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April 6, 1917.

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

My dear Miss White:

I understand from Mr. Powers of the Torch Press that page proof of the M. V. H. A. Proceedings is being sent direct to Mr. Alvord's office. Will you kindly send it on to me after the work on it there is completed, together with the corrected galleys, and I will send it on to the Torch Press. I desire especially to see the preliminary pages, etc., as I have seen no proof whatever of some of this material. If part of this proof has already been returned to the Torch Press when you receive this, it will be sent on to me by Mr. Powers.

Very truly yours,

B/K

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

APR 9 1917

April 7, 1917.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

I am enclosing the first two pages of the Proceedings. It seems to me that the cover will look very bare and peculiar, and I suggest that the sentence on page 1 be centered on the cover. I did not receive the copy you sent the printer so I do not know whether you intended it to be this way.

Very truly yours,

Ruth E. Hodson

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April 9, 1917.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I have your letter regarding the page proof of the Proceedings and have referred it to Miss Hodsdon who will see that the proof is sent to you.

In regard to the Flagg manuscripts I have received no word from Mr. Alvord regarding his wishes in the matter. I find from the old correspondence that Mr. Flagg agreed to a transfer of responsibility for their temporary custody from you to Mr. Alvord at the time you left for Minnesota, and a letter of Mr. Alvord's at that time says that any of them are to be returned upon demand although he considers that they will be very valuable in the compilation of the Centennial history. There are transcripts of a large number of letters, particularly the more important ones, but there are a good many of a more personal character which seemed to me to have some rather worth while material in them of which we have no copies. Do you remember who attended to the selection of the letters for copying? Did you have a list of the material borrowed and if so, where should you advise me to look for it? I have been unable to find any trace of an inventory so far.

The Sidney Robinson letters present fewer difficulties. They all seem to have been copied.

Very truly yours,  
*Reila Q. White*

LOW:ES

April 10, 1917

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

My dear Miss Hodsdon:-

I received your letter of  
April 7, with proof of the cover and page 1 of  
the M. V. H. A. Proceedings, and enclose herewith ✓  
a copy of a letter which I have just written to  
Mr. Powers and which will explain the situation.

Sincerely yours

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420 Lincoln Hall,  
April 11, 1917.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

I am returning proof of pages 110-185 today;  
I sent the preceding pages earlier. I am very glad to have you  
look over the proof, and I wish you<sup>would</sup> have some one read it straight  
through to see that the printer did not omit any line, etc.  
I am more than rushed with Review work as well as some other  
outside work and I do not have the time to devote to reading it  
for very many things.

Very truly yours,

*Ruth E. Hodson*

April 12, 1917

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

My dear Miss Hodson:-

I am in receipt of proof of pages 1-109 inclusive, of the M. V. H. A. Proceedings, with the exception of pages 7 and 8, the Table of Contents, and am forwarding it today to the Torch Press.

I assume that you are holding the Table of Contents in order to insert or check up the page numbers, and will forward it with the remainder of the proof.

Sincerely yours

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April 17, 1907

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

My dear Miss White:-

I have been spending most of my time lately in legislative matters, for this is the wind up of the session, and consequently have neglected to answer your letter of April 9 before.

I think the selection and transcription of the Flagg letters must have been done after I left Illinois, as I have no recollection of it. If it was done under my direction, the transcripts should be accompanied by a note stating the circumstances. If there was any list of the material followed, that also was left in Urbana, and ought to be with the correspondence. I imagine that the statements in the correspondence itself are all there are. I am sorry that I cannot be of more assistance in this matter, but I have nothing but my memory to rely upon and that is not very good.

The last of the page proof has been sent on to the Torch Press, and I am in hopes that the Proceedings may come out before the meeting. Is there any prospect of Mr. Alvord's attending the meeting?

Sincerely yours

April 17, 1917

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

My dear Miss Hodson:-

The first batch of page proof had been sent on to the Torch Press before I received your letter of April 11, suggesting that I have some one read it through for omitted lines, etc. I had this done on all the rest of it, however, without finding any serious slips.

Sincerely yours

THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY  
HISTORICAL REVIEW

CLARENCE W. ALVORD  
MANAGING EDITOR

416 LINCOLN HALL URBANA, ILLINOIS

April 23, 1917.

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

My dear Buck:

I enclose, herewith, a copy of a letter from Sioussat in which he offers his resignation as editor of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. My own feeling in the matter is that his resignation should not be accepted. I see no reason why editors living outside of the valley should not be elected from time to time. The subject, however, is so important that I should like your opinion upon it.

If it is possible, I shall be in Chicago at the annual meeting of the Association, at which time we can talk over this matter.

Sincerely yours,

*CW Alvord*

CWA:MJ

*P.S. I am back, not well but better*

(Copy)

April 18, 1917

Professor C. W. Alvord,  
Lincoln Hall,  
Urbana, Ills.

My dear Professor Alvord:

As I shall enter in the Autumn a new field of work, at Brown University, which lies geographically outside the Mississippi Valley, it occurs to me that it is proper for me to submit to you and through you to the Association my resignation as one of the members of the Board of Editors of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review.

This does not betoken any loss of interest, on my part, either in the history of this region, or in the Review. On the contrary I expect to continue my work in this field at Brown. But I think the Association should have the opportunity to fill the place on the Board of Editors with one resident in the Valley, if it so desires.

With kind regards, and the hope that you had a safe and comfortable trip to Urbana, I am

Cordially yours,

St. George L. Sioussat (Signed)

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420 Lincoln Hall,  
Urbana, Illinois.  
April 26, 1917.

*Bill enclosed*

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I presume that the work for the Mississippi  
Valley Historical Association Proceedings has been finished,  
so I am sending in my bill to you. I still have to attend to the  
separates for the authors, but that can be applied to the Review  
fund.

