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MAR 11 1918

The Literary Board of St. Olaf College

RESOLVED: THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF PRICE CONTROL SHOULD BE MADE PERMANENT

COACH, PROF. RANDOLPH HOLLAND

TRIANGULAR
GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS
HAMLINE
ST. OLAF

DUAL
AUGUSTANA
ST. OLAF

NORTHFIELD, MINN., March 8 1918

Mr. Solon J. Buck,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Gustavus Adolphus College and St. Olaf College are to debate the question resolved: "That the Government's policy of price control should be made permanent," at Northfield, Minn., on Friday evening, March 15th, at seven-thirty o'clock.

The Literary Board of St. Olaf College has requested me to ask you if you would kindly act as one of the three judges at this debate. We would appreciate very much if you could serve as one of the judges at this event.

I am enclosing an addressed envelope for your reply.

Respectfully,
Literary Board of St. Olaf College,
Irwin Jacobson, Sec.

March 11, 1918

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of your letter of March 8 requesting me to act as one of the judges at the debate between the Gustavus Adolphus College and St. Olaf's College next Friday, March 15, at 7:30 P.M. I shall be very glad to serve in this capacity, and will let you know in a day or two, upon what train I will arrive in Northfield. I assume that you will arrange for someone to meet me at the train as I am not acquainted there.

Very truly yours

Literary Board of St. Olaf's College
Mr. Irwin O. Jacobson, Secretary
Northfield, Minnesota.

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Western Union

March 14, 1918

Mr. Irwin O. Jacobson
St. Olaf College
Northfield, Minnesota

Will arrive Northfield Rock Island four twenty Friday.
S. J. Buck

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ST. OLAFNORTHFIELD, MINN., March 12 1918

Mr. Tolon J. Beck,
Saint Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:—

We consider ourselves fortunate to have secured your service to act as one of judges at the Gustavus Adolphus - St. Olaf debate. If you will kindly let us know on what train you will arrive in Northfield, we will be glad to arrange to have some one meet you. We hope that you will be able to appear without fail.

Respectfully,
Literary Board of St. Olaf College,
Irwin O. Jacobson, Sec.

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

W. O. THOMPSON, PRESIDENT

DEPARTMENT OF
AMERICAN HISTORY
GEORGE WELLS KNIGHT
HOMER C. HOCKETT
ARTHUR M. SCHLESINGER
GEORGE A. WOOD
CARL WITKE

COLUMBUS July 21, 1919

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Delaware Street, Southeast,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Buck:

I was much pleased that you thought of me as one who would be interested in the announcement of your marriage. Early in June I met Professor Hardin Craig who informed ^{me} that nuptials were impending and he spoke in enthusiastic admiration of Mrs. Buck. So I am not constrained to say, as one frequently is on such occasions, that no doubt you are to be congratulated upon your selection of a helpmate. The element of uncertainty is absent from the present equation. I trust that Mrs. Schlesinger and I may have the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Buck.

No doubt you know that Hockett is to have his sabbatical leave this coming year and is planning to spend it in study at the University of Pennsylvania. I also am about to sever my relations with the university, permanently, to go to the University of Iowa.

With cordial good wishes I am

Sincerely yours,

A. M. Schlesinger

JUL 24 1919

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W. O. THOMPSON, PRESIDENT

COLUMBUS July 22, 1919

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

My dear Buck:

I happened to come across Charles Kelley yesterday and he told me of your recent visit in the city and of your attempt to see Mrs. Schlesinger and myself. . We were greatly disappointed to have missed you, I need not say. He also informed me that you had something to tell me with reference to Shambaugh and suggested that if I wrote to ~~me~~^{you} you would probably be willing to put it into writing. Let me say in this connection that when I was in Iowa City several weeks ago I got several inklings that things were not at all well with Shambaugh and the History Department. This distressed me greatly because I have always been accustomed to the very closest cooperation between the political science folks and the history people. I shall regard anything you say as in the strictest confidence. I only regret that I was denied the satisfaction of a personal chat.

Faithfully yours,

A. M. Schlesinger

September 5, 1919

Professor Arthur M. Schlesinger
Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio

My dear Schlesinger:-

Your letters of July 21 and 23 both reached me in the course of considerable time. Your congratulations are much appreciated, and I was very sorry that we failed to make connections with you while we were in Columbus.

With reference to the situation in Iowa, I don't know as there is anything that I can say. Most of it is too indefinite to put in writing. I have had long talks with both Shambaugh and Pelzer at various times and am on very good terms with each of them. The difficulty seems to be, not so much between two departments of the University, as between the historical society and the department of history.

