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Dale University
New Haven, Connecticut
Allen Johnson
Professor of American History

JUN 26 1918

June 23, 1918.
225 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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

My dear Professor Buck:-

Am I indebted to you for the copies of the Minnesota Historical Bulletin which have been coming to me with such regularity? If so, please accept my thanks. It is refreshing to find Western societies so wide awake. Many of our Eastern historical societies do not justify their existence. As the Irishman put it, they are dead, only they dont know it.

What progress on the manuscript for our Chronicles? I am expecting it on the date set. It is one of the few manuscripts which have been postponed. Professor Becker's came in months ago and is now in type - a beautiful piece of work. In spite of the war, we are making good progress. All but half a dozen manuscripts are in my hands and many are printed. Please dont fail me.

Sincerely yours,

Allen Johnson

July 8, 1918

Professor Allen Johnson
225 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Johnson:-

Under separate cover I am sending you the first five chapters, being about one third of the manuscript for "The Agrarian Crusade." I had hoped until very recently to be able to have the entire manuscript completed approximately on time, but it proved to be impossible. I realize fully that this is a serious delinquency on my part and may greatly inconvenience you and the publishers, but it simply could not be helped.

The real mistake was made when I undertook to write this book when I had so many other duties and obligations. It is useless, I suppose, to waste time and paper with excuses, but my time during the past year has been occupied by a multitude of things, none of which could possibly have been postponed; such things, for example, as selecting equipment for and looking after the moving into our new building, making arrangements for the dedication ceremonies and for the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association which was held here in May, etc., etc.

Under the circumstances I suppose that the best I can do is to keep plugging away at it and finish up the manuscript as soon as possible. If I thought that you could secure anyone else to do it who would do a good job and get it ready any sooner than I can now, I would gladly withdraw in spite of the amount of work which I have put in, but that is obviously impossible.

The material for the remainder of the volume is practically all collected and arranged, and the chapters have been blocked out. I have employed and am employing as much assistance as is feasible. I now have my work arranged so that I spend only the forenoons at the historical society, working afternoons and evenings on the book at my University office where I am not subject to constant interruptions as is the case here. Under these conditions, I believe that the manuscript will be completed within a few weeks.

With reference to the chapters sent in,

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you will note if you compare them with the outline sent to you some time ago, that I have consolidated the first seven chapters as set forth in that outline, into five. It seemed to me that there was danger of giving undue proportion of space to the granger period. I am very anxious to know what you think of these chapters and to receive any suggestions as to changes which you may care to make. At any rate I trust that I may have an opportunity to see them again before they go to press, as I am having a carbon copy read by a friend in whose literary judgment I have great confidence, and there would certainly be a few changes which I would want to make and which would improve the style.

You will probably find too much exposition and not enough biographical material in these chapters. This first phase of the movement does not admit of the introduction of biographical material to any very great extent, because as I have explained in the text, there were few leaders of significance. The discussion of the causes and significance seems to be absolutely necessary if the reader is to have any adequate conception of the movement. I consider that this material in the early chapters forms the foundation in part for the entire book, and I believe that the remaining chapters will have a larger proportion of narrative. Certainly it will be possible to bring in much more biographic material about the populist leaders than was possible in the granger period.

Should you be able to suggest any changes by which the chapters now sent might be improved along these or any other lines, I assure you that they would be welcomed. You will see that I have not used any footnotes. In looking over our correspondence, I find that it was apparently intended that a limited number of footnotes could be used if desired. On the whole, however, it seems to me better to have no footnotes unless one can use enough to indicate to the reader his sources of information throughout. If desired for the sake of uniformity, I can, of course, write some notes.

Sincerely yours

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Dale University
New Haven, Connecticut
Allen Johnson
Professor of American History

225 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

July 21, 1918.

Professor Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Buck:-

I have just finished reading the first chapters of your manuscript and I hasten to express my pleasure that you have made so good a beginning. I shall hope to have the rest of the manuscript in the near future. Of course, I am disappointed not to have it all; ^{now} but I would not if I could select anyone else to do what you have begun so well. You are the man to write the volume - that is clear. Do not feel distressed about the length of these early chapters. It is always well to write the first draft freely. After you have blocked out the whole narrative the parts will shape themselves. I can see places where the second and third chapters can be abbreviated, but I would not venture to cut them until the whole manuscript is in hand. Let me keep these five chapters until you send me the rest; then I will make some specific suggestions.

