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Mississippi Valley Historical Association

PRESIDENT
DUNBAR ROWLAND
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

SECRETARY-TREASURER
CLARENCE S. PAINE
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

NINTH ANNUAL MEETING
Nashville, Tenn., April 27-29

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Lincoln , Nebr., Febr. 1, 1916.

Dear Doctor Buck:

We have hesitated to again call the attention of members to the deficit in the treasury of this Association which has existed from the early days when receipts were insufficient to pay current expenses. Several years ago we did call for voluntary contributions on this account, but the receipts were barely equal to the expense of making the appeal. Some sought to aid us by paying annual dues in advance. This was only a temporary help.

The deficit has ranged from \$500 to \$1000 at different periods, part of which has been carried by the secretary and part by the printers, The Torch Press, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The receipts from annual dues are now sufficient to pay the expenses of the Association, but do not afford any surplus to take care of this old debt.

The secretary has opposed any increase in annual dues and has also sought to avoid the levying of an assessment believing that this matter ought to be taken care of by voluntary contributions. A resolution is now pending to increase the annual dues of active members, and will certainly be adopted at the April meeting unless the secretary can in the meantime wipe out the existing unfavorable balance.

A contribution of \$1.00 from each member would do this and relieve the secretary of much worry. Sustaining and life members ought to be exempt from even this small contribution. As past experience shows that we cannot count upon any contribution from half of the members, it will be necessary for those who can to contribute a little more liberally.

Will you not help in this matter and do it now?

Very truly yours,

Dr. Solon J Buck
St. Paul
Minn.

Clarence S. Paine

February 9, 1916

Mr. Clarence S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Neb.

My dear Mr. Paine:-

I am in receipt of your letters of February 1 and 7; Inasmuch as I am strongly in favor of increasing the dues of the Mississippi Valley Association, and as the avowed purpose of the proposed contribution is to prevent such increase, I naturally do not feel like contributing. In other words, I would much rather pay the extra dollar in the form of increased dues than as a contribution. I fought for the increase in dues when the subject first came up at the Evanston meeting, and I believe the association would have been in a better position today if it had been adopted at that time. Even though the present dues are now sufficient to pay the current expenses of the association, I still think that the dues should be raised in order that the association might broaden its activities.

I am very glad, indeed, to hear that the Review is flourishing.

I shall attend the Nashville meeting if possible, but it does not look very probable at the present time.

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I hope the association will soon give up the policy of meeting around the periphery of the Valley and settle down to a policy of meeting in such places as Chicago and St. Louis, which are readily accessible to the great bulk of the members. The Nashville meeting will be the fourth in succession to attend which, the majority of the members would have to make a very considerable financial sacrifice.

I hope you wont think from this letter that I am a chronic kicker. I merely wanted to let you know my ideas as to the best policy for the association to pursue in the future.

Sincerely yours

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Mississippi Valley Historical Association

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LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Lincoln, Nebr., Feb. 15, 1916

NINTH ANNUAL MEETING
Nashville, Tenn., April 27-29

Dear Doctor Buck:

I have yours of the 9th inst. I remember well the position you took at Evanston. I still think you are wrong and I believe that a great majority of the members agree with my position, but I am perfectly willing to admit that I have before now had the majority with me and found out afterwards that I was all wrong. I may be in this. I shall certainly never oppose any action in which the majority of the members of the Association see fit to unite.

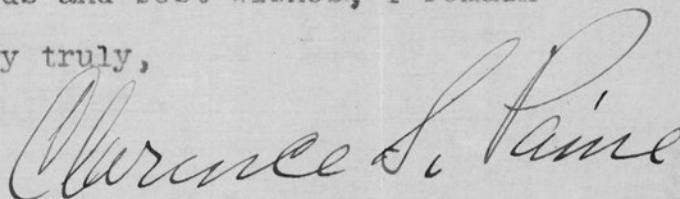
If the Nashville meeting raises the dues it is my purpose to have such action taken as will permit me to credit a dollar contribution made now upon the dues of the individual for the next year. That seems to me to be the only fair way. I sincerely hope that you can go to the Nashville meeting.

Don't you be afraid of being put down as a chronic kicker. If there is anything I like it is the man that comes right out squarely and says what is in his mind.

With kind personal regards and best wishes, I remain

Yours very truly,

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



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MAR 20 1916

Mississippi Valley Historical Association

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JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

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CLARENCE S. PAINE
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

NINTH ANNUAL MEETING
Nashville, Tenn., April 27-29

Lincoln, Nebr., March 18, 1916

Dear Doctor Buck:

I beg to advise you that President Rowland has appointed a nominating committee to present to the meeting at Nashville recommendations for officers of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association for the coming year.

The personnel of the committee is as follows:

Dr. Solon J. Buck, Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul,
Edgar R. Harlan, Historical Department of Iowa, Des Moines
and Melvin J. White, Tulane University, New Orleans, La.

Hoping that it may be possible for you to perform this important service, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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

Clarence S. Paine

P-L

March 23, 1916

Mr. Clarence S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebr.

My dear Mr. Paine:-

I feel highly honored by the appointment to the nominating committee of the M. V. H. A., and accept it with pleasure.

Am I to understand from the order of the names that I am expected to act as chairman of the committee? Will you kindly send me a list of the present officers, with an indication as to which members of the council do not hold over? I do not seem to be able to find the list of the present officers, although I have all earlier lists in the Proceedings. I should like to know also exactly what action was taken at the New Orleans meeting with reference to the service of ex-presidents on the executive committee.

Let me hear from you at your earliest convenience, as I will want to do considerable corresponding in order to sound the sentiment of the members.

Very truly yours

Mississippi Valley Historical
Association

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DUNBAR ROWLAND
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

SECRETARY-TREASURER
CLARENCE S. PAINE
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Lincoln, Nebr., March 25, 1916

Dear Doctor Buck:

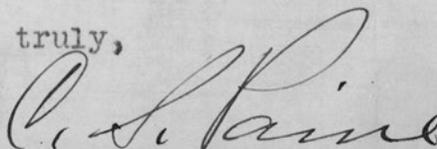
I have yours of the 23rd inst. Yes, you are supposed to be chairman of the Nominating Committee but I regret to advise you that Harlan has declined to serve. He gives as his reason the fact that his term as a member of the Board of Directors expires this year. He having been elected to fill an unexpired term. He thinks under the circumstances that service on the committee should not be expected of him. Frankly I think he feels as though service on the committee would debar him from consideration for reelection. Anyway I have notified Doctor Rowland and expect him to name someone else immediately.

I am sending by this mail a list of the officers with the date of the expiration of their term. Also a copy of the resolution adopted at the last annual meeting as to the election of vice-presidents to the office of president and the amendment to the constitution providing for the dropping of ex-presidents from the Board of Directors after six years of service.

Yours very truly,

Dr. Solon J. Buck,

St. Paul, Minn.



Resolved that paragraph one of Article IV of the Constitution be amended by the addition of the following words:

"Providing that all Ex-Presidents who have served on the Executive Committee for six consecutive years shall from and after that time no longer be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee".

The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas it seems unadvisable to establish in this Association the policy of elevating to the presidency the Vice-presidents. Therefore be it resolved that in the future those persons who have been elected vice-presidents of the Association shall be ineligible to the office of president until after two years shall have elapsed from the close of their period of service.

MAR 27 1916

THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS

President

DUNBAR ROWLAND, LL. D., Jackson, Mississippi.

