, 1915.

Professor Solon J. Buck,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:--

In checking up the list of book reviews for the next number of the Review, I find that you promised us a review on "The Political and Sectional Influence of the Public Lands, 1828-1842." Will you be so kind as to get it in at your earliest convenience. The material for the March number must be in our hands by January fifteenth.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Alvord
R. E. S.

December 17, 1915

Mr. Clarence W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

Miss Relf passed her doctor's examination successfully last Tuesday and is now back at work on the Illinois in 1818 volume. She has furnished me with the following data about the photostatic copies of the Intelligencer. For September 5, 1816, the second page is missing, and for January 22, 1817, the third page. During March and April 1817, the paper was suspended for a time because of lack of paper. The issues from February to March 12, contain only two pages instead of the usual four. This^{is} probably as they are in the original file. The issue of March 12 is number 47. The next one we have is number 49 for May 7. It would appear, therefore, that number 48 was published at some time during the interval. It may or may not be in the original file, but its absence is not noted by Scott. On page 212 of his bibliography, Scott states that the files for 1818 and 1819 are complete except for March 31, 1819. On page 404, however,

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he states that the file ends with May 12, 1819, which is probably correct. The last copy which we have, however, is dated December 30, 1818, so that we lack all of the issues for 1819.

I wrote to the New Willard in Washington immediately upon receiving the program of the meeting, asking them to reserve for us a room with two beds and bath at \$5.50 with a discount of twenty-five per cent. I received a reply to the effect that all of these rooms were gone, but they could reserve for us one of the six dollar rooms. I asked them to do so, but have heard nothing further from them. I hope they have made some sort of a reservation for us as there will undoubtedly be a jam in Washington.

Sincerely yours

December 21, 1915

Mr. Clarence W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Alvord:-

Just a note to let you know that we have appropriated one hundred dollars a year for this and the following year toward the guaranty fund of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. There is no prospect of getting anything out of the University at present.

Doubtless you have received my letter of yesterday containing the petition. Several of these were sent out to men in various institutions. You will readily perceive that the purpose is to make possible the elimination of Bancroft from the council. If you read his latest pamphlet and the report of the board of editors of the Review, I am sure you will agree with me that his retention on the council is not for the best interests of the association.

Sincerely yours