There is one general suggestion which I will venture now. Do not try to tell all the details of your story. Select always the typical incident or figure or characteristic, and leave something to the reader's imagination. If the curbing of the railroads in Illinois is typical of granger legislation, it is not necessary to describe similar move-

ments in detail. Be wary about using statistics. If they must appear, slip some of them into foot-notes. In general as you know, we are avoiding the use of foot-notes; but an occasional foot-note is permissible. I have in mind, of course, your figures about the growth of the granges. I note what you say about giving the background in these early chapters, and I hope that you will let us see more of the personal side of this interesting movement, in succeeding chapters. You have done well with Kelly and Donnelly. The most successful volumes in the series are precisely those in which the biographical aspects are emphasized. We pedagogues like to talk about "movements", but there are no movements apart from men; and we do not twist history when we describe history in terms of biography, provided of course that we keep our sense of proportion.

So then, push ahead with the other chapters and let me have them as soon as possible. I am greatly encouraged by this first instalment. Good luck to you and cordial regards.

Sincerely yours,

Allen Johnson

July 25, 1918

Professor Allen Johnson
235 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Johnson:-

I have your letter of July 21, and am very much encouraged to know that the first chapters of the manuscript meet with your general approval. Five additional chapters are now ready to send on to you, and two more are drafted. There are to be fourteen in all as it has worked out.

The later chapters are also running too long and doubtless contain too much of detail and too many statistics. These matters can be remedied somewhat in revision, but it seems best to go ahead and finish up the whole manuscript before attempting to cut.

I appreciate very much the suggestions which you make in your letter, and I believe that Bill will be able to apply them in some cases; particularly the point about using typical instances instead of trying to cover the whole ground. I have considerable material about individual characters, but find it difficult to include much of this and still have space enough left to make clear the general development.

I note what you have to say about putting statistics in the footnotes, but I am not yet sure whether or not you want me to insert any footnote references to specific sources of material. This might be desirable, I suppose in the case of a number of long quotations. I wonder if it would not be possible for you to send me copy or proof of the bibliographical note to some one of the volumes in the series so that I can have a definite model to use in preparing mine.

What is the policy with reference to illustrations? I should be glad to make suggestions if you desire them. One or two maps might be used to advantage to illustrate the situation at different times, but they are not essential.

Sincerely yours

B/P

July 29, 1918

Professor Allen Johnson
335 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Johnson:-

I am sending you by mail under separate cover chapters 6-11 inclusive of the manuscript. There are to be three more chapters as follows:

- XII. SILVER AND FUSION
- XIII. THE BATTLE OF THE STANDARDS
- XIV. A concluding chapter for which the name has not yet been selected.

I am sending these chapters along now in order that you may look them over whenever you have an opportunity, and thus be able to return the entire manuscript to me sooner after it is received than might otherwise be the case.

Chapters twelve and thirteen are drafted so that I can tell about how long they will run, and allowing about two thousand words for chapter fourteen, the total will be forty-six thousand words. This can be cut to some extent without difficulty, I am sure, but it will take rather drastic use of the pruning knife to bring it down to forty thousand. I am wondering if you would consider allowing it to run over a little.

I should like to have your advice especially with reference to chapter eight, THE PLIGHT OF THE FARMER. This, as you will note, contains considerable statistical material and I am considering the feasibility of dropping it out as a chapter, and incorporating the essential parts in the succeeding chapters. Upon reading it over, however, it strikes me as quite interesting and readable in spite of the statistics.

I am not registering the manuscript as that would necessitate a trip to the Post-office, and I have a carbon copy which could be substituted if it should fail to reach you.

Sincerely yours

B/P

Dale University
New Haven, Connecticut
Allen Johnson
Professor of American History

AUG 5 1918

225 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.
August 1, 1918.

Professor Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Ass'n,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Buck:-

I have your letter of July twenty-fifth and word from the office stating that your chapters six to eleven have been received. As I am very busy with other work, I shall not attempt to read these till the rest of the chapters are in my hands. I am glad that the book is making such good progress.

There is no objection to occasional footnotes but discussion of sources should be transferred to the bibliographical note. I am enclosing one or two copies of bibliographical notes so that you will have some idea of how to construct yours.

