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~~Answer to Mr. Case~~

Princeton University,
May 5, 1916.

My dear Sir:

About six weeks ago I suggested, in conversation with Mr. Gaillard Hunt of the Library of Congress, the idea of establishing in Washington a residence house to which the universities of the country might send their most promising and most advanced graduate students of American History for a few weeks of systematic study in the Government Archives and Manuscript Collections. His response was so encouraging that I decided to attempt to secure the coöperation of a number of universities in such a plan. A few days later Dr. Jameson, in expressing his sympathy with the idea, suggested that the students of Political Science should perhaps be included also. I have since visited Johns Hopkins, the University of Pennsylvania, Harvard, Yale and Columbia, in all of which institutions the suggestion has received such favorable consideration that I am venturing to suggest a general inter-university meeting to consider it. Columbia has kindly offered her hospitality for such a meeting, and, in consultation with Professor Dunning, Professor Osgood, Professor Munroe Smith, Dean Woodbridge, Dr. Talcott Williams and Professor Hayes, the date, Saturday, May 13, has been selected. The first session will be held at 3.30 in the Trustees' room of the Columbia University Library, and the delegates will dine together at the Faculty Club at six.

I am enclosing a tentative plan of organization, which is designed only to serve the purpose of giving definiteness to the discussion. Amendments, additions, or substitute plans will of course be heartily welcomed.

We should be glad to have as many representatives of your university as you desire to send, and hope that they will come prepared to express the views of your departments of Politics and American History. It is highly desirable to effect a definite organization at this meeting, if possible.

Will you kindly notify me at your earliest convenience what representatives we may expect? The work of the Columbia committee of arrangements will be simplified if you will answer by telegram.

Very sincerely yours,

R. M. McELROY.

ITEMS OF ORGANIZATION SUGGESTED AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION.

- I. The Institution shall be called
- II. Each member university shall contribute the sum of \$300 as a starting fund.
- III. There shall be a General Committee, consisting of one representative from each contributing university. The General Committee shall meet at least once during each calendar year, in the City of Washington.
- IV. There shall be an Executive Committee of five, two of whom shall be residents of Washington, to be elected annually by the General Committee.
 - (a) The Executive Committee shall be charged with the complete control of the residence house, and of the interests of the Institution during the term for which they shall have been elected. Any three members shall constitute a quorum.
 - (b) The Executive Committee shall designate one of their own number to act as Treasurer.
 - (c) The Executive Committee shall report in writing to the General Committee once each year.
 - (d) The Executive Committee shall admit to residence, without charge, for a period not to exceed six weeks, such male, graduate students as present credentials, signed by the member of the Governing Committee representing the university to which they belong. Such students shall be appointed in turn from the applicants of each contributing university, following the alphabetical order.
- V. For the present, the residence house shall furnish only dormitory accommodations and breakfasts.*

*The midday meal may be taken at a special table provided in the Library of Congress restaurant.

May 9, 1916

Professor R. M. McElroy
Princeton University
Princeton, N. J.

My dear Professor McElroy:-

I am in receipt of your form letter of May 5 relative to the proposition for establishing a residence house for graduate students in Washington.

It is obvious to you, of course, that it would be impossible for Minnesota to be represented at the conference next Saturday. I will be very glad, however, to bring the matter up at a meeting of the department which will take place in a few days.

Very truly yours

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Dr. S. J. Buck:
Minnesota Historical Society.
Saint Paul.

My dear Mr. Buck:

I hardly expected that you would be able to send a delegate to the Columbia meeting upon such short notice. It was however impossible to send out the invitations at an earlier date. I wish however to thank you for your expression of sympathy, and shall read your letter at the meeting tomorrow.

Very Sincerely Yours
Rm M. Elroy

May 12, 1916.

