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January 19, 1916

Dean Guy S. Ford
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Ford:-

The following is the outline of Kelley's series of art lectures as given in a recent letter to me. The first three lectures are grouped together under the general heading "How and Why Works of Art are Created."

1. The artist's point of view.
2. The artist's means of expression. (Technique and media.)
3. Composition.

To these would be added a fourth lecture on theory of design and two lectures on oriental art. He has lantern slides to illustrate all of these lectures.

The course will be given at Ohio State from July 28 to August 9. He could come here at any other time during the summer.

Sincerely yours

March 7, 1916

Professor Guy S. Ford
7 Kirkland Road
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mr. Ford:-

It has occurred to me that you might be interested in some of the communications which have been appearing in the Daily recently, and also in the Faculty Edition which came out last Saturday, so I am sending you the last four issues under separate cover. Schaper's communication has caused considerable comment.

I have been hearing from you indirectly, and was especially glad to learn yesterday from Mrs. Pierce that your eyes are improving.

Cordially yours

May 26, 1916

Dean Guy S. Ford
Graduate School, University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Dean Ford:-

I am instructed by the committee in charge of the examination of Mr. William R. Fieldhouse, candidate for the master's degree, to report as follows. The committee recommends that Mr. Fieldhouse be given the degree only after the completion with a grade of B or better of such work in history in the coming summer school, as may be approved by his adviser.

The explanation of this unusual report is that Mr. Fieldhouse in his examination showed a lack of general historical knowledge which the committee believes to be due to lack of preparation for graduate work rather than to unsatisfactory work during the present year. The committee does not feel that he should be required to take another oral examination. His thesis has been accepted and approved by the thesis committee.

Very truly yours

May 26, 1916

Dear Guy S. Ford
Graduate School
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

My dear D

May 26, 1916

Dean Guy Stanton Ford
7 Kirkland Road
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mr. Ford:-

I am sending you enclosed a copy of a report on Mr. Fieldhouse's examination which I have just sent to your office.

The committee was very evenly divided in this matter, three of the seven members favoring the granting of the degree without further conditions. The report, therefore, is a compromise which is on the whole a fair one, I believe, and I hope that the rules of the Graduate School will allow it to be carried out. All those with whom Fieldhouse has had work during the year reported that his work was about of a B minus grade. There seemed to be a feeling that what he lacked in quantity was not made up in quality. His thesis, however, is better than the average master's thesis.

I am under the impression and so stated to the committee that the question of insufficient preparation was raised when Fieldhouse became a candidate for the degree and that he was told at that time that there would be some doubt as to his being able to secure it in a year. I do not know as I need have troubled you with this matter, but it is so out of the ordinary that I thought it might

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be well to inform you about it.

I expect to leave next week for Urbana where I will spend the month of June finishing up my work for the Illinois Centennial Commission. My address there will be 416 Lincoln Hall.

Give my best regards to Mrs. Ford, and Mrs. Ellis, and say hello to the children for me.

Sincerely yours

426 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois,
June 6, 1916.

Dean Guy Stanton Ford,
7 Kirkland Road,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Ford:

I have your letter of June 2 and it made me feel better about the Fieldhouse matter. After writing to you, I discovered that Fieldhouse was unwilling to accept the decision and was appealing to Dean Johnston and the executive faculty. It happens that I was one of the three members of the committee who voted in favor of giving him the degree, but I was opposed to reopening the case and thought that on the whole the decision was a fair one. It seems, however, that he holds me responsible entirely. I talked the matter over very fully with White, Notestein, and Krey, and also spoke to Dean Johnston about it. Professor White understood my attitude fully, and was authorized to represent me should the case come up. I left Minneapolis last week on Monday about 2 o'clock in the car and reached here Friday night. About 9:30 I learned from Alvord that a

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telegram had come from Dean Johnston during the day asking me for the particulars of the vote in the Fieldhouse case for faculty meeting that night. It was, of course, too late to reach him in time for the faculty meeting, and I cannot quite see why he should have telegraphed me, as any other member of the committee could have given the information.

