



[Solon J. Buck Papers.](#)

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January 13, 1919

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I have been looking over the material for the Proceedings of the M. V. H. A. sent to me by Mrs. Tilton.

I do not find any general account of the meeting similar to those prepared by Bond for the two previous meetings. I understood that you had arranged with Boucher to prepare such an account and supposed that it was all completed by this time. If you have had such an account prepared, I trust that you will have it sent to me as soon as possible. I am writing to Boucher about it also.

Did you succeed in getting Way's paper, and if so, have you decided yet whether or not you want it for the Review?

Sincerely yours

B/P

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THE
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
HISTORICAL REVIEW

CLARENCE W. ALVORD
MANAGING EDITOR
416 LINCOLN HALL, URBANA, ILL.

DEAR SIR:

Would it be possible for you to write for this
journal a review (about 8 words) of Streeter,

Political parties in Michigan

If you consent, a copy of the book will be sent you. The
review should reach me by April 15 to
be in season for the June number.

Very truly yours,

CLARENCE W. ALVORD

Managing Editor.

* At your discretion

January 17, 1919

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

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I am swamped with work.
It would be impossible for me to undertake
to write a review of Streater's Political
Parties in Michigan. Sorry. Shippee
would probably do it for you.

Sincerely yours

B/P

JAN 20 1919

Urbana, Illinois,
January 18, 1919.Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Buck:

As you have perhaps already learned, Mr. Alvord did ask Mr. Boucher to write a general account of the St. Paul meeting, but as he waited for the abstracts of the papers, he has not yet prepared it. The authors for some reason or other were exceedingly reluctant to send abstracts and under the pressure of work in this office, no very strenuous effort could be made to induce them to do so. Such being the situation, I am afraid that you and Mr. Boucher will have to arrange matters as best you can.

Repeated efforts have failed to bring forth Professor Way's paper; if he does send it in, Mr. Alvord will take it for the Review rather than cause the proceedings any delay.

Sincerely yours,

Leila W. Tilton

LWT:HB

January 29, 1919

Mrs. Leila W. Tilton
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Tilton:-

Mr. Boucher writes me that he is willing to prepare the general account of the M. V. H. A. meeting in St. Paul, provided he is supplied with abstracts of the papers.

I am forwarding to him, therefore, such abstracts as I have on hand and am having abstracts made of the other papers in my possession. Will you please arrange to have abstracts made of the papers by Miss Edwards, Coulter, and Conger, which are still in your possession, and have not been printed? These abstracts should be sent not to me, but to Boucher and the sooner, the better.

Do you have or did you ever receive from Mrs. Paine her report as secretary-treasurer, or her minutes of the St. Paul meeting? I have written her about these but have had no reply as yet.

I am going to write to Way myself and see if I cannot secure at least an abstract from him. Mr. H. A. Bone of Sioux City, Iowa, writes me that the original of his paper was sent to Mr. Alvord, but he has sent me a copy which can be used in case you do not succeed in finding the original.

Sincerely yours

B/P

January 30, 1919

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

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

The letter from Gutsche, a copy of which you forwarded to me, was apparently a form letter, as we had already received the same thing from him.

I feel that if there were adequate provision for the care of federal archives in Washington, there would be some justification for the concentration of the Food and Fuel Administration papers there, but with the conditions as they are, I am inclined to agree with Gutsche that it would be best to have such papers retained in the states; at least in such states as have active organizations ready to take charge of and preserve them.

Should they be sent to Washington, the chances are that within a few years, they would be either destroyed or redistributed to the states. Recently we have received some schedules of United States censuses from 1850 to 1880 inclusive which the Census Bureau decided that it would not have room to keep in Washington. They were sent first to the State Library and then turned over to us. I take it from the correspondence between the Census Bureau and the State Library that they were offered to all of the states with the expectation that if they were not accepted they would be destroyed. It might be worth your while to find out what became of the Illinois schedules if you do not already know.

Holbrook, as director of our War Records Commission, has been in touch with the Minnesota Food and Fuel Administration, has responded to Gutsche's letter and will follow it up.

I have just received the December number of the M. V. H. R. and have looked it over with much interest as usual. I want to read Cole's article if I can find the time.

By the way if the Centennial History is not to be distributed to members of the Illinois Historical Society, of whom I am one, I hope that you will fix things up some how so that I may receive a complimentary set.

How did it happen that Illinois in 1818 failed to get reviewed in the M. V. H. R.? Not that my feelings were hurt thereby, but that I am simply curious to know. I noted

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the item in your News and Comment section on Posey's article in our Bulletin, and said "amen". I can also say "amen" to some of the points made in your review of President Wilson's addresses.

I have just recently discovered that Ford is a real orator. He gave us our annual address this year on "The Fight for Public Opinion; a Discussion of the Work of the Committee on Public Information", and it was magnificent. He is scheduled to give the same thing today at a University convocation. If the University of Illinois wants a public address that is really worth while, it had better try to get him on this subject.

With reference to your suggestion that there should be another meeting of the Directors of State Historical Work in the near future, I hardly know what to say. I am so busy here with our own plans that I dislike to contemplate taking the time for a trip to Chicago; also you must remember that the expense of a trip to Chicago is considerably more for me than it is for you. So far as the war records work is concerned, I can't quite see how we can do much in the way of cooperation beyond exchanging ideas and keeping each other informed of developments in our respective states, and that can be accomplished by mail. Should there be a general desire for a conference in the near future, however, I will arrange to attend if possible. The matter should be taken up with Quaife, I suppose, as he was elected president.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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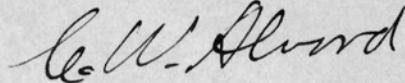
Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

Thank you very much for your response to the telegram. I shall use your bill in order to draw up one for us here, but the situation has so developed that it will be necessary to place the control of all the war records work in the hands of the Illinois State Historical Library. That of course will be very satisfactory.

Several of the members of our conference have indicated a desire to have a meeting but I had in mind a meeting much later than now in order to talk over the results of the legislative campaign. It strikes me that possibly we might call a meeting at St. Louis in connection with the Mississippi Valley Historical Association.

Sincerely yours,



P. S. I am of the opinion that Illinois in 1818 was reviewed and Mrs. Tilton is now looking it up for me. She has found it, reviewed by Quaife, December, 1917, volume IV, number III.

CWA:MJ

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February 3, 1919.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

The papers by Miss Edwards, Colter, and Conger are all being printed in the March number of the Review, but I will arrange to have the authors themselves make abstracts of them. Way has not yet sent in his paper, but promises it very soon, so that I think you may succeed in securing an abstract directly from him. I cannot understand about Mr. Bone's paper for I have no record or recollection of its ever having been received here and I am very certain it is not now in our possession. It is fortunate he had a copy for you to use.