Very truly yours,

*Ruth E. Hodson*

April 30, 1917

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

My dear Miss Hodsdon:-

I am in receipt of your bill for editorial work on the M. V. H. A. Proceedings.

In view of the attitude taken by the auditing committee of the association at the meeting just closed, I think it would be well for you to submit this bill in itemized form; that is, to state the number of hours and the charge per hour. I shall then be glad to approve it and forward it to Mrs. Paine.

With reference to the separates, note should be made of the fact that the association directed that in the future contributors desiring separates should deal directly with the printers.

Very truly yours

*Bill ret.*

May 2, 1917

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

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I trust you suffered no bad consequences from your trip to Chicago. It certainly did seem good to see you on deck again.

I wonder if you have given any thought as yet to the matter of the publication of the Proceedings for 1916-17. I do not know, of course, that you care to have me take charge of this volume, but if I am to do so, I should like to get it under way as soon as possible. It occurs to me that the new form having all been worked out, it will not be so much of a job apart from the routine work, as it was last year, and I should like to make sure that my plan for the issuing of the next Proceedings as another part of the same volume be carried out.

It is unfortunate, I think, that definite provision was not made before the meeting for some one to write up the general account of the meeting, similar to that by Bond included in the Proceedings just issued. When so many of the papers are no longer published in the Proceedings, it seems to me that the inclusion of such an account containing abstracts of all papers is very desirable. From some remarks made by Bond, I feel quite sure that he would be willing to undertake this again this year, and he did it so well last year that I believe he would be the best person available. In order that the preparation of this account can be started at once, would it not be well to ask all those who took part in the program to submit brief abstracts of their papers at once? Some of them will, I suppose, want to take a month or so for revision of the papers themselves, and even when they are ready to send them in now, an abstract written by the author would be of great help in the preparation in the account of the meeting.

I imagine from what I heard about the papers read at Chicago, that you will want to print a considerable proportion of them in the Review. Holbrook is revising his paper now and will send it on to you before long. In view of the fact that it deals with historical method rather than history proper, I rather doubt if you will want to include it in

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the Review. If it is not to be printed in the Review, I think I will put it into our Bulletin, and I am not sure but what that would be the better place for it anyway.

Sincerely yours

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May 4, 1917.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I am sending today by prepaid American  
express the following books which you loaned to us:

- ✓ Leaton - "History of Methodism" ✓
- ✓ Birkbeck - Letters from Illinois ✓
- ✓ Dana - Geographic Notes ✓
- ✓ Illinois Historical Society - Transactions  
1903, 1904. ✓
- ✓ History of Jefferson County ✓
- ✓ Perrin - History of Alexander, Union and  
Pulaski Counties ✓
- ✓ Narrative of Richard Lee Mason. ✓

These, as far as I know, are all the books  
that should be returned to you.

Do you wish me to keep the manuscript and  
page proof of the Proceedings? Do you wish me to send  
them to you, or throw them away?

Very truly yours,

*Ruth E. Hodson*

REH:ES

*Books arrived -  
M.E.P.*

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May 5, 1917.

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

My dear Buck:

I shall be glad to have you edit the Proceedings for 1916-1917. When your letter came I had already composed a circular letter to the authors asking for their papers and also their abstracts. These are being sent out as fast as they can be typed.

I have suffered no bad consequences from the Chicago trip. I am now living in hopes of getting some decent weather some time.

Sincerely yours,

CWA:ES

May 7, 1918

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

My dear Miss Hodson:-

I am in receipt of your letter of May 4 with reference to the books which have been loaned to you from time to time. The books have also just arrived and check up all right with our lists.

With regard to the manuscript and page proof of the Proceedings, you may destroy them, as there is nothing which it seems necessary to preserve.

Sincerely yours

May 12, 1917

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

Holbrook is sending you today his paper and the abstract as requested. I will appreciate it if you will look this over at your earliest convenience, and return it to me at once if you decide not to print it in the Review. I will then bring it out in our Bulletin.

Sincerely yours

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

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May 15, 1917.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I am sending herewith Mr. Holbrooks's  
article which Mr. Alvord has decided is not as  
suitable for publication in the Mississippi  
Valley Historical Review as in the Minnesota  
Historical Bulletin.

Very truly yours,

*Leila Q. White*

LOW:ES

May 24, 1917

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

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I am returning the enclosed list of books for review to you because I wish to take up with you a number of points involved.

In the first place, before I forget it, I want to suggest that Professor D. C. Shilling of Monmouth College be asked to review books occasionally. He seems to be a capable fellow, and he intimated to me during the Chicago meeting that he would like an opportunity to do some reviewing.

In view of the fact that there has been no real meeting of the board of editors since my election, and there is no prospect of such a meeting in the near future, I would like to raise the question of the general policy with reference to reviews. It seems to me that this section is the weakest part of the Review at present. It gives the impression that the books reviewed are simply those which happen to be sent in by the publishers, regardless of their importance or of their specific relation to the field of the Review. Undoubtedly many recent books in the field of western history which have not been reviewed at all, are of greater importance than some which have been reviewed. I presume that no copies of these books were received, but it seems to me that an attempt should be made to keep track of the current publications and special letters written asking for review copies when they do not come in automatically.

On the other hand, it seems to me that books of a general character, containing nothing of especial interest for western history, should receive nothing more than a brief paragraph in the section devoted to "News and Comment". For example, Golder's Guide to Materials for Western History in Russian Archives can have very little specific interest for Mississippi Valley history, and ought not, it seems to me, to have a page or two of the review section devoted to it. Again, I can see no particular reason why Pease's study, which was included in one of the earlier lists, should be reviewed. It will

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undoubtedly receive a full review in the American Historical Review, and a note in the Mississippi Valley Historical Review calling attention to it as the work of a scholar in the Mississippi valley might be justified.

