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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

W.O. THOMPSON, PRESIDENT

DEPARTMENT OF
AMERICAN HISTORY

COLUMBUS, July 6, 1914.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,

Urbana, Ill.

My dear Buck:--

I am sending my tardy thanks for the volume of bibliography which I received some weeks ago, at your instance, I presume. I congratulate you on this work, and also on the very excellent article in the first number of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. Carter is here, and we are both hard at it in the summer session, although I am delighted to say that I am finding more opportunity to do research work than has been the case since I came here. The prospect is good, also, for a little relief next year from the class room grind, in the name of productive effort. I hope your work goes on pleasantly this hot weather.

Cordially yours,

H. C. Hackett

418 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois,
July 12, 1914.

Professor Homer C. Hockett,
Ohio State University,
Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Hockett:

I received your note of July 6, and want to thank you for your kind words about my recent publication. You will doubtless be interested to learn, if you have not already heard, that I have recently accepted a position as Assistant Professor of History in the University of Minnesota. Anderson is leaving and I will have full charge of the work in American History. That will mean, of course, that I will not have so much time for research work as I have had for the last few years, but I believe that the position at Minnesota will offer opportunities greater than are offered here.

I am glad to hear that you are finding time for productive work, and hope to see some of your work in print before long.

Give my regards to Carter, and tell him that I hope to see him here before the summer is over. I expect to be here until about September 1, collecting material for a volume on Illinois in 1818, which I am preparing for the Centennial Commission. I intend to finish this volume; it will probably have nothing to do with the Centennial History proper.

Sincerely yours,

March 26, 1915

Professor C.E. Goodell
Denison University
Granville, Ohio

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Holbrook, a graduate student in history in the University of Minnesota, informs me that he has applied for a position in your department to fill a vacancy occasioned by the temporary absence of Mr. Irving Kull.

Mr. Holbrook is about to complete his first year of graduate work. It is not probable, however, that he will receive his Master's degree, as he has not devoted full time to his work this year, and will not be able to complete his thesis.

Mr. Holbrook has been in my graduate seminar throughout the year, and has shown a capacity for good work. He is a keen, intelligent young man, with plenty of self-confidence and I believe that he will make a good teacher.

Sincerely yours

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COLUMBUS, January 26, 1915.

My dear Buck:--

From what I know and hear of the state of affairs at Minnesota University, I judge that the time may not be far distant when the work in American history will be enlarged and, in view of your primary interest in the work of the Historical Society, some one called to take charge of it. If this surmise should prove to be correct, I shall be considerably interested in the decision.

Schlesinger and I came back from Chicago with a good many seed ideas which we hope, rather confidently, will prove fruitful ere long in this state. We have set some forces at work which must result in some improvement, but just how soon our plans can be realized, we cannot, of course, tell. It may take six months, or it may take a year and a half, but sooner or later we believe there will be provision for the editing and publishing of the materials for the history of Ohio.

With sincere regards, I am,

Yours truly,

Homer C. Hockett.

February 15, 1915

Professor Homer C. Hockett
Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio

My dear Hockett:-

I received your letter of January 26, and was very glad to learn that you look forward to starting something in the way of real historical work in Ohio before long. If I can be of assistance in any way, do not hesitate to call upon me.

As you doubtless know the economy bug is abroad in the land and the Department of History in the University will not have as large an amount of money at its disposal next year as had been hoped for. No decision has been reached as yet as to just what appointments will be made, but I doubt if there will be anything which would interest you. It is probable that a temporary appointment of an instructor in American History will be made.

Sincerely yours

MAR 1 1915

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COLUMBUS, February 27, 1915.

Professor Solon J. Buck,
Saint Paul, Minn.

My dear Buck: --

I had not thought of my letter of January 26 as calling for an answer, and thank you for the courtesy shown in writing as you did. We are hoping that our plans for Ohio can be put into operation by the beginning of the academic year 1916-1917. The legislature is just now considering a bill for combining the State Library with the library of the Archaeological and Historical Society, which would mean that it would be added to the campus facilities for historical research. The University has nothing to do with this movement, but in some ways it would promote our present aims.

Sincerely yours,

N. C. Hackett

April 19, 1815

Professor Homer C. Hockett
Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Hockett:-

I will appreciate it very much if you will give me as much information as possible about the situation in Ohio at the present time with reference to state and local historical work. I am preparing for the June number of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review a report on "Historical Activities in the Old North West" for the year 1914-15, similar to the report which I prepared for the June 1914 issue.

Any information which you can furnish me along the line of changes in organization or administrative methods, plans for future work, manuscripts or other important material acquisitions, monographs published or in the course of preparation in the field of Ohio history will be deeply appreciated. My report has to be in Professor Alvord's hands in a couple of weeks, so that I should like very much to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours

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W. O. THOMPSON, PRESIDENT

COLUMBUS, April 24, 1915.

