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Jan. 19, 1918.

My dear Mr. Buck:

Just a few lines to let you know how the work on the program for the May meeting of the Miss. Val. Hist. Assoc. is progressing. I have received a letter from Professor Guy Stanton Ford saying that as far as he can tell now he will be glad to attend the meeting and speak to us as suggested. I have eighteen acceptances besides him who have agreed to be present to read papers; I have secured several good men and subjects since seeing you at Philadelphia.

At the request of Mrs. Paine I wrote to Rev. Peter Guilday of Washington, D.C., managing editor of the Catholic Historical Review, asking him to present a paper. Mrs. Paine said she believed we could add a number of valuable members to the Association if we could get more of a foothold among the Catholics, and that we could do it thru Rev. Guilday. He says he will be unable to attend, because of duties at the Catholic University of America, but suggested that we might get Rev. Wm. Busch, S.T.L., of St. Paul Seminary, editor of Acta et Dicta, and a clever scholar, to give us a paper. What do you think of him? If you approve, will you kindly make an effort to secure him, or have Mr. Hicks do so, and see that I am notified of his subject in the near future?

What have you thought or decided as to a meeting to be devoted to Local Historical Societies? Do you wish a session devoted to this subject, and if so will you get the men for that part of the program?

As I understand it we are to devote one session

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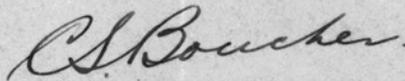
to a joint meeting with the Minnesota Historical Society; another to the Teachers' Section of the Association; another to the annual business meeting; and perhaps another to Local Historical Societies. I think Professor Ford should be given a very prominent place on the program and all the time he desires to speak. We might put him on an evening meeting together with the President's Address, or have him the only speaker at some luncheon. Which do you think preferable?

I shall write to all the people on the program about March first to make sure that I have the exact wording of the titles and that each is still planning to attend the meeting, and will try to have all of my material ready for the program by March 15, so that we can surely go to press with it not later than April first.

Hoping to hear from you in the near future, and welcoming any suggestions you may care to offer, I remain,

Yours kindly,

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



P.S. I received my appointment to to teach (lecture, I believe they call it) in the University of Chicago summer session -- which helps considerably. *C.S.*

January 28, 1918

Mr. C. S. Boucher
Department of History
Washington University
St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Mr. Boucher:-

I have been able to do practically nothing about the Mississippi Valley Historical Association meeting, because of the work of moving into our new building.

The suggestion that Reverend William Busch be asked to give a paper is a very good one, and I will see what can be done. I haven't had time to give any thought to the project of a session devoted to local historical societies, and do not feel at all sure that it would be advisable to attempt anything of this sort. My remarks on this subject were intended to be suggestive only.

You will be glad to know that Professor F. J. Turner has accepted the invitation to deliver our dedicatory address. He has asked that the time be placed on Saturday, and I think we will want to make this the program for Saturday evening. I am inclined to think also that we would like to have a part at least of Saturday afternoon for dedicatory exercises. If we try to put these exercises, with the half dozen ~~remarks~~ remarks which will be necessary, in with the address in the evening, it will make a very crowded program. How would it do to have the business session of the association at two o'clock on Saturday afternoon, and then have our exercises begin, say about three thirty. It might be well to arrange for the business meeting to follow a luncheon as was done at Chicago last year.

I think it would be advisable to have the president's address early in the program, say Thursday evening, to be followed perhaps by a reception in our new building.

I agree with you that Ford should be given a prominent place on the program.

I am sure that if you could see the situation we have been in here, you would excuse my ap

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parent lack of attention to these matters. I am not going to fall down on the job, however, and believe that we will have everything arranged in ample time.

Congratulations on your Chicago summer session appointment. I am very glad to hear of it.

Sincerely yours

February 1, 1918

Mr. C. S. Boucher
Department of History
Washington University
St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Mr. Boucher:-

If you need any more papers for your program, I should like to suggest Professor Lester B. Shippee of the University of Minnesota. He is a new man here, but a very good one, and he gave us an excellent address at the annual meeting of the Minnesota Historical Society last month. His subject you will note from the enclosed circular.

