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"Elmwood"
 Cambridge, Mass.
 September 21, 1918.

Dr. Selen J. Buck, Member
 DIVISION OF HISTORIC HIGHWAYS
 Council of National Advisers
 National Highways Association
 c/o University of Minnesota
 Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

We are sending to you under other cover a copy of our
 150,000 mile NATIONAL HIGHWAY map.

Your name appears on said map as Member of the DIVISION
 OF HISTORIC HIGHWAYS and is underlined thereon in blue pencil.

Please accept same with the compliments of the Associa-
 tion and with our appreciation of your interest and cooperation
 in the cause. We can send you free a limited number of these
 maps for your own distribution.

Yours very truly,
 for *Charles H. Davis*
 President.

September 26, 1918

Mr. Charles H. Davis, President
National Highways Association
Elmwood"
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:-

I desire to thank you for the copy of the "150,000 miles National Highway Map" which you were kind enough to send to me as a member of the Division of Historic Highways of the association.

I have examined this map with much interest and have arranged to have it displayed in the library of the Minnesota Historical Society.

Very truly yours

B/P

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237 St. Albans,
St. Paul, Minn.,
Oct. 5, 1918.

Mr. Buck,
State Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir,

Is it true that the course in
"War Arms" to be offered at the
City Library carries no University
credits? I should think it would
if examinations are given to
those who wish to take them.

Will you kindly inform ^{me} if
this is really true? Mr. Price,
Director of the University
Extension Division so informed
me thru a communication
this week.

Thanking you, I am

Yours respectfully,
Katherine Niedorf.

October 7, 1918

Miss Katharine Niedorf
237 St. Albans St.,
St. Paul, Minnesota

My dear Miss Niedorf:-

You are correct in thinking that Mr. Price was mistaken in his statement to the effect that no University credits would be given for the course in War Aims. At the time when he wrote you, the status of this course in the University itself had not been determined. It has since been decided, however, that it will carry credits as do other courses, and this will apply also to the Extension Course.

Those students in the course who do all the reading and pass the examination satisfactorily may receive two credits for the semester's work.

The meeting of the class was held last week, but only for registration purposes, and the first regular meeting will be held on Wednesday next, October 9, at seven thirty, in the exhibition room of the St. Paul Public Library. It is expected that the class will meet regularly on Wednesdays hereafter, provided, of course, that there are enough registrants (fifteen) to warrant the continuance of the class.

Very truly yours

B/P

November 29, 1919

Professor George Norton Northrop
2213 Grand Ave.,
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Northrop:-

This is to remind you of your engagement to address the Wisconsin Club of St. Paul at its luncheon on Tuesday, December 2, at 12:15 P. M.

The Luncheon will be at the Athletic Club which, as you doubtless know, is located on the corner of Fourth and Cedar Streets. I will meet you in the lobby of the Club at 12:15.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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Livingston Hall, Columbia University, N.Y. May 4.

Dear Buck:-

I was looking over the Minnesota Historical Bulletin tonight and I wish to congratulate you on it and to say that you are doing a great piece of work. The bulletin is dignified, is well written and well put together and is a great asset to the History department at the University. I also congratulate you on pulling off the meeting up there. The program sounds like a very interesting one.

Cordially Yours,

Wallace Notestrom.

May 20, 1918

Professor Wallace Hotestein
Livingston Hall
Columbia University
New York, N. Y.

Dear Hotestein:-

I appreciated very much your note of May 4, for I am always glad to know that the work which I am doing meets with the approval of the other members of the department.

I wish that you could have been here for the M. V. H. A. meeting and the dedication. Everyone in the department took hold and helped and things ran very smoothly.

We were sorry, of course, not to have Ford with us as originally planned, but Moran gave us quite an oration, and Turner's address was exceptionally good. Doubtless you know that Mrs. Ford and the children are back here for the summer.

We are all hoping that both you and Ford will be with us again next fall.

