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October 3, 1916

Professor Rowland G. Usher  
Washington University  
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Mr. Usher:-

I am in receipt of a copy of your Critical Study of the Historical Methods of Samuel Rawson Gardiner for which, I presume, I am indebted to you. I am very glad, indeed, to have this and appreciate your courtesy in sending it.

Sincerely yours

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12 May 1917

1005 FIFTH STREET, S. E.

MINNEAPOLIS.

Dear Mr. Buck:

The Bibliography by Mr. Keller  
is a capital thing. I congratulate  
you. We did a good thing for Minne-  
sota when we brought you here. I am sad-  
dy to go away. Best wishes.

W. Selwyn J. Buck

Yours truly  
G. W. Vincent.

May 15, 1917

Dear Mr. Vincent:-

Such words of appreciation as are contained in your note of May 12, are ample compensation for a great deal of hard work, and help to counteract the depression caused by legislators unable to comprehend the importance of archives and bibliographies.

Among <sup>your</sup> the many services to the people of Minnesota, not the least should be reckoned the part which you played in cooperation with Mr. Ford, in bringing about the reorganization of the Minnesota Historical Society, and I shall certainly do my best to keep the good work going.

Under separate cover, I am sending you a copy of the Proceedings of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association for 1915-16, which I had the privilege of preparing for the press.

We shall miss you personally very much, but the influence of the work which you have done here will continue indefinitely.

Sincerely yours

Dr. George E. Vincent

MAY 18 1917  
The University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 17, 1917.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

The Proceedings of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association is a most creditable volume. I offer you my congratulations upon your connection with it.

It will be a great pleasure to think of you here carrying on the work of the Historical Society on a new basis and in the modern spirit.

Sincerely yours

*George E. Vincent.*

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10 January 1917

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

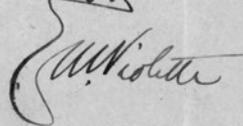
My dear Mr. Buck:

Since coming home from the Cincinnati meeting it has occurred to me that there is one very good reason for publishing in the proceedings of the Association practically all the papers that have been prepared and read at the annual meetings. It is this: Not all of the members by any means will have access to the various publications in which certain of these papers may be published. You suggested that, if a paper once appeared in print in some other publication than our own, that the Association is absolved from any obligation to publish it in its own proceedings. In a sense I agree with you; but while I do not know the entire membership of the Association, I feel pretty sure that a large number, if not a majority of the members, are so situated that they will never see these papers in any other publication except in our own. For that reason I think the decision that seemed to have been reached at the meeting of the executive committee that papers that have been published elsewhere should not be published in our own proceedings, might well be reconsidered. I should say that, at least, a very liberal synopsis of the papers that are published elsewhere should be incorporated in our own proceedings.

I am writing a similar letter to Mr. Paxson. If this suggestion of mine appeals to you, I should be glad to have you correspond with him regarding it.

With very best regards, I am

Yours very truly,



EMV:MI

January 16, 1917

Mr. E. M. Violette  
First District Normal School  
Kirkeville, Mo.

My dear Mr. Violette:-

I have your letter of the tenth, and note your reasons for thinking that practically all of the papers read at the meetings of the M. V. H. A. should be published by the Association.

I realize the value of having this material accessible to all of the members, but I feel that there are other considerations which would make the printing of <sup>all</sup> the papers a doubtful policy. The Association has a certain amount of money which it can spend for printing, and if part of this is used for reprinting articles already printed elsewhere, it means that just so much less of unpublished material can be printed by the Association. There are usually good unpublished articles available for the Review and it does not seem to me that the mere fact that a paper has been read (possibly only by title) at a meeting of the Association, gives it any special value to the members.

I can readily see that there might be occasions when an article of general interest to the members of the Association, which had not been printed elsewhere, might well be reprinted in the Proceedings, but it seems to me that this should be the exception instead of the rule, and that

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the money of the Association could be used in other ways  
to the better advantage of the members.

In accordance with your suggestion, however, I am  
taking the matter up with Mr. Paxson.

