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University of Cincinnati  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

MAR 2 1916

Feb. 28, 1916.

My dear Buck:

Soussiah thinks that  
he would like some one from  
the Southwest to do missionary  
work in Nashville in connection  
with the meeting of the Miss Val-  
ley Hist. Ass'n, April 27-29.  
Would you feel in such a spirit  
and aren't you ready to come  
down and tell us all about  
the methods you have adopted  
to care for your archives in Ariz-  
on? It will do you good  
and I am sure you will do  
us all lots of good, if you  
can come and give us such  
a paper.

I think you have a better op-  
portunity to make an impression

with such a paper than one  
from Wisconsin or Illinois  
and I hope you can see  
your way clear to come. This  
seems to be a prospect of a very  
good attendance from outside  
the immediate vicinity.

With best wishes I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

J. G. P.

March 4, 1916

Professor I. J. Cox  
University of Cincinnati  
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Cox:-

I am not quite sure what you and Bioussat want me to do in Nashville. I will attend the meeting if I can possibly arrange it and I would be very glad to take part in a discussion or give an informal talk on any phase of historical society work with which I am familiar, but I doubt if it would be possible for me to prepare a formal paper.

So far as methods adopted for the care of our archives are concerned, they are like the snakes in Ireland. We are very much in hopes that the next legislature will establish the historical society as a state department of archives and history, and give it the custody of non-current state archives; but the only progress which has been made so far is the preparation of a report for the Public Archives Commission, and the insertion in the law for the construction of our building of the words "and for the care, preservation, and protection of the state archives." The Iowa people are the ones to tell about archive economy, for they have actually done something.

I. J. C. 3/4/16--2

I have a talk on "The Functions of a State Historical Society" which I have worked off on several groups of unsuspecting citizens in this community recently, but which has never been reduced to writing.

The sum of it all is that I appreciate very much the invitation and want to do what I can to help out, but have so much other work on hand that it would be difficult for me to prepare a formal paper. I had not yet made up my mind, when I received your letter as to whether or not I would ask the executive committee to send me to this meeting. My expenses were paid to the A. H. A. Meeting, and I feel some hesitancy about asking for expenses to this meeting. I may decide to go at my own expense, although "it is a long way to" Nashville from Minneapolis. If I do go to the meeting, I am going to advocate a policy on the part of the association of holding future meetings in such centrally located places as Chicago and St. Louis. The association has been wandering around the circumference of its field for the last four years, and think it is time to rec<sub>o</sub>ll it toward the centre.

Cordially yours

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University of Cincinnati  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

March 11, 1916.

Dear Buck:

Your talk on "The  
Functions of a State Historical  
Society" will be just what the  
local people at Nashville will  
want and we will arrange the  
time when it will do the most  
good, if that suits you. I hope  
you will be able to come, even  
if you do criticize our policy  
of "swinging around the circle".  
We need to wake those Southern  
people up and I think this meet-  
ing and the one last year will  
be instrumental to that end.  
A soon responses received

I think we shall have an interesting meeting and a very representative one.

Well, here's hoping you will come and best wishes in any event.

Very sincerely yours,

J. G. P.

March 20, 1916

Professor I. J. Cox  
University of Cincinnati  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Cox:-

I have your letter of March 11, and am still somewhat at a loss to know what you are proposing to have me do at Nashville. You state that my "talk on 'The Functions of a State Historical Society' will be just what the local people of Nashville would want." Does that mean that it is to be something apart from the M. V. H. A. program, and merely intended for local consumption? That would be perfectly satisfactory to me, and I am somewhat inclined to doubt the advisability of my presenting a talk as a part of the M. V. H. A. program, because it is in large part a re-hash of things which have been said before. I will leave that to you, however, and if desired you can count on me for an informal talk on this subject. It will not result in anything for publication in the Proceedings, however, for I could refer anyone to various articles by Alvord, Thwaites, and others which cover the ground.

Sincerely yours

He may want to shift your  
place on the program. I hope it  
that you are ready to appear  
when you will do the most  
good. Scovisak will have  
know of that.

Anticipating the pleasure  
of seeing you next week,  
I remain,

Very truly yours,  
J. G. S.