Sincerely yours

Prof. Hotestein

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Inorganic Chemistry—B. S. Hopkins,
H. G. Deming, Jessie Y. Cann,
F. O. Anderegg, H. C. Kremers
Organic Chemistry—Roger Adams,
O. Kamm, W. A. Noyes
Physical Chemistry—R. C. Tolman,
J. G. Dietrichson
Analytical Chemistry—G. McP. Smith,
H. E. Eastlack, S. A. Braley
Food Chemistry—G. D. Beal

Chemical Laboratory

University of Illinois

W. A. Noyes, Director

Industrial Chemistry—S. W. Parr,
D. F. McFarland, C. J. Engelder
Water Chemistry—W. F. Montfort
Physiological Chemistry—H. B. Lewis
Animal Nutrition—H. S. Grindley
Ceramic Chemistry—E. W. Washburn

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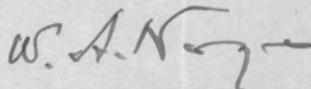
May 18, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:—

The colleagues of Professor C. W. Alvord and Professor S. A. Forbes are to give a simple dinner Wednesday evening, May 29th, at six o'clock at the University Club, in honor of the award of the Loubat Prize in History to Professor Alvord, and of the election of Professor Forbes as a member of the National Academy of Science. If it is possible for you to be present we should all of us be greatly pleased to have you come, and I am sure that Professor Alvord would be especially gratified at your presence on this occasion.

Very sincerely,



On Behalf of the Committee on Invitation.

Loubat Prizes

at Columbia University
Joseph F. Loubat established two prizes, a first prize of one thousand dollars, and a second prize of four hundred dollars, for the best works in the English language upon the history, geography, archeology, ethnology, philology, or numismatics of North America. It is open to anyone wishing to compete. Since 1898 no treatises have been eligible except those involving topics of antiquarian research, or that refer to events before 1776.

These prizes are given from the proceeds of a trust fund of \$7,000 which Mr. Loubat gave the University in 1892. They are awarded every five years. The subjects are divided into two groups, history, geography, and numismatics; and archeology, ethnology, and philology, in which the award is made alternately. The University may call for



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research upon special topics and award the prizes to the persons obtaining the best results, but if none of the specially designated topics are worthy of the prizes they may be awarded to the best works falling within the general field designated.

The awards have been made in the past to the following men: 1893, Henry Adams and A. F. Bandelier; 1898, William Henry Holmes and Franz Boaz; 1908, Herbert L. Osgood and Thomas A. Hughes.

Joseph F. Loubat, Duke de Loubat, is a Frenchman of American birth and interests. He is a patron of archeology and has given much help to many enterprises of that character, including the Loubat prizes for American research at Columbia University, Academie des Inscriptions, University of Berlin, the Royal Swedish Academy, and the Royal Academy of Madrid.



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May 25, 1918

Professor W. A. Noyes
University of Illinois
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Mr. Noyes:-

I appreciated very much your courtesy in inviting me to attend the dinner given to Professor Alvord and Professor Forbes on next Wednesday evening.

Professor Alvord has long been a personal friend of mine, and I have known Professor Forbes for a number of years. It would give me very great pleasure, therefore, to be present on on this occasion, but unfortunately this will be impossible.

Your letter was the first information which I had received of the award of the Loubat prize to Professor Alvord. I am, of course, very greatly pleased at this recognition of his services to the cause of history, and I have already written him to that effect.

Sincerely yours

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February 20, 1919.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:-

The executive council of the American Historical Association has named you a member of the Public Archives Commission for the year 1919 and has directed me as chairman to bring to your notice the fact, that as certain phases of the work have reached the final stage, "the Commission is requested to prepare a report for presentation to the Council at the close of the current year indicating the lines of service which may most appropriately be undertaken in the future".

Have you any fertile ideas on the matter? Do you expect to be in New York at any time between now and the end of next summer? A conference of as many of the members of the Commission as possible, in New York, Philadelphia, or Washington, would be desirable, so I am making a general interrogation.

Personally, I have in my head a plan for broadening the work in the Nation by the creation of "adjunct commission" in virtually every State, whose activities would be within the State, but under a plan of association with the central Public Archives Commission. Let the ideas come forward!

Sincerely yours,

Victor H. Paltsits
Chairman.

VHP-LR.

February 27, 1919

Mr. Victor H. Paltsits
48 Whitson St.,
Forest Hills Gardens
Long Island, New York

My dear Mr. Paltsits:-

I think that your plan for broadening the work of the Public Archives Commission is an excellent one. There are certainly plenty of things that the archives commission can do, and one of these it seems to me is to undertake a vigorous campaign of publicity. Ninety per cent of the members of state legislatures have not the slightest conception of what archives are, and not more than one of the remaining ten per cent realize the importance of giving them proper care.