Sincerely yours

SEP 1 1916  
Beloit College

ROYAL BRUNSON WAY  
PROFESSOR OF AMERICAN HISTORY AND  
POLITICAL SCIENCE

August 31 1916

BELOIT, WIS., \_\_\_\_\_ 191\_\_\_\_\_

My daer Buck:-

Can you not gives us a paper for May meeting  
of the Miss.Valley Historical Ass.which will meet in either Chi-  
cago or Madision?

Yours sincerely,

R.B. Way

September 2, 1916

Professor R. B. Way  
Beloit College  
Beloit, Wis.

My dear Way:-

I appreciate the compliment of your asking me to give a paper at the May meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, but I feel it necessary to decline for two reasons.

In the first place I was on the program at the last meeting and have been on several times before, so much in fact that one of my friends has intimated that I am a standing feature of the program. The second reason is that I could not possibly find the time to prepare a worth while paper during the coming winter.

Should you desire suggestions for papers, I think I could offer some that might not otherwise occur to you, especially with regard to some of the younger men.

Sincerely yours

SEP 8 1916

Beloit College

ROYAL BRUNSON WAY  
PROFESSOR OF AMERICAN HISTORY AND  
POLITICAL SCIENCE

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My dear Buck:-

Please send any suggestions which you have regarding subjects and persons for Meetings of Miss. Valley Hist. Ass. in May.

I am sorry that your recent appearance on the programs makes it unwise to hear formally from you again.

Thanking you for an early reply to this, I am,

Yours truly,

R.B.Way

September 9, 1916

Mr. Royal B. Way  
Beloit College  
Beloit, Wis.

My dear Way:-

Dr. Wayne E. Stevens, who took his degree at the University of Illinois last June and who comes to Minnesota as an instructor in history this fall, doubtless could and would furnish an excellent paper for the May meeting of the M. V. H. A. He has made a special study of the fur trade in the northwest during the years following the American Revolution. His address at present is Avon, Illinois, but after September 20, it will be 428 Walnut St. S. E. Minneapolis, Minn.

The Minnesota Historical Society has just appointed as field agent, Mr. Franklin F. Holbrook, formerly a graduate student of the University of Minnesota. Mr. Holbrook wrote an excellent master's thesis on the "Political Career of Ignatius Donnelly" and could, I believe, prepare a paper of interest on this or some other subject. Possibly an account of his experiences as an historical field agent during the coming winter would be of value, as the appointment is something of an experiment.

Another possibility that occurs to me is Mr. Theodore C. Blegen, Riverside High School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Blegen

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wrote a sketch of the life of Consul James W. Taylor which we published last year in the November number of the Minnesota History Bulletin. Since going to Milwaukee he has, I believe, interested himself in certain phases of the history of Milwaukee. I think he could be persuaded to give you a paper on some subject.

During the coming winter I expect to have a number of graduate students writing masters' theses in the field of western history under my direction, and it is quite possible that some of them will produce work worthy of a place on the program of the M. V. H. A.

Sincerely yours

September 30, 1916

Professor Royal B. Way  
Beloit College  
Beloit, Wis.

My dear Professor Way:-

Your recent letter to Mr. Holbrook came to my office a few days ago and was laid aside to be handed to Mr. Holbrook when he should come in. On his arrival this morning, however, we were unable to find the letter. It may turn up in a day or two, but in the meantime I have taken the liberty of telling Mr. Holbrook that it doubtless contained an invitation to present a paper at the meeting of the M. V. H. A., and can report his willingness to do so.

He and I both think that the most interesting and profitable subject for such a paper would be an account of the work which he is doing as field agent of the Minnesota Historical Society, with some suggestions which might be of use to other states contemplating similar work. If he makes the paper as entertaining as his reports to me of his experiences in the provinces, I am sure that it will make a hit. The exact title of the paper can be decided later, I suppose, as it develops.

Sincerely yours

December 20, 1916

General John Lee Webster  
President Nebraska State Historical Society  
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Sir:-

Understanding that the directors of the Nebraska State Historical Society are considering the appointment of a superintendent to succeed my friend, the late Clarence S. Paine, I take the liberty of writing to you to urge the selection of a man with professional training in the field of historical research for this purpose. I have no particular candidate in mind, but I feel sure that it would be possible to find some one with the requisite training and administrative ability for directing the activities of the society, in accordance with the highest standards of historical research and publication.