When books in the general field of American history are reviewed, I feel that the reviewers should be asked to bear in mind especially their western aspects, noting the character and extent of their treatment of western subjects, etc.

To sum it up, I am opposed, as I always have been, to any attempt to make the Mississippi Valley Historical Review distinctly a rival of the American Historical Review in the general field, although I fully realize that no hard and fast line can be drawn between western history and general American history.

I trust that you will understand that these remarks are prompted, not by any desire to criticize, but rather by a desire to improve, if possible, what is already recognized as being an excellent publication.

Sincerely yours

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THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY  
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CLARENCE W. ALVORD  
MANAGING EDITOR

416 LINCOLN HALL URBANA, ILLINOIS

May 29, 1917.

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

My dear Buck:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter to Professor Sioussat, president of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, who has sent out a circular letter to the members of the executive committee asking for opinions on the possible participation of our association with the National Board for Historical Service. I should be very glad to hear your attitude upon this subject, whether it is one of criticism or endorsement.

Sincerely yours,

*C W Alvord*

CWA: MJ

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COPY

May 29, 1917.

Professor St. George L. Sioussat,  
Vanderbilt University,  
Nashville, Tennessee.

My dear Sioussat:

I have read carefully the various letters emanating from the National Board for Historical Service and have given considerable thought to the subject. It seems to me that this kind of service can only be done by those historians who volunteer and that a scientific organization such as the Mississippi Valley Historical Association cannot, as an association, participate therein. In their effort to create patriotism and a fervor for the war the National Board for Historical Service will be obliged, in the course of time, to take a stand that is not wholly scientific. A historical association such as ours has principles that are cosmopolitan in character and absolutely scientific in spirit. It must view all subjects objectively, such as cannot be the case in a body that is anxious to create public opinion no matter how enlightened that public opinion is supposed to be. The historical scientist cannot take part in a war and remain scientific in spirit.

Do not misunderstand me; I am not criticising the members of the National Board for Historical Service for

Professor St. George L. Sioussat - 2

giving their services to their country. I believe with them that there is a service of very real importance that can be done by historians, but it is not a service that can be performed by historical associations provided the associations wish to keep the spirit of science. For that reason I am opposed to the Mississippi Valley Historical Association undertaking a work similar to that of the National Board or attempting to cooperate with it. I am opposed to the Mississippi Valley Historical Review participating in any way in the international contest that is now taking place. The ideals of the Review have been high and it has been necessary for me frequently to insist upon its scientific character against those who wish to popularize it. I think it would be a mistake now to change our ideals in the hope of creating popular sentiment in favor of any measure.

I really believe that the Mississippi Valley Historical Association will do its best service by clinging to its ideals of scientific accuracy. We in the middle west have been too prone to lower our standards of science, and now that we have an organization that is trying to lead our people to an appreciation of what historical science is, I think it would be a mistake to change our purposes at this time.

sincerely yours,

CWA:MJ

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May 29, 1917.

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

My dear Buck:

Your statement in regard to your ideals for the Review Department of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review *is in accord with* ~~are~~ those that I have always maintained. Unfortunately I have not been able to give attention to this department or any department of the Review for the last two numbers and it seems to me that your criticism is just. I am glad of your suggestion.

You extend to the Executive Committee of the Minnesota Historical Society my thanks for their subsidy of \$100 for the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. I have just voted for holding the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association at St. Paul next year. I have not indicated my choice of date because I thought that could best be arranged between you and Mrs.

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Paine. I have been meaning to write you for some time to tell you that my apparent opposition to St. Paul as a meeting place was nothing more than an attempt to bring out all the possible viewpoints on the subject. I had no intention in my own mind of opposing your wishes on the subject, but I do believe that it is only right that such an important subject should be discussed fully in the same way as we discussed Paxson's resolution in regard to the National Board for Historical Service. By the way I see that that resolution was printed in the History Teachers' Magazine. At about the same time you receive this letter you will receive a letter of mine to Sioussat in regard to coöperation with the National Board.

My health remains about the same as it was when you saw me in Chicago. Next week I go to Mt. Clemens, Michigan, to see if I can get cured. I shall be there three weeks.

Sincerely yours,

*C W Alvord*

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June 5, 1917.

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

My dear Buck:

I am writing to inquire if you have any positions open on your staff at present or if you expect to have any within the next year. Will you kindly let me know at your earliest convenience?

Sincerely yours,

*C. W. Alvord*

LOW: MJ

June 9, 1917

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

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I have read with care your letter of May 29 to Sioussat with reference to the possibility of cooperation on the part of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association with the National Board for Historical Service.

While I am inclined to agree with your conclusions, I do not altogether agree with your reasons. It seems to me that the principal reason why the association, as an association, should not attempt to cooperate in the educational work of the National Board, is that it could not do so effectively without going outside the recognized field of its activities. I am strongly of the opinion that one of the principal purposes of history is to enable us to understand the present, but I do not see that the history of the Mississippi valley has any very specific bearing upon the national problems of the present day.

While I have no doubt that some of the work done under the auspices of the National Board will be more or less unscientific in character, I do not think we are justified in assuming that it must necessarily be so, and I am sure that the more scientific its work is, the greater influence it will have with the intelligent part of the

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population.

There is another phase of the work of the National Board in which it seems to me the M. V. H. A. might very well cooperate, although that cooperation would doubtless have to be confined to the dissemination of advice and suggestions. I refer to the efforts which the Board are making to bring about the making and preservation of adequate materials for the history of American participation in the war. The actual work along these lines will have to be done, of course, principally by the state and local societies which maintain libraries, but it seems to me that the M. V. H. A. might very well lend its support and encouragement to work of this sort.

