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January 3, 1916.

Professor Solon J. Buck,
Secretary of the Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minn.

My Dear Professor Buck:-

I am sorry that I cannot attend your meeting of January 10th. I would very much like to spend a few days in St. Paul.

By the way, if ever you wish a donation of any object of \$ 25.00 or \$ 30.00 for the Minnesota Historical Society, kindly let me know and I will gladly furnish this sum, or buy the object, if convenient.

I am very hard at work here with all my different societies and affairs. Things are not smooth sailing for any of them just at present. We will have to present a new bill for the Centennial Commission.

By the way, how is the book getting on? I would like very much to announce at the Special Session in February that the manuscript is ready. It may help us in getting the appropriation.

With best wishes and wishing you a Happy New Year,

Sincerely yours,

O. L. Schmidt

January 7, 1916

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt
5 Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

I am in receipt of your letter of January 3 and appreciate very much your generous offer to assist us in securing some object for the Minnesota Historical Society. I shall keep this in mind and avail myself of it the next time something suitable turns up.

I have just returned from the meeting of the American Historical Association in Washington where I had the chance to talk things over with Alvord and learn more fully about the situation in Illinois. I hope that the legislature and the governor will be able to unsnarl the centennial situation before long.

The work on the Illinois in 1818 volume is progressing and, while I fear that we cannot tell the legislature in February that the manuscript is entirely ready, nevertheless we will be able to state, I believe, that a considerable part of the book is written and the remainder well under way. Miss Relf took six weeks off from the first of November until the middle of December to prepare for her

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doctor's examination, which she then passed successfully.

We are looking forward to an interesting address from
President Vincent next Monday night.

Sincerely yours

MAR 24 1916

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT
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March 22, 1916.

Professor Solon J. Buck,
c/o Minnesota State Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Professor Buck:-

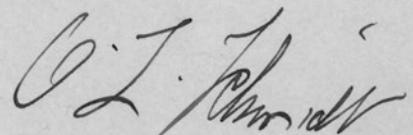
I believe I wrote you that the Governor appointed me Chairman of the Centennial Commission. Last week the full commission was appointed and organized. Professor Greene is the Chairman of the Historical Publication Committee and hence your correspondence will go through him.

Nevertheless I take the liberty of asking you how soon you can get things ready for publication; even if necessary to force the matter a little. The situation is so that the book ought to go to press and be paid for in this year's appropriation. Hence it requires speed work to finish it up properly. If there is any extra help required, let me know, as we will supply it in some way.

Kindly do not consider ~~my presumptions~~ ^{my presumptions}, but you know why the little book was started so early and also that undue delay will destroy part of the value.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



March 25, 1916

Dr. O. I. Schmidt
5 So. Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

I have your letter of March 22, and am very glad, indeed, to learn that the Centennial Commission has been organized, and especially that you have been appointed chairman. I have just written a letter to Professor Greene in reply to a request from him for information about the status of my volume. I am very glad, indeed, to give to you also as much information as possible about it.

You may remember that Miss Relf discontinued her work November 1st, in order to prepare for her doctor's examination. She took up the work again December 15, and has continued it from that time on, and at present she has completed the first draft of about half of the book, and has much of the material in hand for the remainder. It is my intention to write the second draft myself, but I find it very difficult to get time to work on it. Running the Historical Society and its library, together with my teaching at the University, takes about all of my time. With the close of the University in June, however, I hope to be able to devote more time to this volume, and if

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Miss Relf's services are continued, I believe we can have the manuscript completed by October 1st. It will probably facilitate matters at a later stage to secure the services of a typist as well.

You will doubtless remember that you paid for Miss Relf's services up to November 1st. I never felt that it was quite right that you should be burdened with this charge, however, and after talking the matter over with Professor Alvord last Christmas, I decided to pay her myself until such time as the Commission might be organized, with the idea that it might then be possible to send in a bill for her services which would enable her to reimburse me.