I am too busy to attempt to formulate any very definite ideas about the future work of the commission at present, but I shall keep the matter in mind and I hope to have an opportunity to talk it over with you some time next summer. I shall probably be in New York during the first two weeks of July, and will be very glad to participate in a conference on the subject.

You will doubtless be interested to know that the matter which brings me to New York is my prospective marriage to an instructor in rhetoric in the University of Minnesota whose home is in Brooklyn.

Sincerely yours

B/P

SEP 16 1919

48 Whitson Street
Forest Hills Gardens, L.I.
New York, Sept. 13, 1919

Dear Dr. Buck:

I hope you are happily
settled in your new estate.

Mr. Leland, of Washington,
called on me today and told
me of Blegen's Report on
archives. I have not seen it
and ask if you could very
kindly see that I may be
supplied with a copy. Your
service will be appreciated.

Best wishes from

Sincerely yours,

Victor H. Pallitsch

September 20, 1919

Mr. Victor H. Paltsits
48 Wilson Street
Forest Hills Gardens, L. I.
New York

Dear Mr. Paltsits:-

Blegen's report on archives was published by the Wisconsin Historical Society. At the time when your letter of September 13 was received, I had not seen it although I had heard that it was out. Since then I have discovered a copy among a lot of stuff which was laid aside for me during my absence. I have not had time to go through it as yet but it appears to be a very valuable piece of work. Doubtless you can secure a copy from Quaife. If not, let me know and I will endeavor to get one for you from Blegen himself, who is to be at the University of Minnesota this year.

Sincerely yours

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48 Whitson Street,
Forest Hills Gardens,
Long Island, New York.

November 16, 1919.

To the Members of the Public Archives Commission of the
American Historical Association:

In a letter received by the Chairman of the Commission in
February, 1919, from the Secretary of the Executive Council, were
these instructions:

"In view of the fact that certain phases of the work of the
Public Archives Commission are approaching completion, the Com-
mission is requested to prepare a report for presentation to the
Council at the close of the current year indicating the lines of
service which may most appropriately be undertaken in the future".

In the American Historical Review of April, 1919, pp.350-351,
the subject was mentioned as follows:

"In the case of the Public Archives Commission, which has nearly
completed its round of activities in connection with the archives
of the several states, provision was made [by the Council] for de-
liberation by Mr. Paltsits and his associates upon a new programme
of work".

Pursuant to these instructions, I addressed letters on February
20, 1919, to the members of the Commission for 1919, asked for
suggestions and expressed the hope that enough members of the
Commission could meet in New York, or Philadelphia, or Washington,

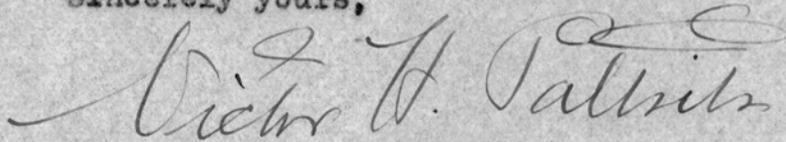
before the autumnal season. This hope has not been realized and hence correspondence must be a last resort in order to secure something like unanimity in the recommendation of plans to the Council.

In my former letter I said I had "in my head a plan for broadening the work in the Nation by the creation of adjunct commissions in virtually every State, whose activities would be within the State but under a plan of association with the central Public Archives Commission".

I am now prepared to present a development of this plan to my associates of the Commission and will appreciate a prompt reply, because the Executive Council has just requested a report "not later than November 25".

The tentative plan is enclosed herewith.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Victor H. Pattison". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Victor H. Pattison".

Chairman.

PLAN FOR REORGANIZATION.

- Article 1. -- There shall continue to be a Public Archives Commission, under the auspices of the American Historical Association.
- Article 2. -- The Commission shall consist of a chairman, a secretary, and a commissioner for each State of the United States. Said persons must be members of the American Historical Association.
- Article 3. -- The officers and commissioners mentioned in Article 2 shall be appointed by the Executive Council of the American Historical Association.
- Article 4. -- Each commissioner appointed as aforesaid for his State shall have authority to appoint two "adjunct commissioners" in his State, to associate with him in promoting the interests of the archives of his State; and each commissioner shall report annually, or oftener when requested so to do, to the chairman of the Commission, with respect to the progress of archival matters in his jurisdiction. The "adjunct members" need not be members of the American Historical Association. The respective State commissioners shall coordinate their work with the national work of archives by their reports and correspondence with the chairman and secretary of the Commission.
- Article 5. -- The chairman shall cooperate in advancing the general interests of archives in the Nation and shall preside at all conferences or other assemblies that are organized by the Commission.
- Article 6. -- The secretary shall keep the records of conferences and other meetings organized by the Commission and conduct the correspondence in cooperation with the chairman and aid him in the preparation of reports, papers, or other materials for publication by the American Historical Association under the usual methods prescribed by the Association for its publications.

