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January 5, 1918

Professor C. W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I was very sorry, indeed, not to see you at the meeting in Philadelphia, but I presume you were wise in deciding not to run any risks.

Your resignation of the editorship of the M. V. H. R. was a decided bombshell, and created a great deal of consternation. You have doubtless heard from Sioussat with reference to this. After talking it over, we reached the understanding that he should endeavor to persuade you to get out the next number at least, and in the meantime should get the ideas of the other members of the Board with reference to the appointment of a successor.

I understood from Sioussat that you had suggested me among others in your letter, and one or two of the people there intimated that they thought I ought to receive the appointment. As you know, I have been very much interested in the Review from the time of its inception, and have thought that I should like to take it over when you should decide to drop it. At present, however, I feel that it would be practically impossible for me to undertake it immediately, although if you could manage to carry it along until mid-summer I might then be able to handle it.

I do not know what other people may be suggested for the position. Quaife could probably do it better than anyone else, if he would be willing to undertake it. I confess that I should have very much to see it fall into the hands of someone who lacks experience and qualifications for scholarly editorial work. I doubt very much if Cox, or Lindley, or Dan Clark would make a success of it.

We are in the midst of moving now and everything is in confusion here. We hope to be en-

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tirely settled, however, by the time of the M. V. H. A. meeting in May. The prospects are that Turner will give the dedicatory address. I trust that you and many of the other Illinois people are planning to take in the meeting.

Sincerely yours

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January 8, 1918.

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

My dear Buck:

I certainly did mention your name as a possible successor in the office of managing editor of the Review. The other two men whom I named were Paxson and Quaife. There was nothing secret about my letter to Sioussat. I told him that he might show it to anybody who was interested. I want the question of my successor discussed fairly and squarely and the best man selected. If a good man is not selected, you may be certain that I shall withdraw my resignation, and the only possible men are the three whom I have named. Of that I am certain. I enclose you a copy of a letter which I have just written to Sioussat, which will give you further information on the subject.

I was very sorry not to go to Philadelphia, particularly because I fear people will think my health is not as good as it really is. I am now getting strong again and put in a fairly good day's work. You may be interested to know that I have framed your photograph and placed it

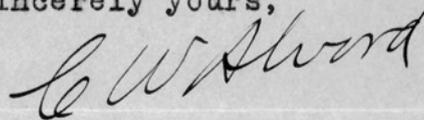
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over my bed where it looks very grand. By the way, I do not know whether you are aware of the fact that I have moved to an apartment on Lincoln Avenue at the head of Nevada Street where we are extremely comfortable except for the fact that two-thirds of my library remains in storage.

I sent you yesterday the revised edition of "Illinois in 1818." You will notice some improvements in the preliminary pages. I had the printer set up your secondary title, but it was too long and spoiled the looks of the title page so that I cut it out again. You will also notice that the Irish have been eliminated at the cost of the appearance of the page. The other changes you suggested have been made.

Give my best regards to your father and mother, and best greetings of the year.

Sincerely yours,



CWA:MJ

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January 8, 1918.

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

My dear Sioussat:

The new year has not brought any feeling of reformation in me and I believe that I will stick to my idea of resignation. As a matter of fact I am fully persuaded that a new man will improve the Review and that the next advance in the development of the Review should be made by one of the three men whom I named.

When I suggested the possibility of not printing the Review during the time of the war, I had not seen Mrs. Paine's statement, which is much better than I expected, although not by any means one that fills the soul with optimism. It means that we shall have to have a large guaranty fund for several years to come and I do not wish to go out on a begging tour again.

There is no immediate hurry about selecting my successor. I have plans to get out the March number and if it seems advisable I will look after the June number also. I suggested a change at this time in order that the announcement might be made at the spring meeting of the Association.

Sincerely yours,

[signed] C. W. Alvord.

CWA:MJ

January 11, 1918

Professor H. W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I appreciated very much your letter of January 8, and am especially pleased at your intention to withdraw your resignation unless a competent man is selected for your successor.