We should be very glad to have suggestions about illustrations and maps. Our maps will be a feature of the series. All the maps are being drawn under the supervision of the American Geographical Society.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Allen Johnson

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225 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

Johnson, Allen

August 1, 1918

Dear Professor Buck:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of the
manuscript of chapters 6 to 11 inclusive of
'Agrarian Crusade' which you are contributing
to the Chronicles of America.

Sincerely yours

W. R. Limer

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

August 17, 1918

Professor Allen Johnson
225 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Johnson:-

Under separate cover I am sending you the last three chapters, 12, 13 and 14, of The Agrarian Crusade. As it stands the manuscript contains somewhere in the neighborhood of forty-six thousand words. Although more than the number assigned to me, this, I take it, is considerably less than the size of either Becker's or Ogg's books, judging from the number of pages as indicated on the page proof of the bibliographies which you sent.

You will understand of course in looking this manuscript over that I have expected to make considerable revision particularly with a view to improving the style. It has seemed best to send it on to you in its present state in order that I may have your suggestions at hand while the revision is underway.

It would be a convenience to me in planning my work if you could indicate now approximately when I may expect to receive the manuscript back from you. I will probably take to the woods about the first of September for a two weeks vacation.

Sincerely yours

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Dale University
New Haven, Connecticut
Allen Johnson
Professor of American History

225 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.
August 18, 1918.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:-

Since my letter acknowledging the receipt of your second installment of chapters, I have received your letter of July twenty-ninth and I note that I have not answered one of your questions. Do not be distressed if you run over your allotted number of words. I had rather have a good book of 46,000 words than an indifferent one of 40,000. I would advise you to write the concluding chapters freely and leave the revision until you have the whole manuscript in shape. Please send me the concluding chapters as soon as possible, so that I may have the whole manuscript before me when I begin a careful reading of it.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Allen Johnson

AUG 23 1918



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Johnson

August 19, 1918

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

Dear Professor Buck:

This is to acknowledge receipt of chapters
12, 13, and 14 of your volume on 'The Agrarian
Crusade' which you are contributing to the Chronicles
of America Series.

Very truly yours

Loretta C. Fox

Secretary to the Assistant Editor

SEP 4 1918

Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut
Allen Johnson
Professor of American History

225 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.
September 1, 1918.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:-

All your chapters are now in my hands and I shall read them at the earliest opportunity. Just when that opportunity will come I am not sure, for I should like to have a little rest myself before college opens. At all events, take your vacation as you planned and I will hold the manuscript until you return. I am enclosing some sample pages to show you what our books are to be.

Sincerely yours,

Allen Johnson

SEP 18 1918

Dale University
New Haven, Connecticut
Allen Johnson
Professor of American History

Written at Brunswick, Maine,
En route to New Haven.

September 16, 1918.

Dear Professor Buck:-

By registered mail I am returning your manuscript, as you requested, with some suggestions for revision. You have done a substantial piece of work, and I thank you heartily for the pains you have taken to make the volume accurate and scholarly. You have vindicated the wisdom of giving a volume of our series to the Agrarian Crusade, for you have conceived of your theme as a unity and have shown that you grasp the balance of parts to the whole. This is an important prerequisite to the writing of any book. I wish that I could go further and praise unreservedly the literary craftsmanship of the volume; but I must be equally frank and say that ^{the} manuscript will need much thoughtful revision and rewriting before it measures up to the literary standard of the series. I note that you have a friend who will aid you in this revision. That is a good move. All of us profit by the honest dispassionate criticism of friends.

As you turn the leaves of the manuscript, you will note that I have pencilled marginal comments quite freely through the first five chapters. These comments touch mainly on stylistic changes. On the whole I like these five chapters, for they held my interest. I cannot say so much of

the middle chapters (VI to X). They seem to me dull and lifeless. And that is why the book falls short of our ideal. We have aimed to make books that will be read with interest and pleasure; we cannot publish dull books without stultifying ourselves.

Now I have studied these dull chapters very carefully and I believe that I know why they are dull. In the first place, you have put in too many details - such as statistics of growths or attendance at conventions, election returns, and so on. These details seemed indispensable to you because you viewed your theme as a logical proposition. Most of your readers, however, will be content with general conclusions and will be bored by details. The few who "wish to be shown" can be satisfied by a few well-selected and compact foot-notes. By eliminating these details you can shorten your manuscript appreciably and secure that movement of narrative which is necessary to hold the readers' interest. I would suggest that you combine chapters 6 and 7; 10 and 11; and rewrite them, keeping constantly in mind the probable impression you will make upon the reader. Hit straight out for the goal of the chapter and drop everything by the way which seems to impede your progress.