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December 28, 1917

Prof. S. J. Buck,
Univ. of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

A HISTORY OF THE CIVIL WAR AND RECONSTRUCTION by James Ford Rhodes will, we trust, interest you personally, and, we are confident, merits careful consideration with a view to determining its availability for use as a text in one of your courses. We have, therefore, been glad to send you a copy which we hope you will be kind enough to examine with some care. We shall, too, be further indebted to you for the courtesy of advising us of your decision regarding the introduction of the book.

Thanking you in advance for this favor, we remain,

Very truly yours,

THE MACMILLAN COMPANY
College Department.

RRS/EW

August 18, 1917

Professor Lawrence Martin
Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey
Madison, Wisconsin

My dear Mr. Martin:-

I want to thank you for your
courtesy in sending me a copy of your Physical
Geography of Wisconsin.

I have been looking it over
with great interest, and consider it a valuable
work. The bibliographical information which it
contains is especially useful to me.

Sincerely yours

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March 13, 1917

Mr. Thomas P. Martin
Room 47, The Widener Memorial Building
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mr. Martin:-

I have your circular letter and note of March 6, and it seems to me that your policy with reference to the western historical institutions is a very liberal and friendly one, and it ought to be possible to avoid difficulties.

I hope to be able to call together our committee to talk things over before very long.

Sincerely yours

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DR. WILLIAM J. MAYO
ROCHESTER, MINN.

Friday,
August 31st., 1917.

Prof. Solon J. Buck,

The University of Minnesota,

Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Prof. Buck:-

Thank you very much for writing
me in regard to the Mississippi Valley Historical
Association. I am very glad indeed to join and am
sending my application today to Mrs. Paine, as you
suggest.

Yours very truly,

WJM/G



September 14, 1917

My dear Dr. Mayo:-

On my return from a short vacation, I find your note of August 31, stating that you are sending to Mrs. Paine your application for membership in the Mississippi Valley Historical Association.

I appreciate very much your willingness to cooperate with us and trust that you will find something of interest in the publications of the Association.

Sincerely yours

Dr. William J. Mayo
Rochester, Minnesota

July 26, 1917

Hon. B. H. Meyer
Inter-State Commerce Commission
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Meyer:-

It is to you, I presume, that I am indebted for the copy of the History of Transportation in the United States before 1860.

I appreciate very much your remembering me in this way and I shall be interested in going through the volume at the first opportunity.

Sincerely yours

August 31, 1917

City Editor
Minneapolis Journal
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Sir:-

I tried to see you Wednesday afternoon, with reference to your request for an article on the history of Fort Snelling for the Sunday Journal, but unfortunately you had left the office before I got there.

Although I am very busy with other matters, something of this sort would seem to be so appropriate at this particular time that I have decided to undertake it, provided you still want it and could pay me a reasonable compensation for it. The history of Fort Snelling now covers a century and includes many interesting and dramatic incidents and events. It will be possible to bring out only a few of these in a brief sketch, but I should like to suggest the alternative of a series of articles to be run on successive Sundays under the general heading Scenes and Incidents in the History of Fort Snelling. The headings for the individual articles might be something as follows:

1. A Military Post Established at the Mouth of St. Peter's River.

This would deal with Pike's expedition in 1805 for the selection of a site and its purchase from the Indians; Long's expedition in 1817 confirming Pike's selection; the arrival of troops under Colonel Leavenworth in 1819, and the construction of the fort under Colonel Snelling in the years 1820-22.

2. Guarding the Northwestern Frontier.

This would deal with the annals of the post down to about 1850, including many interesting incidents in the relations between Indians and the white men; the coming of settlers from the Selkirk colony in the Red river valley, and the beginnings of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

3. The Period of the Civil and Indian Wars.

This would take up the abandonment of the fort and the sale of the reservation in 1858; the first State Fair held at the fort in 1860; the training of Minnesota troops at the fort during the Civil and Indian wars; the internment camp of the Sioux Indians on the reservation in the winter of 1862-63; the hanging of two Indians at the fort in 1865, and finally the reorganization of the fort by the United States government.