I was quite surprised to learn of your change of residence. Living in an apartment has its disadvantages, as I know by experience, but I imagine that you and Mrs. Alvord are glad to be relieved of the responsibility of running a big house.

Your statement about my picture, which of course, pleased me very much, reminds me of the fact that you have never furnished me with a picture of yourself. I very much want one to serve as a companion piece to the picture of that other distinguished American historian, Frederick Jackson Turner, which I already have. By the way, I have just received a telegram from Turner definitely accepting our invitation to deliver the address at the dedication of our new building, Saturday evening, May 11.

The copy of the second edition of Illinois in 1818 which you were kind enough to send to me has arrived, but I have not had time to look it over very carefully as yet. I note a number of improvements, but it strikes me that the illustrations are not as well made as in the first edition. By the way what would be the best and least expensive method by which I might secure half a dozen copies of this edition? There are a number of people to whom I wanted to send copies when the first edition came out, but the supply sent me for such purposes was rather limited.

Sincerely yours

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January 16, 1918.

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

My dear Buck:

If you will write to Mr. Bray,
A. C. McClurg & Company, 330-352 East
Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois, and tell
him how many books you want I feel sure
that he will make you a very reasonable
offer for extra copies of Illinois in 1818.

I have no picture of myself just
at present, but expect to order some
during the year and will remember that I
am indebted to you.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Alvord

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March 1, 1918.

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

My dear Buck:

I have withdrawn my resignation
as Manager of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. Please do not speculate on the
causes for this withdrawal in a loud voice.
Consult with yourself on the subject as much
as you please, but do not discuss and accept
the official statement as Sioussat will send
it out.

Sincerely yours,

CW Alvord

CWA:MJ

March 6, 1918

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I am in receipt of your letter of March 1, and am very glad, indeed, to know of your decision whatever may have been the reasons, official or otherwise.

I have not as yet received any statement from Sicussat on the subject.

Sincerely yours

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois.

March 18, 1918

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I am pushing the work on the
M. V. H. A. Proceedings as rapidly as possible
in the hopes of being able to get them out
before the meeting. Miss Saunders is doing the
standardizing for me.

Would you be willing to have
us send the copy right to the press from here
without its passing through your office? I
think that we will be able to put it into fairly
reasonable shape. We would have a copy of the
proof sent to you, of course.

You will be interested to
know that Ford is planning to come on from
Washington for the meeting.

Sincerely yours

March 21, 1918

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
418 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I enclose herewith a letter from Mr. Powers of the Torch Press to Mrs. Paine with reference to the Proceedings.

In view of what he says and in view of the fact that it is very difficult for me to spare the time to put this stuff into shape just now, I think we had better give up the idea of publishing the Proceedings before the meeting and plan to get them out during the summer. What do you think about this?

Sincerely yours

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March 21, 1918.

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

My dear Buck:

The arrangement concerning the reading of the proof which you suggest will be very satisfactory to me. We are so over-run with work here that any relief we may be given is very welcome. I would suggest that your name do not appear on the title page, but write a prefatory note as editor. I think that would appear better. You know how I objected to Shambaugh's name appearing so conspicuously on the earlier volumes.

I am glad to hear that Ford is going to be able to be with you at the meeting. Unfortunately I do not see how I can do it. I had made all my plans to go to Mudlavia for two weeks' vacation at Easter, but have been obliged to forego that benefit to myself in order to stay on the job. For the same reason I think I shall have to cut out a trip to St. Paul. I am very sorry not to be with you on this joyful occasion, but needs must when the devil drives.

Sincerely yours,

CWA:MJ

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March 23, 1918.

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

My dear Buck:

If the Torch Press can't why
then it can't and that's the end of it,
so we will wait to publish the Proceedings
some time this summer.

Sincerely yours,

C W Alvord

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420 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois,
April 23, 1918.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

In making up the list of
book reviews for the June number of the
Mississippi Valley Historical Review I
find that you promised us a review of
Life of J. J. Hill. This is merely a
notice that if you can send it before
May 6 it will appear in the June number.