Another reason for your failure to sustain the reader's attention is, I think, your neglect of

personalities. You have made every effort, I can see, to introduce the biographical element and you have made an excellent choice of quotations from speeches and campaign material. Nevertheless, you do not make your readers see and feel these persons. Has it occurred to you that you have nowhere described the appearance of the notable leaders like Weaver and Bryan? - Peffer with his flowing whiskers is an exception. - You do not visualize these men yourself, and hence you do not make your reader visualize them. You are satisfied merely to note the facts in their careers. I think, too, you are too restrained in the use of picturesque details. Here and there I catch the atmosphere of a convention and wish for more descriptive writing.

I hope you will not be offended by my frankness. We are working toward a common object and I am finding fault only to be helpful. I believe that with thought you can remedy these defects, for as I have said, you have maintained a good balance between the parts of your book and you have brought together the ^{essential} historical material. Your problem now is to re-shape it. Can you not go to work upon it at once? None of us knows what the next few months have in store, and I should like to be able to send your revised manuscript to the printers next month.

With all good wishes and cordial regards.

Sincerely yours,
Allen Johnson

September 18, 1918

Professor Allen Johnson
225 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Johnson:-

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 1 which arrived after I had left for my vacation. I am now back on the job, quite rejuvenated by two weeks camping and canoeing in northern Minnesota.

When the manuscript with your suggestions arrives, I will push the work of revision as rapidly as possible. The prospects are that I will be very busy this semester teaching sections of the "War Aims" course in the student army training camp at the University, but I shall do the best that I can with the manuscript.

The sample pages which you enclosed are very attractive and I am sure that the format of the set will be something of which we can all be proud.

Sincerely yours

B/P

September 20, 1918

Professor Allen Johnson
Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut

My dear Mr. Johnson:-

Your letter of September 16 and the manuscript have been received. The letter I have read carefully, and the manuscript I have looked over hastily in order to get a general idea of the character of your suggestions.

I assure you that instead of feeling offended at your criticisms, I am very grateful to you for them and I recognize that most if not all of them are very well taken. In extenuation, I might be justified in reminding you that all except the first part of the manuscript was practically a first draft, without any of the revision which I knew that it needed and expected to give to it. Some of the changes which you suggested have already been made in the copy of the manuscript which I retained.

With reference to the campaign of 1896, I was handling it, of course, from the point of view of a history of the Populist Movement, and I can readily see that since the subject is not dealt with elsewhere in the series, more should be said about McKinley and Hanna, and some of the general phases of the campaign.

I note the suggestion on the manuscript that more be made of Governor Taylor of Wisconsin. This I desired to do while writing the chapter, but extensive search failed to bring to light anything more than the barest outlines of his career. I even went so far as to write to the Wisconsin Historical Society for biographical information about him, to which letter I received no reply. I am now jogging them up again and trust that I will receive some information from them.

The work of revision will be pushed as rapidly as possible, but I cannot give any very reliable estimate as to when it will be completed. Things are very much up in the air here at present and I do not know how much of my time during the next few weeks will be required for other things.

Sincerely yours

B/P

Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut
Allen Johnson
Professor of American History

January 14, 1919.

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

My dear Professor Buck:-

The delay in your volume for the Chronicles is becoming very embarrassing. Can you not hasten the revision? I have in my hands Ford's Cleveland and Howland's Roosevelt and I dare not send either to press without having your volume which lies between them. Not the least of my labors is to articulate the volumes, and these three are too closely connected to permit careful editing of any one without the others. Please come to my aid and give ^{me} your volume at once.

Sincerely yours,

Allen Johnson

January 18, 1919

Professor Allen Johnson
Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut

My dear Mr. Johnson:-

The revision of my volume for the Chronicles is approaching completion, and I expect to send to you within a few days all of the manuscript except the last chapter, which is a sort of conclusion, and the bibliography.

I have some ideas about this chapter which will, I think, improve it very materially, and the rest of the manuscript will doubtless be sufficient for purposes of coordination with the other volumes.

