



[Solon J. Buck Papers.](#)

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August 1, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

You are back from you vacation, I suppose, so it is about time for me to trouble you again.

You doubtless remember about the Michael Joneses. When Miss Relf was in Springfield she told Mrs. Weber about it and agreed to write an article on them for the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society. She has written the article but I asked her to hold it up for a while as I wanted to consult you about the advisability of allowing it to be published before the book comes out. As a matter of fact I doubt if Mrs. Weber would be able to get it out in the Journal before the appearance of the book any way, but she planned to include it, I believe, in the issue bearing date of April 1916. The article, of course, goes into the subject much more fully than the brief statement which I have written for the book, but which will have to be revised when it comes back to me.

I am having quite a struggle with the question of land surveys and sales. Miss Relf handled this in a very superficial manner and I find it difficult to get definite

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information. I have written to Stevens at Springfield and asked him to look up some points for me. I have written also to Lindley at Indianapolis for information about that part of Illinois which was included in the Vincennes land district. I am in hopes that we can without any considerable expense secure from him data ~~for~~ completing our map of land entries.

I should be glad to learn how the chapters of the book impress you. I understand that you were going to take them with you for light reading on your vacation.

Did you have any difficulty in trimming Hulbert at golf?

Sincerely yours

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416 LINCOLN HALL, URBANA, ILLINOIS

August 3, 1916.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

Mr. Alvord will probably not be back from his vacation for at least a week or ten days. I will hold your letter for his attention when he returns. The matter of the payment for your manuscript is also having to wait for his return.

Very truly yours,

Silas O. White

LOW:ES

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August 14, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I want to beg, borrow, buy, or steal a copy of your Illinois, the Origins. There seems to be no copy in our library and I cannot find a copy at home although I supposed that I had one.

I want to consult it in connection with the work on "Illinois in 1818" and will appreciate it if you will send a copy to me either as a loan or otherwise at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours

Alvord

August 30, 1916

Miss Ruth Hodsdon
420 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Miss Hodsdon:-

Thinking that you may be back in Urbana in a couple of days I am writing to ask you to inform me about the situation relative to "Illinois in 1818." I have heard not a word from Professor Alvord for two months and am very much afraid that he may be in bad condition. I had a letter from Mrs. Paine at Lincoln recently in which she said that he stopped there on his way back from Colorado and that he appeared to be in bad shape physically.

I can't see any possibility of the book coming out this year, but am plugging away at it as much as I can. Chapter 3 has been finished for some time ~~and~~ chapter 2 will be finished in a few days. I will not send them, however, until I hear from you and know that you are ready to begin work on them, for I find it convenient to have them to refer to as the work progresses on the other chapters.

I am in receipt of a letter from Wayne E. Stevens in which he tells of having discovered a land patent dated July 30, 1818 for a quarter section of land in the military tract. He suggests that a reproduction of this would make

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a good illustration for the volume and offers to secure a photograph of it if desired. I am inclined to think that this would be a desirable illustration and suggest that if Mr. Alvord wants to use it, you write to Stevens at Avon, Illinois. He expects to leave there for Minnesota in about three weeks.

Sincerely yours

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August 31, 1916.

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

My dear Buck:

Clark expects to get the Mississippi Valley in British Politics out by the 30th of September. I have just written to him suggesting that he send you a copy for review. I should advise you to write to him, possibly sending him a copy of your publication and telling him to whom you send it.

My health is still poor, but I am on the mend.

Sincerely yours,

C W Alvord

CWA:MJ

September 2, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I have your letter of August 31
and I am very glad, indeed, to hear that your health
is improving.

I am writing to Clark as you suggest and send-
ing him some copies of the Bulletin. The book will
be out just in time to be of use to me in my course
in western history next fall.

Sincerely yours

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Alvord

420 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois,
September 6, 1916.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

You guessed correctly, for I have just returned from a most enjoyable vacation. You have my sympathy for having had to plug along at the chapters all through this hot weather, or have the dips in Lake Calhoun been long and frequent?

Mr. Alvord is at home and is still far from well; on some days he seems to be better than on others, but he has finished the first chapter and wants chapters two and three right away, as he wishes to read the book straight through. I am hard at work on the collection of pictures, fixing up of footnotes, and getting the machinery of the gods well oiled in regard to the printer. Miss White has read all the chapters that you have sent. I will write to Mr. Stevens about the Land Patent, as I think it will make a good illustration.

The index of Mr. Alvord's book was finished last month, and it is expected to be out the 15th.

Very truly yours,

Ruth E. Hodson

REH:MJ

SEP 8 1916

Wood

420 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois,
September 7, 1916.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I dislike to trouble you with this little matter, but I have been unable to find some documents that we need. A man from Washington is here cataloging our manuscripts and just at present he is working on the Lewis collection. He has found the correspondence in which Mr. R. G. Lewis of Madisonville, Ohio speaks of sending lists of historical material that he is selling to the University. It would simplify the work very much if we could find these lists, but they are not with the correspondence and he has not been able to find them with the manuscripts. If you have any idea as to their whereabouts, would you kindly let me know at once.

Very truly,

Ruth C. Hodson

REH:MJ

Alvord

September 8, 1916

Miss Ruth E. Hodsdon
420 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Miss Hodsdon:-

I received your letter of the sixth and am glad to have the information which it contains.

Chapter 2 is not quite finished, having been held up to await some additional material from the Indiana archives which Lindley has promised to send.

Will you kindly tell Mr. Alvord for me that I can see no particular advantage in his reading the book straight through as the two parts of the book have very little ~~dissect~~ ~~beginning~~ on each other. If he will start in with chapter 6, the beginning of the narrative part, and read straight through from there he will find that it will go fully as well. I thought it was understood when I was in Urbana that this was the way in which it was to be handled; otherwise I should have worked on the first part when I was there instead of beginning with chapter 6.

It seems to me that by far the best way to facilitate the early appearance of the book would be for you and Mr. Alvord to ~~push~~ your work on the second part as rapidly as possible and send the ~~chapters~~ back to me as you finish them

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in order that I may look over the footnotes and the editorial suggestions. I could return them to you then very quickly and they could be set up while the revision and editorial work on the first part of the book is being completed.