I expect to attend the Mississippi Valley Historical Association meeting in Nashville the latter part of April, and will probably be in Chicago a short time on the way. I hope it will be so I can have a talk with you at that time.

Sincerely yours

APR 8 1916

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT
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April 1, 1916.

Professor Solon J. Buck,
Superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Library,
St. Paul, Minn.

My Dear Professor Buck:-

I was very sorry to hear from your letter that the manuscript could not be completed before fall. I feel sadly disappointed. I understand thoroughly the duties and the obligations connected with your present position, but the contract for "ILLINOIS IN 1818" was accepted by you before you received this position. You were anxious to continue the work on the book. To be sure, I encouraged you to do so, because I believed that the book would add to your reputation and might become in this way something of value for your whole future work. I did not for a moment think that the work would drag on this way, especially as it appears to me now, because it is considered totally a secondary matter by yourself.

There was at no time any understanding by contract that you were to have an assistant. The aid that I gave you in fall in securing the services of Miss Relf, which are paid to date, was rendered by me, as I wrote you, merely through my interest in you and the book.

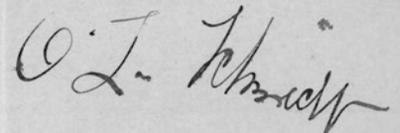
Professor Greene has written me that he cannot entirely understand the situation from a letter from you received by him. You will also remember that you requested to have Miss Relf added as an author, and that I replied that this was impossible.

Without looking up my correspondence, I also stated that if it was necessary to hurry up the work that I would with great pleasure pay the expenses of Miss Relf for possibly a month to go to Springfield so as to complete the manuscript work.

I am writing all this from my memory, but am sure that it is fairly correct. I am sorry to repeat that I am disappointed, doubly so, because I am getting the feeling that my heartfelt interest in you and your work is not reciprocated in the same spirit.

Kindly reconsider the subject and see what can be done to complete the manuscript early this summer.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. O. L. S./M.B.

April 4, 1916

Dr. Otto I. Schmidt
Professor Evarts B. Greene
Professor Clarence W. Alvord

Gentlemen:-

I have received yesterday and today letters from each of you relative to the "Illinois in 1818" volume. Professor Alvord's letter states that no provision has been made in the budget for the volume and intimates that it may be dropped entirely. The letters from Professor Greene and Dr. Schmidt are of somewhat the same tenor. I realize fully the unfortunate situation which has developed and I regret it deeply, and yet, so far as I can see, the only mistakes which I have made have been in under-estimating the amount of time and work which the book would require and over-estimating the amount of time which I would have available for it without throwing overboard entirely my other obligations.

The only way by which I could have advanced the work on the volume more rapidly would have been to have declined the position of Superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society. Then I would have had last summer free to devote to it as I had expected when I left Illinois. I do not believe that any one of you thinks that I should have done that. In accepting the appointment I had in view, not only my own interests, but also the opportunity to promote historical work and especially to bring about a very desirable connection between the Society and the University of Minnesota. I wrote to Dr. Schmidt at the time to the effect that the appointment would probably interfere somewhat with my work on the volume. At that time, however, I had no means of knowing how great that interference would be. The amount of work which was absolutely necessary to keep the society going, and especially in connection with the new building, was much greater than I had anticipated.

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When I agreed to continue the work after leaving Illinois it was not so much because I considered it to my personal advantage as because I felt under obligations to do so and supposed that it was desired by the Commission. I was not given to understand at that time that the work was to be considered a "prior obligation" in the sense that it should come before everything else. In fact, I have a letter from Dr. Schmidt dated April 1, 1914, in which, while urging me to push the work as rapidly as possible, he clearly recognizes that my "first duty" lies elsewhere.

On the other hand it is not true that the work has been at any time or is now "considered totally a secondary matter" by me. I have considered throughout that I had three coordinate obligations; to the Commission, to the Society, and to the University. None of these obligations have I been able to fulfill to my own satisfaction or to that of the others concerned but I have done my best in each case and have devoted some time to each. I have, moreover, reduced to a minimum all other activities, I have refused requests for papers and book-reviews, have taken no vacations whatever for over a year, and have worked to the limit of endurance throughout.