Very truly yours,

Ruth E. Hodson

REH:MJ

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April 25, 1918.

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

My dear Buck:

You may have noticed Meredith Nicholson's articles on the west in the recent numbers of the Century. After reading them I was moved to write to Mr. Nicholson that one of the most important developments in the west was that of the study of western history and the unity of effort that has grown up among western historians. I have received a very courteous letter from him today thanking me for my information but saying that he was unable to incorporate the idea into his last chapter for the Century although he had tried. He was intending, however, to publish the whole in book form and is anxious to publish this information. I have therefore written him that I am writing to you to ask you to send information of what your state is doing in the line of history. I believe it is worth while to get this before the public through a work that is likely to be more or less popular such as Mr. Nicholson's.

If you agree with me please send to Meredith Nicholson, 1505 Merchants Bank Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Alvord

CWA: MJ

May 3, 1918

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
418 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I received your letter of April 25 with reference to Mr. Nicholson's article, and am very much interested in the proposition, but unfortunately I could not possibly find the time just now to put into shape a statement of what we are doing in Minnesota. If it is not too late, I will be glad to attempt something of this sort after the M. V. H. A. meeting and the dedication are over.

For the same reason, it will be impossible for me to get the review of Pyle's Life of James J. Hill ready in time for the June number of the Review. May I suggest that instead of waiting for this you reprint the excellent review of this work by John D. Hicks of Hamline, which we published in the November, 1917, issue of the Minnesota History Bulletin. I doubt very much if I could write anything better and the mailing list of the two publications is so different that I can see no objection to this procedure. I should be perfectly willing to have the review so reprinted without any reference to the Bulletin.

Sincerely yours

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426 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois,
May 7, 1918.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

Since I shall not be at St. Paul for the celebration and for the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, will you kindly report for me for the Mississippi Valley Historical Review? There is nothing to be said except that we are still on the job. The financial statement is the most interesting one.

At this propitious moment when you are entering into your new building, allow me to congratulate you most sincerely upon the success of your enterprise and the happy completion of the building activities. I am sure that when better times come back to us the Minnesota Historical Society will take a high place among the publishing societies of the country. I regret very much that I shall not be able to be present at the inauguration of this new era.

The other day Governor Lowden told me that he had read every word of your "Illinois in 1818" and found it extremely interesting. This seems to be the general impression among Illinois readers.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Alvord

CWA:MJ

May 20, 1918

Professor C. W. Alford
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Mr. Alford:-

I was, of course, very much pleased with the nice things which you said in your letter of May 7. It reached me too late for me to report for the Review at the business meeting, but Mrs. Paine said all that it was necessary to say in her report.

Since Bond was not here, I would suggest that you ask C. S. Boucher, of Washington University, St. Louis, to prepare the writeup of the meeting for the Proceedings. Either he or Mrs. Paine could doubtless furnish you also with a note on the meeting for the Review.

Did you see the review of Illinois in 1818 in the April number of the Catholic Historical Review?

Sincerely yours

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Urbana, Illinois,
May 23, 1918.

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

My dear Buck:

I have written to Boucher and asked him to prepare an account of the meeting both for the Review and the Proceedings. I saw the review of your book in the Catholic Historical Review and also saw a long review of my Mississippi Valley in British Politics.

I suspect that you missed a most important item which appeared in the afternoon papers in the country while you were holding your celebration in St. Paul. The Joseph F. Loubat prize of \$1,000 for the best work in American history, ethnology, geography, philology, archaeology, or numismatics, written during the last five years was awarded by the trustees of Columbia University to Clarence Walworth Alvord for his Mississippi Valley in British Politics. The \$1,000 has arrived and has been disposed of; you may now congratulate me.

Sincerely yours,

CW Alvord

CWA: MJ

May 25, 1918

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
616 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I had just learned of the great honor which has come to you through a letter from Mr. Noyes inviting me to attend a dinner in your honor at the University Club next Wednesday night, and was about to write you in congratulation when your letter of May 23 arrived.