First Vice-President

ST. GEORGE L. SIOUSSAT, Ph. D., Nashville, Tennessee

Second Vice-President

CHARLES MOORE, Ph. D., Detroit, Michigan.

Secretary-Treasurer

CLARENCE S. PAINE, Lincoln, Nebraska.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In addition to above named officers

Ex-Presidents

FRANCIS A. SAMPSON, LL. B. State Historical Society of Missouri, Columbia.	1907
THOMAS M. OWEN, A. M., LL. D. Director, Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, Alabama.	1908
CLARENCE W. ALVORD, Ph. D. Associate Professor of History, University of Illinois, Urbana.	1908-1909
ORIN G. LIBBY, Ph. D. Secretary, State Historical Society of North Dakota, Grand Forks.	1909-1910
BENJAMIN F. SHAMBAUGH, Ph. D. Superintendent, State Historical Society of Iowa, Iowa City.	1910-1911
ANDREW C. McLAUGHLIN, Ph. D. Professor of American History, University of Chicago.	1911-1912
*REUBEN GOLD THWAITES, LL. D. State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison.	1912-1913
JAMES A. JAMES, Ph. D. Professor of American History, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.	1913-1914
ISAAC J. COX, Ph. D. Professor of History, University of Cincinnati.	1914-1915

*Deceased.

Elected

JOHN BARBER WHITE, President, Kansas City Historical Society.	Term expires 1916
EDGAR R. HARLAN, Curator, Historical Department of Iowa, Des Moines.	Term expires 1916
MILO M. QUAIFE, Ph. D., Secretary and Superintendent, State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison.	Term expires 1917
WILLIAM E. CONNELLEY, Secretary, Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka.	Term expires 1917
MELVIN J. WHITE, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana.	Term expires 1918
JAMES F. WILLARD, Ph. D., University of Colorado, Boulder.	Term expires 1918

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Teachers' Section

OLIVER M. DICKERSON, Ph. D., Chairman. Professor of History, State Normal School, Winona, Minnesota.
HOWARD C. HILL, A. M., Secretary. Professor of History, Milwaukee State Normal School.
MISS SARA FINDLAY RICE, A. M. Professor of History, State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa.
J. NELSON KELLY, A. M. Superintendent, City Schools, Grand Forks, North Dakota.
DANA C. MUNRO, A. M. Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.
STELLA HERRON, A. M. New Orleans Normal School, New Orleans, Louisiana.
JONAS VILES, Ph. D. University of Missouri, Columbia.

*We do not nominate officers for the
Teachers Section*

Mississippi Valley Historical
Association

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JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

SECRETARY-TREASURER
CLARENCE S. PAINE
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Lincoln, Nebr., March 28, 1916

Dear Professor Buck:

Doctor Rowland has named Prof. Clarence E. Carter,
Miami University, Oxford, Ohio to take the place of
Edgar R. Harlan, Historical Department of Iowa, Des Moines
on the Nominating Committee of which you are chairman.

Very cordially yours,

Clarence S. Paine
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Prof. Solon J. Buck,
Minneapolis,
Minn.

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March 29, 1916

Mr. Clarence W. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebr.

My dear Mr. Paine:-

I have your letter of March 25 with the enclosed information.

I am somewhat puzzled as to the exact meaning of the amendment to article 4 of the constitution. It reads, "Providing that all Ex-Presidents who have served on the executive committee for six consecutive years". When does the period begin? At the end of the individual's term as president, or when he first began his consecutive service on the executive committee as president or vice-president? Under either interpretation, I take it that Alvord and Libby are no longer ex officio members of the executive committee, but there would be some question about the status of Shambaugh and McLaughlin.

If you have any suggestions as to available men for the positions to be filled, I would be very glad, indeed, to receive them. It would appear that Ford, Paxon, Sioussat, and Moore are ineligible for the presidency. Among the possibilities which occur to me off hand are Barker, Flemming, and Hulbert.

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The selection of men for vice-presidencies is now a ticklish matter, as it bars a man from election to the presidency for two years. The names of Hodder and Dodd of Chicago ^{also P. O. L. Schmidt.} for these positions have occurred to me.

What would you think of the advisability of putting Alvord in as one of the elected members of the executive committee? It seems to me that he has been so active in the association that it would be unfortunate to deprive the committee permanently of his services. This might be open to criticism, however. I feel that the selection of the right men for the offices is a vital matter for the future of the association, and I would appreciate it very much if you would give me your ideas very frankly.

This letter is confidential, of course, and your reply will be considered the same.

Sincerely yours

Mississippi Valley Historical Association

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DUNBAR ROWLAND
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

SECRETARY-TREASURER
CLARENCE S. PAINE
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Lincoln, Nebr., March 30, 1916

Personal and Confidential

Dear Doctor Buck:

I have yours of the 29th inst. and I am glad that you wrote me so frankly. I am going to be equally frank with you only on condition that you will not understand that I am trying to influence your judgment in the least and that I have not the slightest desire to bring about the election of any certain man to any office.

Referring to your criticism of the wording of the amendment I would like to say that I heartily agree with you. I called Mr. Alvord's attention to the ambiguity of the amendment and just before completing my record of the meeting I wrote him again and sent him the copy as I had it and asked him if he wanted to make any changes in it. He did not. I think, however, it is fair to assume that the six year period refers to the six years immediately following the service as president. That is a man serves one year as president and he then becomes a member of the executive committee for six years.

According to that reckoning Sampson, Owen and Alvord ceased to be members of the executive committee with the adoption of this amendment. I know that this was in Alvord's mind, so I am sure that he intended the amendment to be construed as I have suggested. Libby's term of service would end with the next annual meeting.

That is this year, and here are two men, Alvord and Libby, that cannot well be spared from the executive committee but it might be advisable to let them wait a year although Alvord as editor of the Review ought to be a member of the executive committee. Shambaugh's term will expire next year, another man we can ill afford to lose.

Mr. Moore wrote me asking especially that he not be considered in connection with an office this year. I took this to mean that he did not want to again be elected to an office that would put him further away from the presidency.

As for your suggestions of possible presidential timber, Barker, Fleming and Hulbert, I could heartily endorse any of these three although I am of the opinion that the president should be taken from the north this year, at least not from the extreme south. To these three names I might add Oliver M. Dickerson[?] James A. Woodburn. I am inclined to think that very few of the executive committee agree with an opinion that I have long held that it would be a good idea occasionally to put in as president some man like Dr. O. L. Schmidt, Walter F. McCaleb, Henry J. Patten, or Clarence M. Burton. I have not felt quite convinced that that would not be good policy.

For vice-president I would be favorable to any of these I have just named providing they are not to be considered for the office of president. Hodder has not been any too friendly to the Association and Dodd has never manifested much interest and recently cancelled his membership.

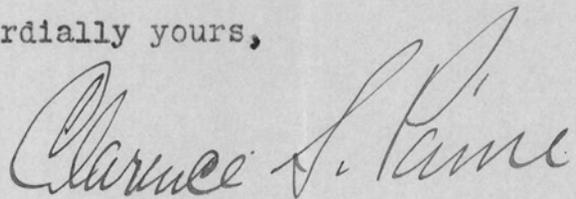
As for members of the executive committee any of these who have been suggested or the following I would regard as good material: Edgar R. Harlan, Clarence E. Carter, Harlow Lindley, Edward C. Page,

Eugene M. Violette, Albert H. Sanford, Charles H. Rammelkamp and Jonas Viles. I know that some of these may be considered light weights but they have all been enthusiastic workers for the success of the Association and all represent some interest or section that might well be recognized.