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4. The Development of a Modern Military Post.

This would include the dismantling of the old diamond shaped fort, and the construction of the new buildings; an account of the part played by the fort in the Spanish-American War; the expedition from the fort to quell an uprising of Chippewa Indians at Leech Lake in 1905; the mobilization of the National Guard for service on the Mexican border last summer, and finally the training camp and other activities of the present day.

I have access to a very large number of photographs from which excellent illustrations could be secured for such a series of articles.

Very truly yours

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THE MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL
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Sept. 5, 1917

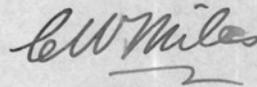
Mr. Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Your letter regarding a series of articles on the history of Fort Snelling has been referred to me and I should be glad to consider such a series. What would you think a reasonable amount for the articles?

Awaiting your reply, I am,

Yours truly,



SUNDAY EDITOR.

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September 8, 1917

Mr. C. W. Miles
Sunday Editor, Minneapolis Journal
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Sir:-

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 5 with reference to a series of articles on the history of Fort Snelling.

Mr. Buck is out of town for a few days, and the matter will be called to his attention immediately upon his return.

Very truly yours

Secretary to the superintendent

September 18, 1917

Mr. C. W. Miles
Sunday Editor, Minneapolis Journal
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Sir:-

My reply to your letter of September 5 relative to the proposed series of articles on the history of Fort Snelling has been delayed by my absence from town.

In view of the publications of part of Mr. Hansen's pamphlet in last Sunday's Journal, I take it that you would no longer care for such a series as I had proposed. Mr. Hansen's pamphlet, which I read with much interest when it came out a few months ago, unfortunately contains a number of errors and inaccurate statements, and one of these I note has been incorporated into the heading for your article "Fort Snelling cost U. S. \$300 and 60 gallons of whiskey". The \$300 and the whiskey given by Pike to the Indians when he negotiated the treaty was not the purchase money for the territory secured, but was merely intended to facilitate the negotiations. The treaty itself, provided "that in consideration of the above grants, the United States shall pay [-----]". This blank was filled in by the United States Senate with \$2000 when the treaty was ratified, and gifts to the value of \$2000 were distributed to the Indians just prior to the establishment of the Fort in 1819.

Very truly yours

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OFFICE OF
MANAGING EDITOR

Sept. 27, 1917

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

The publication of Mr. Hansen's
article in no way interferes with the series of
articles you have proposed. Your articles, if
satisfactory arrangements can be made, would run
in The Journal Magazine section.

Yours truly,

CW Miles

SUNDAY EDITOR

CWM:FS

September 29, 1917

Mr. C. W. Miles
Sunday Editor Minneapolis Journal
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Miles:-

I am in receipt of your letter of September 27 with reference to the proposed series of articles on Fort Snelling.

~~Assuming~~ that there would be four articles in the series, of about twenty-five hundred words each, I feel that I could not afford to prepare them for less than eighty dollars for the whole series. I do not know how much newspapers usually pay for such articles, but I was recently offered seven hundred dollars for writing a book of forty thousand words. The amount which I have suggested is less than half of this rate.

I should expect to include in the articles a considerable amount of quotation from original documents, which would, I believe, add to their interest and vividness. I could select the pictures for the illustrations and make them available to you, but the expense of reproduction would have to be borne by the Journal, of course.

Sincerely yours

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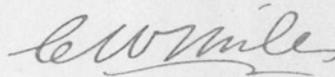
Oct. 1, 1917

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

My Dear Mr. Buck:

In reply to your letter of September 29th, in regard to the proposed series of articles on Fort Snelling, the price proposition is satisfactory to The Journal, providing it could make the articles into a series that would extend through six issues of the Magazine. Before accepting such a proposition, however, it would be necessary for The Journal to have the written articles submitted, in order to examine them and see that the material is satisfactory. Illustrations, as you suggest, would of course add to the attractiveness of the articles. Trusting to hear from you, I am,

Yours truly,



SUNDAY EDITOR

CWM:FS

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October 3, 1917

Mr. C. W. Miles
Sunday Editor
Minneapolis Journal, Minneapolis

My dear Mr. Miles:-

I am in receipt of your letter of October 1 with reference to the proposed series of articles on Fort Snelling.