Mr. Alvord has a carbon copy of Mrs. Paine's report and minutes of the meeting. I am sending it on to you.

Sincerely yours,

Leila W. Tilton

LWT:MJ

February 5, 1919

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

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

Herewith I am sending you a copy of the final draft of our war records bill, which as you will note, has received considerable alteration and addition since the first draft which was sent to you the other day. It will be introduced into both houses of the legislature today or tomorrow.

I should think that the State Historical Library would be the logical institution to handle this work in Illinois. The situation, as you know, is quite different in Minnesota, the historical society being a private corporation supported by the state. Moreover we felt that if we asked for an appropriation for the historical society for this work, it would prevent us from securing the desired increase for the regular work of the society.

I quite agree with you that there should be a meeting of our Conference after the legislative campaigns are over, and think we had better try to have it in connection with the St. Louis meeting of the M. V. H. A.

I beg your pardon for the trouble which I made you about the review of Illinois in 1818; it was an oversight on my part.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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February 17, 1919.

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

My dear Buck:

Your correspondence with Mereness
is O. K. Go to it.

I received the letter in your own
hand writing and found it very interesting.
Hope to have time to reply. Looks as if we
would meet in the east.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Alvord

CWA: MJ

February 21, 1919

Mrs. Leila W. Tilton
426 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Tilton:-

Boucher writes me that he has received only one, Conger's, of the three abstracts which you were going to have sent to him.

Could you not have someone in your office make abstracts of the papers by Miss Edwards and Coulter and send them on at once? I have found it simpler to have some one here make abstracts of the papers in my possession rather than to attempt to have it done by the original authors.

Way has paid no attention to my request for an abstract of his paper. Have you heard anything further from him?

Sincerely yours

B/P

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CHARLES M. THOMPSON

Urbana, Illinois,
February 24, 1919.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

Miss~~es~~ Edwards and Coulter have written that they would send abstracts of their papers to Boucher at once, so that I think they surely must have kept their promise by this time. I agree with you that it would be simpler for some one in this office to make the abstracts but we are all so heels over head in work just now that it was out of the question in this instance.

Mr. Alvord had a very peculiar letter from Mr. Way showing that he had sadly misunderstood our whole system of dealing with papers read at the meetings. Still he has finally sent his paper here and said he had sent an abstract of it to Mr. Boucher.

Sincerely yours,

Leila W. Tilton

LWT:HB

February 27, 1919

Mrs. Leila W. Tilton
426 Lincoln Hall
Urbana Illinois

My dear Mrs. Tilton:-

I am in receipt of your letter of February 24, and am glad to know that you have received Way's paper and that he has sent an abstract of it to Boucher.

Please let me know as soon as possible Mr. Alvord's decision with reference to the printing of Way's paper in the Review. If it is not to be printed there, it should be sent on to me at once, and if you are going to use it, I will need to know in what number of the Review it will appear in order that I can print it by title with specific reference.

I wonder if you would be willing to procure for me a copy of the University of Illinois faculty directory for the current year. You will doubtless have little difficulty in guessing at the reason why I want it.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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Urbana, Illinois,
March 3, 1919.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

Mr. Way submitted his paper with the express condition that it should be published in the Review or returned to him. Mr. Alvord seems to have accepted the condition so that I suppose it will be necessary to print it in the Review. While Mr. Alvord has not yet decided on the articles for the June number, I think it is safe to say that Way's paper will appear in it.

I am sending under separate cover a copy of the current Faculty Directory. I trust it will serve satisfactorily the purpose for which you want it.

Sincerely yours,

Feila White Tilton

LWT:HB

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March 11, 1919

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

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

The M. V. H. A. Proceedings for 1917-18 (part 3 of volume 9) are going to be somewhat larger than the last two issues, and I am afraid that if we attempt to include the next issue in this volume, it will be unwieldy.

I am inclined to think, therefore, that it would be well to close up the volume with part 3, including in this number a general title page and table of contents and an index to the whole volume. That raises the question as to who is to make the index. Would it be possible for you to have it done there? It seems to me that it should be the same sort of an index and in the same style as the indexes of the Review, and it could probably be best made, therefore, by the same person who made those. If you cannot possibly undertake to do it there, I will try to get someone to do it here. The writing of cards for the first two numbers should be begun immediately so that the final publication would not be held up any longer than is absolutely necessary.

I had hoped to get it out before the annual meeting, but that will doubtless be impossible if it is to include the index. Part of the papers have already been sent to the press, but there is still considerable editorial work to be done on the remainder. Mrs. Paine has sent me a list of members which she wishes to have included, and this will need considerable revision in the matter of style. Boucher's general account of the meeting arrived today.

Sincerely yours

B/P

March 13, 1919

Mrs. Leila W. Tilton
436 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Tilton:-

Thank you for the copy of
the Faculty Directory; also for the information
about Way's paper.

Unless I hear from you to the
contrary, it will be listed as to be published in
the June number of the Review.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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

My dear Solon:

Considering that we are over our heads in work down here I do not see how it will be possible for us to make the index and since Miss Hodsdon has gone, the only one who has made indexes for the Review is no longer here. Can't you get some extra money for this work from Mrs. Paine?

I am sending you by the same mail that article by Goodwin. I loaned him some of my cards and on the strength of previous opinion of some one of the editors, probably you, I had agreed to print the paper. Unfortunately, my secretary sent it off to Quaife for his opinion. Probably she would say that I told her to. The result is a memorandum by Quaife. Will you kindly tell me what to do? Shall I print the article or shall I write Goodwin a fatherly letter? Let me know at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Alvord

CWA: MJ

March 18, 1919

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

My dear Clarence:-

I have written to Mrs. Pease about the index and will see what can be done here if it meets with her approval. I did not know that Miss Hodson had deserted you until a few days ago when she dropped in to see our new building, and retailed much interesting Urbana gossip.

It occurs to me that it might be best to omit the index from the Proceedings in order that they may be published before the St. Louis meeting and then bring out the index, with title page and contents, in the form of a separate pamphlet as another "Extra Number" of the Review. The cost would be no more for printing or distribution than under the other plan. The list of members might also be included with the index rather than with the Proceedings proper. How does this strike you? It certainly would be impossible to get out the Proceedings and index before June or July.

In order to disabuse you of the idea that my opinion might have had anything to do with your half-agreement to print Goodwin's paper, I quote a paragraph from my letter to you of October 28.

"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."

You will see that I am practically in agreement with Quaipe. I would recommend that you get out of printing the paper if possible. It is returned to you herewith.