Sincerely yours

U. Wood

September 9, 1916

Miss Ruth E. Hodsdon
420 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Miss Hodsdon:-

I have your letter inquiring about the lists of Lewis' historical material, but I am afraid I cannot be of much help, as you have already looked in exactly the places where I would search for these lists; that is in the correspondence and with the manuscripts.

My impression is that the lists were simply a part of his letters; that they were in very curious form and of little value. I do not recall having seen them since the material was received.

Sincerely yours

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September 14, 1916.

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

My dear Buck:

I find your letter of August 1
unanswered by me. I have no objection to
Miss Relf publishing her article on the
Michael Jones whenever she is ready to do
so.

I did ^{not} take the chapters of your
^{on my vacation} book for light reading, ^{and} ~~but~~ have been so
much under the weather that I have not
made any progress as yet, but hope to do so
in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Alvord

CWA : MJ

September 15, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

Quaife has asked me to arrange for a meeting of our Northwest Conference to consider further work in the Washington archives, and I am writing to inquire if it would be possible for you to attend such a meeting in Chicago on Friday or Saturday of next week. Personally, I should prefer Saturday, and I anticipate that some of the members of the conference would find it impossible to come on Friday because of college work.

Please let me hear from you at once in order that I may make definite arrangements as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours

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September 18, 1916

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

My dear Buck:

I shall not be well enough to attend
the conference at Chicago this week. In answer
to a similar inquiry from Quaife, I told him
I could not be counted on until November.

Sincerely yours,

CW Alvord

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MANAGING EDITOR

416 LINCOLN HALL URBANA, ILLINOIS

September 19, 1916.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

Shortly after Mr. Paine's death Mrs.
Paine wrote me as follows:

"Dear Dr. Alvord:

I do not know how to properly express
my appreciation to the Editors of the Mississippi
Valley Historical Review for the beautiful flowers,
easter lilies and lavender sweet peas, that were
sent me during my great trouble. Will you see
that they all understand that I appreciate their
expression of sympathy and friendship.

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Yours very truly,

[signed] Clara Paine."

I regret that my illness has prevented
me from forwarding this communication before.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Alvord

September 19, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I am sending you by express three more ✓
chapters of the book.

The chapter entitled "The Extent of Settlement" in our original outline has grown so long that I have divided it into two chapters, one entitled "The Public Lands" and the other "The Extent of Settlement". These I have numbered 2 and 3, thus making the chapter on "The Pioneers" number 4. I should like to have you consider, when reading these chapters, the advisability of placing the chapter on "The Pioneers" before the other two. In some ways it seems to me that it would be more logical there than where it is at present.

The two chapters which I still have on "The Economic Situation" and "Social and Intellectual Conditions" will be numbered 5 and 6, thus changing the chapters 6-10 which you have to 7-11.

I received your note of the 14th and have informed Miss Relf that she may publish her article.

Permit me to call attention also to my letter of July 14 which reached Urbana after you left for your vacation and which does not appear to have received your attention.

Sincerely yours

September 21, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I was afraid that you would not be well enough to attend a conference this week. Quaife seems to be anxious to get us together, however, in order that there may be no break in the work in Washington, so I have issued the call for the conference Saturday at two o'clock at the La Salle Hotel. I expect all of the members of the conference will be present except yourself and Harlan, as I have received favorable replies from all the others.

Personally I am very much in favor of continuing the work and shall suggest that we take up the Department of the Interior next.

Sincerely yours

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September 28, 1916

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

My dear Buck:

Is there any material in the Neill
papers that would be interesting to the
authors of the Centennial History?

Very truly yours,

C. W. Alvord

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MANAGING EDITOR
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September 29, 1916.

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

My dear Buck:

I enclose herewith a circular letter which I have sent to the names in the accompanying list. I should be very glad to have you look over the list and suggest other names to whom I may send a similar letter.

I have taken upon myself the responsibility of offering the last two numbers of the Review for \$1.00. I think it is good policy.

Sincerely yours,

C W Alvord

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September 19, 1916

The Mississippi Valley Historical Review has now been published two years and a half and has received very high praise from the historians of the country, as you may convince yourself by reading statements printed in the circulars herewith sent to you. The number of subscriptions, however, has not increased as rapidly as had been hoped, the list at present numbering about six hundred.

I am writing to you as one interested in the history of the development of the West to ask if you will lend your assistance in increasing the financial support of the Review so that it may be placed on a sound basis. If you are willing to help the cause, will you kindly write personal letters to any whom you think may be interested, enclosing one of the circulars. You may state that a special subscription price of one dollar will be made to new subscribers for the last two numbers of the current year; these will appear in December and March. Subscriptions should be sent to Mrs. Clara S. Paine, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The favor I am asking should not be regarded as wholly personal. From the favorable comments of many friends I am convinced that the Review is fulfilling a mission in the cause of history in America and it is this belief of mine which encourages me to ask you to cooperate with the editors, all of whom are giving their time gratuitously to the quarterly.

If it is not too much trouble I should be pleased if you would send me a list of the names of the people to whom you write. If more circulars can be used, Mrs. Paine will be glad to supply them.

Sincerely yours,

Alvord

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

My dear Professor Alvord:-

Can you supply me with the name and address of that man in Washington who sells the machine for photographing documents which you decided to buy? I seem to have mislaid my data on the subject and we are about ready to take up the matter.

If you have any suggestions to offer along this line I would be very glad, indeed, to receive them. Has your machine been installed as yet?

Sincerely yours

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October 2, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I have your letter of the 29th which states that you are enclosing a circular letter sent to the names in the accompanying list. The list of names was enclosed, but the circular letter was evidently left out by mistake. If you will have a copy of this letter sent to me, I will be very glad, indeed, to go over the list and suggest such additional names as occur to me.

Sincerely yours

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

Kindly suggest possible re-
viewers and return the list to me as
soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Ruth Hodson
edit. asst.

REH:MJ

October 6, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I am sending you herewith the minutes of our recent conference in Chicago.