I am planning to spend three or four weeks here in whipping into shape the volume on "Illinois in 1818" for the Centennial Commission, but I will have to be back in St. Paul before the end of June. Much to my regret I had to give up all plans for an eastern trip this summer. I was quite surprised to learn of your intention to go to the Plattsburg Encampment and hope that you find it agreeable. I

I have just received a letter from White stating that the University has failed to get a number of big men for next year that had been expected, and therefore there would be funds available for a number of instructors. He suggested that one of these might be given to the history department and wanted me to consider the matter. I think it would be extremely desirable to get Mr. Stevens if possible. I know of no one whom I could recommend more strongly, and am quite sure that he would

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develop into just the person to handle the general work in American history. He has a position here for next year at \$1000, but with the understanding that he can drop it if something better turns up. Alvord thinks that Illinois will go up \$1200 to hold him, but we would have the added inducement of an opportunity which does not exist *here*.

I have had many inquiries about you since I arrived here. Alvord has been under the weather with rheumatism for several weeks, but is better now. Everyone else seems to be well. The history department is giving a dinner for Robertson tomorrow night as he will have to spend Sabbatical in South America, and Greene was kind enough to invite me to attend.

I left my father in Berlin on the way down and my mother in Chicago with the Kellars. She has since gone back to southern Minnesota where she will visit with her sister. You have doubtless heard that the DeWolfe's have a new boy.

Sincerely yours,

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The University of Minnesota
Graduate School
Minneapolis

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

My Dear Beck - I am very glad to have seen the enclosed article by Mr. Blegen. It is good - so good that I am returning it thinking you might well want to send it on to some one else.

We are beginning to pack up for we go to the shore Tuesday - at Scituate some 30 miles south of Boston. The family will be there until we start west. I am going to Hallsburg on Aug 10. Shall go a day earlier & stop over night with the Whites in Western, Mass.

We are to have an Elmwood picnic supper
to-morrow. About twenty people & that - not all
that are here will turn up. Neil Brooks, Miss Schoppert,
Rev. Barber, Dr. Stanley, the Washburns, Lytjers, et al.

We are all well - very muggy weather - not so
high in temperature but humidity about 95%. Turned
cooler last night and very decent today. Family went out
Wellesley to-day.

Speak before last Mrs Ford & I had a trip to Amherst
& then down to New Haven. From Amherst we went ^{auto} ~~by~~ ^{agride}
175 miles in the Berkshires - it was beautiful & remarkably
good roads - not a foot off macadam all the way. You
would surely enjoy being down here with your car.

Must write Davis a line. We shall not be
able to visit them this summer.
Regards from all to your father & mother & yourself -
Sweetly
Ford

August 7, 1916

Dean Guy S. Ford
of Professor A. B. White
Rowe, Mass.

My dear Mr. Ford:-

I was very glad, indeed, to receive your letter a few days ago, and noting that you are coming to visit Mr. White on your way to Plattsburg, I am sending this in his care.

I rather envy you your month in Plattsburg, especially if the weather is reasonably cool. We have had, as you doubtless have heard, a month of very hot weather here and I imagine that camp life in such temperatures would not be altogether pleasant.

The Kellars are spending a part of their vacation here; have been here a little over a week and we are having some good times, although I am too busy to run around very much. I try to play tennis or get a swim every day, which is keeping me in fairly good condition.

Yesterday we went out to Crooked Lake near Anoka, where our neighbors the Wanlesses, have a cottage and found it a very pleasant place. On the way back we experienced

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a miniature tornado and rain storm, but no damage was done.

I suppose Krey is back from his trip in northern Minnesota, but have not seen him as yet.

Sincerely yours

The University of Minnesota

Graduate School

Minneapolis.

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

January 31st

1917

COMMITTEE:

W. A. Schaper ✓

L. M. Crosgrave ✓

S. J. Buck

Dear Sirs:

I am asking you to act as a committee of which Professor Schaper is chairman, to read and pass upon the acceptability of a monograph of Professor C. D. Allin, on "Australian Colonial Tariffs Part II." This has been offered as a possible publication in our research publications in the Social Science Series.

Sincerely

Lucy Stanton Ford.

GSF:FP

Copy goes to Professor Schaper first.

The University of Minnesota

Graduate School

Minneapolis

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Dr. S. J. Buck
209 Library Bldg

Mr. Samuel M. Ralston has applied for a position as
Scholar or Assistant in History or Pol. Science in this University.
Your name has been given as a reference. I should appreciate
any information which you may be able to give in regard to
the fitness of this candidate for the position named.