I have received Boucher's general account of the St. Paul meeting, and it is very well done considering the difficulties under which he labored. It contains

C. W. A. 3/18/19--2

no abstract, however, of the paper by Miss Edwards, due to the fact that he failed to receive any such abstract from your office or from Miss Edwards herself. Can you not send me at once either a copy of this paper itself or an abstract thereof? If it is to be included in the March Review, a set of proof would serve my purpose for I can easily have the abstract made here.

We finally succeeded in securing or making abstracts of all other papers actually read at the meeting with the exception of that by Bradford, who has ignored all communications. Miss Edwards was not at the meeting, but I understand that her paper was read by some one else. Do you happen to know by whom?

Sincerely yours

B/P

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THE
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CLARENCE W. ALVORD
MANAGING EDITOR

416 LINCOLN HALL, URBANA, ILL.

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

DEAR SIR:

Would it be possible for you to write for this
journal a review (about ----- words) of Nicholson,
The valley of the democracy.

If you consent, a copy of the book will be sent you. The
review should reach me by July 1 to
be in season for the September number.

Very truly yours,

CLARENCE W. ALVORD

Managing Editor.

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Urbana, Illinois,
March 21, 1919.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

Mr. Alvord quite approves your suggestion of printing the proceedings at once and then issuing the index as another extra number of the Review. In case you desire to do this, it may be that this office can help you out with making the index, unless you find it convenient to do it in your office. In case your staff is to make the index, I inclose a copy of the directions left by Miss Hodsdon in regard to this part of the work. I am also inclosing the page proof for Miss Edward's article and I am asking her to send you the name of the person who read the paper at the meeting. I am very sorry that she failed to provide an abstract.

Sincerely yours,

Feila W. Tilton

LWT:HB

March 24, 1919

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
426 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Clarence:-

I should like very much to
review Nicholson's Valley of Democracy,
but am swamped with work and cannot possi-
bly undertake any reviews this spring.

Sincerely yours

B/P

April 31, 1919

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
436 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Clarence:-

Of the four papers read at the Philadelphia meeting of the M. N. H. in December, 1917, I have been unable to locate two in print. These are Cox's paper on "The Mission of General George Matthews on the Florida Frontier" and James's entitled "To What Extent was George Rogers Clark in Control of the Northwest at the Close of the Revolution". If these papers, or either of them, have been printed and I receive the information in time, they can be printed by title in the Proceedings, with reference to the place of publication.

The other two papers read at that meeting, Barker's and Henderson's, have been printed in the M. V. H. R. and in the Tennessee Historical Magazine respectively. Can you help me out in this matter?

Sincerely yours

B/P

P. S. I am returning to you enclosed some correspondence which you may want to keep in your files. ✓

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April 21, 1919.

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

My dear Buck:

You are not forgetting the meeting of the Directors of Historical Activities of the Upper Mississippi Valley to take place at St. Louis? We shall have lots of work to do and a lot of knotty problems to discuss. The meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association begins at 10 o'clock on Thursday, May 8. It is always difficult to hold a committee together when the Association is going on so my suggestion is that we call a meeting of the directors at dinner Wednesday night.

I am so far behind in this matter of war records, although there has been one or two very interesting developments, that I want to hear everything that you fellows have done. I may take Miss Jones down with me, not to get a complete stenographic record of the proceedings, but to get the more important points. If so we will turn off a good copy of the report for everybody.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Alvord

CWA:MJ

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I am sorry to say that we have never seen Cox's paper on "The Mission of General George Matthews on the Florida Frontier" nor James's paper on "To What Extent was George Rogers Clark in Control of the Northwest at the Close of the Revolution". I suppose the only way to find out about them would be to inquire of the authors themselves. Not having a program of the meeting I am not sure of the titles of Barker's and Henderson's papers, but if Barker's was entitled "Stephen F. Austin" it was printed in volume V, page 20 of the M. V. H. R. (June, 1918). Our files of the Tennessee Historical Magazine are not complete, but in the News and Comments of the June, 1918 Review I find a notice that a paper by Henderson entitled "Spanish Conspiracy in Tennessee" was printed in the December, 1917, issue of the Tennessee magazine. If that is not the paper in question it may possibly have appeared in the first issue in 1918. I only know that it did not appear in any of the three subsequent issues for that year. I am sorry not to be able to give you more definite help in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

Peila W. Tilton

LWT:MJ

April 29, 1919

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

My dear Alvord:-

I have been corresponding with Quaife about the meeting of the directors of historical work in connection with the M. V. H. A. meeting in St. Louis, and he is going to issue the call.

I suggested to him that we might meet for breakfast Saturday morning and devote the forenoon to our conference, as I doubt if any of us will care to attend the meeting of the history teachers' section.

Our legislature which has just adjourned established the Minnesota War Records Commission, but appropriated only five thousand dollars a year. This will enable the Commission to supervise and stimulate the work of volunteer committees in the counties and to lay the foundation, we hope, for something more extensive later on. The annual appropriation for the Historical Society remains the same, twenty-five thousand dollars a year.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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May 5, 1919.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Washington Hotel,
St. Louis, Missouri.

My dear Solon:

I simply cannot attend the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association on account of lack of time, but will go down Friday evening to St. Louis in order to be present at the Saturday morning meeting provided that meeting is to be well attended. If you find that it is not to be well attended, please let me know by ~~letter~~ or telegram so that I can stay at home, for every minute is precious to me.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Alvord

CWA:MJ

*P.S. If you telegraph next stay here,
kindly cancel my rooms for self and
secretary at ^{Washington} hotel.*

May 17, 1919

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
426 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Clarence:-

The M. V. H. A. meeting was somewhat of a disappointment to me. I doubt if I should have attended, had I known that so many of the people whom I most wanted to see were going to be quitters. Unless the men who have been leaders in the Association make more successful efforts to attend meetings hereafter, I have grave doubts as to the future of the Association.

Shambaugh blew in Friday noon to appear on the afternoon program, but left for some other meeting in Chicago that night.

You may have been informed already of the outcome of the elections. If not, you will be interested to know that Quaife is now president. Way, Ramsdell, and myself were elected to the Executive Committee in the places of you, Shambaugh, and Violette. Cox was elected chairman of the Executive Committee. The new members of the board of editors are the three suggested by you, Doughty, Henderson, and Willard. I had hoped that there might be an opportunity for Shippee on the board of editors, but your selection strikes me as excellent. Shippee would make a useful member of the board, however, and it might be well to keep him in mind as a possibility next year.

Since I am no longer on the board, I have a very good excuse for declining to take the responsibility for the editing of the Proceedings any longer, except that I will, of course, look after the indexing, etc., to the volume just being completed. As the ordinary duties of the members of the board are not particularly burdensome, I should think that you might be justified in calling upon some one of them to take over this job.