If you think it wise to put Alvord in as one of the members of the executive committee I shall say Amen to it most heartily but I am not sure as to whether it is best or not.

Now let me say one thing more. I am mighty sorry you were made chairman of this committee. You were not my selection. I told you that I was going to be frank and I am. There is only one other man that I would rather see elected president of the Association this year than yourself, that is Doctor Schmidt and I would most certainly like to have you on the executive committee. If I can possibly find any way to suggest this to the other members of the nominating committee I am going to do it without asking your consent. You have been a member of the Association from the beginning and have attended a large portion of the meetings and always manifested an intelligent interest in our plans and purposes and now as the head of the Minnesota Historical Society I feel that you would be a valuable man on the committee.

Very cordially yours,



Dr. Solon J. Buck,

Minnesota Historical Society,

St. Paul, Minn.

April 7, 1916

Personal and confidential

Mr. Clarence S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Neb.

My dear Mr. Paine:-

I appreciate very much your letter of March 30 and the information and suggestions which it contains will be of great value to me.

Your interpretation of the amendment re ex-presidents is the logical one at least and I shall assume that it is correct. I am thinking quite seriously of Dr. Schmidt for the presidency and in case that is not the decision, I shall certainly urge his name very strongly for first vice-president. I am especially glad to have the information about Hodder and Dodd although I cannot understand their attitude.

I certainly appreciate your kind words about myself but I recognized from the beginning that the acceptance of a position on the nominating committee would make it impossible for me to be nominated for any office this year. I might add that a position on the board of editors of the Review would be ample consolation.

I do not at all like the way in which Alvord's resolution re vice-presidents works out, although I am opposed

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to an established precedent of promoting vice-presidents. I think it might better have been left as an understanding. What do you think of the following solution of the problem? Amend the constitution to abolish the vice-presidents, and increase the number of elective members of the executive committee to nine, three to be elected each year. Then direct the executive committee to designate one of its members to fulfil the duties of president in case that should be necessary. It seems to me this would have several advantages. It would eliminate both the promotion difficulty and the present danger of offending men by electing them vice-presidents. At the same time it would stabilize the executive committee to a certain extent, for under the present rule no man can be expected to hold a vice-presidency for more than one year and will thus have as vice-president only a very short term of service on the executive committee.

Sincerely yours

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Mississippi Valley Historical Association

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SECRETARY-TREASURER
CLARENCE S. PAINE
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Lincoln, Nebr., April 10, 1916

Personal and Confidential.

Dear Doctor Buck:

I have yours of April 7th. I shall rejoice greatly if the nominating committee sees fit to present the name of Doctor Schmidt for President. I am glad to know that you would regard a place on the Editorial Board as some consolation. We shall see what can be done.

I agree with you entirely on the vice-president proposition. I have not felt quite satisfied about it but it has not been my policy to interfere much in matters of this kind. I am heartily in favor of the suggestion you make about doing away with vice-presidents, only I would go a step further and I would have the executive committee select a chairman from among their own number, such chairman of the executive board to act as vice-president of the Association. If you want to prepare an amendment along this line I will undertake to see that it is presented to the executive committee before the business session and if we can secure the approval of the executive committee it can then be adopted this year.

I left for Minnesota after writing you before and had confidently expected that I would be able to see you, but my father's condition was so serious and I was so much engaged looking after him and his

interests that I had not time for anything else. I brought father here with me and have had to make another trip up there from which I have just returned. It looks now as though I might have to move to Minnesota and to be perfectly frank I would not consider it a great hardship.

Very cordially yours,

Carroll S. Paine

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

P-L

April 17, 1916

Professor Clarence S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Neb.

My dear Mr. Paine:-

I am very glad, indeed, to know that my proposition for abolishing the vice-presidents meets with your approval, and I enclose a draft of an amendment which will effect that end.

I am not quite sure what you had in mind by suggesting that the executive committee select a "chairman", as I supposed the president acts as chairman of the committee when he is present.

Should you think it desirable to make any changes in the amendment I should be very glad to have you do so. Possibly we may have an opportunity to talk it over before it is submitted to the committee. Alvord has expressed his approval of the idea; Paxson thinks that the second vice-presidency should be abolished and the first used as a stepping stone to the presidency.

I hope the next time you come to Minnesota you will have time to drop in and see me. The suggestion that you may decide to move to Minnesota interests me very much.

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By the way when are the programs for the Nashville meeting to be out? I am planning to arrive in Nashville on the morning of Thursday, April 27.

Sincerely yours

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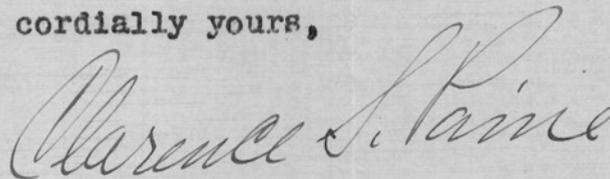
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Lincoln, Nebr., April 20, 1916

Dear Doctor Buck:

I have yours of the 17th inst. with proposed amendment to the constitution which has my hearty approval. I think that you will find that it is not at all unusual for an Association such as this to have a chairman of the Executive Committee and a president of the Association. I certainly want a talk with you about the amendment before the meeting of the committee.

Very cordially yours,



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

P-L

May 4, 1916

Mr. Clarence S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Neb.

My dear Mr. Paine:-

I am very anxious to hear from you and learn how you are getting along. I sincerely hope that you are recovering rapidly.

I am returning to you enclosed Mr. Hill's letter to you which you will doubtless want for your files.

I presume that Bond's report will give you everything you will need for writing up the minutes, but if there are any gaps I will be glad to supply such information as I can.

Perhaps I should report formally that on Saturday a meeting of the executive committee was held at which President Rowland appointed me acting secretary and at which Cox was elected chairman of the committee.

I am wondering when the new rule as to dues will go into effect. With the fiscal year, I suppose, but I do not know when that begins. Doubtless you are

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planning to issue a circular to all of the members explaining the change. If this is done tactfully I believe we can retain a large proportion of the present members who are not subscribers to the Review.

Sincerely yours

MAY 8 1916

Mississippi Valley Historical Association

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JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

SECRETARY-TREASURER
CLARENCE S. PAINE
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

Paine

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Lincoln, Nebr., May 6, 1916

Dear Doctor Buck:

Mr. Paine returned from the Nashville Meeting last Tuesday in care of Mr. Edgar R. Harlan of Des Moines. He has since been confined to his bed with inflammatory rheumatism but is now improving. He has asked me to write to the friends, who were so kind and considerate at Nashville in his unfortunate situation, and to assure them of his high appreciation of the many little kindnesses received at their hands and the splendid spirit of helpfulness manifested by all.

To you he feels under special obligations for relieving him of much worry he would otherwise have had over the conduct of the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Ethel D. Sewellen

Clerk.

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

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LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Lincoln, Nebr., May 8, 1916.

Dear Doctor Buck:

I have yours of May 4th and while I am able to sit up the doctors insist that I must stay in for several weeks. I have not yet received Doctor Bond's report but when I do if there is anything missing I shall certainly appeal to you. I note the election of Cox as chairman of the executive committee. The new rule as to dues will go into effect at the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1st. I shall send out the bills for the annual dues as usual with the amount increased as provided by the constitution and with these statements I shall send a letter in which I shall endeavor to touch the heart and pocketbook of every member. You will hear from me from time to time.

