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July 26, 1917

Professor B. F. Shambaugh
State Historical Society of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

My dear Mr. Shambaugh:-

In the July issue of your Journal, I note an item on the Proceedings of the M. V. H. A. which closes with a statement that "the lack of an index in the volume is to be regretted". Had the writer of this item read the preface, he would have discovered that this issue of the Proceedings does not constitute a volume, but only part 1 thereof, the expectation being that the next two or three issues will be paged consecutively as further parts of the same volume, and that the last of these will contain an index to the whole volume.

Since the annual issue has been so greatly reduced in size by the omission of material published elsewhere, it seems to me that this arrangement will be more satisfactory in the long run than the inclusion of separate indexes in each issue.

Sincerely yours

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY, IOWA
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

July 28, 1917

Dear Mr. Buck:

I am very grateful to you for your letter of criticism of July 26th, and I hasten to apologize for the oversight on the part of the Associate Editor. I am sure that Dr. Clark will regret the oversight as much as I do. I will call his attention to your letter upon his return from his vacation.

I am especially glad to have your criticism, since it involves a point that I wish to emphasize in the preparation of notices and reviews, namely, that a review or a notice should not be spoiled by calling attention to minor defects.

Very cordially yours,

Bryant F. Chamberlain
Superintendent

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

S-EEM

May 22, 1916

Professor W. A. Schaper
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Professor Schaper:-

The oral examinations of Mr. Fieldhouse and Mr. Holbrook for the Master's degree will take place on Thursday afternoon, May 25, at two thirty and three thirty P. M. respectively, in one of the new history seminary rooms in the southwest corner of the library, second floor.

As I understand it you are on the thesis committee for each of these students and have charge of the minor work of Mr. Fieldhouse.

If possible I hope that you will finish your reading of the theses in time to give your decision upon them at the examination.

Sincerely yours

March 1, 1916

Mr. Floyd C. Shoemaker
State Historical Society
Columbia, Mo.

My dear Mr. Shoemaker:-

I am writing for the Illinois Centennial Commission a book to be entitled Illinois in 1818, in which I expect, among other things, to give an account of the admission of the state to the Union.

My assistant who is helping me in this work, has come to the conclusion that there was some connection between the movements for statehood in Missouri and in Illinois. She finds that the movement was started very suddenly in Illinois late in 1817, and pushed through rapidly without any apparent demand from the people. From your article on "Missouri Constitutional History" in the October 1914 issue of the Missouri Historical Review, page 31, we gather that the movement in Missouri began in the same year, 1817, and as there was considerable jealousy between the two territories, we are wondering if the movement in Illinois was not a result of a similar movement in Missouri and an attempt to beat Missouri to statehood.

In the footnote on page 31, you state that the matter of petitions for statehood, etc., is to be treated in

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the next chapter of your book. I am wondering if you would be willing to loan me the manuscript of this chapter, or otherwise assist me in solving these problems.

My assistant has also discovered that the memorial and resolutions of November 22, 1818, asking for division of Missouri Territory and admission of the state, were accompanied by a census taken in the fall of 1817, and authorized by the territorial legislature in the spring of that year. (See House Document number 45, 15th Congress, 2nd session.) We are wondering if the taking of this census was part of the movement for admission.

Sincerely yours

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THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MISSOURI
Columbia

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

March 13, 1916.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

Your two favors of the 1st inst. at hand and I beg to acknowledge receipt of the volumes of collections of your Society which you sent. This completes out sets of your publications and I am sincerely grateful for your cooperation in this respect. I had sent you last week the parts we formerly had of ~~parts~~ ^{volumes} 2 and 8 of your collections. I hope they reached you in good condition.