I trust that you will find some way for Illinois to continue with this work. As you will see from the minutes all of the other states were represented and were in favor of continuing it. There is some prospect that North Dakota may join at this time and Missouri and Kansas want to get in provided the legislatures will give them enough money.

Will you please let Quaife know definitely whether or not he can count on the cooperation of Illinois in continuing the work?

Sincerely yours

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October 10, 1916.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

Mr. Alvord has gone to Chicago to consult Dr. Schmidt about his health which does not improve as it should. He has asked me to write you that the Illinois Historical Survey will continue to coöperate with the other states in the work in Washington, and he will notify Mr. Quaife to this effect.

Mr. Alvord bought our photo-copier from Leet Brothers, 723-725 Fourteenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. We have installed the machine and have taken a few negatives, but have not printed from any of the plates, because running water has not yet been installed in room 412. The camera seems to make excellent negatives, but of course it is impossible to say whether or not the printing apparatus is satisfactory.

Sincerely yours,

Leila A. White

LOW:MJ

October 10th., 1916 .

Mr. C. W. Alvord,
428 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

Enclosed you will find a
statement prepared for me by Mr. Holbrook in
the matter of the Neill papers relating to
Illinois. This is sent in reply to your in-
quiry of September 28th.

Sincerely yours,

Alvord

October 12, 1916.

Miss Leila O. White,
426 Lincoln Hall.
Urbana, Illinois.

My dear Miss White:-

I have your letter of October 10,
and am very glad to learn that Mr. Alvord has gone to
Chicago to consult with Dr. Schmidt. I have been hear-
ing indirectly, through Stevens, who corresponds with
some of the people there, that he did not seem to be
getting any better, and I have been considerably worried
about him.

Thank you, for the information about the photo
copier. I shall write to Leet Bros. about it.

Sincerely yours,

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October 13, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

In reply to your letter of October 10,
Mr. Alvord wishes me to say that he would like
copies of the last eight "Letters of Planes" in
the Neill collection; also the letter by I. G.
Nattinger, Ottawa, June 8, 1848 and the one by
R. W. Patterson, November 7, 1848.

Sincerely yours,

Lila C. White

LOW:ES

October 31, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

On investigating the scrapbook in the Neill collection containing the "Letters of Planes" I find that the file is not complete. The first one dealing with Illinois is number 11. We have this complete, but part of 12 is lacking, and letters 13, 14, and 15 are gone entirely, and 16 is also incomplete. I doubt, therefore, if you will want to have us copy this material in its incomplete form, especially as you could probably locate a file of the Christian Observer in the Library of Congress or elsewhere and secure photostatic reproductions of all of these letters.

They appear to me to contain a considerable amount of interesting material.

Copies of the two manuscript letters which you desired will be sent to you in the near future.

I note that Clark is advertising your Mississippi Valley in British Politics as published, but I have not received a copy as yet. I hope that it arrives in time for me to make use of it in my history of the west lectures.

Sincerely yours

October 31, 1916

Professor C. W. Alvord
Editor Mississippi Valley Historical Review
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

Some time ago you sent me a list of people whom you had asked to aid in a campaign for additional subscriptions to the Mississippi Valley Historical Review, and asked me to suggest additional names. The only one which I have to suggest is that of Dickerson of Winona.

I did not receive the circulars until several weeks after your letter arrived. I do not know as I will be able to accomplish anything in this vicinity as Mr. Upham combed the state pretty thoroughly a few years ago for memberships in the M. V. H. A.

By the way, would it not be well in pushing this campaign to make perfectly clear to prospects the new relationship between the Review and the Association? It seems to me that what we should work for is members of the Association rather than subscribers to the Review. If those who are asked to aid in the campaign could be provided with a list of the present subscribers, and members who have retained their membership under the new arrangement, they would be able to work more intelligently. One does not like to write a letter to a man asking him to join an association when there is a possibility that he may already be a member.

C. W. A. 10/31/16--2

I see that the note on the inside front cover of the September number of the Review has not been changed to conform to the new arrangement made at the Nashville meeting. It is, of course, no longer correct to say that the price of the subscription is two dollars "to members of the Association", as all members are now obliged to pay three dollars which covers their subscriptions.

I want to call your attention to a couple of minor points with reference to the editing of the Review and trust that you will understand that my purpose is not to criticise, but to improve. As you know I like the policy of publishing the more important papers read at the meetings in the Review, but I think that care should be taken in each instance to insert a footnote stating that the paper was so read. This was done with Conger's article in the September issue, but not with Libby's.

I wonder why the documents published in the "Notes and Documents" section are included in quotation marks. Is not the difference in type sufficient to distinguish them from the introductory matter, and if quotation marks are to be used at all, should they not be inserted at the beginning of each paragraph? It looks very queer to me, for example, to see quotation marks at the beginning of the date line and at the end of the superscription.

C. W. A. 10.31.16--3

The last I heard from you through Miss White was that you had gone up to Chicago to consult Dr. Schmidt about your health. I trust that he gave you some good advice and that you are improving. Let me hear from you.

Sincerely yours



November 6, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

Do you happen to know of anyone whom I could get in the near future for work on manuscripts and to assist Miss Potter in editorial work?

I could hardly expect, of course, to be able to get anyone as competent as Miss Hodson or Miss White on such short notice, and I am very anxious to get someone as soon as possible.

Do you happen to know what salary Miss Brauer is getting? I expect to pay about seventy-five or eighty dollars to start with.

Sincerely yours

November 9, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I enclose herewith copies of the two ✓
letters from the Neill collection which you desired. There
is no charge.

Sincerely yours

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November 9, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

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In response to your telegram received this noon, I am sending you by express, chapters five and six of the book, in the best condition in which I could put them on such short notice. I enclose herewith a Table of Contents, listing the chapters as they now stand.

As I wrote you some time ago, I should like your advice as to the desirability of placing chapter four on "The Pioneers" before chapters two and three. That would require some slight alteration in the text. I have found it impossible to do any considerable amount of consecutive work on the book since the opening of the University. I worked so hard during August and September without taking any exercise or any vacation that I found myself nearly all in. Since the University opened, I have been taking a little exercise and am now in somewhat better condition.