You could also probably secure a paper from Hicks. He gave us one of the very best papers we have had at our council meeting last October. We do not want, of course, to give the impression of overloading the program with local people, but these are both first class men. I might be able to scare up some more papers from members of the Political Science, or Economic Departments at the University if you should run short.

Still another suggestion: Professor Willis M. West, formerly head of the history department at the University, and now farming at Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Although retired, he is very far from being super-annuated, and it would be quite an achievement to get him on the program. Just at present he is in Washington doing some work for the Committee on Public Information, where he can be reached in the care of Dean Ford, 10 Jackson Place.

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Feb. 9, 1918.

Dear Mr. Buck:

Thank you for yours of January 28 and February 1. I had thought of asking Professor Shippee to consent to appear on the program, but thought I would leave the securing of local people to Professor Hicks. However, I have acted upon your suggestion and have written to Professors Shippee, Hicks, and West, asking each to appear on the program, and hope that each will consent to do so.

I approve thoroughly of your suggestions for the program for Saturday afternoon and evening; also of having the President's address Thursday evening, to be followed by a reception in your new building. As chairman of the committee on local arrangements, you should be left free to make our paper and session program fit in with whatever dinners, luncheons, receptions, etc. you can arrange. Any further suggestions from you will be welcome.

Yours kindly,

C. S. Boucher

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

February 13, 1918

Professor C. S. Boucher
Department of History
Washington University
St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Boucher:-

I have your letter of February 9 and am glad to know the progress which you are making.

I had a talk with some of the members of the Department at the University the other evening, and they are agreed that some provision should be made if possible for a session at the University.

If it is not too much trouble, I wish you would send me a tentative outline of the program so far as it is developed. In other words, I should like the names of those who have agreed to read papers, together with their subjects if given, and such groupings as you may have worked out. It will be necessary for me to have something of this sort in order to adjust our arrangements to the program in the most satisfactory manner.

I presume that Saturday forenoon will be the best time for the meeting of the History Teachers' Section. The Twin City History Teachers' Association will doubtless want to cooperate in this program, and may want to have a part in some of the entertaining. This organization is going to have a meeting Saturday night, and I will take up the matter at that time.

Sincerely yours

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Feb. 18, 1918.

My dear Mr. Buck:

I agree with you that at least one session should be held at the University of Minnesota.

Of the twenty-two persons who have agreed to present papers, only about one-third have given me the exact wording of their subjects, and only about one-half have even designated the field or period on which they were at work. I am planning to write to all of them in about ten days and request them to mail me the subjects not later than March 10; I should have them by March 15, at the latest. I shall then forward a copy of the complete list of persons, their position and location, and paper titles, together with some suggestion as to grouping. It seems at present that we shall have enough papers to devote a session to agricultural history; and perhaps another to the Kansas-Nebraska issue and the Civil War.

I think we have talked over all of the special sessions: the joint meetings with the Minnesota Historical Society on Saturday afternoon and evening; the Teachers' session Saturday morning; Professor Ford's address; the President's address; the business meeting. All of the rest of the sessions, whether four or five in number, will be regular four-paper sessions, which you can provide for irrespective of the personnel of the program of each session, it seems to me.

Congratulations on the announcement of your "Illinois in 1818". The folder is attractive and the map presents its historical material very clearly.

More on the program later.

Very sincerely,

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

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Feb. 23, 1918.

Dear Mr. Buck:

I have today written to all the men who have accepted places on the program and have asked them to send me the exact wording of the titles of their papers not later than March 10, as we wanted to go to press with the program March 15.

Of course you will have much to do in connection with the programs for the joint meetings of the two societies, but I think it would also be fitting for you to have a place on one of our regular sessions to present a paper on what you had in mind in regard to the development of Local Historical Societies. It might be a good preliminary stimulus for a whole session devoted to that subject next year. What think you? I hope you will consent to do it.

Will send the material to you as soon as it is all in my hands.

Yours sincerely,



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

March 7, 1918

Professor C. S. Boucher
Washington University
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Boucher:-

I appreciate very much your courtesy in asking me to present a paper at one of the regular sessions of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, but I shall have to ask to be excused. I am going to be altogether too busy for the preparation of such a paper, and moreover, I do not feel that it would be quite appropriate for me to appear on the regular program at this time.