I was deeply interested in your other matter of the 1st inst. in regard to your suggestions of the Missouri-Illinois rivalry for statehood. There may have been this rivalry of movement although I would have to see pretty positive proof to be certain of my ground. In regard to the census taken ~~taken~~ during the fall of 1817 in Missouri, I do not see any necessary preparations for arguments in favor of Missouri Statehood. I have carefully reviewed the election laws which applied to Missouri Territory. For example, the first election law of importance during the territorial period is dated August 12, 1813 (Missouri Territorial Laws, pp. 257 f.). This provided that the census should be taken every two years on the first Monday in October - ~~the~~ first being in

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1813. The next law was passed January 18, 1814, and provided for the taking of the census in May, 1814. The organization of new counties and the increase in population probably necessitated the change in month and year, (ibid, pp. 321 f.). The ~~election~~^{census} law of 1817 was passed ~~of 1817 was passed~~ on February 1st, and provided for the taking of the census on the first Monday of August, 1818. I am of the opinion, however, that this date as printed in the Territorial laws is a mistake, and that it should have been the first Monday in August, 1817. Several reasons argue for this error having been made. The law itself was passed in order to provide for a new apportionment of representatives which was to be made by proclamation of the Governor by the first of April, 1818. The basis of this apportionment was undoubtedly to be founded or based on the census to be taken in August, 1817, and not, as stated in the Act, on the August 1818 census. In fact I have no record of an 1818 census in Missouri and I do not know of any having been taken although I have carefully investigated this question. Moreover, if there had been a census taken in August, 1818, as the Act would seem to have directed, then the Missouri Legislature in its 1818 petition to Congress for Statehood would not have used the 1817 census in order to convince Congress that it had sufficient population for Statehood, but the Legislature

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would undoubtedly have used the returns of the last census, which would have been for 1818. And further, the Missouri delegate to Congress, John Scott, would have backed up his arguments with the 1818 census, if there had been one, and not with the 1817 census, as he did, (*ibid.* pp. 550 f.).

As a matter of fact, Missouri prepared her first petition for Statehood in the summer and fall of 1817. These were individual petitions that circulated over the country. The first of these was presented to Congress on January 8, 1818. They were not, however, official but merely indicated the inception of the movement in Missouri for admission into the Union. I regret that my book is now in the hands of the printer as well as the manuscript copy. It will be out in a couple of weeks and as per the order of your Society a copy will be sent at once. If I can aid you in making transcripts of anything in my possession, let me know and I shall gladly accommodate you.

Sincerely,

Floyd C. Shumaker
Secretary

FCS/C

Has your library a copy of Morse's Report on Indians in U.S. - made to the Secretary of the Interior, printed 1822? I have a copy of this very rare book and can let you have it for \$25⁰⁰ with photostatic reproduction of the map. f. c. s.

March 20, 1916

Mr. Floyd C. Shoemaker
State Historical Society of Missouri
Columbus, Mo.

My dear Mr. Shoemaker:-

I have to thank you for two very helpful letters, one of February 29 and one of March 13. These would have been acknowledged before but for the fact that I have been under the weather most of the time during the past week.

With reference to historical items in newspapers, I believe your system is the best one, and shall undertake something of that sort as soon as I can spare the time of an assistant for the work.

If there was any rivalry between Missouri and Illinois for statehood, I am inclined to think that it was on the Illinois side. Our hypothesis at present is that the Illinois anti-slavery people were jealous of the progress of Missouri because the pro-slavery people in Illinois had pointed out that people were passing through Illinois to Missouri because Missouri was slave country. Therefore, when the movement for statehood got under way in a natural manner in Missouri, during the summer of 1817, these anti-slavery leaders in Illinois, headed by Daniel P. Cook,

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suddenly decided to make Illinois a state before Missouri, if possible. There seems to have been no particular demand for statehood on the part of the people in general in Illinois, and this anti-slavery faction was certainly back of the movement and certainly did put it through with a rush. We have no positive evidence as yet, however, that Missouri had anything to do with it.

I am very glad, indeed, to learn that your book will be out so soon, and am looking forward with much interest to the perusal of it.

We have a copy of Morse's Report with the original map.

Sincerely yours

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND
POLITICAL SCIENCE

June 30, 1917.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:- Since coming here I have used my spare time in working on the Congressional career of Henry H. Sibley — began it as a continuation of my interest in Minnesota history. I am getting more of an interest in Sibley himself since I have been working on the Congressional material. I have wondered if his life or some phases of his life would be suitable for my dissertation. I do not know to what extent the Sibley papers have been used. I remember you saying at one time that there was not a satisfactory life of Sibley. If it would be suitable for a dissertation the material would be much more convenient for me than the Land Office records. I could do more during August and September before the University opens by working there than I could in Duluth. Then if I could arrange my University work so that I could have a day or two off during the week I could work on those days in the Historical Library and could get more work done, it seems to me. I can complete the Congressional material while I am here. Will probably do so anyway but it would be better if I could be

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working up material for my thesis as I realize that I have a big job if I get ready for the examinations by next June. I would like to know what you think of this. I want a thesis that I can do a good piece of work on because I realize that I will be judged for some time anyway by that.