I will not take up your time and mine with detailed excuses for the delay, although I have an ample supply -- influenza, War Issues, War Records Commission, and last but not least, winning the heart of a fair maiden. The final item belongs on the other side of the account, for the young lady in question has assisted me very materially in the work of revision.

I realize fully the embarrassment which the delay on this book may have caused you, and I appreciate the courtesy and forbearance with which you have handled the matter.

Sincerely yours

B/P

*Falden
Frank Ricards*

January 28, 1919

Professor Allen Johnson
Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut

My dear Mr. Johnson:-

Doubtless you have received by this time the revised manuscript of chapters 1-12, inclusive, of the "Agrarian Crusade". This was forwarded to you last Saturday by registered mail. I intended to write you a note of explanation and this is the first opportunity I have had.

You will find that I have accepted most of your revisions and have, as a rule, attempted to follow out your suggestions. In addition a considerable number of ~~word~~ changes have been made for the purpose of improving the style and enlivening the material.

I am working on chapter 13 "The Leaven of Radicalism" at the present time and will send it, together with the "Bibliographical Note" as soon as possible. I think this chapter can be materially improved by the addition of some information about the later careers of the populist leaders and also by a re-writing of some of the other parts.

Is it your policy to include an author's preface in the volumes? If so, I should like to make some acknowledgments, but I do not consider this at all necessary. If you want me to write a preface, indicating the character and scope of the work, I shall be glad to do so.

With reference to illustrations, I can't seem to think of anything suitable excepting portraits. We have an excellent painting of Ignatius Donnelly, which we would be glad to have reproduced for you if desired, and I presume that there would be no difficulty in finding satisfactory pictures of the other leaders. If maps are desired, I would suggest one based on the maps in my Granger Movement, showing the extent of agricultural organization in the seventies and two or three showing the extent and distribution of the third party vote in elections, especially the election of 1896.

I enclose herewith a table of contents
of the book. ✓

Sincerely yours

B/P

FEB 5 1919

Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut
Allen Johnson
Professor of American History

February 2, 1919.

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

My dear Buck:-

The manuscript, lacking the last chapter and
bibliographical note, is my hands. I have not read it as yet,
but I shall do so as soon as you give me the last pages.
Many thanks for responding to my urgent letter so promptly.

Sincerely yours,

Allen Johnson

Feb 21 1914
Last chapter and ~~History~~ ^{of}
of Agrarian Crusade received.
many thanks.

A. Johnson



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Professor Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Hist. Society,
St. Paul,
Minn.

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April 7, 1919

Professor Allen Johnson
Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut

My dear Mr. Johnson:

I wonder if you can give me any idea as to the prospects and progression "The Agrarian Crusade". I am inquiring not because of any desire to hurry matters but because I expect to be away during July and August, and I am wondering if the proof is likely to come during this period.

Should any further revision of the manuscript be required, or should my assistance be desired in connection with the illustrations or maps, it is important for me to know it in the near future.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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April 17, 1919

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

I have much pleasure in enclosing check for \$375 in payment of the first instalment for your manuscript, The Agrarian Crusade. The work will be prepared for the printer as soon as possible and a proof will be sent. As near a guess as I can make would be about the middle of May for the proof. There may possibly be some delay but you should receive the proof about that date or not long afterward. It is possible that some part of the manuscript may have to be referred to you before it goes to the printer but my impression is that the work as it stands is in very good shape and that it will make an interesting book.

You are very kind to suggest that you may be able to help us with illustrations. It so happens that we are poor in illustrations for this particular book and should be very thankful for your services in this respect. Could you send us portraits of O. H. Kelley, W. R. Taylor, Ignatius Donnelly, James B. Weaver, Richard P. Bland and any others?

With many thanks, I am

Sincerely yours

Managing Director

Enclosures

April 21, 1919

Mr. Robert Glasgow
Yale University Press
Chronicles of America Agency
225 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Glasgow:-

I am in receipt of
your letter of April 17, together with
the check for \$375. for which please ac-
cept my thanks. I have signed the receipt
and it is returned to you herewith.

Your expressions
of approval of the manuscript are very much
appreciated. I will go into the matter of
portraits at once and will let you know
what we can supply in a day or two.

Sincerely yours

B.P

May 6, 1919

Mr. Robert Glasgow
Yale University Press
225 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Glasgow:-

I have had a search made for portraits suitable for reproduction in my volume, "The Agrarian Crusade" with the following results.

