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THE TORCH PRESS BOOK SHOP

WILLIAM HARVEY MINER

APR 10 1916

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CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA 7 April 1916

My dear Dr Buck:

The Illinois Historical Library published a few years ago a bulletin of the Laws of Illinois as adopted by the Governor and Judges from 1809 to 1811 and also published a report of the laws passed by the Legislative Council and House of Illinois Territory at Kaskaskia, 1815-16. This last I believe was reprinted in 1898. As I recall it, you had the editorial supervision of either or both of these and I want to obtain if possible two or three copies of each. Can you supply, and if so, will you be good enough to send me the items with a note stating at what they are to be credited and I shall be greatly obliged?

If I could hear at your early convenience, it would be appreciated, and I enclose a stamped envelope herewith.

Faithfully

[Signature]
Vice-President

Mr Solon J Buck
State Historical Society
St Paul
Minn

Mr. Alwood received the same letter two weeks ago and answered that he had edited one, had nothing to do with the other and that both were out of print & could not be obtained



April 13, 1916

Mr. William Harvey Miner
Torch Press Book Shop
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

My dear Mr. Miner:-

I have your letter of April 7 with reference to publications of the Illinois Historical Library containing Laws of Illinois, ~~and laws of the territory.~~ I had nothing, whatever, to do with either of these publications, both ~~being~~ issued before my connection with historical work in Illinois. I understand, however, that both of them are out of print and that copies are very difficult to obtain.

Very truly yours

February 24, 1917

The Torch Press

Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Gentlemen:-

At a joint meeting of the executive committee and board of editors of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association in Cincinnati last December, it was agreed that the Proceedings of the M. V. H. A. should be issued as a supplement to the March number of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review.

In view of the illness of Mr. Alvord, the managing editor, and the congestion of work in his office, I was asked to prepare the manuscript of the Proceedings for the press, I did so and forwarded it to the office of the managing editor for final revision. I understand that it has been or will shortly be sent to you. I understand also that the March number of the Review is nearly ready for distribution, and it will be necessary to hold it up for several weeks if the Proceedings are to accompany it.

Miss Hodson, who has charge of the editorial work in Mr. Alvord's office, is unwilling to assume the responsibility for this delay, and has asked me to do so. I am perfectly willing to take this responsibility, for I am quite sure that both the executive committee and the board of editors of the association would approve of such action. It is more important that the Proceedings come out before the annual meeting in May than that the March issue of the Review should be exactly on time. If the Proceedings are not distributed with the March number they would have to wait for the June number, as otherwise they could not be distributed as second class matter, and this saving of postage was the principal reason why the association directed that the Proceedings should be issued in the future as a supplement to the Review.

Very truly yours

FEB 27 1917

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

February 26 1917

Solon J Buck

% Minnesota Historical Association

Saint Paul:

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your kind letter of February 24th relative to the Proceedings of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association.

I note what you say in reference to the importance of the Proceedings coming out before the annual meeting in May. ~~Is it~~ not possible to issue the March number on time and also get out the Proceedings as an extra number, as early in April as possible. We have a great amount of composition on hand just at present and it would not be feasible to take up work on the Proceedings before a week or ten days, and ~~the~~ ^{great} delay in the printing of the March number ~~cannot~~ ^{could therefore} be avoided, ^{if the Proceedings is printed as a Supplement}

I have consulted with the postmaster at Cedar Rapids, and find a section which seems to cover just such a condition as this. It is provided that in the event of copy for a publication being received too late to appear in the regular issue, a special number may be printed. Does that not fit this case? If you will ask your postmaster to look at page 418, section 417, paragraph 3, P L & R, 1913, you will find the section to which I refer and which I believe covers this question. I will be very glad to hear from you as soon as possible so that in the event it is decided to print the Proceedings as a special number, the ~~quarter~~ ^{current} number of the Review can be gotten out as early as possible.

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

At the same time I will be pleased if you can let me know approximately how many pages you estimate for the Proceedings. The paper situation is so serious^{on} that I want to have the paper ordered in plenty of time so that there will be no hitch when it comes to printing.