Several months ago I heard that a well-known man from one of the western universities had turned down an offer of the Iowa position because of this situation. He felt, so I was told, that he would be completely over-shadowed by the superintendent of the historical society. In spite of this situation, I am very glad, indeed, to know that you are going to Iowa and I believe that you will be able to work out a satisfactory relationship in the course of time. I have followed your work with interest for a number of years and have felt sure that you would land something good before very long.

I take it that you will not be in a position to take an active part in the work of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, and I shall doubtless see you at some of the meetings of that organization as well as at those of the American Historical Association.

Sincerely yours

B/P

SEP 11 1918

THE IOWA STATE COLLEGE OF
AGRICULTURE AND MECHANIC ARTS
AMES

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ORANGE H. CESSNA, PROFESSOR

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

LOUIS B. SCHMIDT, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
AND LECTURER ON WAR AIMS IN THE UNITED
STATES ARMY SCHOOL FOR WAR TRAINING
AT AMES

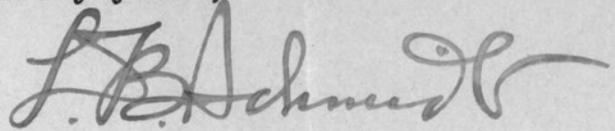
September 10, 1918.

My dear Dr. Buck:

I am sending you herewith under separate cover a reprint of my paper on "The Influence of Wheat and Cotton on Anglo-American Relations during the Civil War". I thought possibly you might care to read it inasmuch as you have a special interest in this period of our history.

I recall with pleasure the good visit I had with you in St. Paul last spring and trust it may be repeated in the near future, possibly at St. Louis next spring.

Very sincerely yours,



Dr. Solon Justus Buck,
Superintendent State Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

S/W

B/P

September 16, 1918

Mr. Louis B. Schmidt
Department of History
Iowa State College of
Agriculture and Mechanic Arts
Ames, Iowa

My dear Mr. Schmidt:-

I want to thank you for the separate of your paper entitled "The Influence of Wheat and Cotton on Anglo-American Relations during the Civil War", which I find waiting me upon returning from a vacation.

I had already made note of the paper in the Iowa Journal and am very glad to have a copy of it in this form.

Sincerely yours

B/P

September 13, 1918

Mr. Louis B. Schmidt
Department of History
Iowa State College of
Agriculture and Mechanic Arts
Ames, Iowa

My dear Mr. Schmidt:-

Dr. Buck is away at present on a short vacation, and I wish to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the reprint of your paper on "The Influence of Wheat and Cotton on Anglo-American Relations during the Civil War." I am sure he will enjoy reading this article very much, and it will be turned over to him immediately upon his return.

Very truly yours

Secretary to the superintendent

NOV 2 1918

THE IOWA STATE COLLEGE OF
AGRICULTURE AND MECHANIC ARTS
AMES

ORANGE H. CESSNA, PROFESSOR

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

LOUIS B. SCHMIDT, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE
WAR AIMS COURSE

October 30, 1918

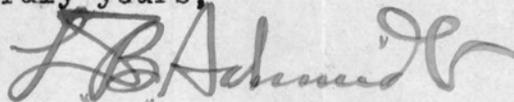
My dear Professor Buck:

I am looking for a competent man to fill a vacancy in the War Issues Work for the Academic year 1918-19.

The position will be that of Lecturer in the Department of History and the duties connected with this position will be to take charge of four or five sections of S.A.T.C. students taking War Issues work: these sections meeting twice a week. The work of the Lecturer will be to conduct these classes on the text book assignments and the lectures given by Dr. Brindley and myself on the Issues of the War. The students are also to be directed in the study of war documents including President Wilson's messages, etc. If you have some man in mind that you feel that you can recommend for this position, please write me at once giving information regarding his training and experience and also request him to write me at once, indicating the minimum salary for which he would consent to come.

It will be necessary for us to secure some one for this position in time so that the appointee may take up his duties not later than Monday, November 11 and earlier if possible. Since haste is necessary I would suggest that, in the event you have some one to recommend, you would telegraph me, (or have the candidate to do so) at my expense.

Very truly yours,



Dr. Solon J. Buck,

Superintendent Minnesota State Historical Society

St. Paul, Minnesota.

S-W

November 4, 1918

Professor L. B. Schmidt
Iowa State College
Ames, Iowa

My dear Professor Schmidt:-

Your letter arrived Saturday and I took the matter up with other members of the Department at the University, but none of us were able to think of an available person to recommend for the position.

This morning I took the matter up with Mr. Schulz, state superintendent of schools, and he has recommended two people. The first of these, Peter Olesen of Cloquet, I have just wired you about. Although I never saw him until this morning, I believe that he has the requisite qualifications for the work. He is a graduate of Hamline and had some graduate work at the University. He was born in Schleswig and is thirty-nine years old. He does not wish to sever his connections with Cloquet, but the town having been wiped out by fire, he thinks it probable that it would be best for him to take another position for the rest of this year or for a few months at least.