Thanking you for all your kindness, I remain

Very cordially yours,

Prof. Solon J. Buck,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Clarence S. Paine

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JUN 7 1916

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SECRETARY-TREASURER
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LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Lincoln, Nebr., June 6, 1916.

Dear Doctor Buck:

I have been named as chairman of the Conference of State and Local Historical Societies scheduled for the next annual meeting of the American Historical Association. It will devolve upon the chairman and secretary to arrange a program for this conference. As I am exceedingly busy and not in the best of health I would appreciate very much indeed any suggestions that you may have to make for this conference to consider or any appropriate papers that you can suggest.

Very cordially yours,

Clarence S. Paine
C.S.P.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Hist. Soc.,
St. Paul, Minn.

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June 7, 1916

Mr. Clarence S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Neb.

My dear Mr. Paine:-

We are in receipt of your letter of June 6 in regard to the next annual meeting of the American Historical Association.

Dr. Buck is out of town at present and will not return until toward the end of the month when your letter will be called to his attention immediately. I hope that this postponement of his answer will not inconvenience you.

Very truly yours

Secretary to the superintendent

JUL 1 1916

Mississippi Valley Historical Associaton

PRESIDENT
ISAAC J. COX
CINCINNATI, OHIO

SECRETARY-TREASURER
CLARENCE S. PAINE
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Lincoln, Nebr., June 29, 1916.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,

St. Paul, Minn..

Dear Dr. Buck;

You will regret to know that Mr. Paine, with whom you had so much correspondence died suddenly of pneumonia on June 14.

I know that he wrote you recently regarding the next meeting of the American Historical Society. *You will know what to do about it.*

Yours very truly,

Clarence S. Paine

P-R.

Mississippi Valley Historical Association

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JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

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CLARENCE S. PAINE
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

Prof. Solon J. Buck, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Minneapolis, Minn.

Lincoln, Nebr., July 3, 1916.

Dear Sir;

At the annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association held at Nashville in April, it was decided by the executive committee and ratified by the Association to combine the Mississippi Valley Historical Association and the Mississippi Valley Historical Review under one organization, to be known as the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. The annual dues are \$3.00 a year. Each member of the Association will receive the Review, which will continue to be printed quarterly, but hereafter the Proceedings will be printed in the Review.

This arrangement makes no change in the amount of money that you have been paying, as you are both a member of the Association and a subscriber to the Review. We are enclosing in this letter a statement for dues for year ending June 1, 1917. The Association would greatly appreciate your early remittance, as it is at present under quite a financial strain.

You may already have heard of the sudden death of the secretary and treasurer, Mr. Paine, on June 14, of pneumonia. For the present however, the work will be carried on in Lincoln as formerly, and everything done by the officers of the Association to make it the success in the future that it has been in the past. We earnestly solicit your continued co-operation.

Yours very sincerely,

(Mrs) C. S. Paine
Clerk

P-R.

July 5, 1916

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebr.

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

I am in receipt of your letter of June 29. I had already learned of Mr. Paine's death as I was in Urbana at the time when Mr. Alvord received the telegram from you announcing it.

I was with Mr. Paine a good deal at Nashville last April and had developed a strong feeling of friendship for him, so that the news of his death was quite a shock to me.

I presume the proper authorities of the American Historical Association will appoint some one else to act as chairman of the conference of historical societies.

Sincerely yours

JUL 14 1916

Mississippi Valley Historical Association

PRESIDENT
DUNBAR ROWLAND
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

SECRETARY-TREASURER
CLARENCE S. PAINE
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Lincoln Nebr. July, 12, 1916.

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

Dear Sir;

At the last annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association held at Nashville, it was decided to combine the publications of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association and the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. Volume 8 of the Proceedings will soon be mailed you, but hereafter the Proceedings will be printed in the Review.

Having had so much correspondence with Mr. Paine, you will regret to learn of his sudden death from pneumonia on June 14.

For the present, the work of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association will be carried on in Lincoln, and every effort made by the officers to make the Association the success in the future that it has been in the past.

We will appreciate your prompt remittance, as the Association is under a heavy financial strain at the present time.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs.) Clara S. Paine
Clerk.

P-R.

AUG 22 1916

CLARENCE W. ALVORD,
Managing Editor.

The Mississippi Valley
Historical Review

CLARENCE S. PAINE,
Business Manager.

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

Lincoln, Nebr., Aug. 19, 1916.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
st. Paul, Minn.

Dear Dr. Buck;

I hope you will bear in mind the first quarter's remittance of the subscription of the Minnesota Hist. Soc. to the guarantee fund for the Review early in September as per your suggestion of July 28th. After the September number has been printed the second quarter will be due and if you desire to pay both the first and second quarter at one time it will be gratefully received.

I was in Minneapolis on Aug. 14th and hoped to find time to call upon you but could not. Dr. Alvord stopped in Lincoln on his way home from Colorado recently and it is likely that Dr. Cox will stop off between trains next week. Dr. Alvord impressed me as being in very poor physical condition and I think Mrs. Alvord was quite alarmed about him. We had quite a long discussion over matters pertaining to the Association and expect to bring it through the year successfully. I will use every effort myself to make it a success. It must not fail after all the work Mr. Paine put into it. With kind personal regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,

(Ins.) Clara A. Paine

August 24, 1916

Mrs. Clara A. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebraska

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

I am in receipt of your letter of
August 19.

It happened that our monthly bills were going through just as your letter was received, so I included one for fifty dollars covering the first half of our annual subscription to the guaranty fund of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. You will find a check for this amount enclosed.

I regret very much that you did not find time to look me up when you were in Minneapolis, as I should have liked to have the opportunity to talk with you about the Mississippi Valley Historical Association.

I am very sorry to hear that Mr. Alvord appeared to be still in bad condition on his return from his vacation. He was not at all well while I was in Urbana during June, but I hoped that his vacation in Colorado would put him on his feet again.

Sincerely yours

SEP 1 1916

PRESIDENT
ISAAC J. COX
CINCINNATI, OHIO

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Lincoln, Nebr., Aug. 30, 1916.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,

St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Dr. Buck;

Your favor enclosing \$50 payment of one half of the guarantee pledge of the State Historical Society of Minnesota received. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

I will be glad to see you the next time I am in Minnesota. Had expected to be in Minneapolis the last of this week but I am afraid to go on account of the possible railroad strike. I have been having an endless amount of trouble trying to probate the will of Mr. Paine's father who died only two weeks before my husband. Father Paine was a resident of Hennepin county for many years. One of the heirs in California made an effort to break this will and we only recently effected settlement. Please pardon mention of these personal matters but my recent trips to Minnesota were not pleasure trips.

I am very hopeful that the Association will come through this year successfully. If we come through this year free from debt I believe the future of the M.V.H.A. will be assured.

There are many things I would like to talk over with you as a member of the executive committee.

Yours very truly,

Clara Paine

September 2, 1916

Mrs. Clara Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Neb.

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

I have your letter of August 30 and I am glad to know that you expect to be in the Twin Cities again in the near future.

In order to save you time I will tell you how you can locate me. The historical society rooms, as you doubtless know, are in the New Capitol in St. Paul, my office being room 22. I can be reached by telephone by calling the Capitol and asking for me personally. My home is in Minneapolis, 428 Walnut St. S. E., and my telephone number there on the Bell exchange is East 2803. I am at the office all day now, but after September 28 I will be at the University Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons.