The best picture of O. H. Kelley which I have been able to find is a wood cut between pages 422 and 423 of a book entitled Origin and Progress of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry (Philadelphia, 1875), which I think would reproduce rather well.

Of General Weaver, there is a half tone opposite page 417 of volume 1 of this work entitled Past and Present of Jasper County, Iowa, of which Weaver was editor in chief (Indianapolis, B. F. Bowen Co., 1912).

There is a half tone of Bland as the frontispice to his An American Commoner. The Life and Times of Richard Parks Bland, edited by William V. Byars, (St. Louis, H. L. Conrad, 1900); also on page 87 of Five Famous Missionaries by Wilfred R. Hollester and Harry Norman, (Kansas City, Hudson-Kimberly Publ. Co., 1900).

A steel engraving of William R. Taylor appears opposite page 206 of U. S. Biographical Dictionary and Portrait Gallery, Wisconsin Volume (Chicago, 1877).

The Minnesota Historical Society has a good painting of Ignatius Donnelly which we could have photographed for you if you so desire. We have also a large half tone print which is ~~very~~ ^a good picture but might not reproduce satisfactorily. This can be sent to you if you desire to see it.

Should any of the books referred to not be available for your use there, we would be glad to loan you our copies. It is probable that the Iowa Historical So-

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ciety could supply ~~us~~ with a photograph of Weaver, and the Wisconsin Historical Society ~~with~~ one of Taylor, while one of the Missouri institutions might have a photograph of Bland.

Should you prefer to have a photographic print rather than half tones from which to make your reproductions, I would be glad to take this matter up with my friends in these institutions if you so desire.

Very truly yours

B/P

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May 19, 1919

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

We have been unable to find the book Origin and Progress
of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, quoted in yours of 6th
instant. Would you be good enough to have the woodcut por-
trait of O. H. Kelley to which you refer, in that book, pho-
tographed and send us the photograph of that as well as the
photograph of the painting of Ignatius Donnelly with bill,
and greatly obliged

Sincerely yours

Robert Glasgow

MAY 12 1919



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225 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

May 10, 1919

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

I am obliged for yours of 6th instant and if you would be kind enough to have a photograph made of the painting of Ignatius Donnelly in The Minnesota Historical Society and send it to me with the bill, I shall be still further your debtor. The other portraits I think we can get ourselves.

Sincerely yours

Robert Glasgow

May 26, 1919

Mr. Robert Glasgow
335 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Glasgow:-

In accordance with your requests we have had reproductions made of our painting of Ignatius Donnelly and of the woodcut of O. H. Kelley in his book, and I am sending the prints to you under separate cover. The photographer turned the negatives over to us also and, as I assume that you will have no use for them, I am not sending them on. They will be kept in the files of the Minnesota Historical Society unless you direct otherwise. The charge for reproducing the painting is larger than the other one because it was necessary for them to send a man to the building. If we can be of any further assistance, do not hesitate to let me know. I trust that the proof of the volume will reach me before long as I expect to be very busy with other matters the latter part of June and will be away during July and August.

Sincerely yours

SJB-AW

JUN 1 1919



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May 29, 1919

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

The photographs have not yet arrived but I am much obliged to you for sending them and they will doubtless be in tomorrow. Mr. Burleson is slow lately. In the meantime I am sending check for \$6.50 in payment of the enclosed bills.

Your manuscript is now in the printer's hands for composition and we should have proof within a fortnight, but the printers, like Mr. Burleson, are getting very slow.

Thanks for the leaflet on the Minnesota Historical Society. This is very interesting and you are to be congratulated on the fine place which I suppose you have had a share in making.

Sincerely yours

Robert Glasgow

Enclosures

June 28, 1919

Mr. Robert Glasgow
225 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Glasgow:-

I am leaving tomorrow for a vacation of two months. If the proof of my book, "The Agrarian Crusade" has not been mailed to me as yet, will you please hold it there? I expect to arrive in New York about the middle of July and will get into communication with you then.

From July 5-9, my address will be care of C. F. Kelley, 1951 Summit St., Columbus, Ohio. My address after I reach New York will be 347 Hawthorn St., Brooklyn.

Sincerely yours

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August 13th, 1919.