November 30, 1919

Mr. Victor H. Paltsits
48 Whitson Street
Forest Hills Gardens
Long Island, New York

My dear Mr. Paltsits:-

Your communication of November 16 is at hand, and your suggested "Plan for Reorganization" of the Public Archives Commission meets with my entire approval.

It seems to me that it would be extremely unfortunate to allow the commission to go out of existence merely because it has completed the round of reports on state archives. This seems to me to be only a preliminary survey of the situation as a basis for the promotion of scientific archives administration which ought to be the main business of the commission. Obviously from this point of view, the work of the commission is far from being completed.

I note that your plan contains no reference to the proposed "Primer of Archival Economy". I should like to see this pushed along. I feel that the commission ought to maintain some general activities and not become merely a clearing house for the state committees.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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November 24, 1919

Dear Dr. Buck:

Thanks for your letter of the 20th instant.

There is no intention of having the Public Archives Commission go out of existence. The idea, I assume, of the Executive Council was, a reorganization along more definite lines for work in the States. The present organization of the Commission has been too much of a chairman's job, with honorary appointments on the Commission. Some men accepted and said they could do nothing, others were willing to help, some did help, but apart from the annual conferences there was very little intercommunication, dependant largely upon how many letters the chairman wrote during a year. To help those States that want legislation for archives, it seemed to me the proposed plan created the machinery, formed a larger body, ~~and~~ invoked correspondence during the year, and a centralization by reports of what has been done in the States. There is also the advantage of those of one State helping a neighboring State. There is also the possibility of regional conferences. In other words, this embryonic plan has many possibilities which the present plan has not. We may still have annual conference and expect a larger attendance, as well as know to whom invitations, etc. should be sent. Hitherto it has been more or less of a hit and miss business.

With respect to the Primer I can say this. I have talked that over a good deal with Mr. Leland. His idea, which seems to me to be a good one, is this. For immediate

practical purposes we have developed the main propositions at conference and the special papers are now finally printed in the annual reports. To make a systematic Primer it seems wise to ask the Executive Council to appoint a small committee for the purpose, to prepare it and nothing else. I assume of course that the Executive Council will provide some funds for this purpose, especially for publication. Several years ago I proposed to the Executive Council a plan for publication either by the A.H.A. or by a regular publisher. I don't think the Executive Council at that time was willing to spend a sou on it. With a larger clientele in the States I should hope that some subsidies could be found to float the costs of printing in a respectable fashion, instead of sticking it into an annual report. The subject deserves more respect than that.

Wishing you the compliments of the season and with the expectation of greeting you at Cleveland next month, I am

Sincerely yours,
Victor H. Pallnitz

December 3, 1919

Mr. Victor H. Paltsits
48 Whitson Street
Forest Hills Gardens
Long Island, New York

Dear Mr. Paltsits:-

Your letter of November 24 was received and I was very glad to have the information which it contains about the plans for an archives primer.

I think that we are in accord with reference to the future of the Public Archives Commission, and I shall be glad to do what I can to help the new plan along. There certainly is a great need for disseminating information about the archives situation and for arousing an enlightened public sentiment in favor of improving that situation. I find that out here some of our prominent business and professional men--men who have had college educations-- don't even know how to pronounce the word "archives", to say nothing of knowing or caring about the situation.

In order to make the various state committees effective, however, I feel that it will be necessary to have a very active central organization which will take the initiative to a considerable extent and will tell the state committees what to do.

I regret to say that I will not have the pleasure of meeting you in Cleveland, as I have decided not to attend the meeting this year. You can count on my assistance and support, however, for any scheme which may have your approval.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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Dec. 6, 1919

Dear Dr. Buck:

Thank you for your letter of the 3d
in regard to the archives' plan.

I suppose your westerner pronounces
archives with a tsch as in anchovies.
I remember a well-known Englishman
doing likewise. But it is as you say,
the densest ignorance exists everywhere as
to what it is all about.