May I take the liberty of suggesting that the collection of the papers and the abstracts, and the preparation of the general account of the meeting be pushed as rapidly as possible in order to avoid some of the difficulties

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which I experienced this year. Beverly Bond was at the meeting, and it might be that he would be willing to prepare the general account. As an alternative, I would suggest Pelzer. Pelzer, by the way, feels that the Department of History of Iowa University is entitled to more recognition than it receives and deplors the failure of most people to distinguish between the Department and the Historical Society. As you doubtless know relations between Pelzer and Shambaugh are distinctly strained.

I received a copy of Cole's book the other day, but as I haven't had time to read Pease's yet, I am afraid that I won't get around to this before next fall. I want very much to read all of the volumes in this series if I can ever find the time for it.

I am sending you under separate cover the paper read by Shortridge at the meeting. My train was so late that I missed the session at which it was read so I borrowed it in order to look it over. I will appreciate it very much if you will decide as soon as possible which of the following papers you want for the Review: Shortridge's, Shippee's, Stephenson's, Holbrook's. I shall be glad to publish in our Bulletin any of these which you do not want and I should like to have one of the first three for the August Bulletin, decision upon which must be made before I leave for the summer. I haven't any idea that you would want Holbrook's paper for the Review, but I will send it along also, as you may be interested in the information which it contains.

Libby was quite disgruntled because we did not have a conference for discussion of war records work, and would like to have an independent conference arranged for some future date. I told him that it would be impossible for me to attend such a conference before September. There were a number of matters with reference to the Washington work which I wanted to take up with the conference. I will endeavor to write out a statement about these matters and send it to each member.

You will be interested to know that the great event is to occur in Duluth on June 30. We expect to be in New York and New England from about July 8 to August 1. We are planning to spend part of the second week in August with the Kellys in Columbus. Will there be any chance of our making connections with you and Mrs. Alvord at any time during the summer?

Sincerely yours

B/P

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May 23, 1919.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Solon:

I am sending you back herewith the papers by Shortridge and Holbrook which seem to me to belong in your quarterly publication.

I was awfully sorry to receive your telegram from St. Louis making it unnecessary for me to go down because I really wanted an excuse to go. On the other hand duty told me to stay at home, particularly as Idress is getting no better. You may not know that she has been sick since the middle of January with flu heart or something of that sort. We have just got a nurse now who is going to stay on the job until she gets well.

We will take care of the Proceedings here. I wish to thank you for your kindness in carrying this work on. Let me know if you made any charge against the Association to pay your assistants. I should think that the Association should *pay for* ~~do~~ this work.

We are sending out communications to everybody in regard to the papers and Beverley Bond has been asked to

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write an account of the meeting and he has promised to do so.

I am rather in Libby's class in regard to the conference on war records work. I should hate to have the meeting without you and yet I should like to have the meeting right off or at least as soon as our legislature adjourns. They are going to give me probably \$10,000 a year and then \$50,000 to publish a history of the 33rd division which has already been written.

I left the great event, as you did, to the last. I wish to goodness that we could be in Duluth on June 30. Idress and I shall leave here ~~August~~^{July} 18 for Massachusetts. I shall send you my complete itinerary when it is worked out. En route we shall stop for a few days in Michigan with the Shermans. The last week in ~~August~~^{July} I should guess that we ~~should~~^{all} be in Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence W. Alvord

CWA:MJ

May 28, 1919

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
426 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Clarence:-

Your letter of May 23 addressed Minnesota Historical Society, Minneapolis, finally reached me this morning at the University.

I am very sorry, indeed, to learn of Mrs. Alvord's illness and I hope that she will recover in time for your vacation.

With reference to the work on the Proceedings, I have made a practice of turning as much as possible of it over to assistants and their services have been paid for by the Association at the rate of fifty cents an hour. This, I think, was in accordance with our understanding when I undertook the work.

I trust that the policy of grouping several issues of the Proceedings into a single volume, consecutively pages, and with a single index, will be continued. I hope to get the index for the current volume ready for the printer before my departure and if we can get the list of members into satisfactory form, they will be included with the index.

I should like to ask your advice about the form of the index. I had planned to follow the style of the Review but I find that you do not make separate entries for subjects, names, etc., within the articles. If we follow the same plan, the index to the Proceedings will be very thin for there are, of course, no notes ~~or~~ reviews in the Proceedings. The earlier volumes of the Proceedings have contained detailed indexes of the material in the articles. Since we are now following the style of the Review in other matters, I am inclined to follow it in this, except that it would seem that the general accounts of the meetings, minutes, and secretary's reports should be indexed more fully.

I want to congratulate you on your prospects for our ~~war~~ records work. We are going to do the best we can

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with our paltry five thousand dollars a year.

Have you received a copy for review of Davidson's book on the Northwest Company, published by the University of California, and if so, is Stevens going to review it for you? If he is, I will plan to reprint the review in our Bulletin, and if not, I want to ask him to review it for the Bulletin.

Will you ask someone in your office to secure for me if possible the present addresses of the following people formerly members of your faculty?

Miss Elizabeth Brush, Theodore Pease, Ray S. Hulce, and John Dent.

I presume that these can be obtained from some one in the president's office. You will doubtless understand why I want them.

I think that our itinerary for the summer will work out so that we can meet you in Pittsfield.

Sincerely yours

B/P

May 31, 1919

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

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

Did you know that Mrs. Paine is sending out letters to the people on the program at St. Louis, asking them for abstracts of their papers to be used by Mr. Hackett in preparing a "resume" of the meeting?

Mr. Shippee received such a letter from her this morning.

Sincerely yours

B.P

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May 31, 1919.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Solon:

First in regard to the index of the Proceedings: I think I should adopt, if I were you, the style of the Review with the modifications you suggest. We have not received a copy of Davidson's book but expect it will be in and will have Stevens review it and have a copy of it sent to you for your bulletin.

The addresses of the people you desire are as follows:

Lieutenant Theodore C. Pease, 238 South Kenilworth Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois.

Captain John Dent, Aircraft Armament Section, Ordnance Department, Washington, D. C.

Miss Elizabeth Brush,
Boulder, Colorado.

Mr. Ray S. Hulce,
Byron, Illinois.

I received a letter today from John Dent. He is not going to return to the University of Illinois.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence

CWA:MJ

Bon Voyage on the new journey. Best wishes to the bride.

July 30, 1919

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

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I am enclosing herein for
your information some correspondence between ✓
Mr. Buck and the Torch Press.

Sincerely yours

Secretary to the superintendent

September 26, 1919

Prof. C. W. Alvord
Sherman House
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

Enclosed you will find the call for the annual meeting of our Conference. Quaife writes me that you are stopping at the Sherman House in Chicago. If so, it will probably not be much trouble for you to make the necessary arrangements for our Conference, particularly, of course, as to a room in which we can meet. I shall send a copy of this letter to Urbana on the chance that you may have left Chicago. In that case I trust that you will make the arrangements by mail.