Sincerely,

Guy Stanton Ford.

March 13, 1917

Dean Guy Stanton Ford
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Ford:-

Mr. Samuel M. Ralston, who has applied for a position as scholar or assistant in history or political science in the University, was a student in two of my classes in the first semester of 1914-15, the general course in American history and the history of the west. He did excellent work, ranking generally very near the top in both classes, and I consider him an especially capable man.

Sincerely yours

March 22, 1917

Dean Guy Stanton Ford
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Ford:-

In accordance with your request of January 31, I have examined the manuscript of Professor Allin's monograph entitled "Australian Colonial Tariffs Part II."

The subject is one with which I am not at all familiar, but the work impresses me as being done in a careful and scholarly manner, and based largely on original sources. I do not feel sure, however, that such an exhaustive and detailed study of this subject is suitable for publications by the University of Minnesota. So far as I know there are very few scholars in America interested in Australian history, and I doubt if the book would find many readers in this country.

Sincerely yours

August 3, 1927

My dear Mr. Ford:-

I enclose herewith some
clippings which may interest you.

We are all hoping that you
will decide to return to Minnesota this
fall.

Sincerely yours

Professor G. S. Ford
Committee on Public Information
Washington, D. C.

GEORGE CREEL, CHAIRMAN
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF WAR
THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 18th, 1917.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

Your idea about Cole is one worth considering and if you can postpone your decision in the matter until the Department is together in the fall I wish you would take it up with them then. Our arrangements for next year will give a margin within the budget but no certainty about the next year by any of them. I should think that six hundred for the one class would be rather more than the college would care to undertake.

It looks now as though Notestein would stay here for the first semester. Both he and Krey are enjoying the work. The latter will start back the first week in October.

Please remember me to your father and mother. I am looking for Mrs. Ford and the children tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Guy Stanton Ford

Director of the Division
of Civic and Educational
Cooperation.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
GRADUATE SCHOOL

December 3, 1917

Dear Dr. Buck:

This outline of Sister M. Aquinas Norton's thesis just received. If you will look it over and return it to this Office, I will send it back to her, or give you her address and you can write her.

Sincerely

Mrs. Pierce

December 5, 1917

Mrs. Frances Pierce
Graduate School Office
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Pierce:-

I have looked over the outline of the thesis of Sister Aquinas and consider that she has made a very clear and workable analysis of the subject. I have no criticisms to offer upon it at this stage.

I was somewhat surprised to receive this, as when she failed to put in an appearance last summer, I supposed that she had given up her plans for obtaining a degree.

Sincerely yours

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December 20, 1917

Professor G. S. Ford
Committee on Public Information
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Ford:-

Mr. White took up with me yesterday your letter with reference to the local committee for the American Historical Association meeting in Minneapolis, and it was also discussed at a meeting of the department at Davis's last night.

Mr. White asked me to write you my views with reference to the part to be played by St. Paul in this connection. You may remember that the question as to whether this was to be a Twin City meeting or primarily a Minneapolis meeting came up a year ago when we were securing invitations, and the members of our council took the position that as long as the headquarters were to be in Minneapolis, it would be essentially a Minneapolis meeting. The historical society, therefore, instead of joining in the invitation to the associations, merely urged them to accept the invitations extended by the University, etc., to meet in Minneapolis, and expressed the hope that arrangements might be made for a visit to St. Paul, and at least one session in the new building of the society.

In view of these and other circumstances, it seems to be advisable to consider this as a Minneapolis meeting, with the local arrangements committee made up entirely of Minneapolis people. Then the Minnesota Historical Society could provide another committee to look after arrangements for the visit to St. Paul. The two cities are not in the habit of working together in the matter of entertaining conventions, and I doubt very much if a joint committee would be able to operate effectively. Therefore, moreover, to be nothing for the St. Paul people to do except to look after the visit to this city. We could undoubtedly secure the opening of the St. Paul clubs to the members, but I doubt very much if any of them

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would take advantage of such privileges.

If, in spite of these considerations, you still think it advisable to have some St. Paul people named on the original local arrangements committee, the two whom I would suggest would be Mr. Charles P. Noyes, now president of the historical society, and Hon. Gideon S. Ives, who undoubtedly will be president at the time of the meeting.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Philadelphia.

Sincerely yours