I cannot tell you how gratified I am that that this distinguished honor has been conferred upon you. That you are a genius has been known to me, of course, ever since I first met you, but it is always gratifying to have the rest of the world agree with one in a matter of this sort. I am sorely tempted to accept Mr. Noyes' invitation and run down to Urbana for the dinner, but the state of my pocket book and the accumulation of work, both resulting in part from our recent grand splurge, make it quite out of the question. I will be with you in spirit, however.

Sincerely yours

Hand to
G. H. 1

June 3, 1918

Professor C. W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I am sending you under separate cover, Shippee's article on the "First Railroad between the Mississippi and Lake Superior" which was read at the M. V. H. A. meeting.

I will appreciate it if you will look this over at your early convenience and let me know whether or not you want it for the Review. In case you do use it, we will be glad to assist in collating the quotations from and checking up references to manuscript and newspaper material in our library. Should you decide not to use it, I will probably want to bring it out in the Minnesota History Bulletin.

Sincerely yours

June 13, 1917 8

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I am trying to get the M. V. H. A. Proceedings for 1916-17 into shape for the printer, and I find that none of the papers read at the joint meeting with the American Historical Association in Cincinnati in December, 1916, have been sent on to me.

According to the program, there were papers by J. A. James, R. C. McGrane of the University of Cincinnati, James R. Robertson of Berea College, and Ernest A. Smith of Salt Lake City. It has been the understanding, I believe, that the papers read at this joint meeting were to be published by the M. V. H. A. rather than by the A. H. A. Can you throw any light on this matter - on the whereabouts of these papers, or whether or not any of them have been published? At any rate, I should like to know what procedure you would advise in this connection.

With reference to the annual meeting in Chicago, Miss White wrote me last December that the papers by J. A. James, Pease, and Blegen were to be published in the Review, but did not indicate the date. Can you give me this information now? Miss White also stated that the paper by O. H. Williams entitled "Some Readjustments in the History Program" was "promised to be sent later." From Bond's account of the meeting, I take it that this paper was not read, and I should like your opinion, therefore, as to whether or not it should be printed or listed in the Proceedings. My own feeling is that papers which are not read at the meeting might well be ignored in the Proceedings.

Sincerely yours

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Urbana, Illinois.
June 15, 1918.Mr. Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
Saint Paul, Minn.

My dear Mr. Buck:

In the absence of Miss White, Mr. Alvord has asked me to reply to your inquiries as to papers which you are trying to get track of for your article on the Proceedings. Of the papers read before the American Historical Society at Cincinnati in December, 1916, that of James A. James was published in the September, 1917 number of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review; that of James R. Robertson in the June, 1917 number of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. The paper of Mr. R. C. McGrane he has decided not to publish at the present time and it was returned to him. That of Earnest A. Smith I can get no track of, except that we requested it, and there is no reply to our letter in the files. I am writing Miss White about his paper. Of the papers ^{at} ~~of~~ the meeting last December in Chicago, that of Mr. Blegen was published in the March, 1918 number of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. Those of James A. James and Pease are receiving editorial revision for publication.

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I also have to ask Miss White about the paper of
O. H. Williams and upon her reply I will forward whatever
information I receive to you.

Sincerely yours,

Agnes Wright

AW:h

Alvord

June 28, 1918

Miss Agnes Wright
436 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Miss Wright:-

I received your letter of June 15 and want to thank you for the information contained therein with reference to the articles for the M. V. H. A. Proceedings.

There are one or two points, however, which still need to be cleared up. You state that the papers of J. A. James and Pease are receiving editorial revision for publication. Has any decision been reached as to what issue of the Review either or both of these papers are to be included in? If so, I should like that information in order that the reference in the Proceedings may be as definite as possible.