I must take issue further with Professor Greene's statement, that "the agreement was ... that it should be ready in 1915." I never agreed to have the volume ready at any specific time. I have at various times stated my expectation as to when the volume would be completed. That those expectations have not been fulfilled, is a matter of regret on my part, but it would not be necessary to go very far afield to find countless instances of similar unfulfilled expectations. The impossibility of making accurate estimations of the amount of time which a given piece of work of this sort will take, even when no unexpected obligations intervene, is recognized by most scholars.

I desire to point out that my other obligations have been by no means the only reasons for delay. In the first place the preparation of a volume along the lines laid down, which would be a credit to the Commission and to the author has proved to be a much longer and more difficult task than I had expected, the material which I had intended to use often proved unsatisfactory, and the problems requiring extensive research were numerous. In the second

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place the work has been seriously hampered by the status of the Commission itself. When it was begun the expectation was that there would be money available for securing essential material. Time and again, however, my requests for material have been put off to await the time when funds might possibly be available, and I have found it very difficult to secure information about the situation or probable developments with reference to the Commission. True Dr. Schmidt came to my rescue whenever asked and even paid the salary of my assistant for a while out of his own pocket but I naturally hesitated to draw upon him and lately I have been advancing Miss Relf's salary myself.

So much for the past, the discussion of which is perhaps unprofitable. Now as to the future. There appears to be three alternatives:

(1) The whole volume may be dropped because of lack of provision for it in the budget. Professor Alvord is quite right in stating that the original plan called for the handling of that volume out of an earlier appropriation but that plan was changed long ago and unless I am greatly mistaken no money would have been available for the publication of the volume, even if the manuscript had been ready last June. My correspondence files show, moreover, that after June, 1914, there was no expectation that the manuscript would be ready before the fall of 1915. The only money which the Commission has spent on this volume is \$375 paid to me and about \$200 for traveling and other expenses, including copies of documents which will be useful in connection with the Centennial History. This sum and the small sum which would be needed to complete the manuscript are insignificant compared to the amount which its publication would cost, particularly if elaborately illustrated as planned not long ago by the editor. The point to all of this is that if the volume is dropped, the blame, if there is any, should not be placed upon me, but upon those who were responsible for the framing of the present budget, for the editor and members of the commission have known for nearly two years, (i. e. since June 1914) that the volume would not and could not be published out of the earlier appropriation. Should the volume be dropped there will be no protest on my part and no claim for reimbursement for the money which I have advanced to Miss Relf.

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(2) Professor Greene suggests that "if there is the least doubt about completing the manuscript by the early autumn" I had better turn it over to Professor Alvord who will make other arrangements for its completion. Nothing would relieve me more than to follow this suggestion and, as there is no absolute certainty in human affairs, I would be justified in doing so. I do not believe, however, that it would be possible for anyone else to take it up now and produce a creditable volume by fall; certainly not unless my assistant, Miss Relf, could be induced to go to Urbana and continue the work under the direction of whomsoever might be put in charge of the volume. I doubt very much if she would do so as her home is in St. Paul. Certainly she would not without a considerable increase in the salary (\$75) which she is not receiving. In case this course is decided upon, I will do all I can to facilitate the transition, and will if desired endeavor to persuade Miss Relf to go to Urbana. In this case, also, I will drop all claims to further compensation and reimbursement and content myself with the \$150 which represents the difference between what I received and what I paid Miss Relf.

(3) I will have no University work after June 1 and I now have the work of the Society so organized that it will run with less attention on my part than last year. If Miss Relf's services are continued for a few months she can complete the rough draft of the book which she has been preparing under my close supervision. I can devote some time to the preparation of the final draft before the end of the college year and practically half of my time thereafter. I fully believe that the entire manuscript could be completed by September 1 and considerable parts of it could be in the hands of the editor in July or before. In case this alternative is decided upon, I shall ask no further compensation for myself, but I do think that some way should be found to reimburse me for what I have advanced to Miss Relf (\$225) and for paying her salary for at least three months more. A small amount, say \$75 would be needed for the services of a copyist. If there is no way by which I can be reimbursed for the \$225, either in the form of payment to Miss Relf or of additional compensation to myself, I will pocket the loss and content myself with the munificent compensation of \$150. It would be quite impossible,

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however, for me to continue to pay Miss Relf out of my own pocket.

