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CLARENCE W. ALVORD,
Managing Editor.

The Mississippi Valley
Historical Review

CLARENCE S. PAINE,
Business Manager.

Editorial Office, Urbana, Illinois
Business Office, Lincoln, Nebraska

Lincoln, Nebr., Sept. 21, 1914.

Dear Prof. Buck:

I was mighty glad to get your note of the 17th inst. and to know that you have taken up your residence in my beloved Minneapolis. I was born in Hennepin county and have visited Minneapolis every year since I left there, indeed I used to think that I could never be satisfied to live any place but Minneapolis. I have a place on Red Rock Lake, fifteen miles from Minneapolis, where I go in the summer time and I shall hope to have you out there with me sometime.

I enclose receipt herewith for your remittance and will have number two of the magazine sent to you at once.

With kind personal regards to Dean Ford and any other friends there, I remain

Very cordially yours,

Clarence S. Paine

Prof. Solon J. Buck,
Minneapolis,
Minn.

CSP/L.

October 20, 1914.

Mr. Clarence S. Paine, Secretary,
Miss. Valley Hist. Assoc.,
Lincoln, Neb.

Dear Mr. Paine:

I appreciate very much your cordial note of September 21. I am finding Minneapolis a very attractive place in which to live and am also finding many former friends and acquaintances here. I shall be very glad indeed to see you when you come to Minneapolis, and especially to visit you at your summer home. I shall probably be away most of the time next summer, however, as I have got to write a book for the Illinois Centennial Commission.

By the way, Professor Woodburn of the Indiana University has consented to open a discussion on the subject of "Research in State History at State Universities" at the Conference of Historical Societies next December, and I want you to take part in the discussion to follow. I should like to have you consider especially the relationship of such work to the State Historical Societies. If you are willing to do this, I will supply you with a copy or an abstract of Woodburn's paper about the middle of December. The discussions are supposed to be limited to eight minutes each.

Sincerely yours,

Mississippi Valley Historical Association

PRESIDENT
ISAAC J. COX
CINCINNATI, OHIO

SECRETARY-TREASURER
CLARENCE S. PAINE
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

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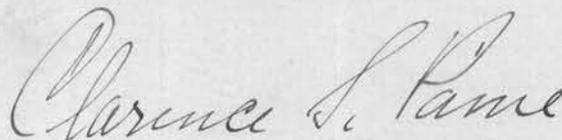
Lincoln, Nebr., Oct. 27, 1914.

Dear Professor Buck:

I have yours of the 20th and appreciate very much indeed your very kind invitation to discuss the paper by Professor Woodburn on the subject "Research in State History in State Universities". I ought not to undertake this but I am seriously tempted. I have a tremendous amount of work to do between now and the first of January and that is not all of it. I shall be more than ordinarily busy during the Chicago meeting on account of plans that we now have on foot. I do not like to have anything else on my mind. I think everything considered that you had better get some one else to discuss this paper from the standpoint of the historical society.

Thanking you, I remain

Yours very truly,



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

Mississippi Valley
Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebr.

OFFICE OF
THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Nov. 16, 1914.

Dear Dr. Buck:

Heartiest congratulations upon your election as Secretary and Superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society. As a native of Minnesota I have always felt great interest in the work of its Historical Society and if I had been choosing a Secretary and Superintendent I could not have made a better choice.

Now, if you will just fix it within the next year or two so that I can do field work for the Minnesota Society, or work in some other such humble capacity, I will move the headquarters of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association to St. Paul and reestablish my residence there.

Success and long life to you.

Very cordially yours,

Lawrence S. Stone

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

CSP-NP

Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul

November 24, 1914

Mr. Clarence Paine

Secretary Mississippi Valley Historical Association

Lincoln, Nebr.

Dear Mr. Paine:-

I have two unanswered letters from you. The first of October 27th with reference to the discussion of Woodburn's paper at the Conference. I have left your name off from the printed list of those who were to take part in the discussion, but I sincerely hope that you will attend if possible, and present your views on the subject. Alvord, Barker, and Libby have agreed to discuss it.