Historical work in recent years has come to be recognized as a profession requiring special training just as much as does the profession of the lawyer or the surveyor. The more progressive historical societies of the west and those which are doing the most valuable work, such as those of Wisconsin and Iowa, are now managed by such trained scholars, and it is greatly to be desired that your society may be in a position to cooperate with these other institutions in advancing historical work in the Mississippi valley along modern scientific lines.

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of our Minnesota History Bulletin which contains an address by Professor Clarence W. Alvord of the University of Illinois, who is, as you doubtless know, the editor of the publications of the Illinois State Historical Library and of the forthcoming Centennial history. This address deals with the important subject of the "Relation of the State to Historical Work", and I should like to call your attention especially to pages 6, 7, and 8.

I trust that you will not consider me presumptuous in making these suggestions, and I assure you that my interest in the matter is due solely to the desire to promote the interests of history.

Very truly yours

Personal and confidential

April 7, 1916

Professor Melvin J. White  
Tulane University  
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:-

Paine writes me that you have been named one of the members of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association committee on nominations of which I am chairman. Of course we will not be able to settle anything until we get together at Nashville, but I am giving some thought to it and would like to receive any suggestions which may occur to you.

The nomination of vice-presidents is an especially ticklish matter in view of Alvord's resolution making them ineligible for the presidency for two years after the expiration of their terms as vice-presidents. Thus Paxson, Sioussat, and Moore are ineligible this year.

The following names have occurred to me for the presidency: Dr. Schmidt, Flemming, Barker, and Hulbert; for vice-presidents, Dr. Schmidt if not selected for president, Harlan, Fish and Dickerson.

I am inclined to think that the managing editor of the Review should be a member of the executive committee and as Alvord has kicked himself off the committee as ex-president, I wonder if it would not be well to put him in as one

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of the elective members. There are two such positions to be filled. Other names which have occurred to me are Violette, Hammelkamp, Viles, Page, or any of those named above as possibilities for president or vice-presidents.

Sincerely yours

April 24, 1916

Professor M. J. White  
Tulane University of Louisiana  
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of April 21 has just arrived.

I regret very much that you will not be present at the meeting in Nashville, for I think it quite essential that the members of such a committee get together and talk things over, especially as the committee is so small. I am very glad, however, to have your suggestions as to the officers.

I enclose a copy of an amendment to the Constitution which may be proposed at this meeting. Should it be adopted before the election of officers, it would, of course, affect the committee's report.

Very truly yours

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The Tulane University of Louisiana  
New Orleans

April 20, 1916.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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

Dear Sir:

Your letter came April 10, and should have been answered long ago, but I had written to Rowland, suggesting that he put some one else upon the nominating committee, as I cannot get away for the Nashville meeting, and I wanted to hear from him before writing you. His letter, asking me to remain upon the committee even though I cannot go to Nashville, came day before yesterday.

I shall have to name you my proxy. Whatever you decide upon will be satisfactory to me. Any one of the four men you mention as presidential possibilities would make a good executive for the Association. I prefer

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The Tulane University of Louisiana  
New Orleans

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

either Hulbert or Fleming, probably because I know them personally. Why not slate Dr. Schmidt for Vice-president? We have to name some one, Alvord's rule or no rule.

Your suggestion for putting the managing editor of the "Review" upon the executive committee is a good one. Why not choose Page for the other member of this committee?

Very truly yours,

*M. J. White.*

May 3, 1916

Professor M. J. White  
Tulane University of Louisiana  
New Orleans, La.

My dear Mr. White:-

I received your letter of April 21 just as I was leaving for the meeting.

Much to my surprise Carter failed to turn up either and I had to assume the entire responsibility although, of course, I consulted freely with different members.

We amended the constitution to eliminate vice-presidents and provide for nine instead of six elected members of the executive committee; also for a chairman of the executive committee to be elected by the committee and to take the place of the president in case of a vacancy. The officers nominated and elected were Paxson president; Paine, secretary-treasurer; executive committee, Sioussat (one year), Harlan (two years), Violette, Alvord, and Hulbert (three years).