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

My dear Buck:--

I have your inquiry of the 19th and wish very much that I could make a statement for your article relative to the cooperative plan which, as you know, we are working out here with the State Archaeological and Historical Society, but any statement for publication would be premature at this time. The only other matter which would be of interest to you---if, indeed, it comes within the scope of your inquiry---is the Ohio History Teachers' Association, organized last Christmas. It held a meeting here during the Easter vacation and bids fair to become a "going" organization with a real mission. Plans are maturing for the publication of a bulletin which will go to as many of the college and high school history teachers in the state as can be reached, with the general aim of creating an esprit de corps and a concerted effort for higher and more intelligent standards of teaching. The Association has a plan also for the publication of a memorial volume from funds left over from the Perry Centennial Celebration. The scope of this volume has not yet been determined.

I am sorry not to be able to say more at this time.

Sincerely yours,

H. C. Hockett

April 26, 1915

Mr. Homer C. Hockett

Columbus, Ohio

My dear Hockett:-

Many thanks for your letter of April 24.

I regret that nothing definite has developed as yet with reference to the historical society, but will be glad to make mention of the organization of the Ohio History Teachers' Association.

Sincerely yours

MAY 3 1915

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W. O. THOMPSON, PRESIDENT

COLUMBUS, *April 30, 1915.*

My dear Buck:-

Let me make one correction in the statements made in my note of the 24. The reference to the "Berry" Centennial Fund should be changed & read "Columbus" &c.

Yours sincerely,

H. C. Hockett

OCT 9 1915

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W. O. THOMPSON, PRESIDENT

COLUMBUS, Oct. 7, 1915.

My dear Buck:-

Thank you for the several Bulletins which I have received through your courtesy. I am very glad to have them. Our deal with the O. S. A. & H. Society is progressing with more promise than at any time hitherto, but very slowly. As usual, instructional work is very heavy for members of the department. The registration in our courses jumped from 255 last year to 431 to date this year. The whole Univ. is like a big boy outgrowing his "pants." My first year here, seven years ago, we had 3,000 students. This year it will be 6,000.

Sincerely,

H. C. Hockett

October 27, 1915

Professor Homer Hockett
Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Hockett:-

Knowing your interest in state
historical work, I am sending you enclosed copies of
the minutes of two conferences held in Chicago. If you
see any possible way by which Ohio could cooperate
in the work of making a calendar of the state department
material, let me know.

Sincerely yours

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COLUMBUS, Oct. 30, 1915.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,
Saint Paul, Minn.

My dear Buck:--

I have your favor of the 27th with enclosures, and will see what can be done. I shall inform you as soon as I can ascertain anything definite, one way or the other.

Sincerely yours,

Homer C. Hockett

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COLUMBUS, Nov. 27, 1915.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Saint Paul, Minn.

My dear Buck:--

I have carefully gone over the papers which you sent to me concerning the proposed calendar of materials in the state department relating to the history of certain states, and have talked over with Professor Schlesinger the possibility of doing something to get our state into the movement. It is our feeling, however, that such an effort on our part would be premature. In explanation, let me say that we have nursed matters along here to the point of securing a joint committee representing the Historical Society and the University to draw up a plan of co-operation in the collecting, editing, publishing, and studying of materials pertaining to state history. The prospect is so good that Ohio historical forces may be organized for proper participation in co-operative enterprises in future, that we feel it would be better to fail once more than to risk a set-back through pressing too many things at once. I think you will readily appreciate our situation, in view of your familiarity with experiences elsewhere.

I had a chance to talk of the matter a few days ago with Mr. Galbreath, of our State Library, and was sorry to learn that their funds are so tied up that he thought they could not join in this work. He had had a letter from Mr. Quaife.

With sincere regards, I am,

Yours truly,

H. C. Hockett

December 1, 1915

Mr. H. C. Hockett
Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Hockett:-

I have your letter of November 27 and while I regret that there seems to be no way for Ohio to take part in the preparation of the proposed calendar of material in the state department, I am glad to learn that you have made progress along other lines, and I sincerely hope that your joint committee will be productive of results.

I hope I will see you at the A. H. A. meeting in Washington.

Sincerely yours

DEC 10 1915

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COLUMBUS, Dec. 8, 1915.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,
Saint Paul, Minn.

My dear Buck:--

I shan't be able to get to Washington, much to my regret. Mr. Kelley tells me he hopes to be able to persuade you to stop over at Columbus either going or returning. I wish to add my solicitations that you try to do so. My wife and I should both be delighted to see you, and I should very much enjoy showing you what we have here. I sincerely hope you will be able to make your plans so as to spend a day or two, at least, with us.

Yours truly,

H. C. Hockett

December 15, 1915

Professor Homer C. Hockett
Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio

My dear Hockett:-

I am sorry to learn that you do not expect to take in the meetings in Washington. I am hoping, however, to have an opportunity to have a talk with you in Columbus, on my way back. I expect to be there New Year's day and the following Sunday only, so you will see that it will be impossible for me to accept your kind invitation to spend a couple of days with you, if I am going to visit the Kelleys at all. I shall certainly want to see you and Mrs. Hockett, however, and to have a talk with you about the Ohio situation.

Sincerely yours