In deciding which of these three alternatives shall be followed, I desire to request that all personal factors, so far as they relate to me or to any right, claim, interest, or opportunity of mine which may be assumed to be involved, be left out of consideration, and the decision be based solely on what are deemed to be the best interests of the Commission and its work.

Naturally I will appreciate a prompt notification of the decision.

Respectfully yours

April 4, 1916

Dr. O. L. Schmidt
5 So. Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

The enclosed letter is perhaps sufficient, but I feel the necessity of writing an additional note to you personally.

Professor Greene's letter, a copy of which I enclose, seemed to me to be decidedly unfair and to contain assumptions which were quite unwarranted. I wrote a reply to it yesterday which this morning I decided not to send, although parts of it are used in the circular letter.

Your letter which ~~was~~^{say} received this morning I am glad to ~~see~~^{say} was more friendly in tone, although I do not think that you fully understand or appreciate the difficulties which I have experienced and the causes of the unfortunate situation which has developed. You are quite right in stating that "there was at no time any understanding by contract that " I was "to have an assistant", because there was to the best of my recollection, no contract whatever, but merely an understanding, and I certainly had the impression that there would be a reasonable amount of money available for assistance.

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That I have had much more assistance than I had anticipated ^{the need of} is also quite true and for this I am under obligations to you personally which I fully recognize and acknowledge.

With reference to Miss Relf's proposed trip to Springfield, your statement must have been made to Mr. Alvord instead of to me. I took up with him some time ago the question as to whether the Commission would bear this expense and after some time I received from him a statement to the effect that the trip was authorized, although I did not understand from it that it was to be at your expense. This was only about a week ago, and after consultation with Miss Relf, I concluded that it would be better for her to complete some more of the draft of the manuscript before making this trip in order that all the points which would need further investigation might be discovered.

Finally I want to say that whatever mistakes have been made, there has never been any lack of interest or intention upon my part, or any failure to appreciate your interest in me and my work. I think the one thing in the whole transaction which has hurt me the most is your state-

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ment that you are beginning to feel that your interest in me and my work is not reciprocated in the same spirit. I realize that it is only by deeds and not by words that I can prove the contrary, and I sincerely hope that circumstances will make that possible. There is nothing which I would regret more than the loss of your respect and friendship, both of which I value very highly.

Very sincerely yours

MAY 6 1916

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT
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5 S. WABASH AVE. CHICAGO

May 4, 1916.

Professor Solon J. Buck,
Superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minn.

My Dear Professor Buck:-

Kindly excuse the long delay in answering your last letter. I was glad to hear your statement and although not agreeing with all of them I felt that our difficulties could easily be adjusted.

I am sure that you also are anxious to get your task completed and hence I am anxious to give you all possible aid. Send your assistant to Springfield and Urbana as soon as she is able to go, and I will see that her salary and expenses are paid.

I know that all this is crowding you hard, but such affairs seem to be our lot. Lately I am busier than ever before as new obligations are always coming and old ones seem to continue.

You will of course hear from me before you take your trip to Urbana, but be sure to let me know of it in time so that I can meet you in Chicago.

With kindest wishes,

Sincerely yours,

O. L. Schmidt

May 6, 1916

Dr. O. L. Schmidt
5 S. Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

I have your letter of May 4 and am very glad to hear from you.

Miss Relf will complete the first draft of the book in about a week and will then start for Illinois, going first to Urbana for a conference with Mr. Alvord. I shall push the work on the volume as rapidly as possible and sincerely hope that it may come out on time. I feel that it is only fair to myself to say that the assurances which I received from Mr. Alvord that I could count on considerable assistance from his office force put an entirely different phase on the situation.