You state that a letter was written to Mr. Ernest A. Smith of Salt Lake City with reference to his paper read at the Cincinnati meeting in December, 1916, but that no reply appears to have been received. Can you give me Mr. Smith's address or some further information about him in order that I can write to him directly about this matter? I have just written to Mr. McGrane and asked him about the present plans with reference to his paper.

Will you kindly tell Mr. Alvord that Mr. Stevens has decided to let his paper read at the Chicago meeting, be published just as it is, without revision or annotation? I have the paper, and under these conditions, I presume that it had better come out in the Proceedings rather than in the Review. I shall include it, therefore, unless Mr. Alvord indicates that he desires it for the Review. Will you also ask Mr. Alvord to let me know as soon as possible whether or not he expects to use Shippee's paper in the Review? I had planned to publish this in our Bulletin if Mr. Alvord did not want it, but Mr. Quaife has also asked for it for his magazine.

Sincerely yours

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Urbana, Illinois,
July 5, 1918.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

Your letter to Miss Wright with reference to the articles for the Mississippi Valley Historical Association Proceedings has been referred to me on my return. Mr. Pease's article on the Nauvoo settlement will be published in the September number of the Review. We had expected to published J. A. James' study in the Review but had set no definite date for it. As we have a large supply of articles on hand now and Mr. James contributed within the past few numbers, it seems best that this should be published in the Proceedings rather than held indefinitely for the Review. I am accordingly sending it to you. If it is too late for your convenience the Review can take care of it. I am sorry to say I can give you no further information about Mr. Ernest A. Smith. Mr. Alvord agrees with your judgment that Mr. Stevens' paper had better go in the Proceedings rather than in the Review.

No decision has as yet been reached in regard to Mr. Shippee's article. The matter will probably be decided in a day or two, as soon as Mr. Alvord is able to get to the office again. He has been having some trouble with an infected foot, not very serious. I will let you know as soon as he decides about this article.

I trust this answers your questions satisfactorily.

Sincerely yours,

Leila A. White

LOW: MJ

Dr. Solon J. Buck - 2

July 5, 1918.

P. S. I am sending an article by Professor Cotterill which has been submitted for the Review. Can you look it over at your earliest convenience and write Mr. Alvord your opinion of it, as he is anxious to have an early decision?

LOW:MJ

July 8, 1918

Miss Leila O. White
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Miss White:-

I have your letter of the fifth and thank you for the information it contains about the Proceedings. We will include Mr. James' article. I am glad to note that it has already received some editorial revision, as we are going to be very short of help. You will be interested to know that Miss Saunders has just asked for a leave of absence of at least two months to do some work for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington. I am hoping that she will come back to us, but consider it rather doubtful.

Cotterill's paper I will look over as soon as I can find the time. I am working nights and Sundays now trying to finish up my book for the Chronicles Series. The time for the completion of which was extended from October 1 last to July 1, 1918. It will probably be finished about the middle of August.

Have you received a copy of the paper by Dr. E. M. Coulter of Marietta College, which was read at the M. V. H. A. meeting here last May? Some time ago Mrs. Paine wrote me that he had turned it over to a reporter on the St. Paul Dispatch with the understanding that it was to be returned to the registration desk for him and that it was not so returned. I wrote a letter to the editor of the Dispatch about it, but received no reply. I then wrote to Coulter and asked if he had secured it or possibly had a copy of it, but have had no reply from him. In case it has not been returned and no other copy is available, I will make further effort to extract it from the Dispatch people.

Sincerely yours

July 10, 1918

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

Under separate cover I am returning to you Cotterill's article on "The Pacific Railroad" about which you asked my opinion. The article is a useful and interesting account of a matter of some importance and is well written. It ends very abruptly, however, without setting forth the significance of the things discussed nor connecting them with later developments. If something of this sort could be added, I should recommend the article for publication in the Review. I think its title should be changed, however, to "The Early Agitation for a Pacific Railroad, 1845-1850" or something of that sort.