Have you read the review of Cole's book in the Illinois Catholic Historical Quarterly? Brother Thompson takes two or three vicious whacks at me in it.

I am looking forward to seeing you as there are a number of things that I want to talk over with you. I shall probably get into Chicago about eleven and hope to have a talk with you before the others arrive.

Sincerely yours

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

My dear Solon:

I shall be in Chicago Saturday to meet with the Association and will make arrangements with the Hotel Sherman.

I saw the review in the Illinois Catholic Historical Quarterly and told Mr. Thompson what I thought of it; and I also told the editor of the American Catholic Historical Review what I thought of such tactics, and got a very fine letter from him saying he would see that nothing like it would occur again. I suppose he has a supervising oversight over the smaller Review. I shall be mighty glad to see you.

Sincerely yours,

CW Alvord

CWA:MJ

October 9, 1919

Prof. C. W. Alford
436 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Clarence:-

Enclosed you will find the minutes ✓
of our annual meeting in Chicago.

Permit me to remind you of your
promise to send me, if possible, a set of the galley
proof of your volume in the centennial history. I
should like very much to receive this in the near
future in order that I may use it in connection with
my course in the history of the West which is now
under way.

Sincerely yours

SJB-AW

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THE
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
HISTORICAL REVIEW

CLARENCE W. ALVORD
MANAGING EDITOR

416 LINCOLN HALL, URBANA, ILL.

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

DEAR SIR:

Would it be possible for you to write for this
journal a review (about 300 words) of Hendrick:

The age of big business.

If you consent, a copy of the book will be sent you. The
review should reach me by December 31, 1919 to
be in season for the number.

Very truly yours,

CLARENCE W. ALVORD

Managing Editor.

October 16, 1919.

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WRITERS OF BOOK REVIEWS ARE requested to consider carefully the following suggestions:

1. Reviews of books are addressed to an audience more special than that of the body-articles, consisting, in the case of each book, of those particularly interested in its special subject. While reviews consisting of minute criticisms are not to be deprecated, it is hoped that reviewers will not hesitate to write for the special student rather than for the general reader, with a scientific rather than a literary intention, and with definiteness and precision in criticism, whether favorable or unfavorable.

2. It is desired that the review of a book shall be such as will convey to the reader a clear and comprehensive notion of its nature, of its contents, of its merits, of its place in the literature of the subject, and of the amount of its positive contribution to knowledge. The editors do not favor that type of review which deals with only a part of a book, or makes the book merely a text for a digressive essay. The interests of readers require that the pages headed "Reviews of Books" be filled with reviews in the literal sense; for original contributions, however brief, another place is reserved.

3. It is hoped that the reviewer will take pains, first of all, to apprehend the author's conception of the nature and intent of his book, and to criticize it with

a due regard to its species and purpose. It should, however, be remembered that the review is intended for the information and assistance of readers, and not for the satisfaction of the author of the book. Sympathy, courtesy, a sense of attachment, readiness to make allowance for a different point of view, should not therefore withhold the reviewer from the straightforward expression of adverse judgments sincerely entertained; otherwise, the REVIEW can not fulfill the important function of upholding a high standard of historical writing.

4. Reviewers are asked to take great pains to be exact in their quotations.

5. In order to keep pace with the historical literature as it appears, the REVIEW must contain many book notices. It is therefore imperatively necessary that the reviewer keep within the limits of space indicated to him by the managing editor.* If the review exceeds that length, it will usually have to be reduced, either by the writer or by the managing editor; the process is always disagreeable and the result often unsatisfactory.

6. With the book is sent a transcript of the title, in the form preferred by the editors; the reviewer is asked to paste this at the heading of his review.

7. Typewritten reviews are preferred. If a review is written with a pen, a typewritten copy is prepared at the editorial office and sent to the reviewer for correction. Printed proofs are not sent.

8. Reviews may be signed or unsigned, as the writer may prefer.

THE EDITORS

*In the present case,

's book words.

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416 LINCOLN HALL, URBANA, ILL.

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

DEAR SIR:

I wish to thank you for your kind consent to review
Haynes's book. It is sent to you herewith.
Inclosed please find our customary circular to reviewers, and a
slip giving the title in the form which we prefer. Please paste
the latter at the heading of your review.

Very truly yours,

CLARENCE W. ALVORD

October 16, 1919.

Managing Editor

October 23, 1919

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
426 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Clarence:-

Some how I appear to have no recollection of having given you my "kind consent to review Haynes's book" for which you thank me in your circular note of October 16. I am glad to have the book, however, although I am told that it is a very dull one, and will endeavor to provide you with something in the course of time. Paxson has already reviewed it in the American Historical Review and Shippee has it to review for our Bulletin.

I cannot possibly undertake to review Hendrick's Age of Big Business, principally because I haven't time, but partly because I doubt the propriety of my reviewing a volume in the same series with my own. Moreover, I don't feel that my knowledge of the subject is sufficient to enable me to write a review which would be of any value.

The page proof of your book came from McClurg's this morning. Many, many thanks. It will be of very great assistance to me in my course and it comes just in the nick of time. I have already read the first page or two of the preface and find that you have made a very happy beginning.

You will be interested to know that Carl Russell Fish is to give our annual address in January. His subject will be "American Democracy". It seems that he wrote this address to be delivered at Oxford University, but was called home by his mother's illness, and so was unable to present it there.

I hope that you have got Idress home from Chicago without tiring her very much and that she has continued to improve. When you write, let me know how she is getting along.

Sincerely yours

B/P

October 25, 1919

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
426 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Clarence:-

Observe the enclosed clipping. Wonder what they are up to. ←

I have read several chapters of your book and believe that you have made a very valuable contribution. The style of the French chapters is particularly good. Thinking that it may possibly not be too late to make changes, I am going to call your attention to two or three points.

I think that your statement that Radisson and Groseilliers "probably" reached the Mississippi is too strong. Mr. Upham thinks that they did, but Dr. Folwell and others who have gone into the matter thoroughly, think that they did not.

Aren't you pretty hard on Father Hennepin? (p. 80) Isn't there reason for believing that he was not responsible for his second work containing the "stupendous lie"?

I think that your readers in the Twin Cities will sit up and take notice when they find that you have located both St. Paul and Minneapolis at the Falls of St. Anthony. (p. 82-3)

Sincerely yours

B/P

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October 26, 1919

My dear Solon:

The curators of the Wisconsin Historical Society have just established ^{an} "editor research department" and have appointed Daife to it. They are out for a new superintendent. I want that job and want you ^{to} manage my campaign for me, and I know you will do it. I have already written Paxson to tell him I am a candidate.