Sincerely yours

June 9, 1917

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

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

We expect to have a number of positions open on our staff next year.

I have transferred Miss Kile to other work and have given her place as editorial assistant temporarily to a girl who teaches during the winter months in the Farm School at the University. There is a possibility that she may decide to remain with us, but she expects now to leave about the first of November. In that case, I will be looking for an editorial assistant at a salary of about seventy-five dollars a month, and should an especially desirable person be available, I could make the appointment to begin any time after July 31.

I am looking also for a librarian and an assistant cataloguer, but I don't suppose these positions come within the scope of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours

June 9, 1917

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

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I have already written you two letters today, but I find that I have not answered your letter of May 29.

With reference to the review department of the M. V. H. R., I fully realize, of course, that you have not been in a position to handle this as you would like to have it handled, and I want to assure you once more that my remarks were not intended as faultfinding, but merely as a suggestion which you might follow or not, as you should see fit when the opportunity offered.

I have not heard yet from Mrs. Paine about the result of the vote on the place of meeting. Your letter was somewhat of a give away, as I had not realized that you had made even apparent objections to St. Paul as a meeting place.

I trust that you will be benefitted by your trip to Mount Clemens.

Sincerely yours

JUN 14 1917

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June 13, 1917

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

Your letters of June 9 have been received. I am holding them for Mr. Alvord's attention when he returns from Mt. Clemens.

Very truly yours,

*Lila A. White*

LOW:ES

June 21, 1917

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

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I take pleasure in sending you a bound copy of volume 1 of the Minnesota History Bulletin, containing the eight numbers issued in 1915 and 1916, together with title page, table of contents, and index.

Should it be convenient for you to do so, you might return the unbound issues of this volume which have been sent to you from time to time, and of which you will doubtless have no further use. Our stock of some of these issues is running rather low.

Sincerely yours

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June 30, 1917

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

In Mr. Alvord's absence let me acknowledge  
the receipt of the bound copy of Volume I of the  
Minnesota Historical Bulletin. I am returning our  
unbound numbers as you requested.

Very truly yours,

*Leila G. White*

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July 11, 1917

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

My dear Buck:

I have just returned from a sojourn in Mt. Clemens where I took the baths with some success. Certainly my general health is greatly improved, although the rheumatism still clings to my bones.

I have been looking over your volume on Illinois in 1818 with considerable interest. I really congratulate you on its general appearance. Considering everything, I think it is a contribution of which you may well be proud. If I had been on the job there are some things that appear in the general make-up of the volume which would not have occurred, but they are all minor in character. The illustrations are particularly good, it seems to me, and if the Commission had not been persuaded to permit the use of a much cheaper paper than I would ever have considered, the volume would have been very fine in appearance, but that cheap paper is somewhat of a blot on its general appearance.

Your letter of June 9 in regard to an editorial assistant was not answered because I was away. At the present time I know of no one unless you might consider Miss Saunders, formerly of the University of Minnesota. She has had no experience in editorial work, except such as she may have drawn by association with other people in the office. She has been, on the whole, very satisfactory and I could recommend her.

Mrs. Alvord joins me in best regards to you and your father and mother.

Sincerely yours,

CWA:ES

July 16, 1917

Professor Clarence W. Alvord  
436 Lincoln Hall  
Urbana, Illinois.

My dear Alvord:-

I am very glad to learn that your health is improved and that you are back on the job again.

I quite agree with you that Illinois in 1818 makes a fairly good general appearance, with the exception of the paper, but I am not sure that I am entitled to any congratulations therefore, because I had nothing to do with it.

I want to thank you for the suggestion of Miss Saunders. I shall keep her in mind in connection with our editorial position.

You will be interested to know that both Krey and I were promoted to associate professorships last month.

Sincerely yours,

July 17, 1917

Professor Clarence W. Alvord  
426 Lincoln Hall  
Urbana, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I am returning to you herewith the list of books for review in the M.V.H.R. just received, on which I have noted some suggestions. The items marked with a star should, I believe, be given nothing more than a note in the Notes and Comment section. On the other hand, I am quite sure that there are a number of very important books in the field of Western history which have not been reviewed as yet, and which are not included in this list. Fuller's recent book on Michigan, and the three volumes published by the Illinois Centennial Commission occur to me, to say nothing of Illinois in 1818. Some one ought to keep watch of lists of current publications and write for copies of those in the field of Western history. About the only way to do this is to look over the Publisher's Weekly, the lists in the Nation, and the History Teacher's Magazine, etc.

Sincerely yours,

July 17, 1917

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

Dear Alvord:-

I am in receipt of a marked copy of the Alton Daily Times for July 11, 1917, from which I have clipped the enclosed editorial on "Illinois in 1818". I presume that the paper was sent to me by Mr. W. T. Norton, and very likely the editorial was written by him also. As it relates to features of the book with which I had nothing to do, I am forwarding it to your office, with a copy of my letter to Mr. Norton.

Sincerely yours,

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July 18, 1917

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

My dear Buck:

Congratulations on the promotion to associate professorship and give my congratulations to Krey also. In some places off the campus of the University of Illinois, promotions are occasionally made I am glad to find.

I have had a long talk with Miss White in regard to Miss Saunders and she thinks very favorably of her ability and that she might develop into the kind of assistant that you wish. Cole is also very favorably impressed with her.

Sincerely yours,

*C. W. Alvord*

CWA:ES

*P.S. The reason that some books on western history are not reviewed is that publishers won't send us copies. A circulation of only 700 doesn't appeal to them. Victor's criticism is duly noted. Amen. C. W. A.*

July 28, 1917

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

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I appreciate very much your congratulations, and also the further information about Miss Saunders. I shall certainly consider her in connection with the position.