The other letter is of November 16th congratulating me on my new position. I appreciate very much your good wishes and will do my best to take the fullest advantage of the opportunity. I am very much interested in what you say of the possibility of your being willing to do some work for us and move the headquarters of the Mississippi Valley Association to St. Paul. I want to talk over these matters with you in Chicago.

Very sincerely yours

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PRESIDENT
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Mississippi Valley Historical Association

SECRETARY-TREASURER
CLARENCE S. PAINE
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Lincoln, Nebr., Dec. 1, 1914.

Dear Professor Buck:

I beg to officially advise you of your appointment by President Cox as a member of the committee on "Historic Sites".

The personnel of the committee is as follows:

Dr. Orin G. Libby, Chairman,	Grand Forks, No. Dak.
Mr. Robert Harvey,	Lincoln, Nebr.
Dr. Eugene C. Barker,	Austin, Texas.
Prof. Solon J. Buck,	St. Paul, Minn.
Mr. William Beer,	New Orleans, La.
Mr. A. B. Hulbert,	Marietta, Ohio.
Judge Walter E. Douglas,	St. Louis, Mo.
Mr. Henry J. Patten,	Evanston, Ill.
Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber,	Springfield, Ill.
Mr. Wm. E. Connelley,	Topeka, Kansas.

Your acceptance of this important duty will be greatly appreciated.

Very cordially yours,

Prof. Solon J. Buck,
Sec'y., Minnesota Historical Soc.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Clarence S. Paine

P. S. It is the desire of President Cox to have all committeemen meet in Chicago, Monday evening, December 28th preceding the joint session of this Association with the American Historical Association for an informal dinner and conference at some point to be later designated. We respectfully urge that you make your plans to attend this meeting if possible.

December 4, 1914

Mr. Clarence S. Paine

Secretary Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Neb.

Dear Mr. Paine:-

I am in receipt of your letter of December 1 and am glad to accept the appointment on the "Historic Sites" committee. I shall be glad also to attend the proposed informal dinner on Monday evening, December 28.

By the way, I notice that you speak of the joint session of the Mississippi Valley and American Associations. The preliminary program, however, provides not for a joint session, but for a conference, which is to be held at the same time as the meeting of the conference of Archivists. This is the same treatment which the Mississippi Valley Association received at Boston two years ago, and the result was very unsatisfactory. Personally I think that we should give up the attempt to have a meeting in connection with the American Historical Association unless the program committee will arrange for a regular joint session of the two associations.

Sincerely yours

Mississippi Valley Historical Association

PRESIDENT
ISAAC J. COX
CINCINNATI, OHIO

SECRETARY-TREASURER
CLARENCE S. PAINE
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Lincoln, Nebr., Dec. 7, 1914.

Dear Doctor Buck:

I have yours of the 4th inst. My reference to the joint session was due to a slip of the tongue. I heartily agree with you. Indeed I had already expressed the same sentiment to Doctor Alvord with reference to our continuing playing second fiddle to the American Historical Association.

Mrs. Paine and I are looking forward with much pleasure to meeting you in Chicago.

Very cordially yours,

Clarence S. Paine

Dr. Solan J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
Minneapolis, Minn.

FEB 1 1915

CLARENCE W. ALVORD,
Managing Editor.

The Mississippi Valley
Historical Review

CLARENCE S. PAINE,
Business Manager.

Editorial Office, Urbana, Illinois
Business Office, Lincoln, Nebraska

Lincoln, Nebr., Jan. 29, 1915.

Dear Doctor Buck:

Doctor Alvord suggests that we might be able to secure in Minnesota one or more subscribers to our guaranty fund for the Review. What do you think of the possibility? Do you have in mind there anyone who might be approached in this matter with some show of success.