It would not take very long to put these chapters into proper shape if I could only get an opportunity to work on them as much as a half a day at a time. I have been hoping for such an opportunity during the Thanksgiving intermission.

I find my work on these chapters hampered by the fact that I do not have any copies of the other chapters, with the exceptions of seven, eight, and nine, to refer to. If the others have been copied, I should like very much to have my drafts returned to me. I would appreciate very much some information as to the progress which has been made on the chapters that have been sent. As you know, I have not as yet received back a single chapter after copying and editorial revision.

I have recognized for some time, of course, the absolute impossibility of the book's coming out this year. The only way in which that could have been possible would have been for some of the chapters to have been finished up and sent to the press in order that they might be pushed along while the remaining chapters were being put into shape, but I assume that your illness made that procedure impossible.

C. W. A? 11/9/16--2

I trust that you will return these chapters to me in the near future, together with my drafts of the other chapters if they have been copied, for I am extremely anxious to do the very best I can under the circumstances with this book, and I can see no reason why these chapters should be held there while the editorial work, etc., is being done on the others. I care more about making the book a creditable one, which it would not be if these chapters went through in anything like their present state, than I do about the financial return, although naturally I would like to know what the prospects are along this line.

Whatever the outcome may be, I am confident that you will not make me the goat, for it is evident that even had my drafts of all the chapters been complete and turned over to you in June, the book could not have been put through and published this year.

I heard the other day indirectly that you had gone or were going to Mudlavia for a month or six weeks, and ~~did not expect~~ to be able to do any work for several months. I hope that you will do whatever is necessary for the recovery of your health regardless of the consequences.

Please write me fully of the situation at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours

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November 13, 1916.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:-

Mr. Alvord is still at Mudlavia and unable to attend to any correspondence; therefore I shall have to try to answer your recent letters.

In regard to an editorial assistant, the only person I can suggest is Miss Lucille Allen, who has been Miss Hodsdon's assistant since the first of July. She is a graduate of Miami University, and has done a great deal of work with Mr. Carter. She would scarcely consider changing her situation for less than eighty a month, I feel fairly certain; but I think you would not regret paying her that much, for she is extremely intelligent and capable, besides being very pleasant personally.

Miss Jeanette Saunders, who came to us from the University of Minnesota, is doing very satisfactory work; she regrets that her present position is not permanent, and therefore it might be possible to induce her to change, in spite of the fact that she is pretty well tied up with graduate work this semester.

The chapters of your book have been received, and I am glad to say that Mr. Alvord is able to work on them a ~~lt~~ little at Mudlavia. I cannot say for sure, but I have gathered from Mr. Greene that he thinks it will be best not to return the chapters to you, since it would cause further delay and since they will be ready for editorial (i.e. press work), as soon as Mr. Alvord finishes them. Miss Hodsdon has not yet finished the work on the footnotes, either, so that it will hardly be possible to return your original drafts, at least until a little later. If Mr. Alvord thinks differently about these matters, I will let you know as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Leila O. White

Alvord

November 16, 1916

Miss Leila C. White
426 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Miss White:-

I want to thank you for your letter of November 13 in reply to my request to Mr. Alvord for suggestions as to some one who might be available for an editorial position on our staff.

I had thought of Miss Saunders, but did not suppose that she could leave her present position very well. In fact I should feel a very great hesitancy about taking anyone from Illinois unless I was sure that it would not interfere seriously with the work which is being done there. I am inclined to think that Miss Allen would be just the sort of a person I want for the position, and I would very much appreciate your candid opinion as to how Mr. Alvord and Mr. Greene would feel about my making her an offer and whether or not her leaving would cause serious embarrassment there.

I am glad to know that Mr. Alvord is able to ~~work~~ work a little on the book, and I am quite sure that when he sees the two chapters just sent in, he will realize the necessity of returning them to me.

This morning I received a letter from the Royal Historical Society of London which was forwarded to me from the University, and which states that some publications relative to the Royal Historical Society were being sent to me under separate cover.

Miss L. C. W. 11/16/16--2

If anything of this sort has arrived there, I will appreciate it very much if you will have it forwarded to me.

Sincerely yours

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MANAGING EDITOR

416 LINCOLN HALL URBANA, ILLINOIS

November 20, 1916.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I am enclosing an article which has been recommended by Mr. Barker for publication in the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. Will you please look it over and write me your opinion of its merits?

I have your letter regarding Miss Allen and will answer it in a day or two. I am going over to Mudlavia to work with Mr. Alvord.

Very truly yours,

Leila O. White

Private Secretary.

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Mudlavia, November 21, 1916.

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

My dear Buck:-

A definite pledge was given Governor Dunne that your book would be out during his term of office, so that it is now very necessary to get the volume to press just as soon as possible. The commission is bringing heavy pressure to bear in order to effect this.

Under the circumstances it is necessary for the manuscript to be prepared for press with all possible dispatch, and Greene says there will be no time to send it back to you for revision. Therefore Miss White and I are going over it very carefully and making such revisions as we feel sure you will countenance. If it is possible I will give you freedom to make changes in the proof.

We have gone through the first two chapters; the principle changes we have made are to supply a new opening paragraph and to transfer the discussion of the Indian cessions from the first to the second chapter, where it fits in very nicely. All the other changes are of a minor character.

My health is on the mend, and I hope to be able to

S. J. Buck 11/21/16

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leave this place in a week or two.

Miss White has told me of your desire for an editorial assistant. I can recommend Miss Allen most cordially; she is a very superior young woman. Since you can offer her a much better position than I can, I am ready to let you have her if you can induce her to make the change.

Sincerely yours,

L. W. Alford

November 23, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I was very glad to receive a letter from you once more and to learn that your health is improving.

In view of your statement about Miss Allen and of other recommendations of her which I have received, I have decided to offer her a position as editorial assistant on our staff, with a salary of eighty dollars a month. If she decided to accept the position, as I hope she will, I will appreciate it very much if you will let her off as soon as possible, as we are very much in need of some one right away. Assuming that she would make good, her position here would be a permanent one with opportunity for advancement.