He seemed to be unwilling to state what salary he would consider, but asked me to inform you that he had been receiving twenty-nine hundred and to request you to indicate what salary you could pay.

The other person recommended by Mr. Schulz is Mr. E. E. McIntyre, who has been superintendent of various schools in Minnesota for about twenty-five years, his last position being at International Falls. He has now retired and lives on a farm at Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Mr. Schulz thought that he might possibly be induced to undertake this work.

Sincerely yours

B/P

Day letter collect

Western Union

November 4, 1918

L. B. Schmidt
Iowa State College
Ames, Iowa

Peter Olesen, superintendent schools Cloquet destroyed by forest fires, seems to be well equipped for your position. Salary at Cloquet was twenty-nine hundred. Would consider less in this emergency. If interested wire or write him at Cloquet, stating salary.

Solon J. Buck

JUL 28 1919

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT
MALLERS BUILDING
5 S. WABASH AVE. CHICAGO

July 24th, 1919.

Dr. Solon Justin Buck,
Supt. of Minnesota Historical Society,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Dr. Buck:-

I was much pleased to receive the announcement of your marriage. I am sure that your new life will be a recreation to you so that all your work will proceed with greater vigor than ever.

I am always pleased to hear of you, because I remember what a big step it was for you to cast the die for Minnesota against Illinois, but the new step certainly speaks of your success there.

I am very anxious to meet Mrs. Buck sometime; meanwhile with my best wishes and kindest regards to Mrs. Buck and yourself, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



November 1, 1919

Dr. O. L. Schmidt
5 S. Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

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

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

The probabilities are that you know more about the situation, both in Illinois and in Wisconsin, than I do, but if you think that the appointment of Alvord to the Wisconsin position would be desirable, both from the point of view of his interests and from that of the Wisconsin Historical Society, may I suggest that you write a letter on the subject to the president of the Board of Curators, Judge E. Ray Stevens, Madison, or to some member of the board whom you know personally, unless, of course, you feel that your

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official possession with the Illinois State Historical Library would make such action inadvisable. I feel sure that your opinion would have considerable weight with the board.

Sincerely yours

August 20, 1918

Professor Benjamin F. Shambaugh
State Historical Society of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa.

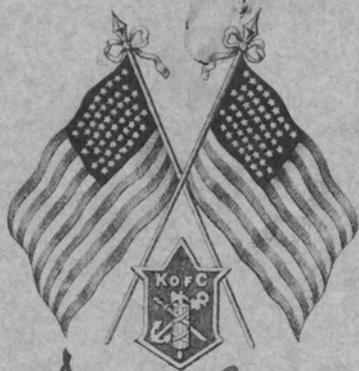
My dear Mr. Shambaugh:-

In checking over my personal set of Iowa and War preparatory to binding the first twelve numbers, I find that I lack Number 11 entitled "The Spirit Lake Massacre." I do not think I ever received this and, if I did, it has been mislaid. If it is not asking too much I should like to receive a copy in order that my file may be complete. I am very much interested in this method of popularizing history and I assure you that your courtesy in keeping my name on the mailing list is fully appreciated.

Sincerely yours

SJB-AW

Knights of Columbus
OVERSEAS SERVICE



ON ACTIVE SERVICE WITH
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

A.P.O. 791- Laigues

DATE Jan. 6-19

Dear Bro. S. J.:

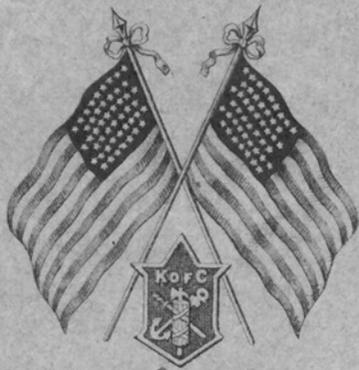
From the tone of Pee Smith's letter I am led (likely following the route he intends) to believe you may be slightly peeved because two cards represent the total of news from me. Why damn your old soul, if you only knew (and I'm telling you now so no excuses) that said cards with one to "Brojents" was the total of my correspondence, in France (fairly excluded of course) until I reached here. Now wrap that up in your next roll of cabbage leaves and smoke it will you!