Sorry you cannot be in Cleveland,
but I hope you will have a very merry
Christmas and a prosperous new year.
And I hope it will not be amiss to wish
you a young Buck. Now that I am twice
a granddaddy, I am living life over again.

Sincerely yours,
Victor H. Paltits

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Madison, Wisconsin, April 29, 1918.

President Sioussat has recently constituted the following committee to make a report on procedure for the Mississippi Valley Historical Association:

S. J. Buck
A. C. Cole
John D. Hicks
F. L. Paxson
E. M. Violette.

He has asked the undersigned to act as chairman.

In order to hasten our work, the chairman submits at this time the following memorandum suggesting a scheme for the business affairs of the Association. It is desired that members of the committee make immediate comments and amendments to this scheme and return their materials to the chairman at once, so that a revised draft may be in their hands in time for the annual meeting.

F. L. Paxson

Chairman.

SUGGESTIONS FOR ARRANGEMENTS IN THE MISSISSIPPI
VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

1. Financial policies, so far as they are discretionary and to be handled by a finance committee, consisting of the president, the chairman of the Executive Committee, the editor of the Review, and the secretary-treasurer.
2. All payments are to be made by the secretary-treasurer on vouchers, serial number, and approved by the chairman of the Executive Committee.
3. The secretary-treasurer is to
 - a. Arrange the docket of the proceedings for all public meetings of the M. V. H. A. or its Executive Committee.
 - b. Send minutes of meetings to all members of the Executive Committee.
 - c. Keep the committee lists on file, and advise with the president upon the appointments which he may make.
4. Secure reports from the chairmen of committees by March 1 in each year, and submit a digest of these reports to the Executive Committee before the annual meeting. The term of appointment for committees shall be for one year only, and all appointments are to be announced by the president at the annual meeting.

May 3, 1918

Mr. F. L. Paxson
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Paxson:-

I have read your letter of April 29 and the accompanying "Suggestions for Arrangements", but have not had time to give much thought to them as yet.

I strikes me, however, that the idea of deciding upon a definite procedure in these matters is an excellent one. I see nothing whatever to criticize in your suggestions, nor have I anything additional to propose. I shall be glad to meet with the committee, and would suggest that we get together after the recess on Thursday night or for breakfast Friday morning.

I trust that you will bring a good sized delegation with you from Madison.

Sincerely yours

FREDERIC L. PAXSON
PROFESSOR OF AMERICAN HISTORY
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

MAY 6 1919

629, FRANCES STREET,
MADISON, WISCONSIN.

5/5/18

Dear Buck

I have your note
on the matter of M.H.A. procedure.
The committee is entirely of Stoussat's
suggestion & I have no objection
myself to the present way of proceeding.
I shall send a redrafted paper
to you and Hicks on Wednesday so
that it may ^{be} considered; and since
you will be very busy, I shall ask
Hicks to act as chairman in bringing
the committee together.

It is not going to be
possible for me to get away or

this time, because of pressure
of war activities. Draft is
coming up, however, I understand.

I am sorry I cannot be
with you; and send my best
wishes and congratulations for a
new building.

Cordially yours

Frederic L. Parker

February 21, 1919

Major F. L. Paxson
Chief Economic Mobilization Section
Historical Branch, War College Division
War Department, Washington, D. C.

My dear Paxson:-

Would it be possible for you or Colonel Weeks or someone else connected with the Historical Branch to attend a meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association in St. Louis, May 8-10, and give us some account of the work and plans of the Branch?

Movements are under way in most of the states of the Valley for extensive work upon the history of the war, and I am sure that a representative of the Historical Branch would have something very interesting and important to say. We may arrange for some sort of a conference or round table discussion of this subject.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a bill which has been introduced into both houses of our legislature, and which has a good prospect of passing, although it is possible that the appropriation may be less than the amount requested.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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June 12, 1918

Professor Louis Pelzer
University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

My dear Mr. Pelzer:-

When Miss White of Alvord's office sent me the material for the M. V. H. A. Proceedings for 1916-17, she stated that your paper entitled "Glimpses of Some Old Mississippi River Posts" was "Not yet ready for publication."

I will appreciate it if you will let me know at your earliest convenience the present status of ~~this~~ paper, or will send me the paper itself, if you wish it to be included in the Proceedings. Following the plan adopted last year, I want to publish by title all papers read at the meeting and not included in the Proceedings, together with a statement, if possible, of where they have been or are to be printed.