I will undertake the preparation of these articles and will divide the material, as you suggest, into six instead of four parts. I do not know just how long it will take to complete this, as I am very busy with other matters, but the manuscript will be submitted to you as soon as it is ready. In case the Journal decides to publish it, I would want to reserve the right to reprint it in the form of a pamphlet.

Very truly yours

October 10, 1917

To the Editor
Minneapolis Journal
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed you will find a notice of a public meeting to be held by the executive council of the Minnesota Historical Society next Monday evening.

The society will appreciate it if you will call attention to this meeting in the Journal. The subject of Professor Hicks' paper is one which ought to interest a good many people at the present time.

Very truly yours

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GRATIA A. COUNTRYMAN
LIBRARIAN

17 November 1916.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
State Historical Society,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Dr. Buck,

I have neglected to inform you that at our meeting of the Twin City Library Club, held November 2, you were unanimously elected President. Miss Starr of Minneapolis was elected Vice President, and Miss Amy Cowley of the Library Commission, Secretary and Treasurer.

I suppose they will be with you an executive committee and you will have to consult with them in regard to next year's meetings.

Yours truly,

Raymond L. Walkley.

Assistant Librarian.

November 18, 1916

Mr. Raymond L. Walkley
Public Library
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Walkley:-

Thank you for your letter of November 17 informing me of my election to the presidency of the Twin City Library Club. I had, of course, heard some rumors to this effect, but I am glad to have formal notice.

I will take up the matter of meetings with Miss Cheyley and Miss Starr in the near future.

Very truly yours

MAR 10 1917

OFFICE OF LIBRARIAN
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GRATIA A. COUNTRYMAN
LIBRARIAN

March 9 - 1917

Dear Mr Buck.

Do you know who worded
this Twin City Club invitation. It
has distressed me considerably, and I
hope it won't fall into Dr Beach's hands.
He is not giving a humorous talk.
To most of us, modern poetry is very
funny, but to Dr Beach it is serious
and he treats it seriously, he must feel
that we were poking fun at him, if
he saw this card.

His subject is Modern poetry. It is
as a rule free verse, but there are
poems in free verse that do not
belong to the ultra-modern school which
he will talk about.

These cards cannot now be recalled,
but if you are President and are introducing
Dr Beach, please do not imply that he
is making a humorous speech, for he
expects to present the best examples of

LIBRARY
The ~~present~~ present day Modern school.

I write this in Dr Beach's behalf, because I asked him to speak and feel responsible for a correct presentation of his subject.

Yours sincerely

Wm. C. C. C.

March 10, 1917

Miss Gratia A. Countryman
Public Library
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Miss Countryman:-

I have your letter of March 9 and regret very much the unfortunate mistake which has been made with reference to Dr. Beach's talk. I am certainly glad that you called it to my attention, for this will prevent me from making a similar mistake in introducing him.

The information about this meeting was given by Miss Starr to my secretary over the telephone, and by her transmitted to Miss Cowley who prepared the cards. My secretary is quite sure that she passed it on exactly as it was received.

I do not believe there is much danger of Dr. Beach seeing one of the cards. I have talked the matter over with Miss Cowley, and if you think it desirable, we will be glad to send new cards to each person to whom the other was sent, correcting the error. This might make matters worse, however.

The mistake was certainly due to a misunderstanding, and there was no intention on the part of any of us to poke fun at Dr. Beach.