We are still struggling with the completion and equipment of our building and trying to get settled in it, but we are in hopes that things will be running a little more smoothly before long.

Sincerely yours

March 21, 1918

Mr. C. S. Boucher
Department of History
Washington University
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Boucher:-

I have looked over your program and feel that you have done a remarkably good job. Most of these papers ought to be decidedly interesting and significant.

I will push the matter of local arrangements as rapidly as possible, but it will take some time to get things in shape for the program. I am inclined to think that it would be best to have the programs printed here, and if this is done they can be put through in a very few days after the copy is ready. I will take up this matter with Mrs. Paine, however.

Sincerely yours

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April 12, 1918

Professor C. S. Boucher
Washington University
St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Boucher:-

It is customary to have the chairman of the History Teachers' Section of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association preside at the session of that section.

From the minutes of the last meeting, which I happen to have, I find that R. M. Tryon of the University of Chicago was elected chairman. Do you know whether or not he expects to be present and preside? If so, I think his name ought to be included in the program.

Sincerely yours

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Washington University
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April 15, 1918.

I have received no further requests to change the subjects of papers, and suggest that you get the program out without sending the proof to me. You can read proof of my part of the program -- names, positions, subjects, etc. -- as well as I, since I have no material to necessitate a change in what I sent to you.

Here's hoping that we will have a creditable attendance and that you will feel repaid for the great amount of work you have had on your hands in connection with the two society meetings and the dedication of your own new quarters.

I have been working pretty hard lately on a thirty-five thousand word study, "The Secession and Co-operation Movements in South Carolina, 1848 - 1852", which is now in press. Will send you a reprint soon.

With kindest regards, as ever,

Yours sincerely,

C. S. Boucher

My dear Friend:

Your letter just received and I have written at once to Professor Tryon asking him to write directly and at once to you whether he expects to attend the meeting; and in case he is not planning to attend, to give you the name of some member of his committee who is expecting to attend.

If you have every other arrangement completed for the program, I would suggest that you put his name down as presiding officer of the Teachers' Session, without waiting more than a day or so to hear from him, and send the program to press. It should have been in the hands of the members of the association by this time, it seems to me, if we are to get the desired results from the advance issue of the program as a stimulus to attendance, or rather, ^{as} ~~as~~ a reminder of the date and place of the meeting.

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April 24, 1918.

Dear Dr. Buck:

How is the program coming? Some of the people are getting anxious to know just what day they are to appear. Professor J. L. Conger, of Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois, has written me asking the date of the session at which he is to read his paper. If you could inform him at once he would appreciate it.

Have you any suggestion to make as to a hotel which is good, and yet reasonable in rates? To attend two association meetings in one year at such distances, one at Philadelphia and one at Saint Paul, is a pretty hard grade for me to make financially, and I would welcome any tip you can give me on hotels.

With kind regards, as ever,

Yours sincerely,

Boucher.

P.S. I expect to arrive in Saint Paul at 9:40 Thursday morning, May 9, via the Burlington.

C.B.

Wash. Univ., St. Louis, Mo.

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Dear Dr. Buck:

Congratulations on the appearance of the program. It is indeed attractively arranged. Also congratulations on the local arrangements, which are fine.

Sincerely,

A. Baucher.

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

May 3, 1918

Mr. C. S. Boucher
Washington University
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Boucher:-

I received your postal card and was glad to know that you liked the printed program and the local arrangements.

With reference to a hotel, I would suggest the St. Francis, the rates of which are given in the program. If you are a member of the Y. M. C. A., you could doubtless get a room at a lower rate in their building which is located only a few blocks from the Historical Building. I know very little about this, however.

Sincerely yours

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Department of History
Washington University
Saint Louis

May 27, 1918.