I have always been very much interested in the M. V. H. A. and will be very glad, indeed, to talk over matters with you. I have not, however, the honor of being a member of the executive committee.

Sincerely yours

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September 28, 1916

Mrs. Clara Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Neb.

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

The library copy of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review for September has arrived a week ago, but my personal copy has not come. I am not sure what address you have for me on your mailing list. I should prefer, however, to have my personal copy of the Review sent to my home address, 428 Walnut St. S. E., Minneapolis.

Sincerely yours

OCT 2 1916

PRESIDENT
ISAAC J. COX
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Lincoln, Nebr. Sept. 29th, 1916.

Dr. S.J. Buck,

St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Dr. Buck;

Your copy of the Review must have been addressed to
you care of the University. I have changed your address to 428
Walnut St. S.E. for the future mailing list. I will send you
a duplicate copy of the September number. Hoping this is satisfactory,
I remain,

Yours very truly,

Clara S. Paine

October 7, 1916

Mrs. Clara Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln Neb.

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

Will you kindly send me a few
copies of the circular relating to the Mississippi
Valley Historical Review which Professor Alvord is
using in his campaign for subscriptions?

Sincerely yours

OCT 18 1916

Mississippi Valley Historical
Association

PRESIDENT
DUNBAR ROWLAND
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

SECRETARY-TREASURER
CLARENCE S. PAINE
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Lincoln, Nebr., Oct. 16, 1916.

My dear Dr. Buck;

I am sorry to have delayed answering your letter of the 7th but was waiting to have printed correct membership dues to paste on the desired printed matter. Under separate cover I am mailing you circulars you desire and hope it will result in more members for the Mississippi Valley. I will be glad to send you more printed matter if you desire.

Yours very truly,

Clara Paine

Dr. S.J.Buck,

St. Paul, Minn.

JAN 8 1917

PRESIDENT
ISAAC J. COX
CINCINNATI, OHIO

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LEXINGTON, KY.

Lincoln, Nebr., Jan 6, 1917.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,

St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Dr. Buck;

I enclose a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the executive committee of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association which you attended as a member of the board of editors.

How did you find Dr. Alvord? With kind personal regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Clara Paine

January 8, 1916

Mrs. Clara Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebraska

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

I want to thank you for ~~copying~~ the minutes of the executive committee. May I suggest one change which should be made in this? Item number 2 reads as if the finance committee was to be composed of five, whereas it will actually have only four members. I would suggest that the phrase "the business manager" be stricken out, as the secretary-treasurer is practically ex officio business manager of the Review.

I was unable to see Professor Alvord, but have learned from his secretary that he is somewhat improved and has returned to Urbana. He expects, however, to go to Florida for a month or six weeks in the near future.

I have written him about the action taken by the board of editors with reference to the Proceedings and have even offered to attempt to get them out myself in case his office is unable to handle the matter.

Have you been able to locate any additional committee reports or similar material which should be included in the Proceedings?

Sincerely yours

JAN 17 1917

Mississippi Valley
Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebr.

OFFICE OF
THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Lincoln, Nebr., Jan. 15, 1917.

My dear Dr. Buck;

In reply to your favor of recent date regarding the correction of the minutes will say that item 2 is not clear and the change you suggest should be made. Dr. Paxson prepared the minutes of the executive committee meeting.

I have two more committee reports that I think are a part of the proceedings of the Nashville meeting. I will hold them until I learn whether you or Dr. Alvord will oversee the next Proceedings.

It seems to me there was something else I promised to look up for you but I cannot remember what it was. Kindly remind me if I have omitted something.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,

(Mrs.) C. S. Paine

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January 20, 1917

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Neb.

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

Mr. Alvord has sent on to me the material for the Proceedings and has asked me to put it in ~~shape~~. I will appreciate it, therefore, if you will send along at your earliest convenience the two committee reports which you have found.

Sincerely yours

MAR 2 1917

Mississippi Valley
Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebr.

OFFICE OF
THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

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Lincoln, Nebr., Feb. 28, 1917.

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

My dear Dr. Buck;

The Torch Press write me that the March number of the Review is being held on account of the Proceedings which are to be printed as a supplement. Is there no way to avoid this? I should think that a supplement could be mailed at a later date.

Can you tell me the address of Asa Paine of Minneapolis?

Yours very truly,

Asa Paine

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March 2, 1917

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Neb.

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

If the Proceedings should be issued as a supplement to the Review they would have to be distributed with it in order to secure second class postal rates which, as I understand it, was the only reason why the association directed the Proceedings to be published as a supplement to the Review. Mr. Powers of the Torch Press informs me, however, that it would be possible to bring them out as an extra number of the Review and with this designation they could be distributed separately at second class rates. I was very glad to learn of this provision, and I understand that he will go ahead and distribute the Review without waiting for the Proceedings. I am very anxious, of course, that the Proceedings should be distributed before the May meeting.

We have found Aaa Paine of whom you inquire in the Minneapolis Directory for 1913, with the Commercial Club as his address, but his name does not appear in any of the directories since 1913, and the Commercial Club is no longer in existence. It is possible that we could find out what has become of him by further investigation and we would be glad to do if you so desire.

Sincerely yours

MAR 7 1917

Mississippi Valley
Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebr.

OFFICE OF
THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

March 5, 1917.

Dr. S.J. Buck,
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Dr. Buck;

I am greatly pleased to know that the March Review will be issued without delay. If this could not be arranged I was going to suggest that perhaps it would be better for the Association to hold the Proceedings until the June Review rather than to delay the March number.

Do not go to any further trouble over the address of Asa Paine. I can get it from relatives. Thank you for the trouble to which you have already gone.

Yours very truly,

Asa Paine

MAR 10 1917

Mississippi Valley
Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebr.

OFFICE OF
THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

March 9, 1917.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

I desire a copy of the minutes of the meeting at Nashville. Will you kindly send them to me. If you send me the original I will copy at once and return. Perhaps they better be insured.

Yours very truly,

Clara Paine

March 10, 1917

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Neb.

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

I am sending you herewith the copy of the minutes of the Nashville meeting. It will not be necessary for you to return these to me.

In preparing this material for publication, I omitted all references to the reading of papers, etc., as this was also covered in Bond's general account of the meeting. I also made some revisions of language and added an item on the final meeting of the executive committee at which Mr. Cox was chosen chairman. Bond was not present at this meeting and did not include it in his minutes.

I entitled this ^{material} "Minutes of business transacted by the association and by the executive committee" and placed it just after the general account of the meeting.

Sincerely yours

MAR 16 1917

Mississippi Valley
Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebr.

OFFICE OF
THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

March 14, 1917.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

The minutes of the Nashville meeting have been
duly received. Thank you.

I should like to go over the proof of Mr. Paine's
reports included in this volume. I sent his papers etc to
the editorial office without going over them at all.

The Proceedings of the mid-year meeting in
Cincinnati are to be included in the 1916-1917 volume, I
suppose. Please let me know if this is correct.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs.) C. S. Paine

March 16, 1917

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Neb.

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

I will arrange to have a copy of the galley proof of Mr. Paine's reports sent to you as soon as it has been read.

You are correct in assuming that the Proceedings of the Cincinnati meeting should be included in the 1916-17 volume; at least that has been the practice in the past. As there was no mid-year meeting in 1915, the present volume covers only the Nashville meeting.

Sincerely yours

March 22, 1917

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Neb.