Very truly,

THE TORCH PRESS

By *J. L. Brewer*

February 28, 1917

Mr. J. L. Powers
Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of February 26 with reference to the Mississippi Valley Historical Proceedings and believe that your suggestion offers a satisfactory solution of the problem. I have looked up the section of the Postal Laws and Regulations to which you referred, and it would seem to authorize the publication of this material as an extra number. If the postmaster at Cedar Rapids is quite sure that there will be no objection, the proposition meets with my approval.

It would then be necessary to change the copy for the cover from "Supplement to the Mississippi Valley Historical Review for March, 1917" to read "Extra Number of the Mississippi Historical Review". I am not sure whether or not it would be necessary to add any date, but I think not. The notice of entry as second class matter which is not needed as a supplement, would be needed I suppose on an extra number.

As the manuscript has all been sent to Professor Alvord's office, I have no means of estimating with any accuracy the number of pages it will require. You will probably have received the manuscript by this time, however, and can make such estimate yourself. At any rate I will write Miss White suggesting that she either send the manuscript to you at once or make an estimate of its size.

You understand, I suppose, that it is the intention of the board of editors that the paper and general format shall be the same as in the M. V. H. R. The cover, however, should be the same as that used on previous issues of the Proceedings with which it is expected that the number will be filed rather than with the Review. I understand that one set of proof and the copy are to be sent to me, and the other set of proof to Mr. Alvord's office. If any question arises about the preliminary matter which I have supplied, I will be glad to make explanations. I trust that you will push the work on these Proceedings as rapidly as possible in order that there may be no question of their coming out some little time before the annual meeting.

Sincerely yours

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

MAR 3 1917

March 2 1917

Solon J Buck

% Minnesota Historical Society

St Paul Minn

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of February 28th relative to the Proceedings of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. I have taken the matter up again with the postmaster here and I am satisfied there will be no difficulty in issuing the Proceedings as an extra number of the Review. It will be necessary, I think, to have the cover of the Proceedings correspond, at least so far as the title is concerned, with the Review. Other than this I presume the general format of the Proceedings can be followed.

Am I to understand that you wish to use the same paper as that used in the Review, instead of the kind of paper formerly used in the Proceedings. Also, advise me if you desire a change made in the size of the Proceedings, so that it will be the same size as the Review, or will you publish it in the same size as former volumes of the Proceedings?

Very truly,

THE TORCH PRESS

By *J. L. Powers*

March 3, 1917

Mr. J. L. Powers
Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Dear Sir:-

You are doubtless right in stating that it will be necessary to have the cover of the M. V. H. A. Proceedings correspond in title at least with the Review. I would suggest that the Review^{cover} be used with the following changes; In the place of "Vol. --, No. --" put in "Extra Number". For the date use "April, 1917". In the place of the table of contents, insert the title "Proceedings of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, 1915-1916" in large type and boxed, as on the cover of the previous issues of the Proceedings.

It is my understanding that the board of editors and Professor Alvord intended that the paper should be the same as that used in the Review, and that the pages should be of the same size as the Review pages instead of the size of the former issues of the Proceedings. The type pages should also be the same as in the Review, and as this is somewhat larger than in the former Proceedings, it will help to reduce the size of the publication.

On the other hand, I think it desirable to use a cover of the same color as that used in the former issues of the Proceedings in order to distinguish this issue at a glance from the regular numbers of the Review.

Very truly yours

MAR 6 1917

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

March 5 1917

Solon J Buck

Minnesota Historical Society

Saint Paul Minn

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of March 3d with instructions relative to the changes in the cover page of the extra number of the Review which will contain the Proceedings. Also, instructions relative to the paper, cover, etc. I think I fully understand what is wanted and believe that with the arrangement as indicated by you, the extra number will go through the mails o.k. If I find that the postmaster here wishes any change other than you have suggested, I will let you know.

Very truly,

THE TORCH PRESS

By

J. L. Powers

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

MAR 20 1917

March 19, 1917

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I do not remember that you advised us where to send
the proofs of the proceedings of the Mississippi Valley Historical
Association. Are they to go to you, or shall we send them to Dr.
Alvord?