I've wondered several times if the "gang" (C.C. gang - heavens if they knew a "C.C." in the army is a little aid to Nature that is worse than salts, castor oil and Nujol oil

put together the Club would be forced to seek a new name). Now let's go back and start again - did you ever locate Saigues on the map? I forgot it would be as difficult as finding Milledgville on a U.S. map. In case it is still lost to you I'll tell where they are now hiding the teacot. It's in the State of Cote d'Or (first cousin to Barn Door) on the main drag between Châtillon-sur-Seine and Jonnerre (State of Yonne). You see we are in France, in the A. E. F., and in the State of Unrest due to uncertainty about whether we wait for the Atlantic to freeze over or hire row boats to get home. We are not far from Chaumont which is G.H.Q. (General Headquarters) for the A.E.F. But that doesn't seem to do us any good that I can see. All the region around here is divided into straining districts used by the "millionaires." Yes straining is good.

I'm having some trouble with my eyes today. The sun came out for all of ten minutes and I'm nearly blinded as a result. If they ever decide to move us home all they will have to do is wait half an hour for the next shower, then

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A. P. O. _____

DATE _____

Sail the boat up to our front door.
But they may decide to take us to the
Coast in row boats. Why the chickens
have webbed feet and quack for their
Chow. "Dunny France" it may have
been "avant la guerre" mais maintenant
c'est finis (Rotten French isn't it but
you should hear me parley it. Then it's
a regular St. Bartholomew's Day). But I
can get even with anyone who laughs at
it. I'll just shrug my shoulders, throw
out my hands like a Jew selling a new
suit, screw up my face and say "C'est
la guerre." Heavens you can blame any-
thing from the high cost of cheese to
the blow in the nose on that animal.
I often tell them about the fact that
Toch and a few others say the guerre is
finis but it never draws any cheers
from the merchant I try it on. Instead
it usually draws another fraud to the

price.

Once upon a time we were kidded into believing you didn't need any money over here. Well many are forced to try it by lost service records - but their comments would never get by any censor. And if you do buy anything a franc goes like a five cent piece at home. Nothing is less than a franc unless that cinq-hont-hont Centimes comes in once in a while. Oranges are cinq-hont-hont a piece, two for a franc, etc, etc. Why they are sure each of us has a big hunk of the U.S. Treasury scattered around among our pockets.

Time to go to the billet and listen to the "Articles of War".

Olivier oil, mon frere
Cecil

OK
Vance Roddley
1st Lt. Sc

Corpl. Cecil Shirk
Co. 306 Fed. Signal Bn.
A.P.O. 791 A.C.F.

A.M. EX. F.

**Knights of Columbus
OVERSEAS SERVICE**

FROM

*Knights of Columbus
C.O. 306 Field St. Bk.
A.P. 791 Det.*



*Dr. Selow J. Paul
428 Walnut St. S.E.
Minneapolis,
Minn.
U.S.A.*



*Frank R. Appleby
1st Lt. 37th Co.*

JAN 21 1918

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BROWN UNIVERSITY
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

January 18, 1918

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

Dear Sir:-

Professor C. W. Alverd has recently submitted to me his resignation as Managing Editor of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. In reply to a letter in which I asked him to reconsider this action, he has written that his decision is final. He has agreed, however, to see through the press the March number, which completes the present volume, and to go ahead with that for June, if necessary. He hopes that the election of his successor may be announced at the May meeting of the Association.

The election of the Managing Editor is vested in the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. I feel certain, however,- and in this belief I am supported by these members of the Board of Editors and these members of the Executive Committee who were in Philadelphia at the recent meeting of the American Historical Association,-that the members of the Executive Committee, before proceeding to an election, would be very glad to receive from the Board of Editors suggestions for the best man for this important task. The financial condition of the Review is at present good; but this condition still depends on the guaranty funds. The matter of securing articles is also a most important one. For these and other considerations, then, the Managing Editor should possess, in addition to the qualifications necessary for the technical work of editing, the gift of organizing ability.

I hope that each member of the Board of Editors will give this matter the most careful consideration, and that in a short time,- not over two weeks;- each member will write to me frankly, in such a manner that his suggestion and advice may be available to the Executive Committee.

Very truly yours,

St. Louis L. Sioussat

February 5, 1918

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

My dear Mr. Sioussat:-

I owe you an apology for not having replied before to your letter of January 18 with reference to the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. My excuse is that the confusion incident to moving into our new building has made it impossible for me to attend to my correspondence.

I am very glad to learn that Mr. Alvord is willing to see the March number of the Review through the press, and think that he ought to make preparations for the June number as well. As you doubtless know, I have been very much interested in the Review from its beginning, and naturally I am anxious to see it continued on the same high level which has been maintained up to the present time.

A good deal depends, of course, upon the man who may be selected for managing editor to succeed Mr. Alvord. I have given considerable thought to this problem, and am inclined to think that the best man for the position is Paxson. There is no question, of course, as to his scholarship, and I presume he possesses or could soon acquire the requisite qualifications for the technical work of editing. In addition he has the facilities of the Wisconsin Historical Society at his disposal.