Mrs. Paine writes me that she has been unable to secure from you a copy of the resolutions adopted at the meeting here last month. I am very anxious to get hold of a copy of these resolutions at the earliest possible moment, as I want to send copies of them to the members of our Local Arrangements Committee. Do you have these resolutions, or can you tell me where they are?

Sincerely yours

JUN 15 1918

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY

June 13, 1918.

Superintendent Sear J. Buck,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear friend Buck:

My paper "Glimpses of Some Old
Mississippi River Posts" forms a part of my volume
published last year on "Marches of the Dragoons in the
Mississippi Valley".

The resolutions adopted at St. Paul last month will be
prepared for publication to-day and will reach you in
a few days. I shall send a duplicate to Mrs. Paine.
My only excuses for the delay in transmitting these reso-
lutions are my two weeks of lecturing at Camp Dodge
and the stress of closing our University year.
I assure you that we had a delightful time at

St. Paul.

Very truly yours,
Louis Pelzer.

June 21, 1918

Mr. Louis A. Pelzer
University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Pelzer:-

I received your letters of
June 13 and 14, and want to thank you for
the information about your paper and also
for the copy of the M. V. H. A. resolutions.

Your excuses for the delay are
very good, indeed, and I am sure that you
are entirely exonerated.

Sincerely yours

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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY

June 14, 1918.

Superintendent S. J. Buck,
St. Paul Minnesota.

Dear Buck:

I enclosed find the resolutions adopted
in St. Paul by the Mississippi Valley Historical Association
last May. I am sending a copy with this mail to Mrs.
Davis. We have no stenographer which fact must apologize
for the written instead of the typed form.

Yours cordially,
Louis Pelzer.

Resolved: that in the death of George Lockhart Rives the profession of history has lost a man of sound and critical ~~scholar~~ scholarship, whose work has been an inspiration to other members of our craft; and that the Mississippi Valley Historical Association recognized in his death the loss of a friend, a supporter, and a guide.

that in the death of Francis Asbury Sampson on February 4, 1918, this Association mourns the loss of one of its founders and ex-presidents; that we recognize the passing of a diligent worker of forty years in the field of Western and of local history, the fruits of whose labors are the common ^{possession} ~~property~~ of historical scholarship in the Mississippi Valley.

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January 8, 1918.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

Would you kindly send me a copy of the pamphlet, parts of which you read at the conference of Historical Societies. I will appreciate it very much if you would send this immediately, as I wish to make use of it before Thursday of next week.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Very truly yours,

A. E. Mc. Kinley

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January 29, 1918.

Dear Sir:

We give ourselves the pleasure of sending, with this, for your examination and acceptance, a copy of the first volume of Ferrero's Rome, entitled;

"A SHORT HISTORY OF ROME"
From the Foundation of the City to
the Fall of the Empire of the West

by

Professor Guglielmo Ferrero,
author of "Greatness and Decline of Rome", "Character and
Events of Roman History", etc.

The present work has been planned to present, for the of students of ancient history, in a compact, while fairly comprehensive narrative, a history of Rome in its two great divisions. In Volume I The Monarchy and the Republic from the Foundation of the City to the Death of Julius Caesar, 754 B.C.-44 B. C. In Volume II, the Roman Empire to the Fall of the Western Empire.

The leading ideas of the work are those which Ferrero has developed in his "Greatness and Decline of Rome"; and the general method of the presentation is similar. The narrative is, however, more concise and swifter in action, as is proper in a work intended for the use of classes. The work does not present a piecemeal account of wars, reforms, and political crisis; but the facts and the events are brought into their actual relationship so as to convey a well rounded and comprehensive picture.

We should be under obligations if you would kindly favor us at your convenience with an expression of opinion as to the value of this History for the special purpose for which it has been planned.

Respectfully,

G. P. PUTNAM'S SONS.

per C.S. R. H. Putnam

March 14, 1918

G. P. Putnam's Sons
2 West 45 St.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

I find that I have neglected to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of Ferrero's Short History of Rome which you were kind enough to send me some time ago.

While I am very glad to have this interesting work, I do not feel that I can express any opinion upon it which would be of value, as it is quite outside my special field which is American History.

Very truly yours

January 11, 1918

Dr. M. M. Quaife
Wisconsin Historical Society
Madison, Wisconsin

My dear Dr. Quaife:-

I am sending you by express, valued at fifty dollars, the transcript of the Civil War Letters about which I wrote you recently. I shall certainly not be offended if you decide not to use them. I think you will find them of considerable interest, but I understand fully that they may not fit in to the plans as well as something else.