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

My dear Professor Buck,

We are very anxious to have the Agrarian
Crusade among the ten of the Chronicles published this
fall and, to this end, may I ask that you expedite in
every way compatible with accuracy the reading and
correction of the proof which Mr. Glasgow turned over to
you on July 25th?

When this is accomplished will you be good
enough to mail it to us by Special delivery?

Very truly yours,

John T. Rowland

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August 27, 1919

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

My dear Professor Buck:

The Editor's corrected pages of The Agrarian Crusade have already been received and we are in a position to go ahead with the printing of the book just as soon as we receive your corrections. I wrote to you several weeks ago while you were on vacation and it is quite possible that the letter was never received. Will you please drop me a line and let me know how the work goes, in order that we may be better able to make our plans at this end? We are, of course, extremely anxious to have The Agrarian Crusade included in the ten volumes to be published this fall but the time is getting very short. If you have already made the necessary corrections, may I ask that you return the pages to us by special delivery?

Very truly yours

John T. Rowland

JTR.FH

September 2, 1919

Mr. John T. Rowland
Yale University Press
325 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Rowland:-

Your letter of August 13 awaited me on my return from my vacation a few days ago, and your letter of August 27 has just reached me.

I read the proof of "The Agrarian Crusade" while in New York, but there were quite a number of quotations to be collated, citations to be added, and statements to be verified, part of which could not be done until I got back here and had access to certain newspaper files and other material. I explained this to Mr. Glasgow while in New York, and he understood that I would do this work as soon as possible after my return to St. Paul and get the proof back early in September.

I have now completed the work and am returning the proof to you by special delivery as requested. I trust that the changes which I have indicated will receive careful consideration, as some of them are very important. If I can be of any further assistance in connection with the book, do not hesitate to call upon me. ✓

Enclosed herewith you will find copy for a "Prefatory Note" which I should like very much to have incorporated in the book. Mr. Glasgow and I discussed this when I was in New York and agreed that such a note would be desirable. ✓

Very truly yours

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September 16, 1919

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

Dear Professor Buck:

We have received many requests from purchasers of the Chronicles for information concerning the authors of these delectable books. Not all the purchasers of the Series have Who's Who at hand for reference. We must print a small pamphlet giving the desired information, and as this has to be done, it will be well to print something that will be attractive and interesting.

Would you be good enough to send us a photograph of yourself from which we can have engraved a portrait for this booklet? In addition, would you write in the third person, after the manner of Henry Adams, a short and interesting biographical sketch of yourself for publication with the portrait? About 300 words. Some good comment on your book in the Series, included in the sketch, would be very welcome. We could, of course, take the information from Who's Who, but something more than the bald facts is wanted and of course you can write the sketch better than anyone else.

Professor Solon J. Buck

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That there is a demand among readers for this sort of personal information concerning authors, is clear from the fact that several of the leading magazines, including The Atlantic Monthly, are now publishing such information concerning their contributors in every number.

If you have not at hand a good photograph and need to sit for one, we shall be glad to pay the expense of one copy.

Sincerely yours

YALE UNIVERSITY PRESS



Robert Glasgow

October 6, 1919

Mr. Robert Glasgow
Yale University Press
225 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Glasgow:-

As requested in your letter of September 16 I am sending you herewith a biographical sketch and, under separate cover, a photograph of myself. I am afraid that you will find the biography neither "short" nor "interesting" but it is the best I can do with the available material. You are at liberty, of course, to cut it down or revise it to make it suit your purposes. I observe on looking at your letter again that you suggest inclusion in the sketch of some comment on the book. This had slipped my mind when I prepared the sketch but I think anyway that you can insert this better than can I, for I have not much of an idea as to what sort of a comment you want and I have had very little experience in the advertising game.

Sincerely yours

SJB-AW

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October 8, 1919

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

I have the sketch which you so kindly sent and am exceedingly obliged. The photograph will probably come in tomorrow. If it does not arrive, you will hear from me.

Sincerely yours

Robert Glasgow

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October 10, 1919

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

My dear Professor Buck:

I have just noticed a seeming discrepancy of dates in the revised proof of The Agrarian Crusade. On page 112 the statement is made that a Grand State Alliance was formed in 1888. On the following page it is stated that a second Grand State Alliance was organized which grew with such rapidity that by 1886 there were some 3000 local lodges in the State. This would make the second G. S. A. antedate the first.