Sincerely yours

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GRATIA A. COUNTRYMAN
LIBRARIAN

9 June 1917.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
State Historical Library,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Dr. Buck,

At the request of the Recreation Bureau of the War Department, we are trying to organize a good library system for Fort Snelling. Would you be willing to act with us on a library military committee? If so, kindly let me know so that we can have a meeting before we go to Louisville.

Yours truly, *Gratia Countryman*

Librarian.

June 12, 1917

Miss Gratia Countryman, Librarian
Public Library
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Miss Countryman:-

I will be very glad to serve on your library military committee, and do what I can to promote the work of organizing a library system for Fort Snelling.

I do not know as my services will be of much value to the committee and I may not be able to attend all of its meetings, as I am extremely busy and am called out of town occasionally to make war speeches, but I will be glad to do anything that I can.

Sincerely yours

JUN 14 1917

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GRATIA A. COUNTRYMAN
LIBRARIAN

13 June 1917.

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

My dear Dr. Buck,

I presume it would be better for our committee to meet after the A.L.A. adjourns so that we may act in accordance with any national effort that may be undertaken under its auspices. It certainly will not be too late to wait until July 1, and the Y.M.C.A. work will be more nearly ready for our co-operation.

If agreeable to you, we will call a meeting right after our return from A.L.A.

Yours truly,

Gratia Countryman

Librarian.

June 15, 1917

Miss Gratia Countryman
Public Library
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Miss Countryman:-

It will be quite
satisfactory to me to have a meeting of our
committee after the A. L. A. meeting, and
if you will send me definite notice as to
time and place, I will endeavor to attend.

I regret to say that I am not going
to find it possible to take in the A. L. A.
meeting.

Sincerely yours

The Minneapolis Tribune

W. J. MURPHY, PUBLISHER

July 14, 1917.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,
428 Walnut Street southeast,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

We are endeavoring to bring our photographic records of prominent Minnesotans up to date, and in this connection solicit your aid with reference to yourself.

We understand that Lee Brothers, photographers, 527 Marquette avenue, recently made photographic prints of yourself for the Minnesota State Historical gallery. We would deem it a favor if you would send to us authorization for Lee Brothers to mail us one of these prints for our files, at our expense and at no cost to you.

On receipt of the new picture we shall be pleased, if you so desire, to return to you the old photographs of yourself which we may have in our files, or else destroy them.

Trusting your approval will be given to this request, We remain,

Very truly yours,

THE MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE

Per

Leola P. Fernandez
Librarian

July 17, 1917

Miss Leola E. Fernandez
Librarian The Minneapolis Tribune
57-59 So. Fourth St.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Madam:-

Replying to your letter of July 14, addressed to me at my home in Minneapolis, I have no objection whatever to your securing from Lee Brothers a copy of their photograph of me, made for the Historical Society collection. Should you already have a picture of me in your files, which I doubt, I would like to have it sent to me.

Very truly yours,

January 13, 1916

President George E. Vincent
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Dr. Vincent:-

I feel that you are entitled to a report from me as delegate from the University to the Second Pan American Scientific Congress, and especially with reference to Professor Storm's paper which I was supposed to read.

I attended sessions of some of the sections of the Congress, especially when they were held jointly with sections of the American Historical Association. The educational section of the Congress was divided into several sub-sections before one of which Professor Storm's paper was to have been read. It happened, however, that the attendance at these sub-section meetings was so small that they were all consolidated, with the result that there were some dozen or more papers to be read at each session. President James, who presided on the afternoon for which Professor Storm's paper was scheduled, ruled that the papers of those who were present

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in person should be read in full and the others by title only. I understand, however, that Professor Storm's paper will be printed in the proceedings of the Congress.

Very truly yours

JAN 18 1916

The University of Minnesota
Minneapolis

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 17, 1916.

Mr. Solon J. Buck, Superintendent,
Minnesota Historical Society,
Old Capitol, St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mr. Buck:

I beg to acknowledge your report as delegate
from the University to the Second Pan American Scien-
tific Congress.