With this article, I am sending also a so-called list of members of the M. V. H. A. which Mrs. Paine sent to me for publication as a supplement to the Proceedings for 1916-17. Several months ago, when I hoped that the Proceedings might come out before the meeting, she sent me a somewhat similar list which I had expected to print as an appendix, not as a supplement, to the Proceedings. On looking over the list, I found that there was great variation in the ~~completion~~ of the names, forms of address, etc., and especially that exchanges of the Review, such, for example, as the American Historical Review had been included. In other words, it was practically the mailing list of the review. *completions*

I called Mrs. Paine's attention to some of these points and we decided that it would probably be best to drop the plan of including such a list of members in the Proceedings for 1916-17, the understanding being that she would endeavor to secure fuller information in connection with the next collection of dues. I was unable to convince her, however, that exchanges ought not to be included in the list of members.

At a meeting of the executive committee in St. Paul, I understand that it was directed or advised that the list of members be published as a supplement to the Proceedings for 1916-17, and Mrs. Paine shortly after sent me the revised list which I am now sending on to you, at the same time suggesting that I prepare "as a preface to this list, a brief sketch of the work of the association and the purpose

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for which it was organized." I replied that I thought such a sketch might better be prepared by one of the past or present officers of the association and again objected to the inclusion of exchanges in the list. To this she has replied in effect, although not in phraseology, that "as managing editor of the Proceedings" I may do as I damn please about it, and she has the nerve to suggest that I ask someone else to prepare the proposed preface. She did not, however, indicate the exchanges so that I might eliminate them from the list.

A copy of my letter to her just written is enclosed herewith.

You will perceive by this time perhaps that I am "passing the buck" to you. If you will assume the responsibility and take charge of the preparation of this list for the press, I will have no objections, of course, to its publication as either an appendix or a supplement to the Proceedings, but I cannot undertake to handle it myself. I am very short of help. Miss Saunders is leaving for Washington in a few days, and I must get my book finished for the Chronicles Series.

The remainder of the Proceedings will be ready to go to press within a week at least, and possibly sooner.

In glancing over the list of members of the M. V. H. A. which I am sending to you, I note some wrong addresses, such as that of Wayne E. Stevens, for example. Mrs. Matthews of the University of Wisconsin has recently changed her name. I know from our experience in preparing the biennial list of members of the M. H. S. that it is no small job if properly done.

Sincerely yours

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July 11, 1918.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I have not yet received Mr. Coulter's
M. V. H. A. paper and would be very grateful to
you if you can trace it for us.

You will be sorry to hear that Mr.
Alvord has decided the Shippee article is too good
to pass up for the Review, and has slated it for
the next number.

We are all interested to hear of Miss
Saunders' move. Washington is a fascinating place,
and you will be lucky if she comes back.

Sincerely yours,

Leila A. White

LOW:h

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

Mr. Alvord has just left for three weeks vacation in the east, so that I do not see that anything can be done about the list of M. V. H. A. members in connection with the Proceedings which you are about ready to print. I shall therefore simply hold the matter for Mr. Alvord's attention when he returns.

Thank you for your criticism on the Cotterill article.

Sincerely yours,

Lula O. White

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426 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois,
August 9, 1918.

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

My dear Buck:

I have read with interest and instruction your letter to me and Mrs. Paine, and have decided that your advice is best and that we will leave out this year the list of members.

I am much obliged to you for reading Cotterill's article and shall pass your advice on to him.

I have just returned from a vacation in the east of a little over three weeks and feel very much invigorated. Mrs. Alvord and I visited friends and relatives in Massachusetts and had a most delightful time.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Alvord

CWA:h

August 12, 1916

Prof. Clarence W. Alvord
426 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I am in receipt of your letter of August 9 anent the list of members. No comment is necessary.

A Minneapolis woman has just been in with a typewritten copy of a journal kept by Alanson Bostwick of Warren County, Illinois, during a journey which he made from Winchester to Chicago and back in 1839. She states that this was once published in part and with modifications in some Illinois paper of which she has a clipping. The original from which she made this typewritten copy is also in her possession, but is in pencil and difficult to read. She offered to loan us the original ~~or~~ the typewritten copy and the newspaper clipping, if we wish to make a copy of it, but I feel that it is in your province rather than ours, so I told her that I would write you about it. The journal is an interesting one and well worthy of preservation.