I am having very pleasant work here at Montana. Classes are small but the students are good workers. I have a class of twelve or fifteen in the general course in United States history — mostly teachers. I have nine students in my advanced course — juniors and seniors, some of them from other states. I am enjoying this work very much.

Thanking you for your advice regarding the Thesis and hoping to hear from you at your convenience, I am,

Very truly yours,

W. P. Shortridge.

% University of Montana,
Missoula, Mont.

(until July 27.)

July 3, 1917

Mr. W. P. Shortridge
University of Montana,
Missoula, Montana

My dear Shortridge:-

I have your letter of June 30, and am very glad to know that you are enjoying your work at Montana.

A biography of Sibley would, I believe, be an excellent subject for a doctor's thesis, and I do not think it would be too large to handle the whole subject, including his fur trade and military as well as his political careers. Besides the Sibley papers, there is doubtless considerable material in the state archives, but it might not be very accessible.

Two of the master's theses written under my direction last year dealt to a considerable extent with Sibley. Miss Raymond treated his early political career, and Miss Missell wrote about the American Fur Co. Mr. Wallace is now at work on a master's thesis, dealing with the political history of Minnesota Territory. None of these, however, in my opinion, need deter you in any way from selecting this subject.

Do you have there a copy of the Life of Sibley by Nathaniel West? If not, I have a personal copy which I would be very glad to loan you.

Sincerely yours

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July 5, 1917.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:- Yours of July 3rd came today. I am glad that you approve the biography of Sibley for my thesis. It seems better to me the more I think of it and I am sure the location of the materials will be more convenient. I shall soon have the Congressional material worked up and could use West's "Sibley" while here. There is not a copy here and I would appreciate very much the use of your copy. Of course, I want to go over, first, all that has been written about him and could get part of it done while here.

Thanking you very much for your suggestions and for the offer to loan me the book, I am,

Very truly yours,
W. P. Shortridge.

% University.

July 10, 1917

Mr. W. P. Shortridge
University of Montana
Missoula, Mont.

My dear Mr. Shortridge:-

I have sent you by parcel
post my copy of Best's Sibley, which you may keep
until you return to Minnesota. If you run out of
material there, I could also send you some of the
volumes of the Minnesota Historical Collections,
if they are not available there. I have a carbon
copy of Miss Raymond's thesis on "The Early Political
Career of Sibley" which I might send, if you will
need it before your return.

Sincerely yours,

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

July 21, 1917.

Dear Dr. Buck:—The copy of West's, Sibley was received. Enclosed you will find postage on same.

I have enough material here to keep me busy the next week. I shall just about complete the work on the Congressional career from the materials available here.

This next week completes the work of the Summer Session here. I shall start for Minnesota Friday. Then after a few days vacation at Minnetonka I expect to be at work in the State Historical Library on Sibley.

Thanking you very much for the use of this book, I am,

Very truly yours,
W. P. Shortridge.

October 3, 1916

Professor W. H. Siebert
Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio

My dear Mr. Siebert:-

Just after writing you the other day, I received the five pamphlets which you were kind enough to send to me. I am very glad, indeed, to have these and thank you for the courtesy.

Sincerely yours

April 19, 1916

Professor St. George L. Sioussat

Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Mr. Sioussat:-

I have just received the program of the M. V. H. A. Meeting and hasten to notify you that I expect to be present at the subscription luncheon on Thursday April 27. I cannot say positively at present whether or not I will take in the subscription tour to the Hermitage. I have a vast amount of work piled up ahead of me and may decide to leave Friday night.

I think that you and the other members of the committee are to be congratulated on the program which you have arranged.

Sincerely yours

October 29, 1917

Professor St. George L. Sioussat
Brown University
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Sioussat:-

Mrs. Paine writes me that you have appointed Boucher, Hicks, and Tryon as members of the program committee for the M. V. H. A. meeting next May, and that four more names will be added.