Sincerely yours,

George S. Vincent

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University

May 2, 1916

Office of the President
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minn.

This arrived during my absence from town,
but I am sending it in and trust that it will
not be too late.

Very truly yours

Science, Literature and the Arts.

History

Assistant professor of history

BOOK

Minnesota Historical Society, Eighteenth Biennial Report for
the Years 1913 and 1914. St. Paul. 1915. 77 pages.

ARTICLES

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Historical Review, 2:74-105. 1915

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The University of Minnesota

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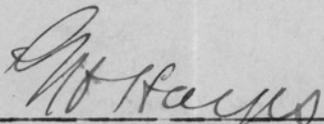
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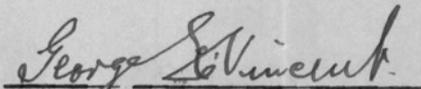
Mr. Solon J. Buck:

At the meeting of the Board of Regents on June 13,
you were promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate
Professor at a salary, beginning August 1, 1917, of \$ 1,000.

Yours sincerely,



Comptroller



President

The University of Minnesota

Minneapolis

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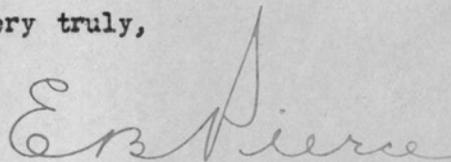
September 11, 1916.

Mr. Scion Buck,
University of Minnesota.

My dear Sir:

I enclose herewith the only sample of our own entrance examinations in American History that we have on file, and in addition one set of questions prepared by the High School Board and another by the College Entrance Examination Board. After you are through with these will you kindly return them all as our files are meager in this respect.

Yoursvery truly,



EB

Registrar.

September 19, 1916

Mr. E. B. Pierce, Registrar
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Pierce:-

Enclosed you will find a set of ✓
entrance examinations in American History, and also
the sample questions which you sent recently at my
request.

Very truly yours

The University of Minnesota

The Law School

Minneapolis

Dec. 6, 1916.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,
Minneapolis.

Dear Mr. Buck.

You are one of the victims assigned to me in the present campaign for funds for the new Y. M. C. A. building off the campus. As you know, we are trying to raise \$60,000 from the students, faculty and certain alumni. If we are to do this, every faculty man must give as much as he is able. The men solicited thus far are responding generously. Students are averaging over \$15⁰⁰ each, and the faculty are subscribing from \$30 to \$200 each. Each subscription is payable in six semi-annual instalments, and includes maintenance for three years. Hence, if you subscribe now, you will not be troubled for subscriptions for current expenses during the next three years.

Please fill out the enclosed card for as much as you can stand and return it to me at once. I must report on all men assigned to me not later than Friday. I am writing you instead of seeing you personally, because I am pressed for time.

Sincerely Yours,
E. M. Morgan

JUL 14 1916

CLARENCE W. ALVORD,
Managing Editor.

The Mississippi Valley
Historical Review

CLARENCE S. PAINE,
Business Manager.

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

Madison, Wisconsin, July 1, 1916.

To the

MEMBERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION.

The recent death of Clarence S. Paine, the active, devoted, and successful secretary-treasurer of this association since the foundation, makes it necessary for me to address this to you, and to ask that you regard it as a personal letter and appeal from me. We must not permit the Mississippi Valley Historical Association to fall below the high ideal that he set for it, and to this end I beg that you treat the annual statements here enclosed as preferred obligations. We need more "sustaining" members, can you help at this point? Back dues and subscription ought to be paid at once; have you obligations of this sort? The action of the Association in Nashville, fixing the annual dues, including subscription to the REVIEW at three dollars for individuals, and four dollars for libraries, affects only the minority of members who have heretofore not subscribed to the REVIEW. I believe that these members need the REVIEW, and I know that we need their co-operation. The REVIEW has been a scholarly success, and a distinguished triumph for its editor.