Yours very truly,

Clarence S. Paine

Dr. Solon J. Buck,

Minnesota Historical Society,

St. Paul, Minn.

February 16, 1915

Mr. Clarence S. Paine

Business Manager Mississippi Valley Historical Review
Lincoln, Neb.

Dear Mr. Paine:-

I received your letter of January 29 with reference to seducing subscribers to the guarantee fund in Minnesota, and have been thinking about it off and on ever since. I have no doubt but what there are men here who would be willing to contribute if they were approached in exactly the right way. I do not feel, however, that I have established myself here sufficiently as yet to undertake anything of this sort. I shall be glad to keep it in mind, however, and if an opportunity occurs, I will do what I can.

Sincerely yours

JUN 17 1915

Mississippi Valley Historical Associaton

PRESIDENT
ISAAC J. COX
CINCINNATI, OHIO

SECRETARY-TREASURER
CLARENCE S. PAINE
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Lincoln, Nebr., June 16, 1915.

Dear Professor Buck:

I have been so swamped with work since my return from the New Orleans meeting that I have had to let everything go that was possible. I now enclose a check for \$11.88 in payment of enclosed bill which please receipt and return to me.

Is there not some way that we can get your Society on the guaranty fund for the Review? Either your Society or the University? I am thinking of doing this, give a page display ad to each university contributing to the guaranty fund so that if there is any question about their spending their funds in this way that they will be spending it in advertising. What do you think of it? Can't you work some such scheme as this with the University of Minnesota? I must get some men or institutions on the guaranty fund and I would prefer to have institutions.

Very cordially yours,

Prof. Solon J. Buck,

The Minnesota Historical Soc.,

St. Paul, Minn.

Clarence S. Paine

June 18, 1915.

Mr. Clarence S. Paine, Secretary,
Mississippi Valley Historical Assn.,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

My dear Mr. Paine:-

I am in receipt of your letter of June 16th enclosing check for \$11.88, receipt for which you will find herewith.

I think your suggestion of using advertising in the Review as a means of getting University subscriptions to the guaranty fund, is a good one, and I will talk with ^{Dean} ~~Mr.~~ Ford about it at the first opportunity.

I will also make another effort to get a subscription from the Society, but I doubt if anything can be accomplished at present.

Sincerely yours,

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June 18, 1915

Mr. Clarence S. Paine,
Lincoln, Nebr.

My dear Mr. Paine:-

During the meeting of the American Historical Association in Chicago last December, a number of men in charge of state historical work in the northwest got together for an informal breakfast to consider possibilities of coöperation. Because of the pressure of other things, little was accomplished and I was requested to call another meeting in Chicago in June. You are invited, therefore, to attend such a meeting at the Sherman House in Chicago on June 24; detailed arrangements to be announced later.

Among the subjects suggested for discussion are: 1. Coöperation in securing calendars and transcripts of material for Mississippi Valley history in the archives of eastern missionary and religious organizations; 2. Uniformity of style in historical publications. I presume that the question of the publishing of material for Mississippi Valley History in the French archives will also come up. Have you any other topics to suggest?

The list of those invited is as follows:

Professor Clarence W. Alvord, editor of the Illinois Historical Collections, and director of the Illinois Historical Survey.

Solon J. Buck, superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society.

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Edgar R. Harlan, director of the Historical Department of
Iowa.

Waldo G. Filand, Secretary of the Iowa Hist. Assn.

O. G. Libby, secretary of the North Dakota Historical
Society.

Harlow Lindley, director of the Department of Archives and
History of the Indiana State Library and secre-
tary of the Indiana Historical Commission

Clarence S. Paine, secretary of the Mississippi Valley Histor-
ical Association.

M. M. Quaife, superintendent of the Wisconsin Historical
Society.

Charles B. Moore, secretary of the Michigan Historical Com-
mission.

*Dr. Otto L. Schmidt, Pres. of the Ill. State Hist. Soc. & trustee of the
Ill. State Hist. Library*
B. F. Shambaugh, superintendent of the State Historical
Society of Iowa.