I am glad to know that the work is progressing upon my manuscript, and have no doubt but what the changes which you and Miss White are making will be improvements. When you come to chapters 5 and 6, however, I think you will find that you have a job on your hands to put them into respectable shape, and I am certainly unwilling to assume responsibility for them in their present condition. I cannot see what advantage will be gained by keeping the whole manuscript there, as it is obviously impossible for you to work upon all the chapters at once, nor can I see where the pledge to Governor Dunne has any particular bearing any longer, as it is perfectly obvious, and has been for some time, that this pledge cannot possibly be kept. I do not feel that responsibility for this situation rests altogether upon me. On the other hand, I realize fully that the volume should be and probably can be, published early next spring, and will be glad to cooperate in every possible way to bring that about.

Sincerely yours

P. S. A possible solution of the problem of chapters 5 and 6 has just occurred to me, and I should like to have you consider this as you are working on the manuscript. Would it not be feasible to drop those two chapters out entirely? I should certainly prefer this very much to having them go in in anything like their present condition.

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November 24, 1916

Miss Leila O. White
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Miss White:-

I am returning herewith the ✓
article on "Southern Railroads and Western Trade"
which I have read. I consider the article a good
one in subject matter and general treatment and
conclusions, but it seems to me that it would re-
quire a considerable amount of revision before
it would be in shape for publication.

As you probably know, I have offered the
position here to Miss Allen and I very much hope
that she will decide to accept it.

Sincerely yours

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Mudlavia, November 25, 1916.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:-

*Mrs. Weber
Chicago*

Complications seem to be thickening around "Illinois in 1818." The Centennial Commission met in Chicago last Tuesday and considered the specifications for printing. I quote in full Mrs. Weber's report to Mr. Alvord of the action that was taken.

" Prof. Greene.

.....Therefore, in order to bring the issue before us, I move that the Specifications recommended by the Publication Committee be approved and the Superintendent of Printing be requested to secure bids on those specifications.

"I have thought over this a great deal and I have made up my mind that whatever the Commission decides to do I will stand by it.

"Father Siedenburger:--- Before that motion is put, I would like to offer an amendment.

" That Professor Alvord's specifications be accepted except as to the following points:

" #1 - Substitution of cloth sides instead of paper in the binding recommended by Professor Alvord. (This amendment to the amendment was offered by Mr. Ennis. Father Siedenburger voted against it.)

"#2 - Substitution of Eleven Point Caslon, Old Style, Type for twelve point type.

" #3 - Substitution of paper submitted by the Superintendent of Printing for the paper as submitted by the Editor.

" #4 - Substitute size of margin recommended by Superintendent of Printing for that recommended by the editor.

" #5 - Size of book to be 6 1/8 by 9 3/16.

" And that in all other respects the specifications be approved.

"This amendment was adopted and then the original motion as amended was adopted, the only dissenting vote being cast by Prof. E. B. Greene, who voted no on the amendment, but did not vote on the adoption of the motion as amended."

This action modified in favor of Mr. Higgins a number of points on which Mr. Alvord had firmly determined to make no compromise. He feels that the book should above all things have good paper, - hence he desired a paper cover as less^{being} expensive and therefore allowing for better inside paper. The commission, under the lead of Dr. Schmidt, thinks the cover should be cloth, but that the whole make-up, in spite of this more expensive binding, should be made less expensive than Mr. Alvord had planned, so as to permit a larger edition.

On the question of type, Mr. Alvord was not unwilling to compromise, although he would have preferred twelve point to eleven.

He objects seriously to having the margins altered, although he would be willing to yield a trifle on that score. (I might say here that he has not yet seen Mr. Higgins' dummy.)

There are some further points which do not appear in the dummy but which have made Mr. Alvord very sceptical of the sort of book Higgins wants to print. The latter has told the commission that he can put the volume through the press in six weeks; he says there must be no revising in proof; and instead of distributing the small illustrations he has said they must be grouped so as to have entire pages.

Mr. Alvord was completely upset by the action of the commission, and worry over the matter has perceptibly affected his health. The doctor objects very seriously to his being annoyed with the matter just when he seems to be on the road to recovery, and Mr. Alvord has therefore given me general instructions, on the basis of which I am to see if I can not make an adjustment with Dr. Schmidt. I am to make three conditions which are sine qua non:

1. That it will be utterly impossible to have the book out

by January 1, 1917.

2. That no paper shall be accepted which has not been approved by Mr. Alvord.

3. That the illustrations are not to be grouped but are to be arranged according to his directions.

On the other points there is a little room left for negotiation. If the commission continues to overrule Mr. Alvord's recommendations, I am to propose as an alternative that the commission ask you to take over the book and come to an agreement with it regarding the specifications. In such a case, however, you are to state expressly in your preface that Mr. Alvord has had nothing to do with the volume.

This is to warn you, then, that such a proposition is likely to be made to you very shortly. Mr. Alvord wants you to feel perfectly free in your decision in the matter; if you are willing to be responsible for the sort of book the commission wants to put out, it will not cause him any hard feelings in any way to have you give up his editorship. In fact, he really thinks that this solution may be the best for everyone. One thing is certain, he is too sick a man to have to worry through any controversy with a bunch of politicians who at best know little about the publication of a book of this sort.

The work on the manuscript is coming along nicely; it does not seem to hurt him to spend several hours a day on it, since he does not worry about it. The first four chapters are ready for the press now, and 7, 8, and 9, are very nearly so. We are just getting into the refractory chapters, 5 and 6; I have not yet suggested to Mr. Alvord that they be left out entirely, but I feel pretty certain that he will not agree to such an omission. They

have some excellent material in them, which I think it would be a great pity to leave out; I think Mr. Alvord can put them into shape without an impossible amount of effort.

Mr. Alvord is in general much pleased with your work; he says you have made a very valuable contribution to Illinois history.

At his suggestion, may I ask that in the future you write to me instead of to him in regard to the book? By the doctor's orders, I have been censoring out all business mail since I have been here, but I shall probably not remain longer than Wednesday or Thursday of next week.

Sincerely yours,

Leila O. White

Alvord

November 27, 1916

Miss Leila O. White
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Miss White:-

I have your letter of November 25 and want to thank you for the detailed information which it contains.