Before the nominations were presented we rescinded the resolution adopted at New Orleans last year, thus making possible the election of Paxson as president, which seemed the logical thing to do. Next year I think

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Dioussat ought to be elected president and then there-  
after the nominating committee will be absolutely un-  
hampered in its choice.

Very truly yours

May 26, 1917

Miss Helen Whitney  
312 Folwell Hall  
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

My dear Miss Whitney:-

The oral examination of  
Miss Lucetta Bissell for the masters' degree will  
take place Wednesday, May 30, at nine 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

May 13, 1917

Mr. H. B. Whitted, Florist  
34 South Fifth Street  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I am returning herewith your bill for ✓  
one dollar, against the Phi Beta Kappa Society,  
for I am sure that you have made a mistake as to  
the amount which is due you. As I did not make  
the arrangements for these decorations, I do not  
know exactly what the charge was to be, but I am  
sure that it was more than one dollar. If you  
will look this up and send a corrected bill to me  
at the above address, I will arrange for its pay-  
ment, as soon as I can get in touch with the  
president of the chapter, and get his approval of  
the bill.

Very truly yours,

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*Minneapolis, Minn. July 14, 1917.*

Mr. S. J. Buck,  
Saint Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

We received your letter relative to the statement sent you this month, against the Phi Beta Kappa Society, and on looking up this account, found that it should have been \$10.00 instead of \$1.00, for which we are enclosing a corrected statement.

We wish to thank you for calling our attention to same and trusting that we may receive other orders from you, we are

Yours very truly,

H. B. WHITTED,

By

*Jos. J. Oys.*

Encl.

May 22, 1916

Professor N. Wilde  
University of Minnesota  
- Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Wilde:-

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

You are, I believe, on Mr. Holbrook's thesis committee. In view of the absence of Professor Swenson, with whom Mr. Holbrook had his minor work last year, I will ask you to take charge of that also in the examination, if it seems desirable to question him on his minor. I note that his report on Psychology 126 for the second semester of last year was incomplete. I suppose that he has or will fix this up to the satisfaction of the department.

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

Sincerely yours

Minnesota Historical Society  
St. Paul, Minnesota  
June 1, 1917

Hon. Woodrow Wilson  
President of the United States  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

At the suggestion of Mr. Charles H. Davis, president of the National Highways Association, I am very glad to endorse his letter to you of April 10, in which he states that the National Highways Association "desires to put its great National Organization at the disposal of our Nation, to the end that our people may gain, in the shortest time, an adequate system of NATIONAL HIGHWAYS, and as an outgrowth thereof GOOD ROADS EVERYWHERE."

Respectfully

Member DIVISION OF HISTORIC HIGHWAYS  
National Highways Association

*Wisconsin*

THE MINNEAPOLIS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
of the University of Wisconsin  
606 Andrus Building.

To Every Wisconsin Man in Minneapolis:-

There is no city in the country having as many Wisconsin alumni as has Minneapolis whose alumni have been as inactive as have those of Minneapolis. Nor is there any group of college alumni in Minneapolis of the same size that has not been more active than the Wisconsin group. Princeton, Harvard and Yale alumni bring their various dramatic and glee clubs to the city, furnish scholarships to their respective colleges, entertain their distinguished alumni visitors and do many other things for their various alma maters. Michigan, with half the Minneapolis alumni that Wisconsin has, raised over twenty-five thousand dollars in Minneapolis in their recent Union Building campaign. Nearly every college of consequence in the country had a box at the recent local performance of the Princeton Triangle Club, Wisconsin alumni alone being conspicuous by their absence. In fact, up to the present time, the total activity of the local Wisconsin alumni seems to have been the eating of an annual banquet with the St. Paul alumni. Probably the chief reason for this was that there was no separate Minneapolis organization.