Sincerely yours

March 28, 1918

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

My dear Sioussat:-

Boucher has sent me the list of the papers for the M. V. H. A. meeting, and we expect to get the program into shape for printing before long. He did not send, however, any title for your presidential address, and I am wondering whether you wish to have the subject announced or to have it entered simply as "President's Address." We are planning to have this on Thursday evening in our new building, with the president of the Minnesota Historical Society presiding. The address will probably be preceded by an address of welcome, perhaps by the Governor, and followed by a reception.

Boucher has provided so many papers that we will have to have the first session Thursday morning at ten o'clock. The session on Friday will probably be at the University of Minnesota. Saturday forenoon will be devoted to the teachers' section, followed by a subscription luncheon, and our dedicatory exercises will occupy the afternoon and evening. Professor Turner of Harvard is to deliver the dedicatory address.

I trust that you will let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours

APR 6 1918

BROWN UNIVERSITY
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

April 3, 1918

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

My dear Buck:

Your letter of the 28th ult. came duly to hand.

It will be entirely satisfactory to me for you to enter the title of my address simply as "President's Address." Concerning the matter I should like to have, however, some advice from you.

What I have had in mind since I first considered an appropriate subject for this address has been a discussion of Andrew Johnson and the Homestead Bill. This topic has Southern, Western and Eastern phases, and leads up to a national policy. It seemed to me to be broad enough, therefore, for a presidential address.

In the meantime, however, everyone has been brought to think more and more about the War. I am not an "orator", and feel much more at ease when I am talking about something in particular than when I try to talk about things in general. But if I felt that there was a local demand for more of a patriotic address, and that such an address would be of any service, I should consider it my duty to make the attempt.

I have thought that a combination of the two ideas might be possible, by appending to the strictly historical part of my paper a few paragraphs of reflections on the bearing of the matter on the present. I wish very much that you would consider what I have written, and frankly say what you think about the matter.

BROWN UNIVERSITY
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Unless you advise me differently, I now expect to follow the course which I have mentioned last.

Doubtless there will be time, after we have exchanged letters, for you to slip in a title for my address, before your last printing, if this seems after all to be best.

I hope we shall have a good attendance.

Faithfully yours,

Strogh. Soussat

April 6, 1918

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

My dear Sioussat:-

I think that your plan for the presidential address is an excellent one; that is to combine the historical address with some reflections on the bearing of the matter on the war and present conditions. It seems to me that the subject which you suggest would lend itself very readily to such treatment. The fact that a large proportion of the farms in this western country were secured from the government under the liberal homestead provisions might readily be used to point a moral on the obligations of the farmers and others to the government at the present time.

It happens that the program as it stands, contains not a single paper of special war interest, and I think it very desirable that this should be brought in in your address.

If possible, I shall send you a copy of the program either typewritten or in proof before it goes to press.

Sincerely yours

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Hondé.*

April 18, 1918

Prof. St. George L. Sioussat
Brown University
Providence, R. I.

Please wire subject of presidential address.

Solon J. Buck

May 1, 1918

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

My dear Sioussat:-

You have doubtless received the program for the M. V. H. A. meeting before this time, and I trust that you find it satisfactory. I had hoped to send proof to you before final printing, but it did not seem best to incur the delay.

We are endeavoring to get as much local publicity as possible for the meeting, and some of our newspapers are asking for photographs of people who take part in the program. If you can possibly do so, I wish you would send me a photograph of yourself at once.

When do you expect to arrive?

Sincerely yours

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MAY 8 1918



LAURENCE R. ADAMS
PRES. AND GENL. MGR.

E. N. MATHEWS
SEC. AND TREAS.

DAVID HOGG
ACTING SEC. AND TREAS.

Hotel Brevoort

120 W. MADISON ST. NEAR LA SALLE

Chicago May 7 1918

Dear Buck:

Just a line to say that
I expect to reach St Paul
early Thursday morning,
and hope to fit in to lunch
very soon with you & with
Mr Paine. I suppose our first
necessity will be to arrange
for meetings of the Executive
Committee.

I shall sleep at the St Paul.

Faithfully yours
St Joseph L. Sioussat

MAY 22 1918

BROWN UNIVERSITY
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

May 18, 1918

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

My dear Buck:

May I send you just a line to express my appreciation of your hospitality and courtesy to me personally, during the St. Paul meeting. You succeeded in making me have a very good time, notwithstanding the load of presidential responsibility which I had upon my shoulders. Please express to Mr. Davis and your colleagues at the University, also, my acknowledgement of their thoughtfulness.