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

I enclose herewith a bill
for editorial work by Miss White on the M. V. H. A.
Proceedings. There will be another bill later
for editorial work and proof reading by one
of my assistants. The typewriting of the mater-
ial for the Proceedings and the services of
the copy holder in proof reading will be donated
by the Minnesota Historical Society.

Sincerely yours

MAR 30 1917

Mississippi Valley
Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebr.

OFFICE OF
THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

March 24, 1917.

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

My dear Dr. Buck;

Your favor enclosing bill for
eleven dollars in account with Miss White has
been duly received and check will be sent her.

Yours very truly,

Clara Paine

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March 24, 1917

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Neb.

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

The first lot of galley proof for the M. V. H. A. Proceedings has come in and this contains Mr. Paine's report.

There are only two sets of proof, one of which was sent to Mr. Alvord's office and the other to me. I am forwarding my set to Urbana for the assembling of the corrections, and I am asking Miss White to send to you the extra copies of the galleys containing Mr. Paine's report after they are through with them. If you desire any changes or corrections, please let me know at once and I will endeavor to have them made in the page proof.

Sincerely yours

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April 4, 1917

Mrs. Clara S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Neb.

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

I am sending you herewith ✓
a bill for services in connection with the editorial work on the M. V. H. A. Proceedings. Miss Kile prepared the ~~standardization of the~~ footnotes, etc., on part of the papers and read the galley proof with copy. The services of the copy holder are contributed by the Minnesota Historical Society, and there will be no further bill for work here on this volume.

Sincerely yours

APR 11 1917

Mississippi Valley
Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebr.

OFFICE OF
THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

April 10, 1917.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,

St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Dr. Buck;

Your favor of the 4th received and noted. The amount due Miss Kile will be forwarded very soon.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs.) Clara Paul

APR 23 1917

Mississippi Valley
Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebr.

OFFICE OF
THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

April 19, 1917.

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

My dear Dr. Buck;

Enclosed please find check in favor of Miss Kile. Kindly hand the same to her and return receipted bill.

Your favor of the 17th received and I am glad to know that you expect to be in Chicago. I have not heard whether Dr. Alvord has returned to Illinois or not but understood that he was expected home early in April. Miss White said he had not improved very much if any in health. I am sorry.

Yours very truly,

Clara Paine

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APR 23 1917

Mississippi Valley
Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebr.

OFFICE OF
THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

April 20, 1917.

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

My dear Dr. Buck;

Do you not think it would be well to insert a slip in the Proceedings making some explanation regarding this volume? Of course the minutes explain the change of policy but the majority will not stop to look for the explanation. I do not know what is in the volume but infer that it does not contain more than one hundred fifty pages, just the minutes, reports etc. of the Nashville meeting.

Perhaps I am crossing bridges before I get to them.

Yours truly,

(Mrs.) C. S. Paine

April 23, 1917.

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebraska

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

I am in receipt of your letter of April 20. I think the preface which I included in the Proceedings will contain sufficient explanation of the change in policy.

The volume, by the way, contains over two hundred pages and includes practically all papers presented at the Nashville meeting which have not been printed elsewhere. Mr. Powers of the Torch Press writes me that they will be unable to distribute it in time for the copies to reach members before they leave for Chicago, but that he will send a number of copies to you at the headquarters in Chicago, so that the members attending will have an opportunity to examine them.

Sincerely yours

May 2, 1917

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebraska

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

Just a note to remind you that I would like about a dozen extra copies of the Proceedings for some of the prominent members of the Minnesota Historical Society. I think these might be the means of securing additional members for the M. V. H. A.

By the way, would it not be feasible to print, possibly in the next Proceedings, a complete list of the members of the association? It seems to me that anyone who attempts to secure new members is hampered by the difficulty of knowing who are and who are not already enrolled.

Sincerely yours

May 3, 1917

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebraska

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

It seems that I was mistaken in stating to you that the bills for editorial work on the M. V. H. A. Proceedings were all in. It had not occurred to me that there would be one from Miss Hodsdon, which has just been received and which I am forwarding to you. ✓

Sincerely yours

MAY 5 1917

Mississippi Valley Historical
Association

PRESIDENT
FREDERIC L. PAXSON
MADISON, WISCONSIN

SECRETARY-TREASURER
MRS. CLARENCE S. PAINE
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

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May 3, 1917.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

Your favor of the 2nd received and I had not forgotten about sending the Proceedings to you but have been slow about it. The Torch Press will forward them to you at once.

I see no reason why a list of the members should not be published in the next Proceedings if the board of editors desire to do so and I will make ready a perfect list for that purpose.

It is necessary for me to go to Eden Prairie within a couple of weeks and if I have any time at all in Minneapolis I would like to see you. The next annual meeting will doubtless be held in St. Paul and there are a few things I would like to talk over with you.

Do you not feel that this last meeting was a very successful one?

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) C. S. Paine

FRAMER
BOND

May 8, 1917

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebraska

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

I have your letter of the third and also received the dozen copies of the Proceedings which I am very glad to have.

Mr. Alvord has asked me to edit the next issue of the Proceedings and I shall arrange to include in it a complete list of the members if possible.

I certainly hope that you will have time to see me when you come to Minnesota. If you can let me know just when you expect to be here and where you can be reached, I will endeavor to get in touch with you. I am usually at the University on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons and at the Capitol the rest of the week.

Sincerely yours

MAY 14 1917

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My dear Dr. Buck -

I am planning to be in
Municipal Monday May 14.
I will not be registered at any
Hotel but will try to be at the
Rogers about noon or will telephone
you. I may even have the
name of the hotel wrong but
think I remember there is such
a hotel.

Very truly yours
(Ans.) C. S. Paine

MAY 17 1917

Mississippi Valley Historical
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MADISON, WISCONSIN

SECRETARY-TREASURER
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LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

May 16, 1917.

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

My dear Dr. Buck;

I remember a very pleasant hour and luncheon with you Monday and thank you for your courtesy but I do not remember that we settled any of the more important matters under discussion. I failed to ask you the probable date that would be convenient to you and the State Historical Society for the annual meeting next year.

The vote will be taken on the place of meeting as soon as I hear from you on this matter.

I have heard from Dr. Sioussat and plans are under way for the meeting in December.

Any suggestions that you may have to offer at any time will be very gladly received.

With kind personal regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Clara Paine

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May 18, 1917

Mrs. Clarence S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Neb.

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

If the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association is to be at St. Paul, I think the most satisfactory time would be during the first or second week in May. It is desirable to have it as late as possible in the hope of securing good weather, and on the other hand, it cannot very well be later than the middle of May without coming too near to the close of college years. I shall want, of course, to know the result of the vote as soon as it is decided.

I should like also to suggest that Mr. Herbert A. Kellar, who is doing historical work for the McCormick family in Chicago, be asked to present a paper at either the December meeting or the next annual meeting. Mr. Kellar has a mass of valuable material at his disposal in the McCormick collections, and could doubtless work up a paper of very considerable interest.

I regretted very much that I did not have an opportunity to see more of you while you were up here, and I trust that if you come up again during the summer or fall, you will let me know.

Sincerely yours

JUN 11 1917

Mississippi Valley
Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebr.

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OFFICE OF
THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

June 9, 1917.

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

My dear Dr. Buck;

Fourteen members of the executive committee who have thus far voted are unanimously in favor of St. Paul for the next meeting of the Mississippi Valley. A general preference seems to be for the first week in May.

With kind personal regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Wm. C. S. Paine

June 13, 1917

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebraska

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

I am, of course, very much pleased that the members of the executive committee were unanimously in favor of St. Paul as a place of meeting for next spring.