Yours truly
THE TORCH PRESS
PER

J. L. Powers

LAB/EC

March 20, 1917

Mr. J. L. Powers
Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

My dear Mr. Powers:-

It is my understanding that the copy and one set of galley proof of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association Proceedings are to be sent to me and a second set of galley proof is to be sent to Professor Alvord's office.

Very truly yours

MAR 22 1917

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

March 21 1917

Solon J Buck

Saint Paul Minn

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 20th and in response thereto will send you one set of galley proofs with the copy and will send a second set of galley proofs to Prof. Alvord.

The first batch of proof will go forward today.

Very truly,

THE TORCH PRESS

BY *J. L. Powers*

March 24, 1917

Mr. J. L. Powers
Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Dear Sir:-

I have received the first lot of proof on the M. V. H. A. Proceedings. This has been read with copy and is now being forwarded to Mr. Alvord's office for the assembling upon one set of proof of my corrections and such as may have been made there. The corrected proof with copy will then be returned to you direct from Mr. Alvord's office. I should like to have you send page proof to me, together with our corrected galley proof for comparison.

I note that you have placed the editorial board before the preface in the galley proof. It was my intention that the preliminary pages should be arranged as follows:

Half title, page [1]; page [2] blank; title page, page [3]; copyright notice, page [4]; editor's preface, page [5]; board of editors, page [6]; contents, pages [7 and 8]; constitution, pages [9] and 10; officers for 1915-16, page [11]; officers and committees for 1916-17, pages [12] and 13; page [14] blank; text beginning page [15].

Very truly yours

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

MAR 27 1917

March 26, 1917

Solon J. Buck

% Minnesota Historical Society

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 24th, and note what you say in reference to the proofs and the make-up for the Preliminary Pages. As soon as the proofs are returned to us, we will make the corrections and put the matter into pages per your instructions.

Yours truly

THE TORCH PRESS

BY *J. L. Brewer*

P/EC

What is the date of the annual meeting?

March 27, 1917

Mr. J. L. Powers
Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Dear Sir:-

The dates set for the annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association are April 26-28 inclusive. I hope it will be possible for the Proceedings to come out in time to be received by all the members before they start for the meeting.

Very truly yours

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

MAR 28 1917

March 28 1917

Solon J Buck

Minnesota Historical Society

Saint Paul Minn

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of March 27th and note that the dates for the next annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association are April 26th to 28th inclusive.

Under separate cover we are sending you the last of the galley proofs for the Proceedings. The question as to whether or not the Proceedings will be out in time for the members to receive the book before they start for the meeting will depend on the promptness with which both the galley proofs and the page proofs are returned to us. We are ready to make the corrections as soon as the galley proofs are received, and we ~~will~~ also be ready to print the book promptly as soon as the page proofs are returned.

Very truly,

THE TORCH PRESS

By *J. L. Powers*

March 28, 1917

Mr. J. L. Powers
Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt this morning of galleys
37-48 inclusive of the M. V. H. A. Proceedings.
The copy which accompanied them, however, lacks
that for galleys 37-39 inclusive; that is pages
170-180 inclusive of the copy. I trust that you
will send this on at once in order that our read-
ing of the proof may not be delayed.

Very truly yours

MAR 30 1917

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

March 29 1917

Solon J Buck

Minnesota Historical Society

Saint Paul Minn

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of March 28th and regret that all of the copy was not sent you. I am enclosing the copy I have been able to find but it only includes pages 170 to 179 inclusive, instead of 170 to 180 inclusive, as mentioned in your letter. Possibly you can find the other page.

Very truly,

THE TORCH PRESS

BY

J. L. Powers

April 4, 1917

Mr. J. L. Powers
Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

My dear Mr. Powers:-

I am wondering if you
have received as yet from Mr. Alvord's office
any of the corrected galley proof of the M.
V. H. A. Proceedings. If not, will you
kindly let me know and I will see if I can
hurry it up a little.

Very truly yours

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

APR 6 1917

April 5 1917

Solon J Buck

Minnesota Historical Society

Saint Paul Minn

Dear Mr. Buck:

In reply to your letter of April 4th I have to say we have received from Mr. Alvord's office 32 galleys of proof, which have been made into pages, making 109 pages, and the page proofs have been sent to Professor Alvord.