My dear Mr. Buck:

I wish to express to you again my appreciation of the very excellent and efficient manner in which you managed the matters of Local Arrangements at the St. Paul meeting of the Miss. Val. Hist. Assoc. I honestly believe that no meeting of the association has ever been better handled, and I doubt whether your standard will ever be surpassed. Mr. Alvord has asked me to write up the meeting for the Review and for the Proceedings; I have just sent in the copy for the Review, the shorter account, and if the account comes to your attention you will notice that I have given all credit for the success of the meeting to the Committee on Local Arrangements.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next meetings of the American and the Miss. Val. Associations, and with kind regards, I remain,

A. Baucher

January 15, 1919

Mr. C. S. Boucher
Washington University
St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Mr. Boucher:-

Shortly after the meeting of the M. V. H. A. held last May, Mr. Alvord asked me to take charge once more of the preparation of the Proceedings for the press and we had some correspondence with reference to the preparation of a general account of the meeting similar to those written by Bond for the meetings in 1916 and 1917.

It was my understanding at that time that Mr. Alvord had arranged for you to prepare such a write up of the 1918 meeting. When the material for the Proceedings was sent on to me from Alvord just recently, I was surprised not to find such an account of the meeting included in it. I wrote to him about it at once, but in order to save time, I thought I had better write to you about it also, and find out just what the situation is.

What is wanted is merely a general account of the meeting, taken up probably session by session, with abstracts of all the papers read; that means, of course, that the one who prepared the account must be supplied either with copies of the papers or with abstracts. In case you have done nothing about this as yet, I trust that you will tackle it as soon as possible, for I should like very much to get the Proceedings out before the St. Louis meeting.

By looking over Bond's articles, you can get an idea of how it has been handled in the past. A number of the papers have already been published in the Review or elsewhere, and consequently are accessible to you for the making of abstracts. As for the others so far as they are in my hands, I will be glad to send them to you, or if you prefer, to have abstracts made here for your use. The material received from Mr. Alvord contains abstracts of some of the papers furnished apparently by the authors themselves.

One other matter which I want to take up with you has to do with Miss Klem's paper. What she has sent in is not a paper at all, but a rather voluminous master's thesis. It would seem to be quite out of keeping with

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the character of the Proceedings to publish this in full, but if she would furnish me with a synopsis or summary of it, or will cut it down as she must have done for reading at the meeting, I will be very glad to include it as a paper in the Proceedings. Certainly the bibliography and the extensive quotations in the foot notes ought not to be included in a publication which is supposed to be composed of papers read at a meeting.

If you are in touch with Miss Klem, will you take this matter up with her and let me know what you think best to do about it. It would be possible for me to have the cutting done here, but I should think that she would prefer to do it herself. If not convenient for you to do this, let me know and I will take the matter up with her directly.

I am looking forward to a good time at St. Louis next April or May, for the responsibility will then be on your shoulders instead of mine.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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Washington University
Saint Louis

Jan. 17, 1919.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

Last spring, on May 23, Mr. Alvord wrote to me asking me to write the general account of the Saint Paul meeting for the Proceedings, and said: "I am now collecting the papers with abstracts and will furnish you with the same when I have them collected." I had heard nothing further about the matter until yesterday; just before your letter arrived, I received a note from him saying that you wanted the manuscript at once. I wrote to him, as I am writing to you, that this is the first I had heard of the matter since last spring, and had received none of the necessary material.

Since you are in a hurry for the material now, and since you have it all there, why not have Shippee or Hicks write the general account? I am perfectly willing to do it, but it might simplify and expedite matters if someone there were to do it.

It seems to me that it would be a good plan to ask every person who presents a paper at a meeting to send a brief abstract of it along with the paper as it is to be published in the proceedings. This would free the one who writes the general account from liability to being charged with having misinterpreted or placed emphasis on the wrong point in the abstract for the shorter account of the paper. It seems to me that such a plan would simplify matters and be more satisfactory to all concerned.

In regard to Miss Klem's paper, I gave her no instructions as to the form for publication in the Proceedings, and have not seen her, indeed, since college closed last June. It seems to me that there should be at least a form letter which could be sent to all people who have papers for publication, giving them some instructions as to maximum length, form, etc. She evidently sent her master's thesis, from which her paper as presented at the meeting was taken. She evidently has no phone here, as I cannot locate her name in the directory. I suggest that you write to her at 3146 Keokuck St., St. Louis, Mo., and ask her to send you her paper as presented, or to cut the one sent to you. If you do not get in touch with her in time to have her manuscript ready by the time you wish to go to press, I suggest that you have someone there cut it, and not leave it out entirely. I probably told her that frequently a paper was printed in the Proceedings in somewhat more extended form than that in which it was read, but that she would receive instructions on that point. Receiving no instructions, she probably sent her thesis as presented here for her degree.