J. A. Woodburn, director of the Indiana Historical Survey.

Several of these have already agreed to attend
and I trust that you will be with us if you can possibly
arrange to do so. Personally I believe that regular or even
occasional meetings of the men directly in charge of state
historical work in this region might become a very important
factor in advancing the historical interests of the Northwest.
Please let me hear from you about it at your earliest conven-
ience.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. Edgar J. B. B.

JUN 21 1915

Mississippi Valley Historical Association

PRESIDENT
ISAAC J. COX
CINCINNATI, OHIO

SECRETARY-TREASURER
CLARENCE S. PAINE
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Lincoln, Nebr., June 19, 1915.

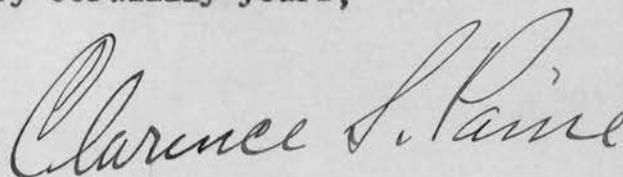
Dear Dr. Buck:

Replying to yours of the 18th in re subscriptions to the guaranty fund:

I want to say that I have so much faith in you that I believe if you go after the matter that you will succeed in getting not only the University, but the Minnesota Historical Society on this guaranty fund. We will put in a page display ad for the University in each issue, and if it is necessary we will furnish the Historical Society with a given number of copies of the magazine in return for its subscription.

Now, go after it and see if you can't make a favorable report before the next number goes to press.

Very cordially yours,



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

CSP-NP

JUN 21 1915
Nebraska
State Historical Society
Lincoln

June 19, 1915.

Dear Dr. Buck:

I have your special delivery of the 18th inst. announcing the meeting in Chicago for June 24th. I regret very much indeed that a previous engagement will probably prevent me from attending this meeting, with the objects of which I am fully in sympathy.

I have been especially interested in the second proposition for discussion namely: Uniformity of Style in Historical Publications. The Nebraska State Historical Society having had no "style" is quite willing to conform to any plan that meets with general approval. The Mississippi Valley Historical Association has a committee now investigating this subject, of which Dr. Dunbar Rowland is chairman.

I should personally enjoy very much the meeting in Chicago, but I feel that my presence could hardly be considered important. Please express to those in attendance my regrets.

Yours very truly,

Clarence S. Raine

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

CSP-NP

August 2, 1915

Mr. Clarence S. Paine,
Nebraska Historical Society,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

My Dear Mr. Paine:

I wonder if you can give me any information about the whereabouts of Jay Amos Barrett. The address which we have for him is 5118 Garfield Street, Kansas City, Missouri, but the postoffice reports that he is not to be found at that address. Mr. Barrett is listed as a corresponding member of the Minnesota Historical Society, and Mr. Upham thinks that he was at one time connected with the Nebraska Historical Society, and it occurred to me that you might be able to locate him.

Very truly yours,

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Oakland, Cal., August 10, 1915.

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

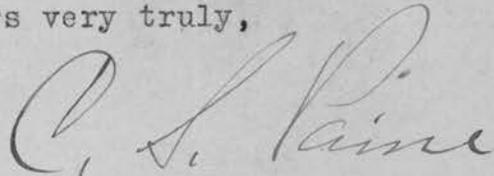
Dear Dr. Buck:

I have yours of the 2nd inst and I regret to say that I am unable to give you any information as to the present address of Jay Amos Barrett. Upon my return to Lincoln I will see the Secretary of the Alumni Association and possibly he can furnish the information desired.

Barrett used to be the Librarian of the Nebraska State Historical Society, but left Lincoln in 1907.

I enclose receipts herewith.