My impression is that the 1888 was a typographical error in the Ms and should have been 1878. Will you please set us right on this point at the earliest possible moment as we are holding back the printer from putting this book on the press.

Very truly yours

J. J. Rowland

JTR/FH

October 13, 1919

Mr. J. T. Rowland
Yale University Press
225 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Rowland:-

I am returning to you here-
with the two pages of proof of The Agrarian Crusade
with corrections indicated. The date in question
on page 113 should be 1879 instead of 1888 and four
lines below, the date 1879 should be 1860. Whether
or not these dates were incorrect in the original
manuscript I do not know as my copy of the manuscript
is in my office at the university in Minneapolis.
That is immaterial anyway as the important thing is
to get them corrected and I am very glad indeed that
your reader discovered the discrepancy.

Sincerely yours

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October 13, 1919

Mr. John T. Rowland
Yale University Press
325 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Rowland:-

I am returning to you herewith the two pages of proof of the Agrarian Crusade with corrections indicated. The date in question on page 112 should be 1879 instead of 1888, and four lines below the date 1879 should be 1880. Whether or not these dates were incorrect in the original manuscript I do not know as my copy of the manuscript is in my office at the University in Minneapolis. That is immaterial anyway as the important thing is to get them corrected and I am very glad indeed that your reader discovered the discrepancy.

Sincerely yours

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Solon J. Busch

November 8, 1919

Mr. Robert Glasgow
225 Fifth Ave.,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Glasgow:-

Has The Agrarian Crusade been published as yet? I received a letter from the Harvard Union the other day asking for a complimentary copy which led me to think that possibly the book is out.

I trust that you will send me a few copies in order that I can present them to people to whom I am under obligation for assistance in the preparation of the volume. I should also like to receive a few copies of the booklet containing sketches of the authors of the various volumes in the series when it is ready for distribution.

Sincerely yours

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November 13, 1919

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

I am sorry to report that your Agrarian Crusade is not yet published. It is printed and we expect to send copies for copyright about the 20th or 25th of this month. Owing to the fact that the United States is not in the Copyright Union, this business of copyrighting the books so as to have protection in Great Britain, involves us in some delay. We have to send the books to Newfoundland to be offered for sale there and the formalities in Newfoundland must take place simultaneously with the formalities at Washington. This means a delay of two weeks before we can announce publication.

I will send to you some copies of your book as soon as published and also some copies of the booklet containing sketches and portraits of the authors. This too has been delayed, owing to some of the authors being late in sending in the material.

With kind regards

Sincerely yours

Robert Glasgow

November 30, 1919

Mr. John T. Rowland
Yale University Press
325 Fifth Ave.,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Rowland:-

I am very much chagrined at the confusion caused by my carelessness with reference to the dates of the Farmers' Alliance of Texas in the "Agrarian Crusade".

I find that the date of the establishment of the first "Grand State Alliance" was written correctly "1878" in the first draft, but the first typewritten copies read 1888, as the result doubtless of a slip of the typewriter. When you sent the two pages of proof to me in October, it was evident that 1888 was incorrect. As all the drafts which I retained were in Minneapolis, I was unable to consult them or to ascertain the source from which I had taken the date. I found a statement in another work to the effect that this Alliance was established in 1879 and corrected the proof accordingly. Upon receipt of your telegram of November 17, I investigated the matter more thoroughly and found that the date should be 1878.

The facts are that the alliance movement first got under way in Texas about 1874 or 1875, and the first State Alliance was founded in 1878. This organization went to pieces the following year, however, but in the same year, 1879, a new movement was started in another part of Texas which resulted in the organization of a permanent State Alliance.

The end of your telegram reads "the same date also given for founding of the Alliance in Texas". I do not know to what this refers nor what is meant by "founding". If this has reference to a statement made somewhere else in the book, I will have to have more specific reference, say the chapter and paragraph, before I can locate it and ascertain whether or not it needs revision.

Sincerely yours

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November 25, 1919

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

Dear Professor Buck:

Thank you very much for your telegram and your letter of the 20th. I think we are all straight on the dates now and will not have to trouble you any more. The sentence in my telegram which puzzled you had reference to the permanent Alliance which started in 1879. That is perfectly clear now that the date of founding of the original Alliance has been made a year later.

Sincerely yours

JTR/FH