If you still wish to have me prepare the general account of the meeting, please send me the abstracts you have on hand, and have abstracts made of the rest of the papers, if convenient; it will save time and considerable postage to send abstracts rather than the complete papers.

Assuring you that I am always ready to help in any way within my power, I remain, Yours kindly,

C. S. Boucher

January 28, 1919

Professor C. S. Boucher
Washington University
St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Mr. Boucher:-

Your letter of January 17 was received and explains the situation. Alvord apparently laid down on the job.

I quite agree with you that every person who presents a paper at the meeting ought to be asked to send an abstract of it along with the paper. In fact this appears to have been done by Mr. Alvord when he gathered in these papers, for a number of abstracts accompanied them, but it is difficult to get people to pay any attention to a request of this sort.

It does not seem to me that it would be suitable for Shippee or Hicks or anyone else in Minnesota to write the general account in view of the fact that the meeting was held here, and as you worked up the program and presumably took in most of the sessions, I think you are in a better position to write this account than anyone else.

I am sending you herewith a copy of the program on which I have endorsed notes with reference to the different papers. These will be self-explanatory I think. It seems to me no abstracts should be included of the papers which were not actually read at the meeting, even though they may have been sent in later for publication. Such papers might possibly be mentioned by title, either in connection with the session or at the end of the account. In case the paper was neither read nor sent in, it would seem to me a reference to it should be omitted.

With reference to one or two of the papers, I am not sure whether or not they were read. You will doubtless have more definite recollection on this point. This is true especially of the papers by Miss Edwards and Winstan. Abstracts of four papers are enclosed herewith, and others will be sent to you as soon as they can be made; some from here and some from Alvord's office.

Abstracts of Sioussat's address and Gronert's paper you can make from the printed papers. You are not, of course, under any obligation to include these abstracts in full or to use their exact language. They will

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all need some changing to make a smooth and readable article. I think Bond's accounts for the last two years have been very well done and would suggest that you look them over for precedents. You should, however, feel at liberty to handle the thing in a different fashion if you prefer.

I will write to Miss Klem in accordance with your suggestion, and trust that she will supply you with an abstract of her paper.

If possible I trust that you will block out the thing without waiting for the last of the abstracts to come in. It will then be a fairly simple matter to insert the abstracts after they are received.

Kellar has written me that he has been asked to act as chairman of the program committee for the meeting in St. Louis, and has asked me to serve on the committee. I have accepted, but have told him that I would be able to devote very little time to it. He has outlined an elaborate plan for sessions devoted to special subjects. It seems to me that he will find difficulty in organizing the program in this manner and I have suggested to him that he leave the selection of subjects to the men who are asked to present papers in most cases, and then group them later on. He will have to go some if he arranges as good a program as you provided for the meeting here last year. By the way, has the date been set for the meeting in St. Louis as yet?

Sincerely yours

B/P

February 12, 1919

Professor C. S. Boucher
Washington University
St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Boucher:-

Herewith I am sending you abstracts of papers by Lynch, Miss Pierce, Lloyd, Moran, Libby, and Bone. Some of the others have been asked to make their own abstracts and send them directly to you, and Alvord's office has agreed to supply abstracts of three of the papers which are to be published in the March number of the Review.

May I suggest that you go ahead with the article unless you have already done so, using such abstracts as you have and inserting the others if and when they come in. For some papers, we may not be able to get any abstracts at all, in which case all we can do is to state that a paper of such and such a title was read and let it go at that.

The Torch Press is anxious to get the manuscript as soon as possible, as this is a slack time with them. As they do not insist upon having the material in its final order, I am planning to send some of the papers on to them in a few days.

Sincerely yours

B/P

February 17, 1919

Professor C. S. Boucher
Washington University
St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Boucher:-

M. L. Wilson's paper has just
come in, and I am sending you an abstract of it
herewith. How are you coming on? ✓

Sincerely yours

B/P

serve as a matter of
record.

Sincerely
C. S. Boucher.

Klem wrote H. to be expected
to see him coming Sat. i.e. 15.