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University of Cincinnati  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

April 21, 1916.

Dear Buck;

I don't want to  
seem at all intrusive, but there  
was a sort of understanding  
among those that put up Row-  
land for president last year,  
that Paxson should be the  
man this year. He was the  
man this year.

V. P. a year ago, you may  
remember. Many of the Exec-  
utive Council thought wrong  
to break the succession idea  
and we passed a rule to that  
effect. However, we were then  
pretty generally agreed that  
Paxson should be kept in.

mind for this year. If he is not available I should suggest Souds or James H. Woodburn, even though they are different types of men.

For the Vicepresidency Archer B. Hulbert, Fleming, who was our chairman of program Com last year are my suggestions. For the Executive Com, Lindley of Earlham, <sup>Preliminary</sup> Callahan of West Virginia would be good <sup>Men. C. Clark of Iowa</sup> men. On the Teacher's

section ~~has~~ Eason, Paquin, McVick, All  
Lumpkin of Warrenton, Mr. J. M. Perry  
of Cincinnati (High School),  
Gyros W. Wood, Teacher's College, Uni-  
versity of Cincinnati, Jas. W. St. Anthony,  
Members, Dan. an ex-member  
with names.  
Of course you understand there are  
more or less random suggestions than  
with them to answer.

April 24, 1916

Professor I. J. Cox  
University of Cincinnati  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Cox:-

Your letter arrives just as I am leaving. I expect to spend a day in Urbana and reach Nashville Thursday morning.

I am very glad, indeed to receive your suggestions and hope to have a chance to talk them over with you before the business meeting.

I enclose an amendment to the Constitution which may be proposed at this meeting. Should it be adopted it would, I believe, solve the difficulty with reference to the promotion of vice-presidents. Its adoption before the election of officers would, of course, affect the committee's report .

It makes no difference where you put me on the program. Indeed, the program is so very full that I think you had better drop me out, as I have nothing new to say and nothing to say for publication.

Sincerely yours

NOV 28 1916

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Cincinnati, O.  
November 20, 1916.

Mr. S. J. Buck,  
Minnesota Historical Society,  
St. Paul, Minn.

My Dear Buck:

At the Cincinnati meeting we shall have a dinner of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association on Tuesday night.

At that dinner Paxson proposes to have a general discussion and to have some definite reports of the affairs of the Association. If you have any special ideas I am sure Paxson will be glad to get them. Way has charge of the program for the Spring meeting and is working upon it. I think he would be glad to get any word from you if you have any suggestions to offer him.

*in the Association*

Things seem to be improving financially since the dues were raised last spring. A dinner in Cincinnati ought to be a good occasion to talk about the general policy of the Association for we are likely to have a good attendance.

I trust we shall see you then and we can talk matters over then. Believe me

Very truly yours,

*L. Hoop.*

*Mrs. Paine expects to be present and carry on the Association's reputation &c*

November 27, 1916

Mr. Isaac J. Cox  
University of Cincinnati  
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Cox:-

I have your letter of the twentieth and am glad to know of the plan for a M. V. H. A. dinner on Tuesday night. I shall certainly endeavor to be present.

I have already had some correspondence with Way about the program for the spring meeting, and have suggested several people who are going to prepare papers. I am especially glad to know that the affairs of the association are looking up financially.

Sincerely yours

December 12, 1916

Professor Isaac J. Cox  
University of Cincinnati  
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Cox:-

I enclose herewith the blank for the historical meetings filled out to the best of my ability.

I will doubtless want to attend one of the group dinners Friday night, probably the one devoted to "archival and manuscript sources of American history" if it is held. Sometime during the meeting I want to arrange for a dinner of the directors of historical work in the northwestern states, in order that we may discuss the cooperative enterprise which we have undertaken in the Washington archives, and other matters of mutual interest. We have had dinners of this sort at the last two meetings and have had three separate conferences in Chicago as well. Possibly this dinner might be held Friday night, but I am inclined to think it would be better to have it on Wednesday or Thursday night in order that we may attend one of the other group dinners on Friday night.

The program contains much of interest to me and I am looking forward to a very good meeting. We are planning to invite the A. H. A. to meet up here in 1918.

Cordially yours