Your letter asking for a photograph did not come until after I had started on my journey.

With very kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Stephen H. Lonsess

September 23, 1919

Mr. Paul Smith
89 N. Munn Avenue
East Orange, New Jersey

Dear Paul:-

I trust you will pardon my delay in acknowledging the receipt of your letter of September 9 and of the index material. Immediately after my return I went to work for the attorney general on the Duluth-Superior boundary case which comes up in the U. S. Supreme Court next month and I spent practically all my time on that for three weeks. I have not looked over the index yet but I am sure that it will be very satisfactory. Sorry that you found it such a bore but I am sure that it was good for you! You will receive a check from the M. V. H. A. in the course of time.

We are gradually getting settled in our apartment. The Tylers came back a few days ago and we had our first picnic at Happy Hollow Sunday night. Alice says that her first party this year is to be a reunion of the "howling aggregation." Unfortunately, it will be necessary to secure a substitute for one of the most important members.

Let me hear from you from time to time and I will try to write you a real letter when I am not so busy.

Cordially yours

SJB-AW

October 23, 1919

Mr. Paul S. Smith
5 Conant Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Paul:-

I owe you a most humble apology for not having attended before this to the matter of compensation for your work on the index to the M. V. H. A. Proceedings. The facts are that I laid your letter aside to await a time when I would be less busy with other matters and that time never came.

I doubt if I will be able to finish up the index for a month or more, but I am sending through a bill for \$15.50 for your work. There is some little red tape involved in getting bills paid by the Association, so that it will probably be two or three weeks before you receive the check.

Life has been altogether too hectic here this fall. We did not succeed in getting settled before we had to begin University work, and since then it has been just one blank thing after another. We haven't even had time for but two picnics. Recently we went to an S. L. & A. reception, given by Dean and Mrs. Johnston in Shevlin Hall, and I had a couple of dances with Louise who is just as attractive as ever.

Cecil told me that he had an interesting letter from you and promised to let me read it, but has not done so as yet.

We will be glad to hear of your impressions of "Deah old Haa-vaad".

Sincerely yours

P. S. By the way I have a little commission which you might undertake some time if convenient. About two years ago, I was informed by one of the members of our society that a Mr. Anson Titus of Boston possesses a collection of papers of his

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brother relative to the original government surveys in Wright County, Minnesota, in 1885. My informant did not know the address of Mr. Titus, but said that I could reach him in care of Frank J. Wilder who is a second hand book dealer at 46 Cornhill, Boston.

I wrote to Titus, using this address, but never had any reply. What I would like to have you do is to drop in to Wilder's place some time when you are over in Boston and see if you can find out anything about Titus. If so you might, if convenient, follow it up and see what the gentleman has and whether or not he will part with it for our manuscript collection.

Wilder is a specialist in genealogical from whom we have bought many books. He was here for several days a few years ago and I found him a very interesting chap. I am sure you will find him cordial if you mention my name to him.

OCT 30 1919

5 Conant Hall,
Cambridge, Mass.
Oct. 27, 1919.

Dr. S. J. Buck,
St. Paul, Minneapolis.

Dear Steve:

Surely I should have given you an account of myself long before this but I trust you will remember what a robber of time this institution is. It took us almost a week to get installed in our cell here at Conant. It really did resemble a "cell" when we first lamped it but now it is worthy of the name, "suite". The Furniture Loan Association was one of Harvard's chief casualties in the war. For all I know the Association goes marching on but its furniture, if it ever had any, has been completely exterminated. The painful result was that we had to buy all our furniture new, as the second-hand stores had likewise been raided. You can imagine how pleasing this process was to me after I had just sold a carload or two of furniture for almost nothing. The happy consequence, however, is that we have a damphine-looking room. Fortunately, my friend Simpson, although a student of such a sordid subject as law, is deeply interested in American History and he has been kind enough to bring most of his library along with him which includes Parkman, Henry Adams, Fiske, the Federalist and Beveredge's John Marshall. So I have the surroundings of a student of History even if I have no other qualifications.

My work stacks up as follows:

Colonial American-	Morrison.
West-	Turner.
Renaissance and Ref.-	Merriman.
Political Theories-	Laski.

All seems to be going fairly well. The competition in the class-room here is rather keen, as you know, and it is no easy thing for a fellow with my one-cylinder brain equipment to keep up among the leaders in the race. On a quiz in Turner's course the other day I was handed the astonishing mark of 72 but as I have seen nothing higher than 76- even among the graduate students- I am still managing to survive. All of my courses are interesting. Doubtless you know what they are and the men who are giving them so I will not waste any of my precious time in describing them to you. It is particularly exciting to be in Laski's course this year. He is under fire from the Transcript and other organizations and individuals for having a good word to say for the striking policemen. Carver seems to be his natural opponent here on the faculty and the verbal academic

war is on. For the moment the barrage has been lifted but I venture to say that we will see some more of it before the winter is over.