I am in receipt of a letter from Brigham of the American Antiquarian Society inquiring about the Kimmels and their connection with the Illinois Emigrant as referred to on page 173 of Illinois in 1818.

Brigham states that when the firm of Eddy and Kimmel was dissolved in May, 1830, the notice was signed by Henry Eddy and A. W. Kimmel, and he wants to know how long, if at all, Peter Kimmel, the father, was connected with the firm and also the Christian name of A. W. Kimmel. If some member of your staff can supply the desired information, I am sure that Brigham will appreciate it. It is possible that additional data or references could be found in the original manuscript footnotes for Illinois in 1818. By the way, if any of the manuscript of the volume has not been destroyed, I should like very much to have it returned to me. Some of my drafts and particularly the footnotes might be of use to me.

By the way, have you secured a copy of Pyle's Life of James J. Hill for review in the M. V. H. R.? I believe that the publishers, Doubleday, Page & Co., would send you a set for this purpose, if requested to do so. They furnished me with a review set for the Minnesota History Bulletin.

Sincerely yours

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August 11, 1917.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I am enclosing an article  
which has been submitted for pub-  
lication in the Mississippi Valley  
Historical Review.

Will you kindly look it over  
and write me what you think of its  
merits.

Very sincerely,

*C. W. Alvord*  
per DW.

LOW:b

August 15, 1917

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

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I am returning Trexler's  
article herewith.

It is a fairly satisfactory compilation of material on an interesting subject, but does not seem to me to be a particularly significant contribution. On the whole, I should think it might be well to use it unless you have an abundance of better material available.

Sincerely yours

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August 24, 1917. 7

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

My dear Buck:

If you have an extra copy of my address before your society will you kindly send it to me. I have just engaged Mr. Henry B. Fuller, a man of letters in Chicago, to write two chapters on the cultural development of Illinois for the Centennial history. He said he would talk with Miss McIlwaine concerning the development along historical lines but I suggested that I could probably give him some information on the same subject, therefore I want a copy of my address to send him in order that he may understand our point of view.

My health is greatly improved and I have begun to visit the golf course, although I am not able to put up much of a game yet. I am very anxious to see you and have a long talk over many matters, the nature of which you probably may suspect.

Sincerely yours,

*C W Alvord*

CWA:b

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August 25, 1917

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

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I have a bunch of material used in connection with the preparation of Illinois in 1818, some of which might be of use in your office, and I would be glad to forward it if you care to pay the express on it. The bulk of it consists of the cards on which Miss Relf listed the inhabitants of Illinois in 1818, with information, references, etc. This material, you will remember, we planned at one time to publish as a volume of Illinois Historical Collections.

Some time ago I asked you or some-  
*in your office*  
one ~~whether~~ whether any of the manuscript drafts of Illinois in 1818 were still in existence. If they have been destroyed, I shall not feel bad about it, but if they are still in existence, I would like to have them sent to me. There have been one or two queries about points in the text and the fuller footnotes of the drafts would help me in answering them.

Sincerely yours

August 29, 1917

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

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

As we have a number of copies of number 1 of the Minnesota History Bulletin containing your address, I take pleasure in sending you a half dozen instead of merely the one which you asked for in your letter of August 24.

I am delighted to know that you are well enough to play golf again and trust that your health will continue to improve. I played a little golf myself last fall and this spring, but not enough to get out of the dub class.

I think I must be lacking in imagination, for I haven't the least idea what you refer to at the end of your letter; that is, what special matters you want to talk over with me, although I can think of many things in general which we would have to talk about if we could get together.

I have been about as busy as it is possible for a man to be this summer, and do not see much prospect of a let up in the near future. Some time ago, Fuller suggested that we have a meeting of our northwestern conference at Madison where he expected to be, but I did not push the matter as I did not feel that I could spare the time to attend such a meeting myself.

Do you expect to have any vacation this summer? We would like very much to have you and Mrs. Alvord come up and spend a week with us.

Sincerely yours

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August 29, 1917.

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

My dear Buck:

Please send the material that you used in connection with the preparation of "Illinois in 1818" by express collect. This material should of course be here and will undoubtedly prove of value to us.

I had sent off the other day, immediately on receipt of your letter, the drafts of your Illinois in 1818. You have no doubt received them by this time.

Sincerely yours,

*C. W. Alvord*

CWA:b

August 31, 1917

Professor Clarence W. Alvord  
416 Lincoln Hall  
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

This morning the Pioneer Press of St. Paul contains an Associated Press item dated Chicago, August 30, from which it appears that Illinois is in a state of insurrection over a quotation in my book of some words of Reverend John Mason Peck with reference to "drunken, profane, worthless Irishmen!"

Dr. Schmidt referred to this matter in a letter which I received from him some time ago, so I was partially prepared for the shock. Inasmuch as the Irish have always been noted for temperance and mildness of speech, it is, of course, deeply to be regretted that such a slander upon the race should inadvertently slip into a state publication, particularly as it has been put into the mouth of a most reverend protestant clergyman.

I am surprised, however, that the newspapers would think of quoting the sentence in question, as their doing so is just as much an endorsement of it as was our printing of it as a quotation from the original source. This would be altogether too obscure, however, for the average Illinois politician, and I imagine it is no laughing matter for Greene, who I understand had agreed to eliminate the passage before it went to press and forgot to do so. Possibly the publicity which the book and the Commission are getting will be an advantage rather than a disadvantage.

Since one of my great grandmothers was born in Ireland and her father is said to have fled from the Emerald Isle with a price upon his head after one of the revolutions, it is certainly surprising that I should have been so careless of the tender susceptibilities of the Irish politicians.

Sincerely yours

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September 10, 1917.