Yours very truly,



P/L

Mississippi Valley Historical Association

PRESIDENT
DUNBAR ROWLAND
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

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LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

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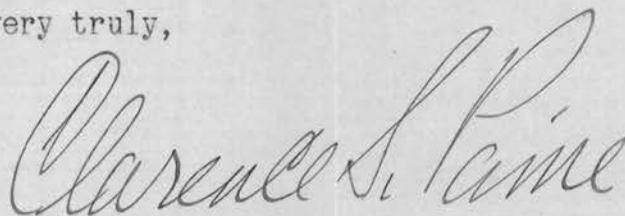
Lincoln, Nebr., Sept. 22, 1915.

Dear Professor Buck:

The Mississippi Valley Historical Association is prospering but we want to extend its usefulness by increasing our list of members.

Are you willing to give us in a few words an endorsement of the work of the Association, especially with reference to its publications, the Proceedings and the Review. This is desired for publication in a dignified circular. An early reply will be much appreciated.

Yours very truly,



Prof. Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minn.

P-L.

September 25, 1915.

Mr. Clarence S. Paine,
Sec'y. & Treas.,

Mississippi Valley Historical Association,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Mr. Paine:

In response to your letter of September 22nd I am very glad indeed to write a few words of endorsement of the M. V. H. A. It is my opinion that the Association has rendered and is rendering a very valuable service to the cause of Western history. It has stimulated research in the field by providing an opportunity for making public the result of that research, particularly through the Proceedings and the Review. It has undoubtedly brought about increased co-operation among the workers in the field of the Mississippi Valley history both by conscious effort and indirectly by giving the workers an opportunity to get acquainted with one another and to learn of each others activities and plans.

For a number of years I have believed that there is a need for more first class periodicals devoted to Americal history. The establishment of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review was a long step in the direction of satisfying this need. The articles, reviews, documents and notes in each number have been of a remarkably high quality and the Review has, in my opinion, fully demonstrated its value to students of Western history and its right to exist.

Mr. Clarence S. Paine, - 2.

This statement undoubtedly is longer than you desire but I am perfectly willing that you should condense it or restate it as you see fit.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

SJB-P.

NOV 3 1915

CLARENCE W. FORD,
Managing Editor.

The Mississippi Valley
Historical Review

CLARENCE S. PAINE,
Business Manager.

Editorial Office, Urbana, Illinois
Business Office, Lincoln, Nebraska

Lincoln, Nebr., Oct. 29, 1915.

Dear Doctor Buck:

I am sorry to have so longed delayed sending you the information you requested with reference to the situation as concerns the guaranty fund ^{for} the publication of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. I enclose herewith a financial statement for last year and a statement covering the period from April 17th, 1915, to October 25th, 1915, showing a balance of \$107.89 on hand. There are however outstanding bills that will exhaust this cash balance.

I also enclose a list of the guarantors for the present year showing the amount that they have paid and the balance still due on their subscriptions. You will note that in the financial statement the receipts from the guaranty fund are shown as \$637.50 or \$50 more than indicated by the itemized statement of the guaranty fund. This is due to our having received a payment of \$50 this year from the Illinois Historical Library on last years subscription.

While we would be very glad to have subscriptions for three years from date so that we can make our calculations accordingly, we will nevertheless be pleased to accept subscriptions for two years or one year. It is necessary that new subscriptions be secured for the reason

that we have lost this year some subscribers that we had last year due to various causes. For instance the Louisiana Historical Society does not have the funds for this purpose for the present year. The same is true of the North Dakota Historical Society and of ~~the~~ Northwestern University.

Our receipts from subscriptions and advertising will be larger than last year but on the other hand we will have some expenses that we did not have last year. It is quite imperative therefore that we keep the guaranty fund up to approximately \$2000 annually for the next two years at least. I have ^{not} felt justified in using much money for promotion purposes and the growth of the subscription and advertising accounts has been slow but show a steady increase.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to figure out a way whereby the Minnesota Historical Society and the University of Minnesota may go on this guaranty fund. If there is any information that I have not given here that you find is desirable please let me know at once.