I am not at all enthusiastic about taking over the responsibility for the editing of the volume; in fact I am inclined to think that I should absolutely refuse. Certainly I should not consider it for a moment unless the Commission would give up the idea of rushing the thing through the press in six weeks. I care more about the style and content of the work than I do about its physical appearance. Should it be necessary to save money, I would be inclined to suggest the elimination of the illustrations entirely. Certainly I would prefer this to putting them in in slipshod fashion. A number of maps, however, would seem to be absolutely essential.

By the way, do you have some drafts of maps illustrating Indian sessions, etc.? I have been unable to find these here and wonder if they were sent on.

I am glad to know that the work is progressing so well upon the manuscript and am very much pleased, of course, that Mr. Alvord considers it a valuable contribution.

The more I think of it, however, the more I am inclined to think that chapters 5 and 6 had better be left out if the work is to be rushed to press at once. I do not see how you and Professor Alvord could possibly put these into satisfactory shape without a very large amount of work, and I think the inclusion in anything like their present form would detract materially from the quality of the work as a whole. The really valuable part of the book, it seems to me, will be chapters 6-11 containing the narrative of the admission of the state to the Union.

I will appreciate it if you will keep me informed as to developments.

Very truly yours

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November 29, 1916.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

Will you kindly send at your earliest convenience all photostats and books that you took with you from the office? I am having difficulty in locating some of the photostats, Draper Manuscripts, for instance, and it would make it easier for me to have all at hand at once. There is a dreadful rush on now and I am trying to collate all quotations with the originals before the manuscript goes to press as I understand the state printer wants no corrections in proof. I am doing the final editorial work and fixing up the footnotes in a uniform style, besides getting the pictures in final shape. At present everything is very much up in the air, but it will have to be settled within a few days.

Very truly yours,

Ruth A. Hodson

REH:MJ

Alvord

December 1, 1916

Miss Ruth E. Hodsdon
420 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Miss Hodsdon:-

In response to your letter of
November 29 I am sending by express addressed to Prof-
essor Alvord all photostats in my possession relating
to Illinois history. I trust that they will reach
you in good season.

Very truly yours

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Mudlavia, Kramer, Indiana.

November 30, 1916.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:-

The matter of the 1818 volume still hangs fire. It was difficult for me to argue the question with Dr. Schmidt in view of his protestations that the Higgins book was not going to be at all discreditable, and that the practical considerations which had to be taken into account by the commission did not warrant an edition de luxe, such as Mr. Alvord had recommended. The most I could do was to insist that Mr. Alvord be allowed to see the dummy,- a matter they had overlooked unintentionally! I came back much reassured, but in a day or two Mrs. Weber sent on the original Higgins dummy. It is a hopeless specimen; as Mr. Alvord says, it shows that Higgins has no conception of book-making. The commission modified this original dummy considerably, particularly on the point of having a flat instead of a round back-bone, cloth instead of imitation leather, and a better color. But the proportions are poor, the paper very common and cheap looking, and the margins are badly proportioned.

Mr. Alvord has written Mrs. Weber asking for the modified dummy; when it comes he will make up his mind one way or the other. Several people are advising him to acquiesce in this for the sake of the Centennial history proper; but he is inclined to make a stand and resign if the commission does not agree to put out a better looking book. He thinks your suggestion of cutting down on the illustrations may offer a way out of the dilemma.

We have gone over chapter ~~six~~^{five} quite carefully and have made a number of changes; but on the whole we think it is one of the most interesting chapters in the book and do not see why you should want to leave it out. The material is very much worth while, and we can not see that its organization is susceptible of severe criticism at all. Chapter six is less satisfactory, but we do not consider it as impossible as you seem to. In view of the delays which have come up, we are taking a chance and are sending it to you. If you can work it over within a week or ten days, well and good; if the printer has to have the copy before that time, we will have to turn in the original with such minor modifications as we have made on it. As you say, it is a question of doing a good deal to it or a very little.

I am returning to Urbana tomorrow. You will be glad to know that Mr. Alvord is improving, though not as steadily as could be desired.

Sincerely yours,

Lila O. White

Alvord

December 2, 1916

Miss Beila O. White
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Miss White:-

Your letter of November 30 has just arrived. I hope that Alvord will stick to his resolution and insist that the book be put out in creditable form.

I should like very much to see chapter 5 in its present form if possible. The first part of it I had worked over, but the latter part was just as Miss Relf had tacked it together. I will make a strenuous effort to do something with chapter 6 when it arrives, but the pressure upon my time is very great. I have, moreover, just sent to Urbana at the request of Miss Hodsdon all of the photostatic material so that any thorough reworking of the chapter will be impossible.

You have doubtless seen the map accompanying the chapter on the Land System which shows the extent of land purchases up to the end of 1818, and upon which the part of Illinois contained in the Vincennes land district was left blank. If there is any possibility of doing so, I think that this ought to be completed. The necessary data was lacking in Springfield where Miss Relf secured the data for the rest of the map. I tried to get it from Indiana without success and then took it up with the Commissioner of the General Land Office in Washington. I enclose herewith the correspondence which will apprise you of the situation. I think the best procedure would be to ask Dr. Mereness to arrange for some one to run through the tract books and list the land entered in this region up to the end of 1818. I do not believe this would take more than a day or two, and with such a list the completion of the map would be a very simple matter.

Sincerely yours

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December 4, 1916

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

I received the package of material
used in "Illinois in 1818" this morning. Many
thanks.

Very truly yours,

Ruth A. Hodson

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December 6, 1916

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

We are going ahead with the preparation of your manuscript for the press and will have to have Chapter VI the first part of next week. Will you kindly send it back not later than Monday morning?

So far as any of us over here know Mr. Alvord has taken no further action regarding the book. I am inclined to think that he will not resign. The modified specifications provide for a book which will certainly appear presentable to the average person, even though it will not seem particularly attractive to the connoisseur.

Very truly yours,

Lila O. White

LOW:ES

Almond

December 8, 1916

Miss Leila O. White
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Miss White:-

I have your letter of the sixth and will start chapter 6 on its way back to you Monday morning. I have done some work on it and have planned to work on it all day Sunday.