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

My dear Buck:

Allow me to thank you for your kindness in sending a number of copies of number 1 of the Minnesota History Bulletin. They will be of great use to me.

The subject I had in mind that would be of interest for you to discuss was the preparation of the manuscript of Illinois in 1818. There are many things about that subject that I should like to say.

We had an interesting call from Miss Kyle and was interested to learn that you were involved in so much war correspondence. Our office as yet has not been called upon for any such investigations as seem to be taking your time.

Sincerely yours,

*C. W. Alvord*

CWA:b

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October 17, 1917.

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

My dear Buck:

Can you spare the time from  
your war duties to edit the Proceedings  
of the Mississippi Valley Historical Asso-  
ciation so that they may be printed with  
the March number of the Review. Most of  
the papers are already collected.

Sincerely yours,

CWA: MJ

October 19, 1917

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I will be glad to edit the Proceedings of the M. V. H. A. meeting, and trust that you will send the material on to me as soon as possible.

Has an account of the meeting been written up similar to the one prepared by Bond last year?

It is understood, I suppose, that I can engage assistance for the work of standardizing footnotes, etc., as was done last year.

Sincerely yours

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

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October 23, 1917.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

The question has arisen as to the whereabouts of a set of maps made by Mr. Linton showing the distribution of the Indian tribes, land cessions, etc. Since you used at least two of the land cession maps we have wondered if you may not have the others. I think there were at least four or five beside the two which you returned with the rest of the material used in Illinois in 1818. If you can by any chance unearth the others and send them down, we will appreciate it very much.

Sincerely yours,

*Leila O. White*

LOW:MJ

October 25, 1917

Miss Leila O. White  
413 Lincoln Hall  
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Miss White:-

The two maps which I returned with the Illinois in 1818 material were the only ones turned over to me.

While I was in Urbana in the summer of 1916, Linton showed ~~me the series of colored maps~~ to which you refer. My recollection is that these were prepared in connection with some work which he was doing, and I would suggest that you make inquiry of him about them.

Sincerely yours

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October 29, 1917

Professor Clarence W. Alvord  
416 Lincoln Hall  
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I wonder if you can and will assist me to get a photograph suitable for reproduction of the title page of the original of Rynning's Sandfaerdig beretning om Amerika. It is number 316 in my Travel and Description. The only copy of this known to be in existence is the one which I secured for the library of the University of Illinois.

We are planning to publish a translation of this book made from a reprint in our library, in the November issue of the Bulletin and would like to accompany it with a picture of the title page of the original. The bill should be ~~made~~ in duplicate against the Minnesota Historical Society. I should like to have this as soon as possible for I want the November Bulletin to come out more nearly on time than the August issue which is now in press.

Cole writes me that your health is much improved, and that you have played golf this summer. I am very glad, indeed, to hear it and hope that the improvement continues. Will you attend the A. H. A. meeting in Philadelphia?

Sincerely yours

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November 2, 1917.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

Mr. Alvord has turned over to me your letter of October 29 requesting a reproduction of the title page of Rynning's Sandfaerdig beretning om Amerika. I will have a reproduction of it made from our photocopier and will send you the negative as well as the print. I hope to have it ready to send you the first of next week.

Sincerely yours,

*Lila O. White*

LOW: MJ

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EJ

November 3, 191.

My dear Miss White:-

I have your letter of November 2, and want to thank you for taking hold of the matter of reproducing the title page of Rynning's book.

I want to thank you also for your courtesies to Mr. Graves in connection with his tour of the Illinois Historical Survey.

Sincerely yours

Miss Leila O. White  
416 Lincoln Hall  
Urbana, Illinois

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

My dear Buck:

I am sending Illinois in 1818 to the press for the second edition and have quite a long list of corrections. The preliminary pages, particularly, will be greatly improved in appearance. The errors in the chapter numbering have been discovered. The Irish have been cut out, and a few other corrections made. I am writing to ask you to send me at your very earliest convenience, notice of any errors that have come under your observation.

McClurg, by the way, is the printer.

Sincerely yours,

*CW Alvord*

CWA:MJ

November 10, 1917

Professor Clarence W. Alvord  
416 Lincoln Hall  
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Mr. Alvord:--

I have your letter of the seventh asking for corrections for the second edition of Illinois in 1818. I am glad to note that you expect to improve the appearance of the preliminary pages, and I presume this will include the elimination of the Roman numerals from the tops of these pages.

Personally I think the title page would look much better if the military gentlemen in the center should be removed and the sub-title inserted in accordance with my original suggestion to Greene. This would make the title read as follows; "Illinois in 1818. A Survey of ~~the~~ Social, Economical, and Political Conditions, and an Account of the Admission of the State to the Union". I think there are decided advantages in having such a sub-title, particularly when the main title gives very little idea of the character of the book.

If you decide to follow the practice of the Collections and print under my name the name of the institution with which I am connected, I should like to have you put in both "Minnesota Historical Society" and "University of Minnesota".

The appearance of the book would be improved by wider margins at the bottoms of the pages, and if it did not seem desirable to make the pages itself longer, this could be accomplished by making the margin at the top of the page somewhat narrower.

Following are a number of specific points, some of which may not be of sufficient importance to justify correction.

Page xxvi, the date, "February, 1917," at the bottom would look better centered under "St. Paul, Minnesota".

Map opposite page 40. The cross hatching in the last item of the legend is not the same as the cross hatching in the map.

*Conrad*

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Map opposite page 52. The figures at the end of the note on this map appear to be either italics or a mixture of italics and Roman. They should all be Roman, of course.

Page 115. The page number is in larger type than the numbers of any of the other pages.

Page 152. The first four lines at the top of the page are in larger type than the remaining lines of the paragraph.

Page 188. The sentence at the top of the page (beginning on page 187) contains a double negative. The first two words on page 188 "or not" should be ~~deleted~~.