In making remittances, members should draw checks payable to Mississippi Valley Historical Association, A. O. Thomas, acting secretary-treasurer, and send them to the Association, c/o Mrs. C. S. Paine, Lincoln, Nebraska. Mrs. Paine has consented, for the present, to manage the books and general correspondence of the Association, under the direction of Dr. A. O. Thomas, State Superintendent of Public Instruction of Nebraska, who will serve as acting secretary-treasurer. It will be possible, with the advice of the executive committee, and the assistance of various members of the Association, to keep the work going until a new secretary-treasurer can be elected at the next annual meeting.

Frederic L. Paxson,
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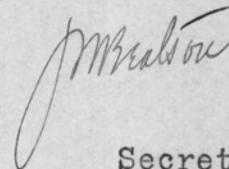
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"Elmwood"
Cambridge, Massachusetts.
May 24, 1916

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
c/o University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

We herewith enclose an invitation to a
NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HIGHWAYS AND ROADS.

The purposes of the Conference are for a full and free representation and discussion with possible action to the great advantage of highway and road development throughout these United States.

We trust for your acceptance and the expression of your choice as to the place of the meeting on the enclosed printed form. You will be further advised in regard to the time and place, ample notice being given to you in connection therewith.

Your kind reply in enclosed stamped and addressed return envelope is requested.

Yours respectfully,

Clara McClellan
President.

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NATIONAL HIGHWAYS ASSOCIATION
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

"Elmwood"
Cambridge, Massachusetts.
May 24, 1916

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
c/o University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Professor Archer B. Hulbert, Chairman of the
DIVISION of HISTORIC HIGHWAYS

in the Council of National Advisors of the National Highways Association has nominated you to the Trustees of the National Highways Association to be a member of said Division.

The Trustees of the National Highways Association take pleasure in transmitting to you, under another cover, your official appointment as a life member of said Division in our Council of National Advisors. In the name of the Trustees and the Chairman of your Division we trust for your acceptance and cooperation in the work of this Association to produce Good Roads Everywhere throughout the Nation.

I call your special attention to the fact that you need give only that time and attention to the affairs of the Association and your Division that your other duties permit. You are not obligated for dues or financially in any manner.

We are sending to you, under another cover, some maps and publications showing the character and extent of the work of this Association, which please accept with our compliments.

Hoping for your acceptance, interest and cooperation, and with best wishes for Good Roads Everywhere from the Association, I am,

Yours very truly,

Carroll C. Curtis
President.

CHD/AMV

July 5, 1916

Mr. Charles Henry Davis
President National Highways Association
"Elmwood" Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

On my return from several weeks absence from the state I find your registered letter dated May 24, which had been delivered at my office in the University of Minnesota.

I appreciate very much the honor which you have conferred upon me in appointing me, upon the nomination of my good friend Professor Hulbert, a life member of the Division of Historic Highways of the association. I am very much interested in the subject of good roads and in the work of the National Highways Association and I take pleasure in accepting this appointment.

The extensive collection of maps and literature which you sent interested me very much and gave me an excellent idea of the work of the association. I am very glad, indeed, to have this material.

I am enclosing my acceptance of the invitation to attend National Conference on Highways and Roads, conditioned, however, on its coming at such a time and place as to make it possible for me to attend without interfering with my other duties. at-

Very truly yours

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"Elmwood"
Cambridge, Mass.
May 26, 1917.

My dear Dr. Buck:

We enclose copy of a letter to President Woodrow Wilson dated April 10th and signed by our Trustees. If you can endorse it will you please write the President at once on the enclosed official letter head of the Association and mail it in enclosed addressed envelope. Please sign with your official title in this Association, namely,

Member
DIVISION OF HISTORIC HIGHWAYS.

Yours very truly,

Charles E. Foote
President.