I think these are excellent selections, but would like to suggest that at least one of the men who have been longer identified with the Association and consequently are better acquainted with its members, should be included on the committee; say, Libby, Shambaugh, or Alvord.

I hope to have an opportunity to see you at the A. H. A. meeting in Philadelphia, and talk over plans for our meeting here.

Sincerely yours

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PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

November 14, 1917

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

Let me thank you for your letter of October 29. I have been convinced by experience that small committees work better than large ones, and have thought it wise to limit the number of our program committeemen to five,— the three named in your letter, and Fleming and W. J. Trimble, of N. Dakota Agricultural College. I think that Baucher will make an energetic chairman, and will consult the elder men of the Association very freely; and Fleming will be able to steady and support him, particularly because he has just been employed, with Callahan, in arranging the program for the joint session in Philadelphia, and thus knows the persons who now have papers to offer.

The Bulletins and other publications of your Historical Society are doubtless received by the Rhode Island Historical Society, but if they are not sent to the University Library here, I should like very much to have them. Will you look at your list? Unfortunately there is nothing to offer in exchange.

With kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Stephen L. Sioussat

December 15, 1917

Mr. St. George L. Sioussat
Brown University
Providence, Rhode Island

My dear Mr. Sioussat:-

Mrs. Paine writes me
that you have suggested arranging for an
M. V. H. A. dinner in connection with the
A. H. A. meeting on either Thursday or
Saturday evening. I very much hope that
such arrangements can be made and that
Saturday will be the date selected, if
possible, for Thursday would conflict with
a dinner of the American Antiquarian
Society.

Sincerely yours

November 10, 1917

Dr. J. F. Snyder
Virginia, Illinois

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of November 7, and assure you that I appreciate very much your kind expression of opinion about Illinois in 1818.

I regret very much that I am unable to help you with reference to the frontispiece. I had absolutely nothing to do with the selection of the illustrations, and in fact did not know what they were to be until after the book was published. I am sending your letter, therefore, to the editor, Professor Alvord, at the University of Illinois, and you will doubtless hear from him about it in the course of time.

You will be interested to know, by the way, that shortly after the book came out, I received a clipping from an Alton newspaper containing a protest against the use of this illustration, as being an utterly inaccurate representation of the subject. I took it for granted that this was written by Mr. W. T. Norton of Alton.

Sincerely yours

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April 7, 1917

Dr. Bernard C. Steiner
Enoch Pratt Free Library
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:-

I am very much interested in the proposed bibliography of travels in America which I understand is being compiled by you under the auspices of the American Historical Association, and I am writing to inquire as to the present status of the work on this bibliography.

The Minnesota Historical Society has a very large collection of American travels in its library, and it occurred to me that we might perhaps be able to assist to some extent in the preparation of this bibliography and also that the work which has been done might be of some use to us in our cataloguing, and in helping us to fill in gaps in our collection.

I presume that you are familiar with my bibliography of travel in Illinois, published by the Illinois State Historical Library.

Very truly yours

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OF BALTIMORE CITY.

BERNARD C. STEINER, LIBRARIAN.

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April 16, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th inst, and am glad to give such information as I can in the matter of the bibliography of travel in America.

Mr. I. H. Dielman and I have accumulated a great number of cards representing titles of books and have been much aided in the matter by the coöperation of the Library of Congress, which has sent us all the printed cards of American travel which it has issued. We are somewhat at a loss as to the next step, inasmuch as there is not a sufficient appropriation from the Association to enable us to print as proof, a list of the titles we have brought together, which list may be circulated to Libraries such as yours for additions and for coöperation. We are both of us obliged to you for your offer of assistance and feel sure that for your collection, you will find the list (even in its present extent) useful.

I know your Illinois bibliography and wish that each State had a similar scholarly collection of titles. You may remember that I am a corresponding member of the Minnesota Historical Society, and so feel that in that way we have another tie between us. I must confess that for the last year, the duties of editorship of the Maryland

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OF BALTIMORE CITY.

BERNARD C. STEINER, LIBRARIAN.

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March 25, 1917

Archives, which I have assumed, have so occupied me that I have not been able to give much time to the travel bibliography.