Exactly what policy to pursue is difficult to decide, but I believe that the curators should receive letters of eulogium from a goodly number of men. Suppose you write to the men on enclosed list saying that you know Alvord feels that he has

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been unjustly treated at Illinois, owing to
circumstances for which no individual
was wholly responsible, and that you
feel that he can do his best work only
in a new environment, such as will be
offered by Wisconsin. You are therefore ~~making~~
attempting to unite many prominent men
in an effort to secure this position for
him. You will know how to say it.

I needn't point out the advisability of
getting these men on record at the earliest
possible moment.

My tentative list is ~~as~~ follows: Dr Schmidt,
Bolton of California, Andrews of Yale, Turner, Shepard
of Columbia, Jameson, McLaughlin, Dodd (the
historian), Soussat, Laurence J. Burpee, Ottawa,
Canada, Benjamin J. Sulte (same address), Doughty
(over)

McShin^v of Virginia State Library, Barber^v of
Texas, Willard^x of Colorado, Harding.

Have the following write to Father Burke
of the Board of Curators: Father Lawrence J. Kenney^v
St. Louis University, Father Charles Tournhout,
Ste. Genevieve, Mo., Abbé St. George Lindsay,
Archiepiscopal Palace, Quebec.

You may think of others and may know
reasons for not asking some of these. I have
asked Paxson to see that Larson, Cole, and Pease
have a chance to say something as well as the
administrative officers here. I also added your
name.

Sincerely yours
Clarence

November 1, 1919

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

Dear Clarence:-

Your letter of October 26 was duly received and carefully considered. I feel some doubts as to the advisability of the procedure you suggest from several points of view, but I have deferred to your judgment as usual and have written letters to all of the people whose names were on your list.

The enclosed is a copy of the form used, with a pencilled notation of the modification for the Catholics. There appears to be no "Father Burke" among the curators, so I concluded that the man to whom you had reference was probably Father Knox. The enclosed form was used for all except Turner and Schmidt, to whom I wrote special letters.

Whether or not the position is a desirable one for you seems to me to depend upon a number of things which have not yet been divulged, at least to me, the most important of which is the proposed relationship between Quaife and the new superintendent. If Quaife is to have independent authority in matters of research and publications, the position of superintendent will be much less interesting than heretofore, from the point of view of historical scholarship at least. It seems to me that the research and editorial work is the part for which you are pre-eminently fitted. On the other hand, if Quaife is expected merely to carry out the ideas of the new superintendent, I fear that there may be a good deal of friction.

Quaife told me when ^{we} were in Chicago that his salary was only thirty-five hundred dollars, although he was hoping for an increase to four thousand or possibly forty-five hundred. I don't believe that he had the slightest intimation at that time of what was going to happen. They would certainly not give him less in the new position than he has had in the past, and I wonder if their available funds are sufficient to enable them to pay a good salary to the new superintendent in addition. I don't think that you ought to accept the position at less than five thousand.

I am not altogether convinced, moreover, that some means will not be found for providing you with an adequate

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salary at Illinois, and if that could be done, I am inclined to think that you would be better off there and would be able to do more in the way of advancing productive scholarship than you could do at Wisconsin. I don't believe that there is anyone else available who could carry on satisfactorily the work which you have been handling in Illinois. On the other hand, it is very important, of course, that someone be appointed to the Wisconsin position who will help to maintain the spirit of co-operation among state historical agencies which we have so carefully built up. You would do this, of course, but what then would happen to Illinois?

You see I am trying to view the situation from all angles and to take into consideration your interests, those of the Wisconsin society, of the Minnesota society, and of progress in historical work in general.

With reference to myself, while I will not go so far as to say that I would not accept the Wisconsin position under any circumstances, I will say that I am not a candidate for it and it would have to be made very attractive, both financially and otherwise, to induce me to consider it.

Sincerely yours

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My dear Helen:

I meant to write in my letter of last Sunday that any expense to you in the conduct of my campaign for the Wisconsin job will be cheerfully reimbursed. I haven't heard a word from Paxson in acknowledgement of my letter. He probably has nothing to say yet.

Idress makes some improvement but not anything remarkable. After long delay in the hope that Idress might go to St Louis to pick out some remembrance for Elizabeth worthy of her, I have had Craig send up to Idress' bedside a half dozen articles and she has picked one out. It will be shipped to the Hist. Society today. May there go with our love and best wishes.

Sincerely
Clarence

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November 3, 1919.

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

My dear Solon:

Thanks very much for the suggested changes in my book. Two of them, I have adopted; the one in regard to Hennepin, I am letting stand because it is an elegant phrase that I have used and I believe is near enough the truth to get by the critics. If you have other suggestions, let me know, because I doubt whether my book will get to plate proof until the end of this week.

Did you receive my letter of a week ago Sunday? I haven't heard a word.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Alvord

CWA:MJ

Extract from a personal letter
from ~~Prof.~~ Frederick J.
Turner, Prof. of Am. History
at Harvard University, dated
Nov. 7, 1918:

"For Alvord's work in Western
History as editor and collector of the
Illinois ~~historical~~ society, I have
the greatest admiration. No
historical society has done more
scientific work than is shown in the
fields which he has specially covered."

November 8, 1919

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

Dear Clarence:-

The present was received the other day and we are very much delighted with it. Elizabeth will write you about it when she can find the time.

The only additional item with reference to your book which I have is that quotation marks are omitted at the beginning of one of the chapters. Just which one I can't say, as I apparently have lost the note which I made when I observed it, and the proof is at home. You can doubtless locate it without any difficulty, however, if you have not already discovered it.

I presume that you received my letter of November 1. I have received a number of replies to my letters which ought to be gratifying to you. Rather than attempt to tell you what they contain, I will enclose them herewith. This is somewhat unconventional, I suppose, and I trust that you will consider them as confidential and return them to me as soon as you have looked them over. I appear to have been successful in wording my letter so as to conceal the fact that you had anything to do with it, and I think we had better not destroy the illusion.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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Nov.
~~October~~ 10, 1919

My dear Solon:

Let me thank you for the extremely able letter you wrote the crowd. It was most diplomatic. The kind things you said of me were naturally appreciated. I was also glad to see the enclosed letter.

I have heard nothing of the situation except from Miss Kellogg who seems to be very optimistic. Your analysis of the situation there seems to me to be very just and when the issue comes I shall bear your advice in mind. Still I think that a change will be very healthy for me. After the experience of last summer I shall never feel comfortable here.

Sincerely yours

Clarence W. Alvord

P.S. Have you written Paxson?

November 13, 1919

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
426 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Clarence:-

Enclosed herewith you will find some further replies to my letter. Please return these and the others to me at your early convenience.