We received from his office today, galleys 33 to 49 inclusive.

I assumed that the page proof went to Mr. Alvord instead of to you. But as I was not quite sure of this, I wrote to his clerk asking that the proof be forwarded to you if it was the intention that you should see the page proof. If the page proof is to go to you we will be glad to send it *direct*.

Very truly,

THE TORCH PRESS

By *J. L. Powers*

April 6, 1917.

Mr. J. L. Powers,
The Torch Press,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa,

My dear Mr. Powers:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 5. You must have overlooked my letter of March 24 in which I wrote that "I should like to have you send the page proof to me, together with our corrected galley proof for comparison." As you have sent some of it to Urbana, it will be best for you to send it all there now; but if any of it comes back without having passed through my hands, please send it on to me. I will write Mr. Alvord's secretary and request that it be sent to me from Urbana but some of it may be returned to you before my letter reaches her. I desire especially to see proof of the preliminary pages, cover, etc., including the table of contents, of which I have seen no proof as yet.

Very truly yours,

B/K

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA
PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

APR 9 1917

April 7 1917

Solon J Buck

Minnesota Historical Society

Saint Paul Minn

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of April 6th and regret that I overlooked your instructions to send the page proof to you. Since writing you before, however, Mr. Alvord's clerk as written me that you did not care to be bothered with anything more than the galley proof. I presume she has by this time, however, received your letter and will forward the proofs to you. Kindly send the page proof back to us at the earliest possible moment.

Very truly,

THE TORCH PRESS

By *J. L. Powers*

April 9, 1917

Mr. J. L. Powers
Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

My dear Mr. Powers:-

I am sending you herewith proof for the cover and page 1 of the M. V. H. A. Proceedings which were sent to me from Mr. Alvord's office by ~~his~~ assistant, Miss Hodsdon. They were probably sent before the receipt of my letter requesting that all the page proof be sent to me, and I have not as yet received any other pages.

Miss Hodsdon makes the point that the cover will look bare as it is, and I quite agree with her. It was my intention as stated in my letter to you of March 3, that the title "Proceedings of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, 1915-1916" in large type and boxed as on the cover of the previous issues of the Proceedings, should be inserted on this cover in the place usually occupied by the table of contents on the cover of the Review.

I note also that you have used "Special Number" instead of "Extra Number" on the cover and back bone. Unless there is objection from the postal authorities, I should much prefer "Extra Number" as that seems to me to fit the situation better.

I will appreciate it very much if you will have the cover set up as suggested and send me another proof. There will doubtless be time enough to do this before you will be ready to use the cover.

Sincerely yours

April 12, 1917

Mr. J. L. Powers
Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

My dear Mr. Powers:-

I am sending you under separate cover pages 2-109 inclusive of the corrected proof for the M. V. H. A. Proceedings, with the exception of 7 and 8, the Table of Contents, which I have not yet received from Urbana. I take it that Mr. Alvord's assistant is holding these for the insertion or checking up of page numbers and will forward them with the remainder of the proof. In case she returns them directly to you, please send them on to me as I have not seen any proof of this Table of Contents.

I have found it necessary to make considerable change in the running heads, principally because instructions which I sent to Mr. Alvord's office in this connection were not followed. In view of the fact that the names of the writers of articles do not appear at the beginnings of the articles, it seems to me essential that they should appear in the running heads. In this matter, I have followed the practice of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. Also in view of the fact that the volume as finally bound up and indexed, will contain Proceedings for other years, it seems desirable to have the date of the ~~volume~~ *Proceedings*

J. L. P. 4/12/17--2

On the running heads. This I have accomplished also by using the style of the Review, substituting in the place of "M. V. H. R." on the left hand folio "M. V. H. A.", and in the place of "Vol. --, No. --," on the right hand folio "1915-1916". The same type should be used for these as is used for the ~~same~~^{similar} items in the Review and they should be correspondingly placed on the pages.

I trust that this will be perfectly clear and will not delay the work unduly. I do not think it will be necessary for me to see the revised proof after these corrections are made, provided you will have them carefully checked up.

Very truly yours

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

APR 16 1917

April 14 1917

Solon J Buck

Minn Hist Soc

Saint Paul Minn

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 12th, also of the page proof of the Proceedings up to 109.