I have been able to eliminate some of the crudities and make a few additions, but the chapter will still be a very inadequate treatment of the subject. I find that the portrayal of social and economic conditions is much more difficult than narrative, especially as conditions varied so greatly in different parts of the state and among different classes of people. I am still of the opinion that it would be best to omit chapters 5 and 6, and I think the work would be less discreditable to all parties concerned if this were done. These chapters are not at all necessary to an understanding of the remainder of the book.

I will appreciate it very much if you will keep me informed of the state of affairs and especially let me know as soon as the contract for publication is signed or any part of the manuscript is sent to the press.

Sincerely yours

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December 8, 1916.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

We are collating the quotations and cannot
➤ find Perrin, History of Alexander, Union, and Pulaski
Counties, and Richard L. Mason, Narrative of Richard
L. Mason in the Pioneer West 1819, New York City -
printed for C. F. Heartman [1915]. These are not in
our library. If you have them would you kindly send
them at once, and if we receive them Monday the quo-
tations can be collated before the manuscript goes to
press.

Very truly yours,

Ruth E. Hodson

P.S. - Also Lippencotts, Early days in Madison Co.
published in Alton Telegraph in 1865. I have a
note from last summer saying the transcript
is in I. H. S. but it is not here.

REH:MJ

Wood

December 8, 1916

Miss Ruth E. Hodsdon
426 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Miss Hodsdon:-

Your letter received this morning and I am shipping to you by express at once ~~the~~ Minnesota Historical Society's copy of Perrin, History of Alexander, Union and Pulaski Counties; also a set of transcripts including Lippincott's "Early Days in Madison County", his "Conflict of a Century" and Churchill's "Annotations." I am quite sure that duplicates were made of these and supposed that one set was left in Urbana. In case you find duplicates of any of this material, I will appreciate it if you will return these transcripts to me.

The Minnesota Historical Society's copy of the Narrative of Richard L. Mason is at my home in Minneapolis where I have been using it. I have just telephoned to my mother, however, and asked her to send it to you at once by parcel post.

Very truly yours

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December 8, 1916.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

Mr. Alvord has definitely decided to acquiesce in the Commission's plan for the publication of "Illinois in 1818" and has written Dr. Schmidt to that effect. He wants to ask you to prepare a short preface making your acknowledgments to him for assistance in preparing the manuscript but expressing a regret that his prolonged illness had made it impossible for him to give his personal oversight to the printing of the volume.

Very truly yours,

Lila O. White

[Private Secretary!]

LOW: MJ

Alvord

December 9, 1916

Miss Leila O. White
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Miss White:-

Since dictating the enclosed, your letter of the eighth has arrived. I am in hopes that it may not be necessary to send the preface to the press until after the holidays, as I am going to make an attempt to have a talk with Mr. Alvord at that time.

I shall want to include in the preface some statements to the effect that certain parts of the book have been prepared under pressure and that the author has not had the usual opportunity of examining the manuscript after it passed through the hands of the editor or of making revisions and corrections in the proof. I assume that it will take some time to make the index after the book reaches the page proof stage, and I do not suppose it will be necessary for the preface to be set up until the index is.

Should there be any possibility of sending chapter 6 to me for a few days before it goes to press, I should appreciate it very much.

Sincerely yours

Wood

December 11, 1916

Miss Beila O. White
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Miss White:-

I am sending you this morning by
express the result of my Sunday labors. The chapter
has worked out better than I expected and I am now
somewhat more reconciled to its inclusion. It will
have to be copied again, of course, and then I hope
that Professor Alvord will have a chance to go over
it before it goes to press.

Sincerely yours

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December 11, 1916.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I received the remainder of your shipment of books this afternoon.

In reading through chapter five I came to the following sentence:

Taking into consideration the labor conditions in Illinois it is easy to understand why the "enterprising" farmers put their capital into live stock, why Birkbeck wrote: "It is on the boundless scope for rearing and fattening hogs and cattle, that the farmers place their chief reliance."

The footnote for this reference is Birkbeck (1818) p.68. One of the girls has read through both books by Birkbeck and cannot find this remark, so I dare not put it in unless I have some assurance that it is written by Birkbeck. Can you find it for me?

Very truly yours,

REH:MJ

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December 11, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

The "Narrative of Richard L. Mason" arrived this morning and is being used. Undoubtedly the others will follow today.

I find on going through Chapter V that there are several other books that cannot be found: Dana, "Geographic Sketches," letter of J. Knight to C. Knight, Palmyra, dated June 21, 1818 are not found in this library. I presume you have a copy of the original of the latter. In another place the text reads as follows: "An early settler of Jefferson county, we are told by the local historian," and then follows a long quotation. The note for this reads "History of -----, see 124, also 127." We have hunted through the Jefferson county histories and the quotation cannot be found on either of these two pages.

If you will kindly send us Dana and Knight's letter, and explain what history is meant, I will appreciate it very much. We are practically through the editorial work on Chapter V.

Yours very truly,

Ruth E. Hodson
R. E. H.

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P.S. Search in the Library brings out the fact that the "Transactions of the Illinois State Historical Society" for 1903 and 1904 are not to be found, although they are charged to the Survey. I wonder if perhaps you may not have our copy or at least have another copy that we may use.

December 12, 1916

Miss Ruth E. Hodsdon
420 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Miss Hodsdon:-

I am sending you this morning by express Dana's Geographic Sketches, the Transactions of the Illinois State Historical Society for 1903 and 1904, and the History of Jefferson County, which contains the quotation in question (page 124). These are all Minnesota Historical Society copies and should be returned to us, together with the books sent last week, as soon as you are through with them. I know nothing of the whereabouts of your copy of the Transactions.

A copy of the letter of J. Knight to C. Knight made by C. M. Thompson from the original in the possession of some member of the family is included in the shipment, as are also some additional transcripts which I discovered in looking for this letter.

Should there be any possibility of your sending chapter 5 back to me for a few days while you are working on chapter 6, I trust that you will do so. I had worked only about half way through it when it was called in, and would like very much to have an opportunity to work over the latter part of the chapter.