Turner writes that my letter was the first news he had received of Quaife's resignation. He says he does not wish to "volunteer any unasked advice. The men there might feel that I was 'butting in,' on something that was their own concern. If my opinion is solicited I shall be glad to be of any help in this way. But I know nothing of the situation, which led to Mr. Quaife's action, past, present, or prospective, and so my judgment wouldn't be worth much.

"For Alvord's work in Western history as editor and collector of the Illinois society, I have the greatest admiration. No historical society has done a more scientific work than is shown in the fields which he especially covered. Such an experience of course is a training for dealing with the whole Northwest."

Sincerely yours

B/P

Mr. R. Shepard ✓ *Kennedy ✓*
Broussat ✓ *Knock ✓*
Burpee ✓ *Willard ✓*
Helt ✓
Lindsay ✓

November 20, 1919

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
426 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Clarence:-

Your letter of the tenth with enclosures was duly received. I am sending you herewith a letter from Bolton. If I remember correctly, almost everyone written to has responded favorably to the suggestion. I have heard nothing whatever of the situation. ✓

I have not written to Paxson because it seems to me advisable to conceal my part in the matter so far as possible. Paxson knows my opinion of you very well. I don't think that anything which I could write to him would do any good and it might do harm. Shortly after Quaife was elected superintendent, I heard that the fact that you and I had written letters recommending each other had been commented on unfavorably. Some one, I forget who, told me about that time that I had been considered very favorably by the committee. Whether or not they are considering me at the present time, I have absolutely no idea.

I have been very careful not to give the slightest indication that I am even in a receptive mood. While I will not go so far as to say that I would not accept the appointment under any circumstances, I am pretty sure that the only conditions under which I would even consider it are conditions which they would not be willing to meet. I sincerely hope that you may receive the appointment on terms satisfactory to you, or, failing that, that the affair results in improving your situation in Illinois.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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

My dear Solon:

I have read the correspondence which you enclosed in your letter of November 13 and commend your stand in all matters. It would be quite feasible for me to increase my contribution to the budget at any time that it seems desirable to do so, but until some action is taken by the conference, nothing can be done and your instructions to Mereness not to exceed \$3300 is endorsed.

I wish that you could change your plans so as to attend the Cleveland meeting.

Sincerely yours,

C W Alvord

CWA: MJ

December 13, 1919

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
436 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Clarence:-

I am sending herewith a letter
from Harding which ought to make you feel good. ✓
Please return it at your convenience.

I have not heard a word as to
the situation in Madison. Have you?

Sincerely yours

B/P

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*File
Alvord*

October 30, 1919

Professor Herbert E. Bolton
University of California
Berkeley, California

My dear Mr. Bolton:-

Doubtless you will have heard before this reaches you that the curators of the Wisconsin Historical Society are seeking a new superintendent, Quaife having resigned the position and accepted that of head of the editorial and research department. In view of the position of leadership which Wisconsin has long held in the historical society field, it seems to me that the choice of the new superintendent is a matter of concern to everyone who has the interests of American historical scholarship at heart. The position calls for a man not only professionally equipped for historical work but also possessed of an agreeable personality, breadth of vision, and general executive ability, and, if possible, experienced in the planning and carrying out of historical work on a large scale.

It happens that there is one man who, I think it will be quite generally conceded by those who know him, has all these qualifications and in addition already has an established reputation and complete familiarity with the fields most cultivated by the Wisconsin Society. I refer, of course, to Alvord of Illinois. Perhaps you will wonder what would be gained by transferring Alvord from Illinois to Wisconsin. I happen to know that he feels that he has been unjustly treated at Illinois, owing to circumstances for which no individual was wholly responsible, and believes that he can do his best work in the future only in a new environment such as Wisconsin would offer. From a conversation which I had with him a few weeks ago, I think it doubtful if he will remain long at Illinois under any circumstances and it seems to me that it would be very unfortunate if he should be lost to the field of state historical work.

If you feel as I do about this, may I suggest that you write a letter on the subject to the president of the Board of Curators, Judge E. Ray Stevens, Madison, or to some member of the board whom you may know personally, say Paxson or Fish? I feel sure that your opinion would have considerable weight with the board.

B/P

Sincerely yours

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

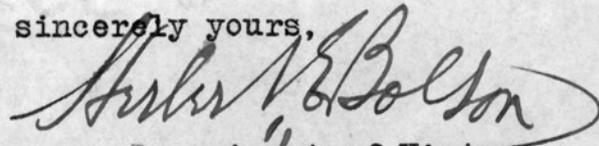
Nov. 13, 1919.

My dear Dr. Buck,

I approve your suggestion of the
name of Alvord for the vacancy in the Wisconsin Historical Society, and I have taken great pleasure in writing a strong letter to Judge E. Ray Stevens, whom I personally know very well.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,



Chairman, Department of History.

HEB/AI

NOV 13 1919

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS

JAMES F. WILLARD
EDITOR

BOULDER, COLORADO

November 10, 1919

Dear Mr. Burt:

Your suggestion of Alvord for the
Wisconsin position is a most excellent one.
I have written to Payson and will write to Fish,
both of whom I know quite well. I hope that
Alvord will get the place - if he wishes to have it.
I did not know that he was not satisfied.

Sincerely yours

James F. Willard

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Archevêché de Québec



Québec, Nov^r 2 1919

Solon J. Buck Esq. Secy^r
Memorial Historical Society
St Paul.

Dear Sir,

I most willingly comply with the request contained in yours of 31st ult., and have just written to the Reverend Patrick Knox, to solicit his influence in favor of my estimable friend, Mr. Hood, for whose ability, erudition and impartiality as an historian I feel ready to vouch.

On a previous occasion I wrote to Father Knox in recommendation of the same gentleman, and I feel confident that it did not injure his prospects.

May I beg to enclose herewith a short article written for a French Review that might perhaps interest you?

I beg to remain Yours truly

Paul Hudon

NOV 10 1919

144 McLeod Street

Ottawa

November 7th

1919.

My Dear Sir,

Surely I will do my
best for our friend Alvord.

I am writing to-day
to Judge Stevens.

If you think of any
other means to help him let
me know, please.

Yours
truly

Benjamin Gault

Mr. Solon J. Buck

Superintendent

Minnesota Historical Society

St Paul

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WISCONSIN

E. RAY STEVENS, JUDGE

NOV 10 - 1919

MADISON, WIS.