I see no reason why the first week in May would not be a satisfactory time. Now that the matter of the place is settled, would it not be well to urge Sioussat to appoint the committees as soon as possible, in order that there may be plenty of time in which to make the arrangements and work up a good program?

Sincerely yours

JUN 18 1917

Mississippi Valley
Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebr.

OFFICE OF
THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

June 15, 1917.

My dear Dr. Buck;

Your favor of recent date at hand. I think that Dr. Sioussat will appoint the program committee for the next annual meeting very soon. Doubtless he will consult with you. At any rate I will let you know as soon as the committee is appointed. With kind personal regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,

(Mrs.) C. S. Paine

JUL 23 1917

Mississippi Valley
Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebr.

OFFICE OF
THE SECRETARY-TREASURER



July 20, 1917.

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

My dear Dr. Buck;

Doubtless you are anxious about the program committee. Dr. Sioussat wrote me recently that he expected to meet Dr. Cox in New York City and after talking with him he would appoint the program committee at an early date.

The check for \$50 from the Minnesota Historical Society was duly received and should have been acknowledged before but I have been in a hospital for over two weeks recovering from a lot of surgical work. I have been in wretched health for over a year but hope I will get to be myself again before long.

I have been wondering if you would be willing to use your influence toward getting some new members for this Association in Minnesota. If you would prepare a letter to be sent under your signature to the members of the Minnesota Historical Society I believe it would have good results. The letters could be written here, addressed and stamped and sent you for your signature to save you all possible work. If you do not think well of my suggestion do not hesitate to say so.

Dr. Guilday's editorial in the April Catholic Review which I followed up with a personal letter to his subscribers resulted in quite a large number of new members.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs.) C. S. Paine

July 24, 1917

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebraska

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

I shall be glad to help you so far as possible in securing new members for the M. V. H. A. in Minnesota. I do not believe that it would be worth while to send the letter to all of the members of the Minnesota Historical Society, but I shall be glad as soon as I can find time, to go over the list and check such as appear to me to be prospects. I will forward this list to you, together with copy for the letter to be sent under my signature.

Sincerely yours

July 27, 1917

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebraska

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

I am sending you enclosed some pages from our last Biennial Report containing the roll of members of the Minnesota Historical Society. I have checked those whom I thought might be considered as prospects for the M. V. H. A.

With reference to our honorary and corresponding members, it seems to me that there would be no point in sending a letter over my signature, and they are checked merely as suggestions to you. To the active members, however, I am perfectly willing to have copies of the enclosed letter sent, and if you will return them to me with the envelopes, etc., as suggested, I will sign them and send them out from here.

I assume that some literature about the M. V. H. A. will be enclosed with each letter, thus making it unnecessary for me to go into details. If this form does not appear to you to be altogether satisfactory, I would be glad to have you suggest changes which may occur to you.

Sincerely yours

P. S. I assume that you will check these names over with the present membership list and eliminate such as may already be members.

May 1, 1917

St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. ~~XXXX~~:-

Knowing your interest in historical matters as manifested by your membership in the Minnesota Historical Society, I take the liberty of calling your attention to the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. This organization, which was formed about ten years ago for the promotion of research and publication in the history of the Valley, has forged rapidly to the front and is now generally recognized as a society of the very highest standing.

The publications of the Association consist of a quarterly magazine, the Mississippi Valley Historical Review, of which I have the honor to be one of the editors, and an annual volume of Proceedings now issued as an extra number of the Review. These publications are sent to all members regularly as issued.

At the invitation of the Minnesota Historical Society, the executive committee of the Association has voted unanimously to hold the next annual meeting in St. Paul in May, 1918. The new building of our society will be fully completed by that time, and it is hoped that the dedication exercises may be held in connection with this meeting.

In view of these plans, it is obviously desirable that the comparatively small membership of the Association among Minnesota people should be increased as much as possible before the next annual meeting. The Association is doing a very worthy work and needs the support of all who are interested in such things. Information about the conditions of membership you will find in the enclosures, and I sincerely hope that you will accept the invitation to become a member of the association.

Sincerely yours

~~Superintendent~~
Superintendent
Minnesota Historical Society

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Mississippi Valley
Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebr.

OFFICE OF
THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Aug. 17, 1917.

My dear Dr. Buck:

I am in urgent need of a little information from the Probate Court in Minneapolis in order to close up the estate of Ezra Paine and the lawyer who has attended to the minor details for me there is now in the army.

If you are near the Court House will you go to the Probate Court room and ask to see the appraisement of the estate of Ezra Paine. I want to know how and by whom the estate was appraised before I file my final report to the Court. You can secure an appraisal blank from the clerk which please fill in.

I had expected to go to Minneapolis this summer but was unable to do so and I do not know anyone in the city of whom I can ask this favor but you. Of course the clerk of the court would furnish me this information but I do not desire to appear as applying for it.

The letters to the members of the Minnesota Historical Society will be sent you for your signature in a few days.

Thanking you in advance for your many kindnesses, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Clara Paine

August 21, 1917

Mrs. C. D. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebraska

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

I am in receipt of your letter of August 17 concerning the appraisal of the estate of Ezra Paine.

I was able this morning to get a copy of the inventory which I am enclosing herewith, and hope that it will contain the information which you desire. I am very glad to have been able to assist you in this matter.

Sincerely yours

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Mississippi Valley Historical
Association

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ST. GEORGE L. SIOUSSAT
PROVIDENCE, R. I.

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SECRETARY-TREASURER
MRS. CLARENCE S. PAINE
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Lincoln, Nebraska, August 22, 1917.

My dear Dr. Buck:

I am sending to you by prepaid express the addressed stamped envelopes to the members of your society as checked.

There have been quite a number of applications for membership lately from Minnesota and I hope there will be good returns from your letter.

With kind personal regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Clara Paine.

August 24, 1917

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebraska

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the twenty-second, and also the package of letters for my signature. We will get these ready and mail them on the thirtieth, as that is the date which you have used.

May I call your attention to a couple of points in one of your circulars which I think should be altered in another edition. My title in the University is not Professor, but Associate Professor. It would be preferable, however, to use the title Superintendent, Minnesota Historical Society, as two thirds of my time is devoted to the society.

In the list of subscribers to the guaranty fund, we appear as "Minnesota State Historical Society". As you will note from the letterhead above, the word "State" does not appear in our corporate title.

I would be interested to know about the returns from these letters, and sincerely hope that they will be satisfactory.

Sincerely yours

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Mississippi Valley Historical Association

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PROVIDENCE, R. I.

SECRETARY-TREASURER
MRS. CLARENCE S. PAINE
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

September 10, 1917.

My dear Dr. Buck:

I wish to thank you for your promptness in sending me a copy of the appraisal that I so much desired to have.

There have been three replies to your letters to date, one a sustaining member, and I anticipate a number more in due time.

Yours truly,

Mrs. C. S. Paine

September 14, 1917

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebraska

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

I am very glad to know that you are securing some members for the M. V. H. A. as a result of my letters. Several of those to whom it was addressed have replied to me, stating that they were sending applications to you or giving their reasons for not becoming members at the present time.

Would it not be possible to stir up Sioussat sufficiently to get him to do something about appointing the program and entertainment committees for the next meeting in the near future?

Sincerely yours

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Mississippi Valley
Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebr.

OFFICE OF
THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

September 18, 1917.