Illustration opposite page 234. "Merchantile" should be "~~M~~ercantile" in the inscription.

Illustration opposite page 238. Stevens objects to the statement that this was loaned by him. He acted merely as the agent for the actual owner whose name I do not know. This could be secured, however, by writing to Stevens himself at Division Headquarters, Camp Cody, Deming, New Mexico, or perhaps more quickly by writing to Stevens' father at Avon.

Page 319. In the first sentence of the note on "Lemon and Cook" there is a reference to "the page" which is understandable only in connection with the statement on page 325, which this note was designed to accompany, and it seems to me that the heading to the note should contain a reference to this page. A similar reference to the proper page should be inserted also in the heading to the preceding note. I have never been particularly enthusiastic about the transfer of these notes to the appendix.

Page 321. The second sentence in the preliminary statement is not very good English. It is a condensation of a sentence which I wrote originally. I would suggest that it be changed to read "It is primarily a list of the works referred to in the notes, and is included for the purpose of assisting the reader to identify those works and to determine the editions used".

I enclose herewith a letter just received from Dr. Snyder with reference to the frontispiece. I am writing him to the effect that I had nothing to do with the selection of the illustrations and am referring the matter to you. You will doubtless recall the objections raised by Norton of Alton to this illustration. Possibly it would be better to substitute something else.

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It would be possible, I think, to improve the correlation between illustrations and text by making changes in the location of some of the full page illustrations. If you care to consider this, I will be glad to go through the book with this in mind and make suggestions.

Are you planning to attend the A. H. A. meeting in Philadelphia?

Sincerely yours

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November 12, 1917.

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

My dear Buck:

I wish to thank you for your list of corrections, all of which I hope to make, including the insertion of the subtitle. How far McClurg will be ready to change the plates where it would mean a change in the alinement I do not know, but I shall suggest the changes which you have noted.

I think Dr. Snyder's letter is very favorable to the frontispiece, and personally I think it is a very good selection, particularly as the print is very rare as Dr. Snyder points out. The accuracy of the picture is of less moment.

It is my intention to go to Philadelphia, but I am not certain yet that I shall have the strength. It remains to be seen how far I can stand the hard winter.

Sincerely yours,

*CW Alvord*

CWA:MJ

November 15, 1917

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

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I am inclined to agree with you that it is desirable to retain the frontispiece of Illinois in 1818, in spite of the opposition of Alton people. It seems to me that our inclusion of this picture, with a statement of what it is taken from does not vouch for its accuracy any more than my inclusion of Peck's remarks about the Irish implied an endorsement thereof.

Possibly it might be well, however, to insert a statement in connection with the title of this picture in the list of illustrations to the effect that it is merely an artist's conception of what the thing might have looked like.

Speaking of the Irish, I trust that those of Minnesota are not as sensitive as the Illinois variety, for I have just discovered in Rynning's book which we are reprinting in our November Bulletin, a statement about Irish emigrants fully as derogatory as the remarks of Peck.

By the way, will you tell Miss White that we will be ready to use the photograph of the title page of Rynning's book very shortly.

Sincerely yours

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December 4, 1917.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

After many delays I secured a print of the frontispiece of Rynning's book and mailed it to you together with the negative a day or so ago. I trust you will find it satisfactory.

I am sending you herewith some material for the Proceedings. Some of the papers which are to go in the Proceedings have been sent to Bond for abstracting; he will send them to you later. A great number of the papers have been printed in other publications and a good many have been kept out for the Review so that I am afraid the Proceedings will be rather thin. The following is the record I have of the various papers which were read:

James A. James: The Value of the Memoir of George Rogers Clark as An Historical Document. To be printed in the Review.

W. W. Sweet: The Coming of the Circuit Rider Across the Mountains. Enclosed herewith for the Proceedings.

Louis Pelzer: Glimpses of Some Old Mississippi River Posts. Not yet ready for publication. It might be well to write him again for further information.

Miss Ruth Gallaher: The Military-Indian Frontier, 1830-1835. Printed in the Iowa Journal of History and Politics, July, 1917, p. 393-428.

Frederic L. Paxson: The Rise of Sport, 1876-1893. Printed in the Review, September, 1917, volume 4, number 2, p. 143-168.

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W. E. Stevens: Fur Trading Companies in the Northwest, 1763-1816. Not ready for publication.

Lawrence H. Gipson: The Collapse of the Confederacy: An Analysis of Certain International Causes. To be printed in the Review, March, 1918.

Logan Esarey: The Pioneer Aristocracy. Printed in Indiana Magazine of History, September, 1917, p. 270-287.

Franklin F. Holbrook: Some Possibilities of Historical Field Work. Printed in Minnesota Bulletin.

Paul F. Peck: Latin-American History as a Field of Study for Mississippi Valley Students. Sent to Bond who will send it to you.

Bernard Sobel: Pageantry Possibilities. Included herewith for Proceedings.

Harlow Lindley: Possibilities in State Historical Celebrations. Sent to Bond who will send it to you.

Theodore C. Pease: Nauvoo, a Possible Study in Economic Determinism. To be printed in the Review. No date set.

Homer C. Hockett: The Influence of the West on the Rise and Decline of Political Parties. To appear in the Review, March, 1918.

Theodore C. Blegen: A Plan for the Union of the Union of the United States and British North America, 1866. To appear in the Review, time not yet determined.

Arthur C. Cole: President Lincoln and the Illinois Radical Republicans. To appear in the Review, March, 1918.

Henry Noble Sherwood: The Formation of the American Colonization Society. Was to be published in Journal of Negro History. I have not seen it.

R. M. Tryon: The Principles of Progress Within the Subject Applied to High School History. Paper was sent to History Teachers' Magazine. I do not know whether or not it has been printed.