We will make the changes in the running heads as indicated and check up the proofs in this office.

As soon as we receive copy for the Contents we will set this up and at the same time return to you a revise/^dproof of the cover with changes, as requested in your letter of April 9th.

Very truly,

THE TORCH PRESS

By *J. L. Powers*

April 16, 1917

Mr. J. L. Powers
Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of April 14, and am surprised to learn that copy for the Table of Contents of the M. V. H. A. Proceedings has not been sent to you as yet.

I presume that Mr. Alvord's assistant held it up in order to enter the page numbers, and will doubtless send it on to you as soon as she receives the last of the page proof. If you will send proof with copy of this Table of Contents to me, I will get it back to you as promptly as possible and there will be no necessity of sending it to Urbana.

Saturday I returned to you the second lot of page proof and hope to receive the remainder from Urbana today.

Very truly yours

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

April 18 1917

Solon J Buck

Saint Paul Minn

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 16th and am enclosing proof of the Contents page as well as a revise of the cover.

I have also received the remainder of the page proof.

We are printing the books as fast as possible but scarcely think they can be mailed in time to reach subscribers before the meeting of the Association next week.

Am I understand there is to be an index to this number or is this included in the general index which will come at the end of the volume in the June number.

Very truly,

THE TORCH PRESS

BY *J. L. Powers*

April 19, 1917

Mr. J. L. Powers
Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Dear Sir:

I am returning to you herewith the proof for the cover and Table of Contents of the M. V. H. A. Proceedings. On seeing the proof of the cover, I have decided to ask you to take out the lines forming the box around the title as indicated. I think it will look much better without the box effect.

The copy for the Table of Contents was very carefully typed to indicate exactly the style to be used, which I intended to be similar to that used for the Table of Contents on the cover of the regular issues of the Review. Unfortunately the compositor did not follow the style indicated in the copy, so I have marked on the proof the changes necessary in order to secure the form desired. This will require considerable re-setting I suppose, but it seems to me that the form desired should have been perfectly clear from the copy.

I am very sorry, indeed, to learn that you think it will be impossible to distribute the books before the meeting of the association. If it is at all possible, I trust that you will send a number of copies to me or to Mrs. Paine at the headquarters in Chicago, which will be in care of the Chicago Historical Society, in order that the members may have a chance to look it over during the meeting.

If you will take a look at my preface to the book, you will find there the answer to your question about the index. It is not intended that this number shall have an index, nor is it to be covered by the general index to the Review. This number is not to be considered a part of the Review at all except for postal purposes. The intention is that the next two or three issues of the Proceedings will be paged consecutively with this one as parts 2, etc., of volume 9, and the last one of the series will contain a general title page and index for the whole volume.

I trust that you are planning to use for the cover a paper of a color similar to that used on previous issues of the Proceedings, rather than the paper used on the regular numbers of the Review. This was requested in one of my earlier letters. If you have not planned to do this and to do so would delay matters, I will not insist upon it, but I think it desirable to have this difference in color in order to help to distinguish this issue from the regular numbers of the Review.

Very truly yours

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA
PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

APR 23 1917

April 21 1917

Solon J Buck

Saint Paul Minn

Dear Mr. Buck:

I have your letter of April 19th returning proof for the cover and table of contents.

I note the corrections indicated and we will make the required changes to secure the form desired and print at once.

We are using cover for the Proceedings similar to that used in other editions of the same.— *not the same as the Review*

I will see that a number of copies are sent to Mrs. Paine, at the headquarters in Chicago, the early part of next week so that they will be there during the session of the Society.

Very truly,

THE TORCH PRESS

By *J. L. Powers*

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

MAR 20 1917

March 19, 1917

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

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Association. Are they to go to you, or shall we send them to Dr.
Alvord?

Yours truly
THE TORCH PRESS
PER

J. L. Powers

LAB/EC

March 20, 1917

Mr. J. L. Powers
Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

My dear Mr. Powers:-

It is my understanding that the copy and one set of galley proof of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association Proceedings are to be sent to me and a second set of galley proof is to be sent to Professor Alvord's office.

Very truly yours