Bradford ignores all letters
Wilson's sent
Kellar's promised
W. G. Edwards + Coulter
write Mrs. Tillon.

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My dear Buck! —
Just a line to let
you know that I have worked
up all the material as yet
received. Only one abstract
has come from Alward's instructions
to people to send them — Conger's.
I still lack abstracts of
papers by Edwards, Klem,
Coulter, May, Bradford,
Wilson, Kellar, Morehouse.

Will send my account
whenever you say to
wait no longer. Personally,
I don't think these general
accounts amount to much —
i.e. I don't think they are
read by more than a dozen
people. A brief statement
could be included in the
Secretary's annual report,
it seems to me, which would

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Professor C. S. Boucher
Washington University
St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Boucher:-

I have your letter of the eighteenth and am glad to know of the progress which you have made.

I am writing to Alvord's office to see if I cannot stir them up about abstracts of the papers by Miss Edwards and Coulter. Abstracts of Wilson's and Kellar's papers are doubtless in your hands by this time. I have Miss Morehouse's paper, and supposed that I had sent an abstract of it to you. It will be sent in a few days.

With reference to Miss Klem, I have a communication from her dated February 10, in which she said that she expected to see you about her paper on the coming Saturday which would have been the fifteenth. As your letter is dated the eighteenth, I take it that she failed to see you. Will you not communicate with her directly?

Way and Bradford have paid no attention whatever to my letter, so I think there is no use waiting any longer for them.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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934 Oakland Avenue,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
March 1, 1919.

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

Dear Mr. Buck :-

I thank you for your letter of February 27, with the enclosed note relating to the inquiry which I made.

Answering your question regarding plans for the summer and next year, I have applied for the Shevlin Fellowship at the University of Minnesota, and in case I secure it I shall come back to the University and complete my work for the doctor's degree. I am a little uncertain what I shall do if I do not receive the fellowship, but as I am determined to get the degree without any further delay I suppose I would arrange in some way to go to a University. I think I have a fair chance for the Shevlin Fellowship, however. Dr. Ford wrote me a very encouraging letter about it, though of course he does not decide the matter. If I come to Minnesota I shall write a doctor's thesis in American history, probably on one of the subjects which you and I have discussed. I have been wondering if I could take the topic of American-Canadian Relations, with Reference to the Northwest, and put most of my work in on that, but also submit a supplementary piece of work, namely a translation (with a careful introduction and some explanatory notes) of J.W.C. Dietrichson, Travels among the Norwegian Immigrants in the United North American Free States (Stavanger, Norway. 1846). This book has never been translated, and is, I should say, of much more historical value

than Rynning's True Account. I have started work on the book, (which is 124 pages in length) and have already translated about one-third of it. Of course I shall complete it whether or not I can use it for credit. (In taking the degree I feel that I might reasonably get something out of my knowledge of Norwegian. I should like to substitute it for German, but I suppose that is impossible). I am working on several shorter articles at present. One of them is completed under the title The Competition of the Northwestern States for Immigrants. I promised to send it to Mr. Quaife for use in his magazine. I have just had an article published in The North Star, a new Minneapolis magazine edited by Mr. Rorning. That is about how things stand with me at present. If I do come to Minnesota I expect to move from here about June 25th. In that case, I should like to get a position at the Minnesota Historical Society from July 1 until the opening of the University if you have any work there in which you could use me. Do you think you could arrange for that?

Sincerely yours,

Theodore C. Blegen

P.S. I took the liberty of giving your name as a reference in connection with my application for the fellowship.

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Washington University
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My dear Friend, Buck:

Enclosed find the account of the Eleventh Annual, the writing of which has been anything but a labor of love. I realize that the account is disjointed and uneven. But, that is due to the way it has of necessity been written; I began writing it when I received the first installment of material from you, over a month ago, and have been adding to it every week as more stuff came in; even today I added another unit. You can revise it to suit yourself, or leave the darn thing out entirely, as far as I am concerned. I wrote to Way and Bradford, and finally got a response from the former, but not a word from the latter. I have concluded to wait no longer -- so here goes.

We are making some headway with local arrangements for the May meeting here, and believe things will be satisfactory, though we can't show the guests as good a time as you gave us last year.