Of course I am enjoying New England, eagerly seeking to devour it, revering it and laughing at it at the same time. It really is thrilling and inspiring- but sometimes it is extremely funny and I have difficulty in keeping from laughing and thus displaying my outrageous provincialism. I believe I have made a pilgrimage to all historic spots of note, tho' I must confess, I am somewhat behind on Washington's innumerable headquarters. I have seen half a dozen houses or so which have been "it" but I am told I have by no means exhausted the supply.

The History Club has had a meeting and I have met a number of the professors. Haskins and Merriman have been specially kind to me and of course Turner has been very cordial. Merriman was much interested in hearing of Tyler. Yesterday afternoon I attended one of the President's fortnightly teas- open to all Harvard students- and made the acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. Prexy. Both are very pleasant and somewhat unusually cordial- for easterners! I am on the Glee Club "squad" but expect to be eliminated tomorrow when the quartet trials come. Of course I don't want to be slain- I have found it a very pleasant recreation- but I am compelled to admit for the first time in my life that there is a large number of men who can sing better than I can. The club performs tonight in Boston at a big Roosevelt meeting.- I'll have one public appearance anyway!

I know there are many other items that might interest you but tempus continues to fugit. It is only because of that extra hour just presented to us by the government that you are getting this! There is no hurry at all about the remittance for the Index labors.... I shall be glad to attend to the Wilder-Titus business for you. Give my regards to all the deserving and let any you care to have a glimpse at this letter- particularly Shippee. He will enjoy those slams on the east! And by all means- M.W. Tyler. I hope to write each of them in the very near future. Always my best to "Mrs.B." and yourself.

Sincerely,

Paul

[Smith]

NOV 13 1919

5 Conant Hall,
Cambridge, Mass.
9 November 1919.

Dear Solon:

I dropped into Wilder's Bookshop the other day and, true to your prophecy, was cordially received, the proprietor even going so far as to ask me out to dine with him some evening in the near future. From Mr. Wilder I learned that Mr. Anson Titus is an impecunious preacher (perhaps the adjective is unnecessary) who lives at 10 Raymond Avenue, W. Somerville, Mass. I was also advised that I had better approach the gentlemen very gently and tactfully and fortified with a cash offer for his Mss. as he is far from affluent and he is not specially interested in Minnesota or its Historical Society. In view of all this I decided not to begin any negotiations with him without having submitted these facts to you. Probably you can handle the matter best yourself by correspondence with him but if you wish to use me any further pray don't hesitate to do so. Please do not ask me to evaluate the collection for you, however, as I know I should be quite incompetent in this matter.

My work continues to go well and I am enjoying it all immensely. Two more of my quizzes have been returned to me, both marked B plus and I have one yet to hear from. An A or A- would be better, of course, but on the whole I was not disappointed for an A seems to be a decided rarity around here, particularly at the beginning of the year. For instance, my paper was selected by Laski as one of a group of eight to which he gave special mention by reading off the names to his Political Theories class of about one hundred students, many of them graduate students. Well, I am doing my durnedest, anyway.

I acted upon a suggestion you gave me about a year ago and tried out for the Harvard Glee Club. Mirabile dictu, I made it and find it a splendid recreation. I have also been accepted as a member of a male choir they are forming for King's Chapel, Boston. Whether we will ever be allowed to appear is still a matter of conjecture. This will pay me \$3.50 a week if it lives.

Write when you have time and give me all the latest gossip.

I received the check from Mrs. Paine.

Fraternally,

Paul [Smith]

old town - an historical pilgrimage!
I wish I could write you of many
things but as there are two
rather important matters that
I want to lay before you, and
as each is long to narrate,
I shall confine myself to
them.

(1) I have about decided
to change my field to the
later colonial or provincial period.
Not long ago I was talking with
Dr. Turner and after going over
my whole situation he advised
me himself to do this - particularly
if I want to take my degree at
Harvard at the end of next year.
You see, I can do nothing

Paul Smith

DEC 29 1919

Warsaw, Illinois.
Dec. 27, 1919.