I think the principal reason for the misunderstanding regarding the work was the fact that Mr. Alvord had failed to keep you informed as to its status, although I had reported frequently to him. I hope to leave here about June 1 for Urbana, but will have to return in about three weeks. I will let you know when I will be in Chicago.

Sincerely yours

May 26, 1916

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt
5 S. Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

I am planning to leave early next week for Urbana, and if the roads are passable I will ^{drive} ride down in my car. This will take several days, but I believe the change will enable me to do enough better work after I get there to make up for it.

If I do go in the car, I think I will not go to Chicago on the way down at least. I will probably have a chance to see you on my way back toward the end of June, or I can run up to Chicago from Urbana earlier if it seems desirable.

Sincerely yours

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT
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May 28, 1916.

Prof. Solon J. Buck,

c/o Prof. C. W. Alvord, Urbana, Ill.

My Dear Professor Buck:-

I was sorry to hear your ^{of} ~~coming~~ ^{going} to Urbana without touching Chicago, but I easily recognize the beauty and interest that such a possible route may bring.

Trusting that you have had a fine trip by the time this letter reaches you and that I may see you later in the month,

Sincerely yours,

O. L. Schmidt

March 2, 1917

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt
5 So. Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

The "Illinois in 1818" volume is now entirely out of my hands and I am very much relieved, for my experience in connection with the editing of the volume has been decidedly trying.

There are many things about the book which will not be as I would have liked to have had them. My manuscript was materially altered in many places, matter of which I did not approve interpolated, and footnotes consolidated and eliminated in a very unscientific and unsystematic manner.

None of the manuscript was submitted to me after it received this editorial revision and I was allowed to make very few changes in the proof. I did not know that a bibliography was to be included until after it had been set up in type. I have not been consulted at all about the illustrations and I do not know to this day whether or not the work is to contain an index.

I realize, of course, that the necessity of pushing the work through as rapidly as possible, and Mr. Alvord's unfortunate illness, have been responsible for part of the difficulties but the experience has been very trying and I am certainly glad that it is over with.

Sincerely yours

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CHICAGO

JESSIE PALMER WEBER, SECRETARY
SPRINGFIELD

Illinois
Centennial Commission
Springfield, Ill.

Chicago, Illinois,
March 5, 1917.

Prof. Solon J. Buck,
Supt. Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minn.

My Dear Professor Buck:-

I was glad to receive your letter of March 2d, stating that the manuscript for "Illinois in 1818" is now entirely in the hands of the editor.

The whole work has been somewhat ill-stared, but I hope will eventually be of great credit to all concerned. I, of course, readily realize your difficulties with it and especially in the last few months.

Prof. Greene kindly undertook the final preparation, but surely the office did more than he. Hence confusion would arise.

The illustrations were all selected in Urbana. I believe an index was planned. All these things have only been a part of the troubles, because the selection of the printer and the connected details together with the change of the State Administration have all added to the difficulties. Our first photographer for the illustrations did absolutely unusable work. Practically everything had to be rephotographed, but I believe the second photographer, although expensive, did splendid work so that the illustrations will not be a source of criticism.

Governor Dunne was much disappointed in not seeing the book published during his administration. This was one of our sources of disappointment, because he had been very kind to us in many ways.

The cost of publication, paper, printing, etc., will allow us an edition of two thousand only. You will see the dilemma in which we are put by such a small edition. We are devising other ways, but it will be very hard to get any other method of publication than through State funds.

In regard to the missing numbers of the German American Historical Society books, they were sent to you end of last week.

I hope that you are in good health and successful with your affairs, and with kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

O. L. Schmidt

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CHICAGO

JESSIE PALMER WEBER, SECRETARY
SPRINGFIELD

Illinois
Centennial Commission
Springfield, Ill.

Chicago, Illinois,
July 31, 1917.

Prof, Solon J. Buck,
Supt. of the Minnesota Historical Library,
St. Paul, Minn.