My dear Dr. Buck;

I share your anxiety about the appointment of the program committee but I have not failed to mention it in some way in every letter to Dr. Sioussat. The appointment will surely be made very soon for Dr. Cox was to meet him in Boston last week.

Yours very truly,

Clara Paine

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SECRETARY-TREASURER
MRS. CLARENCE S. PAINE
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

September 26, 1917.

My dear Dr. Buck:

The Program Committee is under consideration. I would like suggestions from you since you are very deeply interested. Are you chairman of the committee on local arrangements? Would you be willing to serve as chairman of the program committee? You would, of course, be willing to accept a place on that committee should the chairmanship involve too much work.

In that case what would you think of Dr. C. S. Boucher of Washington University as chairman? He is a very able man and much interested in the Mississippi Valley. Mr. Floyd Shoemaker of the State Historical Society at Columbia, Missouri has lots of energy and Jonas Viles of the University is also a good man. One of these three men will probably be chosen from Missouri. Dr. Boucher is my choice.

Mrs. Mathews or Miss Kellogg from Wisconsin may be chosen. Messrs Gipson, Sweet, Benton, Gould, Cole and Trimble are some of the names under consideration also Dr. Jack of the extreme south.

I can make my suggestions conform, doubtless, very closely with your wishes if you will be kind enough to reply by return mail.

I may be in Minneapolis about the 8th of October.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Paine

P.S. If you prefer not to be on the Program Committee at all please suggest a local man to serve. I enclose list of names from Minneapolis and St. Paul who are members.

September 27, 1917

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebraska

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

I am in receipt of your letter of September 26. Nothing has been said to me about acting as chairman of the committee on local arrangements, but I should be willing to undertake it if so desired. In that case, I should certainly not wish to serve as chairman of the program committee, and it might be best not to put me on at all. In the latter case, I would suggest Dr. John D. Hicks of Hamline University, as local member of the program committee.

With reference to the three Missouri men, whose names you suggest, I think Boucher would probably be the best, although Viles is perhaps better known; the latter, however, has I believe not taken much interest in the society. Any of the others whom you suggest would be entirely satisfactory to me. I should like especially to express my approval of Cole, Trimble, and Jack.

I hope that I may have an opportunity to see you when you come to Minneapolis, and I would like to show you through our new building, if possible, at that time.

I am very glad to have the list of local people who are members of the M. V. H. A. You will doubtless be glad to have information for your records about three of these who are no longer here. Dean Ford is to be in Washington until next summer, address 10 Jackson Place, Committee on Public Information; Stevens is now a lieutenant in the army, stationed at Division Headquarters, Camp Cody, Deming, New Mexico; and former President Vincent's address is 61 Broadway, New York. Henry A. Castle died on August 16, 1916.

Sincerely yours

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October 16, 1917

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

I am in receipt of your note of October 14 stating that I have been appointed chairman of the committee on local arrangements for the Mississippi Valley Historical Association meeting.

Have any other members of the committee been appointed, or am I expected to select them? I should also like to know the names of the members of the program committee as soon as it is appointed.

Sincerely yours

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebraska

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SECRETARY-TREASURER
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LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

October 15, 1917.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

Dr. Sioussat desires me to notify you of your appointment as chairman of the committee on local arrangements for the annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley to be held in St. Paul, May 1918.

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) C. S. Paine

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LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

October 23, 1917.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,

St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Dr. Buck:

I feel sure you are to select your own local committee on arrangements but to make sure I have written to Dr. Sioussat and will let you know as soon as I hear from him.

The program committee will all be named soon and I will report them to you as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

Clara Paine

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SECRETARY-TREASURER
MRS. CLARENCE S. PAINE
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

October 24, 1917.

My dear Dr. Buck:

Dr. Sioussat has appointed Dr. C.S. Boucher of Washington University as chairman of the program committee and Dr. J.D. Hicks and Prof. R.Y. Tryon members of the committee. Three or four more names will be added in a few days.

I feel sure Dr. Boucher will make a good chairman. He has a great deal of energy and enthusiasm.

Yours truly,

(Mrs.) C. S. Paine

October 29, 1917

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

Thank you for your
letter of October 24 with reference
to the program committee of the M. V.
H. A. I think that the appointments
are excellent.

Sincerely yours

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebraska

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Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebr.

OFFICE OF
THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

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October 31, 1917.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

Dr. Siössat says that it was his intention to "give you carte-blanche as to naming the rest of the committee on local arrangements." Dr. W.J. Trimble and Walter L. Fleming have been added to the program committee.

The date chosen by the executive committee for the annual meeting is the first week in May. I suppose it will be the last three days of the week. As soon as this is definitely determined I will have the date of meeting stamped on every letter and circular that goes out from this office.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs.) C. S. Paine

November 3, 1917

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

I am in receipt of your letter of October 31 with reference to the M. V. H. A. meeting.

It seems to me that the last three days of the week would be the most satisfactory for the meeting, and I think the plan of advertising it by stamping the dates on letters and circulars an excellent one.

Sincerely yours

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebraska

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PROVIDENCE, R. I.

SECRETARY-TREASURER
MRS. CLARENCE S. PAINE
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

December 5, 1917.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

I have to be in Minneapolis on December 10th and unless I am detained too long at the court house I will try and visit your new building in St. Paul.

Is everything going as you desire for the next annual meeting? If you are not going to be in St. Paul on the 10th please drop me a line at Eden Prairie. I will be there on Sunday.

Yours truly,

Clara Paine

December 7, 1917

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

I have your note of December 5, and if as I suppose, it is impossible for you to get over here in the forenoon, I should like to have you call me up from Minneapolis in order that I can make an appointment to see you either at noon or some time during the afternoon, as there are several matters about which I want to talk with you.

Would it be possible for you to stay over Monday evening and attend a meeting of the executive council of the Minnesota Historical Society? One of the subjects which we are going to consider is that of arrangements for the entertainment of the M. V. H. A. next May, and I am sure that you could give us advice and suggestions which would be very helpful.

Sincerely yours

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Eden Prairie, Minnesota

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Mississippi Valley
Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebr.

OFFICE OF
THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

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December 13, 1917.

My dear Dr. Buck:

I wish to express my appreciation of your courtesy to me in Minneapolis and our enjoyable lunch together.

As usual I overlooked many things that I had in mind to discuss with you. Perhaps I can take them up at Philadelphia if I attend that meeting.

In the meantime please consider my wild dreams of endowment as confidential for the present. Perhaps if I could carry it through it might give me right to membership in the class you described as "not dragging one foot."

The first edition of the program for Philadelphia has been sent out. Dr. Sioussat suggests that it might be well to arrange a dinner for the members of the Mississippi Valley on Thursday or Saturday evening and announce it in the final edition of the program. It was thought unwise to have a dinner on the evening of the 26 since people from the West would find it hard to get there.

Very cordially yours,

Clara Paine

December 15, 1917

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Society
Lincoln, Nebraska

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

I am in receipt of your letter of December 13, and am glad to know that the powers that be are considering arranging an M. V. H. A. dinner in connection with the Philadelphia meetings. I hope that they will select Saturday instead of Thursday, as there is to be a dinner of the American Antiquarian Society on Thursday. I am writing Mr. Sioussat to this effect.

I am assuming that the dates of the meeting here will be May 9, 10, and 11. If there is still any question about this, please let me know at once.

I certainly hope that you will decide to attend the Philadelphia meeting, and I shall be very glad to have a talk with you at that time.

Sincerely yours