Dr. Solon J. Buck, Member
DIVISION OF HISTORIC HIGHWAYS
Council of National Advisors
National Highways Association,
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

CHD/ACL

P. S. Please let us know when you have done so with the date for our record in the enclosed, stamped return envelope and greatly oblige.

June 1, 1917

Mr. Charles H. Davis
President National Highways Association
"Elmwood", Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

In accordance with your suggestion of
May 26, I have this day written a letter to
President Wilson, endorsing your letter to him
of April 10. I was very glad, indeed, to do this.

Very truly yours

Member DIVISION OF HISTORIC HIGHWAYS

JUN 14 1917

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
OFFICE OF PUBLIC ROADS AND RURAL ENGINEERING,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

IN YOUR REPLY PLEASE
REFER TO FILE No. P-1

June 11, 1917.
3:30 p. m.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,
Member, Division of Historic Highways,
National Highways Association,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of June 1 to the President of the United States, endorsing the action of the National Highways Association, was duly received, and was referred to me by the Secretary of Agriculture.

It gives me pleasure to express the thanks of this Office for the patriotic service you offer, and I assure you that should occasion arise you will be called upon.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully,

L. W. Payne

Director.

July 17, 1917

Mr. W. T. Norton
404 E. Tenth Street
Alton, Ill.

My dear Mr. Norton:-

It is doubtless to you that I am indebted for a copy of the Alton Daily Times of July 11, containing the editorial "Imagination Versus History". I was, of course, very glad to see this, and on the whole I consider the points well taken.

As you may gather from the concluding sentence of my preface, I was not consulted in any way about the make-up of the book. The illustrations were selected and arranged, and the inscriptions under them written by members of the editorial staff. In justice to them, however, it should be said that the date on the frontispiece (1858) is undoubtedly intended to indicate the probable date of the publication of the work from which the illustration is reprinted, and not the date of the scene which it depicts.

Sincerely yours,

October 18, 1917

A. J. Nystrom & Co.,
623 S. Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:-

Some time ago the University of Minnesota purchased for the use of the History Department a set of Sanford's American History Maps.

Since our classes in American History are held in different buildings, we feel that it would be desirable for us to have in addition separate copies of some of these maps, and I should like to inquire as to the price at which these can be furnished. We would probably want six or seven of them in separate form.

Please address your reply to me at the Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, and let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours

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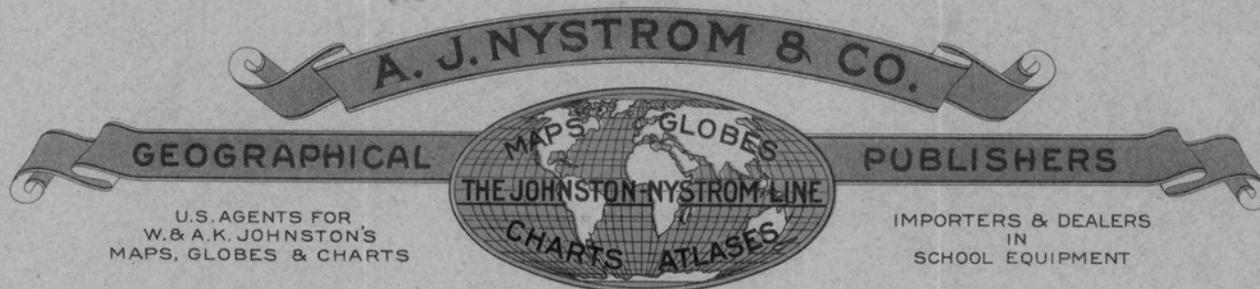
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Dear sir:-

Just a line to inquire if our letter of Oct. 20th including circulars of Sanford History Maps was received, and if it contained the information that will enable you to order.

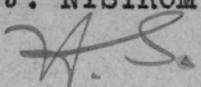
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November 6, 1917

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Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of your letter of
November 3 following up my inquiry about San-
ford History Maps.

I understand that an order for
these maps from the proper University author-
ities is already on its way to you.

Very truly yours