If you are interested in the matter I would suggest that you take it up directly with the owner, Miss Caroline J. Tucker, 2730 Humboldt Ave. So., Minneapolis. If you do not want to bother with it, probably Mrs. Weber would like to get it for her Journal.

I am glad you had a pleasant vacation and are feeling well. My book for Allan Johnson's series, "The Chronicles of America," is almost completed, and I hope to get a brief vacation in September.

Sincerely yours

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Urbana, Illinois,
October 11, 1918.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

The enclosed article has
been submitted by Mr. Cardinal Good-
win for publication in the Review.
Will you please look it over and write
me your opinion of it at your earliest
convenience.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Alvord

CWA: MJ

October 28, 1918

Professor C. W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

Herewith I am returning to you the paper of Cardinal Goodwin entitled "The Movement of American Settlers into Wisconsin and Minnesota".

This has been read by both Shippee and myself, and neither of us consider that it is a contribution of any particular value. Mr. Goodwin has collected considerable information, most of which was readily accessible, however, and has arranged it fairly well, but his paper does not seem to get anywhere. It is very largely a mere recital of facts without consideration of causes, consequence, and significance.

Sincerely yours

B/P

November 2, 1918

Professor C. W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

What about the Mississippi
Valley Historical Association Proceedings for
1917-18?

I am not at all anxious
for the job of editing it, but I want it brought
out in conformity with the last two issues, and
I should like very much to see it published
before the next annual meeting. If it is to be
handled here, I trust that you will have the
material sent on as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours

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Urbana, Illinois,
November 4, 1918.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

My secretary, Miss White, is away at present on more important business than this office. She decided last Friday to go to Georgia to connect herself with one of those upstart officers of the American army and is now Mrs. L. H. Tilton. I expect her back in the course of three or four weeks when I will tell her to send you the material for the Proceedings. It is too bad how these girls will get married. I mean it is too bad for employers; for men in general I suppose it is a good thing.

Sincerely yours,

C W Alvord

CWA:MJ

December 10, 1918

Professor C. W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I am enclosing herein copies
of two letters which Mr. Buck wished sent to
you. He has developed the prevailing fashionable
disease and is in bed with the "flu", but we
hope he will be out again within a week at least.

Sincerely yours

Secretary to the superintendent

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Urbana, Illinois,
December 11, 1918.

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

My dear Buck:

Enclosed find herewith
a letter of introduction to Lord
Charnwood. I have already written
to him about you.

Sincerely yours,

CW Alvord

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Urbana, Illinois,
December 11, 1918.

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presented
J.D.B.*

The Lord Charnwood,
Introducing Mr. Buck.

My dear Charnwood:

This is to introduce to you Dr. Solon J. Buck, formerly associated with me in the historical work of Illinois. He is now superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society and associate professor of history in the University. In my opinion he is one of the most brilliant young historians of the country. He wishes to show you the Minnesota Historical Society, and as I have already written to you, I know you will find it most interesting. Am looking forward to seeing you at Cleveland.

Sincerely yours,

C W Alvord

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Urbana, Illinois
December 23, 1918

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I am sending today by express the manuscript for the proceedings, so far as I have been able to collect it. The following papers have been published or are to be published in the Review:

Logan Esarey, "The Literary Spirit among the Early Ohio Valley Settlers", September, 1918. This paper was prepared but not read at the meeting.

Martha L. Edwards, "Religious Forces in the United States, 1815-1830", March, 1919.

James E. Winston, "The Lost Commission: A Study in Mississippi and National History Centering around Robert J. Walker." September, 1918.

St. George Sioussat, "Presidential Address: "Andrew Johnson and the Homestead Bill". December, 1918.