1919

Mr
Lawrence J. Purpe
Ottawa

Dear Sir

Permit me to
thank you for your
letter with reference
to Professor Alvord.
It will be presented
to the Committee that
is to nominate the

New Superintendent of
the Historical Society
Sincerely yours
May Stevens

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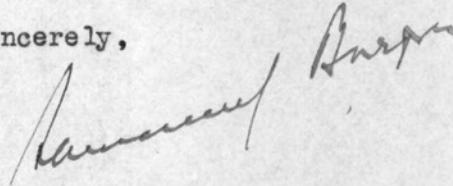
November 3rd, 1919

My dear Dr Buck,

I shall of course be delighted to do anything possible to help Alvord in connection with the Superintendency of the Wisconsin Historical Society, though I doubt very much if anything I can say will have much weight. I am writing Judge Stevens to-day.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



Dr Solon J. Buck,

Superintendent, Minnesota Historical Society,

St Paul

NOV 6 1919

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT

MALLERS BUILDING

5 S. WABASH AVE. CHICAGO

November 4th, 1919.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:-

I was much interested in the import of your letter of November 1st. It shows the broad basis of State Historical work in Wisconsin.

Your analysis shows that Alvord would be an ideal man, but would it be wise to have two close friends as both of these men are to yourself as well as to me in the same building? Then again you know it was a matter of salary that caused the upshot in Urbana. I fully agree with Alvord that there ought to have been an increase. I do not know where the fault lies, but it was impossible to get it through his Springfield appointments.

I have not yet heard from Alvord about the matter. So I will write him a letter, not touching the matter at all, which will probably bring some information. I am in hopes that on the opening of the new Centennial Building in two years a decided change for the better in Alvord's position will be made, although I do not know at present just how. Hence for the present I will not write Judge Stevens. A recommendation would somewhat compromise me, but less so if I would be requested for an opinion by the principals.

With kind wishes,

Sincerely yours,

O. L. Schmidt

NOV 5 1919

Virginia State Library

RICHMOND, VA.

ALL LETTERS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE LIBRARIAN

NOVEMBER 1, 1919.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:-

I have your letter of October 31, and I am writing to Judge E. Ray Stevens as you suggest. I am sorry to know that Dr. Alvord wishes to leave Illinois. He will do equally as good work, however, if he secures the position of Superintendent of the Wisconsin Historical Society, and I hope that he may be successful.

Very truly yours,

H. R. McIlwaine
STATE LIBRARIAN.

NOV 7 1919

424 ST. RONAN STREET
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

November 4, 1919

Dear Mr. Buck:

Thanking you for your
suggestion and am writing Judge
Sherris and Fish accordingly. I
knew of Howard's predicament at
Illinois, though nothing of the
circumstances, of the vacancy at
Wisconsin. Glad to hear.

Sincerely yours
Charles M. Lawrence.

NOV 7 1919

CARNEGIE INSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

J. FRANKLIN JAMESON
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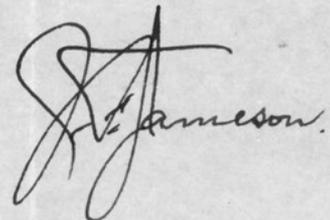
1140 WOODWARD BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 3, 1919.

My dear Dr. Buck:

In compliance with your letter of October 30, I have with much pleasure written to Fish. Judge Stevens I do not know. I do not know how useful it was to write, for Fish and Paxson must know all about Alvord, while I know very little, never having talked with him half an hour in my life until this last September, when for two days I saw quite a little of him, under very pleasant circumstances, at Branford. However, as Fish was one of my old pupils at Brown, he will not think ill of me as butting in upon a matter which is more familiar to him than to me, and may even regard my commendations of Alvord's scholarship and learning and productive energy. Upon these I could and did speak with emphasis and warmth, upon the basis of his printed work, of which we have all read so much, with such pronounced admiration.

Very truly yours,



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

NOV 7 1919



Ottawa November 5th 1919.

Dear Mr Buck,

I have received your letter of the 31st ulto., regarding Alvord. I may have occasion within the next few days to see some of the history men in the States and I shall be glad to put in a good word for our friend.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A.S. Douglas".

Deputy Minister.

Solon J. Buck, Esq.,

Minnesota Historical Society

Saint Paul,

Minn.

NOV 7 1919

University of Chicago

November 9, 1919.

Dear Professor Buck:

It is late to be replying to yours of the 30th October, but too many things have crowded upon me for prompt attention to my correspondence.

I am writing Paxson whom I know well and who will doubtless exert considerable influence in making the selection. But of course Paxson knows all the men in the Middle West better than I do. The appointment you suggest appeals to me as a fit one and there does not seem to me to be any reason it should not be made. As I guess, the matter will not be disposed of till after the meeting of the Historical Association.

Alvord I know well and think most highly of both from the administrative and the scholarly point of view. I expect to see him before ~~very~~ many days and perhaps I can see whether he would really wish ~~to~~ the appointment.

Yours sincerely,

William E. Dodd

St. Patrick's Church

REV. P. B. KNOX, RECTOR

Madison, Wis.

Nov 8 1919

My dear Fr Kenney -

Shall be glad to consider with
our Committee the name of Mr. Alvord
for Supt of our Hist Society. We are
all more or less familiar with his
work & qualifications so I can
assure you - His merit^s shall
have our most careful consideration.

Sincerely yours
P. B. Knox

NOV 10 1919

Columbia University
in the City of New York

FACULTY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

November 6, 1919.

Dear Mr. Buck:

As you suggest, I have written to Messrs. Stevens, Paxson and Fish about the wisdom of selecting Alvord for the position of Superintendent of the Wisconsin Historical Society. I hope that they will recognize what is only too obvious as a course of procedure.

Very truly yours,

William R. Shepherd

Mr. Solon J. Buck,

Saint Paul, Minn.

NOV 10 1919

BROWN UNIVERSITY
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

November 7, 1919

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

My dear Buck:

I thank you for your letter, and have written to Paxson. My
only dubiety is as to the attractiveness of the work to Alvord, if Quaife
(editing)
is to have charge of publication and research.

I am sorry there should have been any friction at Illinois.

Trusting that all is well with you, I am

Cordially yours,

St. Paul, November 7, 1919

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St. Louis University

St. Louis, Nov. 6th 1919.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,
Superintendent, Minn. Hist. Soc.
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Buck, -

You honored me in giving me an opportunity to do a favor for Professor Alvord, for which I thank you. I wrote Father Knox of Madison and said I believed Wisconsin would find it difficult to secure a man in place of Professor Quaife who is so strictly serving the cause of TRUTH in his historical work as Professor Alvord, and that I hoped Wisconsin might obtain his valuable services and so hold her proud eminence in the field of history.

Very sincerely yours,

Laurence J. Kenny
Laurence J. Kenny, S. J.
Professor of History.

NOV 13 1919

St. Louis University

St. Louis, Nov. 10th 1919

Prof. Tolon Duck,
Minn. Hist. Soc.,

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Duck - I thought
the enclosed might give
you pleasure.

Sincerely,
Lawrence J. Kenny, Jr.