Very truly yours

Wood

December 13, 1916

Miss Ruth E. Hodson
420 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Miss Hodson:-

The quotation from Birkbeck about which you inquire in your letter of December 11 is to be found on page 68 of his Letters from Illinois (Philadelphia, 1818).

According to my Bibliography of Travel, the University of Illinois' copy of this work is the London edition which is differently paged. You may be able to locate the quotation in your edition, however, from the fact that it is contained in the letter dated January 31, 1818. I have collated the quotation as contained in your letter and find that it corresponds exactly with the original.

Very truly yours

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December 14, 1916.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I received the express packages this morning and the books are being put to good use.

In reply to your query regarding the possibility of sending chapter five back to you for a few days, I would say that there will be no chance to send it. We have the editorial work practically done on the first five chapters and expect to receive an order from Mr. Higgins to send them to the printer any day this week. In the meanwhile, however, I am verifying references and doing as much upon them as is possible in the short time.

I find that we do not have ²Laton, History of Methodism, and as there are several "quotes" from it I would appreciate your sending it at once. Also if you can spare it, I would like your copy of Birkbeck, Letters from Illinois, because our copy contains so few letters and does not contain the letter dated January 31, 1818. We have several other quotations that we cannot find in it.

Very truly yours,

Ruth A. Hodson

REH:MJ

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December 15, 1916.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

Chapter six did not reach me until Thursday, but as the contract has not been let for the printing of "Illinois in 1818" there is still time to get the revised copy ready for the press. You have improved it decidedly. I think it would be very unfortunate to omit it entirely.

Very truly yours,

Lila O. White

LOW:MJ

Hood

December 16, 1916

Miss Ruth E. Hodsdon
420 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Miss Hodsdon:-

I am sending you by parcel
post our copies of Leaton's History of Methodism
in Illinois, and Birkbeck's Letters from Illinois.

It looks as if our library were more complete
in the field of Illinois history than ~~is~~ yours. Some-
body ought to get busy down there and buy a few of
these books.

Very truly yours

Alford

December 18, 1916

Miss Leila O. White
426 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Miss White:-

I am surprised that it should have taken chapter 6 so long to reach you. It was started from here Monday forenoon. The mail service is apparently more satisfactory than express, particularly at this time of the year.

I wonder if you can tell me anything about Mr. Alvord's plans for the holidays. I assume, of course, that he is not going to Cincinnati, and I am wondering whether he will be likely to remain in Mudlavia or to return to Urbana. In either case, I should like to stop and have a conference with him on my way back from Cincinnati, provided, of course, he is well enough to see me.

You may know that Mr. Greene wrote me the other day to the effect that he had taken over the general charge of the editorial work for the time being, and requested me to communicate with him rather than with Professor Alvord in the future.

Sincerely yours

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December 19, 1916.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I received your copies of History of Methodism and Letters from Illinois. I have two more questions to ask you. In chapter one you say: "There were also scattered ~~traiders~~^{de} of the concern (American Fur Company) upon ^{the} Des Plaines and Kankakee Rivers, and at least two ~~traiders~~^{de} at Chicago in 1818, James Kinzie and Jean Baptiste Chandonnais were equipped by the American Fur Company." Should this be James Kinzie or John Kinzie?

Also what is the table of Post Offices in the United States (1817)? Is it a book or should it be found in government statistics?

Very truly yours,

Ruth Hodson

REH:MJ

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December 21, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I am sending this map to you because I am not sure just what it means. We will have one of the boys in the office re-letter it and get it in better shape for the press, but I think it would be better if you would indicate the explanations, that is, what the various lines and dots stand for and what caption you wish for it.

Very truly yours,

Ruth A. Hodson

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December 21, 1916

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

Mr. Alvord has just written to say that he plans to remain at Mudlavia two weeks longer and will therefore not be able to attend the meeting at Cincinnati next week. He wants you to represent him as managing editor of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review and says that in your report you may mention that the reason for his selection of you is ~~due to~~ your long and close association with him. He wants you to try to secure as many good papers for the Review as possible since we are rather short of articles.

I have written to Mrs. Paine to send you such information as you will need regarding the subscription list and the results of the recent campaign for new members. I think you understand how the campaign was conducted, namely, by writing to various people asking them to write personal letters to acquaintances whom they think might be interested. We have had definite notice that about fifty such letters have been written. Unfortunately a large proportion of these were sent to people who had already received the circular letter sent out from this office. A good many of the men have written quite frankly that they had too many other interests to promote for them to take on anything new. A number have written that they have sent out their circulars but did not give the names of the people to whom they were sent or exactly how many they used.

If I can give you any more information regarding this matter, I shall be glad to do so.

LOW:ES

Very truly yours,

Leila Q. White

Wood

December 22, 1916

Miss Ruth E. Hodson
420 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Miss Hodson:-

I referred your inquiry about Kinzie to Stevens, and he states that he remembers checking up this matter quite carefully and is pretty sure that the statement is correct. He suggests that you might be able to check it up from his footnote references.

The "table of Post Offices in the United States" (1817) is a small book or pamphlet in the University of Illinois library. We have no copy of it here, but I find it listed on page 849 of volume 1 of the Check List of United States Public Documents, third edition, under the heading "Semi Official Lists of Post Offices" etc.

Very truly yours

Alvord

December 23, 1916

Miss Leila O. White
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Miss White:-

I ^{shall} should be glad to represent Mr. Alvord as managing editor of the Review at the Cincinnati meeting, although I feel that I know little more about it than do the other members of the Board.

I should like to know what his plans are with reference to the publication of the Proceedings or the parts thereof which are not to be included in the Review. I supposed that this was to be issued as a supplement to some number of the Review. Am I right in this?

I understand that Mrs. Paine expects to attend the meeting in Cincinnati, and she can probably give me some additional information there.

I wonder if Mr. Alvord desires me to get the editorial board together for a meeting, or simply to present a report at the business meeting of the Association.

I expect to reach Cincinnati at six P. M. Tuesday night, and my address there will be the Hotel Sinton.

Sincerely yours