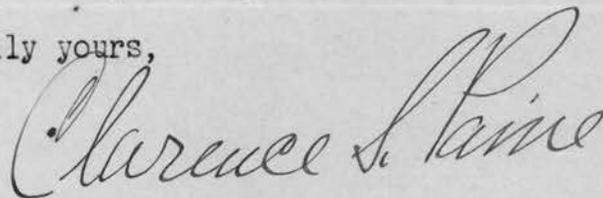
Thanking you for your interest and cooperation, I remain

Very cordially yours,

Dr. Solon J. Buck,

Minnesota Historical Society,

St. Paul, Minn.



P. S. If we can get a subscription from the Historical Society or the University I wish that we might get it before we go to press with the next number.

STATEMENT OF GUARANTY FUND FOR 1915-1916.

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	Paid.	Due.
Chicago University	\$50.00	\$50.00
John W. Fristoe	50.00	150.00
Illinois Historical Library		200.00
Frank O. Lowden	12.50	37.50
Cyrus H. McCormick	200.00	
George L. Rives	25.00	
Otto L. Schmidt	50.00	150.00
Justin H. Smith	50.00	50.00
University of Illinois	50.00	50.00
William B. McKinley	50.00	50.00
Henry J. Patten	50.00	50.00
Julius Rosenwald		100.00
University of Nebraska		100.00
Nebraska State Historical Society		100.00
	<u>\$587.50</u>	<u>\$1087.50</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL REVIEW

Receipts and Disbursements to April 17, 1915.

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Balance on hand May 23, 1914 \$19.97

RECEIPTS

Subscriptions	\$632.20		
Advertising	184.63		
Guaranty Fund	1175.00	1991.83	
Total Receipts			\$2011.80

DISBURSEMENTS

Printing "Review"	\$1430.96		
Freight and Drayage	10.34		
Postage	40.68		
Clerical Work	276.40		
Printing, miscellaneous	29.55		
Editorial Office, miscellaneous	359.48		
	<u>\$2147.41</u>		
Balance		135.61	

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL REVIEW

Receipts and Disbursements from April 17, 1915 to October 25, 1915

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RECEIPTS

Subscriptions	\$991.25	
Advertising	20.75	
Guaranty Fund	<u>637.50</u>	
Total Receipts		\$1649.50

DISBURSEMENTS

Printing "Review"	\$1180.70	
Freight and Drayage	9.67	
Postage	25.00	
Exchange50	
Clerical Work	140.00	
Printing Miscellaneous	18.25	
Editorial Office, Miscellaneous	20.00	
S. J. Buck	<u>11.88</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$1406.00</u>
		243.50
Deficit April 17, 1915		<u>135.61</u>
Balance		107.89

December 21, 1915

Mr. Clarence S. Paine

Secretary-treasurer Mississippi Valley Historical
Association, Lincoln, Neb.

Dear Mr. Paine:-

I am very glad to be able to inform you that the executive committee has just authorized the expenditure of one hundred dollars a year for this and the succeeding year toward the guaranty fund of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. Our bills for December have just gone through, but I will send you a warrant for the amount for this year about the end of January. I see no possibility of getting anything out of the University at this time.

Sincerely yours

DEC 28 1915

Mississippi Valley Historical Association

PRESIDENT
DUNBAR ROWLAND
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

SECRETARY-TREASURER
CLARENCE S. PAINE
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Lincoln, Nebr., Dec. 24, 1915.

Dear Professor Buck:

Yours of the 21st inst. has been received. Mr. Paine is home suffering from a severe attack of the Grippe. I conveyed to him the advice contained in your letter and he said, "Tell him I am at home sick but this will help to make me well".

Mr. Paine hopes to be able to be in the office after Christmas when he will write you personally..

Thanking you for your letter, I am

Yours truly,

Ethel D. Lewellen
Clerk

Prof. Solon J. Buck,
Supt., Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minn.

Paine