In view of these facts, a small group of the Minneapolis alumni who had gathered together last December to draft resolutions on the athletic situation at Wisconsin, decided to organize The Minneapolis Alumni Association of the University of Wisconsin, and the organization was then completed and by-laws adopted. The aim of this Association is to promote the interests of the University of Wisconsin in Minneapolis and to bring the alumni here in closer touch with one

another. There are many things to be done, but as a starter the organization plans to have monthly luncheons on the first Saturday of every month. We hope, at each of these luncheons, to have some one from the University at Madison or some interesting alumnus on hand to make a short talk on things pertaining to Wisconsin.

The first regular luncheon of the new organization will be held at the Hotel Dyckman (2d floor) next Saturday, February 12th.  
WE WANT YOU TO BE THERE AND JOIN THE NEW ASSOCIATION.

With your help, we are going to put Minneapolis on the map as the home of a live-wire Wisconsin alumni association. We are also going to show the other college alumni of Minneapolis what Wisconsin men can do when they put their shoulders to the wheel.

Come around Saturday and we'll tell you more about the new organization. A president will be elected at that time. Monte Appel of St. Paul will be there to tell us about the annual Twin City dinner this year which, with Prexy and several other distinguished alumni present, will be the biggest thing of its kind to date. There are a lot of things to be done by the new Association and we can have a lot of fun together doing them. Incidentally, we can square up the debt we all owe to the "Old Mother of the Lake and Hill".

Yours for Wisconsin,

The Minneapolis Alumni Association of  
The University of Wisconsin

*M. B. Mitchell*

Secretary.

606 Andrus Bldg.

REMEMBER THE DATE -- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12th at 1 P. M. -- 2d  
Floor, HOTEL DYCKMAN.

*Wisc Alumni*

December 5, 1917

Mr. M. B. Mitchell  
606 Andrus Building  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Mitchell:-

I am in receipt of the notice of the Wisconsin Alumni Luncheon for December 6, and regret very much that it will not be possible for me to be present.

Unfortunately that is one of the days that I spend in St. Paul, and consequently it is very inconvenient for me to go to Minneapolis for lunch. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week I have classes at the University in the afternoon, and so go to my home in Minneapolis for lunch. Should any of the luncheons be held on one of those days, I would probably be able to attend. At any rate, I certainly want to retain my membership in the association.

Sincerely yours

*Wisconsin  
Alumni Club*

February 15, 1916

Mr. M. B. Mitchell  
606 Andrus Bldg.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Mitchell:-

I was very sorry not to be able to attend the luncheon and meeting of the new "Minneapolis Alumni Association of the University of Wisconsin" last Saturday. Unfortunately I have to be in St. Paul on Saturdays, so I fear it will be impossible for me to attend any of these luncheons. I am very glad, however, to note a movement in the direction of greater activities on the part of the Wisconsin men in the Twin Cities.

Last year I attended a number of alumni dinners and meetings of various colleges and am sorry to say that there seemed to be less real life in the Wisconsin organization than in any of the others. This situation certainly ought to be changed, but I am wondering if the organization of a distinct Minneapolis association is the best solution. The Harvard Club of Minnesota, of which I am a member, is a very active and successful organization, which gets together twice a year at the annual meeting and the dinner. Then the St. Paul members of the club take lunch together at the Minnesota Club every Tuesday noon, and I understand the Minneapolis members lunch together every other week. Neither St. Paul nor the Minneapolis members, however, have

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a separate organization. Possibly if I had been able to attend the meeting Saturday, and had learned more fully of your plans, my doubts would have been dissipated.

With best wishes for anything which will help Wisconsin.

Sincerely yours

*Miss Alvin May*

April 7, 1916

Mr. Robert S. Crawford  
821 State St.,  
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Crawford:-

I want to thank you for the publication in the last issue of the Wisconsin Alumni Magazine of the request for a copy of the April 1914 issue for our file. The notice brought an immediate response from Mrs. Charles A. Peck of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

I should like to make a suggestion with reference to the items published under the head "The Classes". Formerly each item was set up as a separate paragraph, making it very easy for the reader to run through and locate the names of those whom he knew. Now that they are all run in together with only a dash between them, it is necessary to read a lot about people whom one does not know in order to make sure of not missing information about those in whom the reader is interested. If it is not feasible to return to the old system of separate paragraphs, would it not be possible to insert a black paragraph sign at the beginning of each item in the place of the dash?