Yours very truly,

Bernard C. Steiner

May 2, 1917

Mr. Bernard C. Steiner
Enoch Pratt Free Library
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:-

I want to thank you for your letter of April 16 containing information about the progress of the work on the bibliography of travel in America.

I wonder if you have considered the possibility of sending around to various libraries, the set of printed cards which you have collected, and asking them to supply cards for the additional items which they may have. A list printed as proof as you suggest would be more convenient, of course, but it would seem that the other procedure might be feasible.

Very truly yours

January 13, 1916

Professor A. V. Storm

University Farm

St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Professor Storm:-

You will doubtless be interested to receive a report of the way in which I performed or rather failed to perform the commission entrusted to me of reading your paper in Washington.

The educational section of the Congress was divided into several sub-sections before one of which your 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 your paper was scheduled, ruled that the papers of those who were present in person should be read in full and the others by title only. I understand, however, that your paper will be printed in the proceedings of the Congress.

I will return the papers and correspondence to you through the University mail.

Very truly yours

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The University of Minnesota
Department of Agriculture
University Farm, St. Paul

DIVISION OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

Jan. 18, 1916.

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

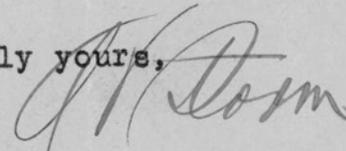
Dear Mr. Buck:-

Permit me to thank you for your kindness in the matter of reading my paper at Washington, and also for your report of Jan. 13th, and the return of the papers.

The action which you say the educational section took is perfectly rational and I am sure no fault could be found with it.

I regret having troubled you to such an extent, but assure you I shall be glad to reciprocate, should opportunity be offered.

Sincerely yours,



Chief of Division.

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May 26, 1917

Professor F. H. Swift
214 Education Building
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

My dear Mr. Swift:-

The oral examination of Miss Eleanor Raymond for the masters' degree will take place next Wednesday, May 30, at eight A. M. in room 218, Library Building.

According to the instructions issued from the office of the graduate school, the examining committee consists of the thesis committee, the instructors with whom the candidate has taken work, and the chairman of the major department.

Very truly yours

July 2, 1917

professor Solon J. Buck
Department of History
University of Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Buck:

Permit me to thank you for the questions which you have made out for the State Professional Examinations.

Upon receiving the check from the State Department, I will send you your share which, you will recall, is two dollars per set. I believe last year it was the middle of the summer or later before I received this check.

Very sincerely yours,

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F. H. Swift

March 1, 1916

Dr. Charles M. Thompson
University of Illinois
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Thompson:-

In connection with my Illinois in 1818 volume for the Centennial Commission, I am trying to get straight in my mind the political situation in and around 1818.

I am unable to find any satisfactory evidence for the statement so often made that the Missouri question played a part in the contest between Cook and McLean in 1818. That it ~~did~~ play a part in the election of the following year is quite certain; the Talmadge amendment had not been proposed in Congress at the time of the election of 1818. It is evident from Cook's letter to Edwards of August 3, 1818, quoted on page 12 of your Illinois Whigs, that the question of ^{did} slavery would play a part in the election, but I am inclined to think it was a question of slavery in Illinois rather than the Missouri question. On page 12 you state that "McLean took the opposite view, laying stress not only upon the right of the state to regulate its domestic affairs independent of the national government, but also upon the desirability and value of slaves in any community where they could be worked

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with profit."

If you could refer me to the source or sources from which this statement is drawn, I would appreciate it very much.

Cordially yours

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Urbana, Illinois, March 27, 1916
311 Commerce Building

Dr. S. J. Buck, Supt.,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

An answer to your note of March 1, has been delayed by a serious injury which I received on March 3. Since getting out of the house several days ago I have made an effort to locate some authority for the statement you quoted from Miss Ell, Whigs. I am unable to do so. I may have followed the traditional account, although I am inclined to feel that I did not. If I find any information on the subject I will communicate it to you.

Very truly yours

Chas M Thompson

April 1, 1916

Dr. Charles M. Thompson
University of Illinois
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Thompson:-

I have your note of March 27
and am very sorry to learn of your having been
injured. Under the circumstances I appreciate
very much your attempt to answer my question.
Should you discover anything which throws light
on the matter, I would, of course, be very glad
to learn of it.