Am looking forward to a visit with you in May.

Sincerely,

C. S. Baucher

March 11, 1919

Professor C. S. Boucher
Washington University
St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Boucher:-

This is to acknowledge the receipt of the general account of the meeting. I have not had time to look it over as yet, but I am sure that it will serve the purpose satisfactorily.

Some of the papers have already been sent to the press, but I doubt if we can get the thing out by the date of the annual meeting, particularly if we decide to close up the volume with this number and include an index in it.

I appreciate very much the trouble which this job has caused you, and I feel that it is a more valuable service than you think it to be. It seems to me quite important in view of the fact that so many of the papers are not included in the Proceedings, that there should be such a general account of the meeting with abstracts of all the papers so that there will be something on record which will indicate the character of the meeting.

Sincerely yours

B/P

March 15, 1919

Professor C. S. Boucher
Washington University
St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Boucher:-

I have been through your general account of the meeting and consider it a very good piece of work.

You make no mention in it of Miss Edwards' paper. Am I wrong in my impression that that was actually read at the meeting but by someone else than by Miss Edwards? If it was read, I think an abstract of it ought to be included, or at least a reference to it. The paper is to be printed in the March number of the Review, I understand, and doubtless I can extort from Alvord's office in some way an abstract or a copy of the proof from which it can be made.

I am not sure, however, whether your omission of this was due to failure to receive the abstract or to the fact that the paper was not read. If you will set me straight on this point, I will be able to handle it.

Do you still have the copy of the program with notes relative to the various papers which I sent to you? If so, it may save me a little time if you will return it.

Sincerely yours

B/P

MAR 21 1919

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Dear Buck:

This letter explains
the Edwards case. It came
after I sent my account
to you. I have written her
to send abstract to you
at once.

Unfortunately I
threw away all the junk

I had accumulated in writing
the general account as soon
as I received words that you
had it safely in your possession
so the marked program is not
available.

The Edwards paper
was read by Fingley (?) I think.

Sincerely
Yes
Boucher

(over)

LAKE ERIE COLLEGE

PAINESVILLE, O.

March 18, 1919

My dear Mr. Boucher

I've just come across a month-old letter from Mr. Almed asking me to send you an abstract of the paper. I didn't read in St. Paul. Disgraceful as it is to confess it, the thing had gone completely out of my mind. I will try to get it to you by the end of the week if that will be in time. If the editors have lost patience and done it themselves you have only to let me know.

With a Lenten feeling of penitence

(I am
Dear) Very Sincerely yours

Martha L. Edwards

April 26, 1919

Professor C. S. Boucher
Washington University
St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Boucher:-

You and Kellar appear to have worked up a very attractive program for the M. V. H. A. meeting.

Shippee and I are planning to arrive at St. Louis Thursday morning and stay until Saturday night. Stephenson, I understand, will probably not get there before Thursday night, and Holbrook is not sure that he will be able to go.

If you think there is likely to be any difficulty about securing accommodations at the Washington Hotel, you might make reservations for Shippee and myself. A double room, without bath, would be satisfactory provided it has two beds in it. If their double rooms do not have two beds, we would prefer two single rooms.

Sincerely yours

B/P

May 2, 1919

Professor C. S. Boucher
Washington University
St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Boucher:-

Will you assist me in making arrangements for a conference of the directors of state historical work in the Upper Mississippi Valley during the St. Louis meeting?

We should like to take breakfast together on Saturday morning and will probably remain in session during most of the forenoon, as none of us are particularly interested in the meeting of the History Teachers' Section.

There will be not more than seven or eight of us and the most convenient arrangements would probably be for us to have breakfast beginning at nine o'clock in a private dining room at some hotel. Doubtless the arrangements for this can be completed after our arrival in St. Louis.

Sincerely yours

B/P

May 5, 1919

Professor C. S. Boucher
Washington University
St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Boucher:-

It appears now that we may have to change the date for our Conference of directors of plate historical work from breakfast Saturday to dinner Friday.

I am postponing the decision on this point until after my arrival in St. Louis, but thought best to write you in order to make sure that you did not make any binding arrangements for breakfast on Saturday.

Sincerely yours

B/P