Sincerely yours

FEB 29 1916

**The Minneapolis Alumni Association**  
of the  
**University of Wisconsin**

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Feb. 29, 1916.

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

Dear Sir:-

I was greatly pleased to receive your letter of the 15th regarding the organization of our new Minneapolis Alumni Association.

I am finding that as this organization grows in stature, we are continually finding more alumni like yourself who are enthusiastic Wisconsin supporters and are glad to put their shoulders to the wheel if only the opportunity is afforded them of so doing. I trust that you will be able to arrange your work so that you can at times join us in our monthly luncheons on the first Saturday of every month.

The basketball team is to be our guests next Saturday and, if you cannot get over to the luncheon, perhaps you could join us at the basketball game Saturday night.

In reference to the separate Minneapolis association, I might say that this will in no way conflict with the Twin City Alumni Association, of which we will all still be members. I should be very glad to explain to you at length sometime the various reasons which induced us to decide that a local Minneapolis organization was necessary, but the chief one was that the Twin City Association had absolutely failed so far as arousing any substantial Wisconsin spirit and alumni activity in the two cities.

I also have the pleasure of being a member of the local Harvard Club and might say that we hope to make our luncheons somewhat

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similar to the bi-weekly luncheons of what organization. We intend to cooperate with the Twin City Association in every way and we believe we will strengthen rather than detract from the life of that organization.

Thanking you again for the interest you have shown and hoping that we may see you at some of our gatherings, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Morris B. Mitchell*

APR 5 1916

**PHI BETA KAPPA**  
**ALPHA WISCONSIN CHAPTER**

Madison, Wisconsin,  
March 1, 1916.

To the Members of the Chapter:

The **Alpha Wisconsin Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa Society** is undertaking the publication of a catalogue of all its members, and wishes you to assist by filling out the enclosed record card and mailing it to the Chairman of the Publication Committee at the address given below.

Please return the card **promptly** so that the publication may not be delayed. No second request for information will be sent out, but the names and addresses of members who fail to return the report will be printed in the catalogue according to the best information available at the university. Such information is often inaccurate and fragmentary, and is sometimes difficult to obtain. A minute's time taken to fill the card out and mail it will save the committee much labor.

In addition to the catalogue of members the new publication will contain chapters on the History of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, the History of the Local Chapter, the Constitutions of the United Chapters and of the Local Chapter, and an explanation of the symbols on the Phi Beta Kappa key. It is expected that the book will be issued before the close of the second semester of the current year.

You are earnestly requested to assist the Chapter Secretary in keeping his records up to date by reporting to him marriages, deaths, and changes in the addresses of members of the local chapter which may come under your notice.

Fraternally yours,

Enclosures:

Record Card.  
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H. A. Watt, Chairman,  
University Hall,  
Madison, Wisconsin.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA  
LIBRARY  
MALCOLM G. WYER, LIBRARIAN

LINCOLN, NEB. December 16, 1916.

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

Dear Sir:

The directors of the Nebraska State Historical Society will very shortly appoint a superintendent. I would be very glad if you would write to General John Lee Webster, Omaha, Nebraska, President of the society, emphasizing the importance of appointing a man who will be able to direct the activities of the society in accordance with the highest standards of historical research work. I am sure that such a statement will be of value and you might also express the concern of those interested in other historical societies in the middle west in the selection of a man of the proper qualifications to direct the Nebraska society.

Very truly yours,

*Malcolm G. Wyer*

*I would be glad to have a copy  
of your letter sent to me -  
M.G.W.*

JAN 15 1917

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA  
LIBRARY  
MALCOLM G. WYER, LIBRARIAN

LINCOLN, NEB. January 13, 1917.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I wish to express my appreciation of the letter which you wrote in regard to the Historical Society administration. I am glad to report that on Wednesday, the Society Directors elected Mr. Addison E. Sheldon as superintendent. Mr. Sheldon is, at the present time, Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, and has long been interested in the Historical Society, and in Nebraska history research. If you have not already met him, I am sure that you will have the opportunity at the next historical gathering. I am very much pleased that a politician was not chosen for this position.

Sincerely yours,

*Malcolm G. Wyer*