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Henry Johnson: The Teaching of History in War  
Time. Not a formal paper. You can get his  
letter from Bond.

O. H. Williams: Some Readjustments in the History  
Program. Promised to be sent later.

In addition there seems to have been a paper by Mr. Hathaway,  
whose letter I enclose.

I have tried to cover all the points. If I can give  
further assistance I shall be glad to do so.

Sincerely yours,

*Lila O. White*

LOW: MJ

December 5, 1917

Miss Leila O. White  
416 Lincoln Hall  
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Miss White:-

I am in receipt of the negative and print of the title page of Rynning's book, also of the bill, and I want to thank you for the trouble which you took in securing this for us. It will appear in the November number of our Bulletin which is somewhat belated, as usual.

I am enclosing herewith a letter from Mrs. Pirtle of Louisville which was forwarded to me from Urbana. I have written her to the effect that I am no longer connected with the University of Illinois and am referring the matter to Professor Alvord. I will appreciate it if Mr. Alvord will write to her regardless of whether or not he desires to take up the matter of the purchase of the document, for she and the judge were very kind to me when I went to Louisville to collate this document for the Illinois State Historical Library.

Sincerely yours

December 7, 1917

Miss Leila O. White  
416 Lincoln Hall  
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Miss White:-

A curious problem has arisen with reference to the book of Running's of which you secured a photograph of the frontispiece for us. This photograph shows the date of publication as 1838, whereas we had supposed from the reprint which we have that the original work was published in 1839. Probably there were two editions.

In order to help us solve this problem, will you be so good as to make an exact typewritten copy of anything which you may find on the back of the title page of the original, and send it to me at your earliest convenience?

I received your letter of December 4, together with the papers for the M. V. H. A. Proceedings. I will not have time to take hold of this for a week or two. I should like to inquire, however, as to whether you or Mr. Alvord know anything about the papers, minutes, etc., of the meeting held in connection with the A. H. A. meeting in Cincinnati last Christmas. This meeting ~~ought~~ also to be covered by the Proceedings.

Sincerely yours

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December 11, 1917.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

In regard to the date of Rynning's book,  
I find that the only printing on the back of the title  
page is a single line which I decipher as follows:

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Trykt i Guldberg & Dzwonkowskis Officin ved P. T. Malling.

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Following the title page is a short preface which is  
dated at the close thus: Illinois, d. 13 de Februar 1838,  
followed by the author's name. I hope this will give you  
the information you want.

In regard to the Mississippi Valley Historical  
Association papers read at Cincinnati last Christmas,  
Mr. Alvord wrote for all of them and received all except  
the paper by Ernest A. Smith of Salt Lake City on "The  
Influence of the Religious Press of Cincinnati on the  
Northern Border States." We never received any reply from  
Mr. Smith and did not write a second time. Mr. James'

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paper on "Spanish Influence in the West during the American Revolution" was printed in the Review, September, 1917, pages 193-208. "Sectionalism in Kentucky from 1855 to 1865" by James R. Robertson, <sup>of Berea College</sup> was printed, June, 1917, pages 49-63. Mr. McGrane, of the University of Cincinnati, sent his paper "The Pennsylvania Bribery Bill of 1836" but <sup>as</sup> it had not been printed yet in October, he asked to have it returned to him, saying he did not want it published for some time.

We have never had any minutes of this meeting, but Mrs. Paine could undoubtedly supply them.

Sincerely yours,

Lula O. White

LOW:MJ

December 12, 1917

Professor Clarence W. Alvord  
416 Lincoln Hall  
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

Do you want to occupy a double room with me at the Bellevue Stratford in Philadelphia during the meeting? If so, will you write the hotel for accommodations? The price is pretty high there, but as it will be for only a couple of days, it seems to me best to go to the headquarters hotel. At any rate, please let me hear from you about this at once, as I want to make sure of good accommodations.

I suppose you will go by way of Indianapolis, will you not? I wish it might be possible for a bunch of us to travel on the same train.

Sincerely yours

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December 13, 1917.

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

My dear Buck:

I should have written you before about taking a double room with me at the Philadelphia hotel, but Mrs. Alvord has decided to go with me and I have already engaged my room. I wonder how you are going from Chicago. I expect we will take the B. & O. or Pennsylvania. I have just called up the Big Four and find I can make excellent connections at Indianapolis at 3 o'clock on the Pennsylvania, or if I wish to wait, I can take the extra fast train at 5 something and reach Philadelphia about the same time. Let me know your plans.

Sincerely yours,

*C W Alvord*

CWA:MJ

December 15, 1917

Miss Leila O. White  
4161 Lincoln Hall  
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Miss White:-

I want to thank you for the information about Ryhning's book contained in your letter of December 13. This will be of help to us in solving the bibliographical problems connected with this book.

I am glad to have the information about the papers read at the Cincinnati meeting of the M. V. H. A. I had a talk with Mrs. Paine about minutes and reports for the Proceedings the other day when she was in Minneapolis, and think I will be able to get the work under way soon after the holidays.

If Mr. Alvord has not already answered my letter about a room in Philadelphia, will you please punch him up to do so.

Sincerely yours

December 18, 1917

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

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I am very glad, indeed, to know that Mrs. Alvord is planning to go to Philadelphia with you.

I have decided not to leave here until Christmas night, so that it will be necessary for me to take one of the fast trains on the Pennsylvania at Chicago, Wednesday morning in order to reach Philadelphia in time for the Thursday morning session. These trains leave Chicago at eight forty-five and ten thirty A. M., arriving in Philadelphia about seven the next morning. As they run by way of Fort Wayne instead of Indianapolis, I suppose there would be no possibility of our arranging to travel together.

Sincerely yours