My Dear Prof. Buck:-

Kindly excuse the tired feeling that has befallen the writer of this letter in his late acknowledgement of your work of "Illinois in 1818". With the exception of a few typographical errors and an oversight of which I will speak later I believe it is practically flawless and of high standard. I hear nothing but praises, with the exception of a letter that was given to me today by Judge Scully in regard to an unfortunate quotation on page 165 stating - "not a few drunken, profane worthless Irishmen were perambulating the country, and getting up schools; and yet they could neither speak, read, pronounce, spell or write the English language." - sent to the Judge by Mr. Peter Murphy, attorney at law, Lincoln, Illinois.

I am especially sad about this because we had discussed it and spoken of it in a Commission meeting as being possibly provocative of criticism that we desired to avoid.

Prof. Greene was present and he stated that he would see that it would be changed, but which, as you see, was forgotten.

We have just selected a Director, Mr. Hugh S. Magill, Jr., of Springfield, who will undertake the active propaganda of the Centennial.

I hope that your health is good and with kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

O. L. Schmidt

August 29, 1917

Dr. O. L. Schmidt
5 So. Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

I have been somewhat negligent in replying to your letter of July 31, my only excuse being that I have been about as busy this summer as it is possible for a man to be.

I am certainly very glad to know that Illinois in 1818 met with your approval in general. On the whole, I think the book is attractive in appearance, and the illustrations were certainly well selected and finely executed.

I regret very much that the quotation from Rev. John Mason Peck about Irishmen should have occasioned any difficulty. It is generally understood, of course, that the quoting of a writer in this way for illustrative purposes does not carry with it any endorsement of the statement quoted. In fact it seems to me the intelligent reader will see in this simply an indication of the attitude which undoubtedly existed at that time on the part of such men as Reverend Peck toward Irishmen and Catholics in general. I should have been very glad, however, to have eliminated the quotation if it had been called to my attention.

I trust that the work on the centennial history proper is going on apace, and that the volumes will be out in good time. I trust also that you are planning to attend the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association in St. Paul next May, at which time we hope to dedicate our new building.

Sincerely yours

September 22, 1917

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

The enclosed letter and clippings were received by me the other day from Dr. Greene. From his endorsement on my letter, I imagine that he intended to return it to you instead of to me.

I read the clippings with much interest and am glad that you forwarded my letter to Dr. Greene. I trust that the uprising of the Irish in Illinois will not assume dangerous proportions.

Sincerely yours

Dr. O. L. Schmidt
5 So. Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois

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JESSIE PALMER WEBER, SECRETARY
SPRINGFIELD

Illinois
Centennial Commission
Springfield, Ill.

Chicago, Illinois,
December 23rd,
1917.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:-

The Illinois State Library Board is beginning to plan the desired amount of space in the new Centennial Building. The last Assembly allowed \$ 100,000.00 for the plans and laying of the corner stone. This, of course, does not refer to the size of the Building. The Historical Library, the State Museum, the Grand Army Memorial Hall, the State Department of Education, and some executive offices are to be housed therein.

Can you tell me about how many cubic feet they have in your new building devoted to similar purposes as we intend for our space in Springfield - that is, Historical Library offices, library space, work shop space, museum, also possibly a small lecture hall?

You know we are trying also to have an Archives' Department - not yet legally instituted, but which we hope will come into existence before many years. This was based on the plans of Prof. Leland, furnished some four or five years ago, which you well know.

With my best wishes for a good holiday week,

Very sincerely yours,

O. L. Schmidt

December 27, 1917

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of December 23 is just received.

Dr. Buck is out of the city just now and will not be back until after the first of the year. I will call your letter to his attention immediately upon his return. In the meantime, I am sending you under separate cover a copy of number 6 of our Minnesota History Bulletin, containing an article descriptive of our new building which may be of assistance to you. ✓

Very truly yours

Secretary to the superintendent

Dr. O. L. Schmidt
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Chicago, Illinois