E. Merton Coulter, "Commercial Intercourse with the Confederacy in the Mississippi Valley, 1861-1865." An abstract of this paper is being prepared and will be sent to you shortly. (If necessary, ^{abstracts} can also be made for all the articles which are to appear in the March, 1919 number.) Date not yet fixed; probably June, 1919.

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Lester B. Shippee, "The first railroad between the Mississippi and Lake Superior". September, 1918.

John L. Conger, "South Carolina and the Early Tariffs". March, 1919.

Theodore G. Gronert, "Trade Conditions in the Kentucky Blue Grass Region, 1810-1820. September, 1918.

Frances M. Morehouse, "The Method Content in Teachers' Courses," ~~was~~ published September, 1918, in Educational Administration and Supervision.

A number of people who appeared on the program have made no reply to letters asking for their papers. If you can write any out of them, you will be doing better than we have been able to do. The delinquents are:

O. G. Libby, "An Aboriginal Map of the Turtle Mountain Area.

F. F. Stephens, "The Gadsden Purchase".

~~John B. Johnston, "Address of Welcome".~~

M. L. Wilson, "The Evolution of Montana Agriculture in Its Early Period".

J. E. Bradford, "The Population of the Ohio Valley during the Eighteenth Century".

H. A. Bone, "Geographic Problems in American History".

B. F. Creushaw, "Map Work in Ancient History".

~~Frederick J. Turner, "Dedicatory Address: Middle Western Pioneer Democracy".~~

Royal B. Way, "The United States Factory System for Trading with the Indians". I found some correspondence in regard to his paper with Mr. Alvord which seems to indicate that he intended to send the paper, but I can find no record of its having been received here. I am writing him again as Mr. Alvord would like to have a chance at his paper.

Mr. Lewis F. Crawford, in "The History of the Early Range Industry in the Upper Missouri Valley," as you will see, has written that his paper was not returned but that he will send it later.

Solon J. Buck
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Mr. Herbert A. Kellar was not written to a second time concerning his paper "An Undeveloped Phase of American History", so that he probably is not to be blamed for not sending in his paper. This leaves for the proceedings for articles by:--

John D. Hicks
William O. Lynch
Mary J. Klem
Henry N. Sherwood
W. A. Lloyd
Bessie L. Pierce

You will notice that Miss Klem's paper is a young book in itself. Mr. Alvord suggests that you have a synopsis made by the author. He loaned the paper to Professor Violette for several months, or we should have allowed some time for having the paper put in shape.

I believe this accounts for all the titles on the program. If you will indicate any information I have omitted to give, I shall be glad to furnish it if possible.

Yours sincerely,

Serla W. Titton

Dictated but not read.

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Urbana, Illinois

December 30, 1918

My dear Solon:

Hail! all hail!! Another soul has been snatched from the burning. Hell weeps! Buck is to pass through the cleansing fires of matrimony; after the purgatory of matrimony, heaven will be your sure reward. Hallelujah! I hear the angels singing.

It is the best news I have heard for the longest time and I am mighty pleased. You tell Elizabeth from me that she has caught a very fine and very brilliant fellow, and I shall hold her responsible for the finished product.

The hint is herewith taken. You are to stop at Urbana on the return trip. Idress is delighted at the news both of the engagement and of the proposed visit. How would you like to have us at the wedding?

rather than make us a visit. We shall go east this summer probably about July 15. But if we could attend the wedding, we should be willing to start earlier. Of course this is all speculation as yet.

Sorry you didn't meet Charnwood; but your loss was my gain. When he found himself free he telegraphed me to ask if he might visit me. Of course I said yes, and he was with us four days. He is a very easy man to entertain, but he surely does like whiskey. He reminded me of Key. He was in Kansas when he telegraphed for the invitation and I charged him with ~~some~~ selecting one as host because he knew my house as an oasis in the desert.

Give our best regards to Miss Hawthorn and our very best wishes for her future happiness. I am confident it is assured. Give also our very best greetings to your father and mother.

Sincerely your devoted friend
Clarence.