Another idea which has occurred to me is to take the file of the Illinois Intelligencer for the year 1818 and make a collection of extracts from it illustrative of life and conditions in Illinois in the year in which it became a state. The University of Illinois has a photostat of this file, the original of which is in the Mercantile Library in St. Louis.

As soon as you ascertain the cost of the repairs on the lights for the photostat, will you kindly notify me in order that I can have a formal order made out and sent through?

With reference to your review of Illinois in 1818, I presume that most people who read it will interpret the sentence in question as you intended, although it is open to the other interpretation. I wanted to make sure, however, just what you did mean when you wrote the sentence. I would prefer not to have any communication about it printed in the Review.

You will be interested to know that McClurg has just brought out a second edition of the book which is to be for sale. It has been improved in some respects, but in others is not as satisfactory as the first edition.

Sincerely yours

June 12, 1918

Dr. M. H. Quaife
Wisconsin Historical Society
Madison, Wisconsin

My dear Mr. Quaife:-

I am in receipt of
and wish to thank you for the extra
copy of Fish's "The Frontier, a World
Problem" which you were kind enough
to send for my personal use.

Sincerely yours

April 30, 1919

Dr. M. M. Quaife
Wisconsin Historical Society
Madison, Wisconsin

My dear Mr. Quaife:-

About two years ago, you sent me a form letter requesting a photograph of myself for your collection of pictures of members of the Wisconsin Historical Society. At that time I had no photograph available and the letter was laid aside until recently when I ran across it in arranging some papers.

In the meantime a local photographer has made a photograph of me for a collection which he has been gathering for the Minnesota Historical Society. Since he insisted upon presenting me with more of these pictures than I know what to do with, I am very glad, indeed, to dispose of one by sending it in for your collection. I trust that your filing case is large enough to hold it.

The blank form which you enclosed with your letter is returned herewith filled out as fully as possible at present.

Sincerely yours

B/P

MAY 7 1919

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

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MADISON

M. M. QUAIFFÉ
Superintendent

May 6, 1919

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I have not yet seen the picture you are sending us, but I have no doubt it either has come to the Library or will come in due time.

Before the matter escapes my attention, I take this opportunity of assuring you of our appreciation of the gift, and of the fact that our request of two years ago for the picture and the biographical information still holds good.

I trust you may have a pleasant and profitable time at Saint Louis.

Sincerely yours,

M. M. Quaiiffé

Superintendent

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Rhodes Scholarships

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Dear Sir:

Your name has been given as a reference by Mr. Marcell T. Johnson of St. Paul who is a candidate for a Rhodes Scholarship in this State this year. I should appreciate it if you would send me a statement concerning the candidate, mentioning what opportunities you have had of knowing him, and giving your full and frank opinion as to his fitness to represent the State at Oxford as regards one or all of the following:

- (1) Qualities of manhood, force of character, and leadership.
- (2) Literary and scholastic ability and attainments.
- (3) Physical vigor, as shown by interest in outdoor sports or in other ways.

Since the election must be held on Nov. 1, 1919 and since the Committee should have as much time as possible to consider the credentials of each candidate beforehand, you will confer a favor both on the candidate and on the Committee by replying at your earliest convenience. Whatever you may say about the candidate will be treated by the Committee as strictly confidential.

Yours very truly,

W. B. Miller

Secretary, Committee of Selection,

State of Minnesota

Rhodes

October 9, 1919

Mr. W. B. Millen
Capital National Bank
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your request for information about Darrell F. Johnson who is a candidate for a Rhodes Scholarship. Mr. Johnson was a student of mine in an advanced course in history last year. He impresses me as being well endowed with the qualities of manhood, force of character, and leadership, but the opportunities for observing manifestations of qualities of this sort in my classes were limited and I have no other source of information about him. As to his "literary and scholastic ability and attainments" I can speak with more definiteness. He did excellent work in my class, showing an ability to think, to analyze material and to write good English. He appears to be well endowed with physical vigor but I have no definite knowledge as to his physical condition or his interest in outdoor sports.

In conclusion I will state that although my acquaintance with Mr. Johnson is not very extensive, my impressions of him are so favorable that I take pleasure in recommending him for the appointment.

Very truly yours

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