Sincerely yours

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THIS LETTER WRITTEN FROM CLEVELAND

Aug. 15, 1917.

Illinois Centennial Commission.
Springfield, Ill.

Gentlemen: -

I am compiling a general flag history of the United States and should like to know if you came across any early local flag history (prior 1861,) in your preparation for "Illinois in 1818, by Solon Justus Buck."?

I am making a special feature of local flags and therefore should be pleased to learn of any, no matter what part of the country.

Yours very truly

Bernard J. Tiemann

375 West 46 Street,
New York City.

Refer to Mr. Buck

Illinois Centennial Commission.

Springfield, Ill.

The Secretary.

September 24, 1917

Dear Sir:-

Mrs. Weber, the secretary of the Illinois Centennial Commission, has forwarded to me your letter of August 15.

I fear that I can be of no assistance to you, as I have no recollection of having seen any reference to local flags in connection with the preparation of Illinois in 1818.

Very truly yours

Mr. Bernard Tillmann
375 West 46 St.
New York City

November 13, 1917

Dear Mr. Trimble:-

I want to thank you for sending me the copy of the publication, College and State, containing your article "The Beginning of the Industrial Revolution in American Agriculture, 1839-41".

I have read the article with much interest and am turning it over to the historical library.

Sincerely yours

Professor William Trimble
North Dakota Agricultural College
Fargo, North Dakota

July 19, 1916

Professor F. J. Turner
~~University of Washington~~
~~Seattle, Washington.~~

Phillips Place
Cambridge - Mass.

My dear Mr. Turner:-

I am sending you enclosed some sheets of ✓
the Folkebladet, a Norwegian paper, containing an article in
English by Theodore C. Blegen, on the Minnesota Historical
Society. This article deals especially with the society's
activities in the field of Scandinavian-American history.

Sincerely yours

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632 Howard Place
Madison, Wisconsin
July 24, 1916

My dear Dr. Buck;

Thank you for the article on the Minnesota
Historical Society. Dr. Quaife has just shown me an
interesting early Norwegian book on Wisconsin which the ^{Wis. H.}
Society has acquired. It was long supposed to be either
a myth or extinct. He has been having it photostated for
R. B. Anderson.

I shall send the clipping to our Commission.

I am having my sabbatical this year and shall be here a couple
of weeks probably before taking a little vacation in the woods
From Nov. 1 to May, I am to be at the Carnegie Institution
doing investigation and writing in the Congressional Library.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours

Fredrick J. Turner

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9 Phillips Place,
Cambridge, Mass.,
November 24, 1917.

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

My dear Buck:--

I think you once told me that the Illinois Historical Survey (if that is its title) prepared a considerable number of maps in connection with their proposed Centennial History. Can you tell me whether any of these maps showed the illiteracy of Illinois by counties and, if so, whether the mapping was on the basis of percentages; also whether religious bodies were mapped in any way. Were there other maps that would illustrate social data in contrast with political votes? Who would be the proper person to consult with in regard to my being able to see this material if it is not yet in print?

With good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Fredrick Turner

December 5, 1917

Professor Frederick J. Turner
7 Phillips Place
Cambridge, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Turner:-

My delay in replying to your letter of November 24 is explained if not excused by the fact that I have been very much tied up lately with furniture men in connection with the equipment of our new building; also in making plans and preparation for the moving, which will begin in about a week.

I regret to say that no maps of Illinois showing either illiteracy or religious organization by counties were worked out while I was connected with the Illinois Historical Survey. In fact we never got very far with our political maps, although I had some rather elaborate plans. A large amount of work has been done, however, since I left and it is quite possible that some maps have been constructed which would be of assistance to you.

I would suggest, therefore, that you write to Professor Alvord, who is the editor-in-chief of the five volume Centennial History of Illinois now approaching completion, and who, I am sure, would be glad to cooperate with you in every way possible.

I am hoping to undertake some map work along these lines for Minnesota, but there is not much prospect of my being able to get at it myself in the near future. I am steering some of my graduate students in this direction, however.

I am hoping that you will attend the Philadelphia meeting of the A. H. A., as I am very anxious to have a talk with you about several matters.

Sincerely yours