Dear Solon:

Doubtless you will be
surprised at my present address
unless Cec has told you that
I am galavantin' around the
middle west during the holidays.
I am on my way to Des Moines
to represent - along with five or
six others - the Harvard Graduate
School at the Student Volunteer
Convention to be held in that
city. Yes, you may laugh
if you want to! I have
stopped at Chicago and Galveston
and I am now sojourning
for two or three days in John Hay's

on a Minnesota or some ^{western} regional study this year because I am away from my material. While I am really too busy with my course work this first semester to do anything on my thesis, in the second semester. I believe, there will be more time for this work; and, as Turner says, if I want to get there next year, I should get started this year. He then made some suggestions about work in the colonial field and referred me to Dr. Morrison. Dr. Morrison seemed glad to welcome me into his domain and told me a good deal about fields - particularly in Massachusetts history - that ought to be done. He mentioned two or three lines of work which he thought would be worth while. The one that most appealed to me was a biographical study of Governor Shirley. He is the only colonial governor of importance, says Dr. Morrison, whose life has not been written. (As you probably know, his more important correspondence was published not long ago, edited by C. N. Lincoln.) I dipped into this by writing a term paper for Turner on a phase of Governor Shirley's career and, I confess, I am greatly attracted by it. The material is handy, the field is attractive, and the Harvard men are encouraging. What shall I do?

next year and they want me to take his place - not as Assistant Professor but as instructor at a salary of \$1400.

Pres. McConaghey and Prof. Simpsom were under the impression that I was thinking of Harvard this year but even when they learned I was not, they thought that their position might be worth considering as good teaching experience and a good opportunity to work for a year among folks that I know so well. They were very kind about it; they said that it must be decided not from Knox's point of view but from my own point of view and that they would

Dr. Turner feels that it would be impossible for me to go back to Minnesota next fall and work up my dissertation there in one year in addition to meeting the other Harvard requirements for the Ph. D. degree - and I am strongly inclined to agree with him.

Tampus fugits and I must come at once to #2.

(2) While I was in Gallesburg I was approached by Pres. McConaghey of Knox, Prof. Simpsom, a trustee and Dr. Conger - each one offering me a position at Knox next year! Dr. Middelbach - Assistant Professor under Conger - is going to study in England

be the last people on earth to delay
or impair my progress in any way &
but the President, at least, thought
that his proposal might be worth
considering and asked me to delay
decision until I could think it over
thoroughly and get advice from my
folks and, perhaps, some of my friends.
Having the honor of numbering you among
the latter I am asking for your
advice on this matter also.

If there are any further data that
you might wish - concerning either of these
matters - I would be delighted to
furnish them. I would be very glad
if you would let Profs. Krey and Shippee
see this letter and if, when you write, you
would include their advice and
admonitions as well - also Tyler, of course,
if he is interested!

My own opinions at present are these:

In re. (1) - I should change to the
colonial field.

" " (2) - I should remain at
Harvard next year if they will continue
to allow me.

I am still open to persuasion, however,
on either point, and I shall be grateful
for any and all of your opinions which you
may care to communicate to me at 5 Conant
Hall, Cambridge, Mass.

Sincerely yours,
P. Smith

February 12, 1918

My dear Mrs. Sollenberger:-

I owe you an apology for not having written before to express my appreciation of your kindness to me while I was in Philadelphia. I certainly enjoyed very much the opportunity to see you again and also to meet Mr. Sollenberger.

Since my return, I have been immersed in the work of moving the historical society's property from the Capitol to our new building, and have had time to do very little else. I have taken the liberty of sending to you under separate cover, some of our recent publications which will give you an idea of the building and of the work which we are trying to do.

Sincerely yours

Mrs. Edwin Sollenberger
25 Harper Ave., Drexel Hill
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Philadelphia, March 4, 1918

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

My dear Mr. Buck:-

Mrs. Solenberger and I wish to particularly thank you for the bulletins of your Society and especially for the ones showing the plans of your new building. We greatly appreciate all the printed matter that you sent. It was a reminder of a pleasant visit that we had with you.

I shall hope to have the pleasure of seeing you in your new building the first time I have an opportunity to be in St. Paul.

With kind regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

Edwin D. Solenberger
General Secretary.

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SEP 11 1919



ST. PAUL, MINN.

Dear Compatriot: *Mr Buck*

On the evening of Thursday, September 18th, at 8 p. m., the members of the Minnesota Society, Sons of the American Revolution, are to have the pleasure of meeting and listening to an address by Chancellor L. Jenks, President General of our Society.

The meeting and reception will be held in the auditorium of the State Historical Society Building, Cedar Street, opposite New Capitol.

President Hilton wishes your presence with your family and friends. Please set aside, if possible, other engagements and let us give our President General a royal welcome.

CHARLES H. BRONSON,

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HAMLIN UNIVERSITY
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SAMUEL F. KERFOOT,
PRESIDENT
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ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

803 Snelling ave.,
Feb 7th, 1918.

Mr Solon J Buck.

Dear Sir:-

The Intercollegiate Oratorical
association of Minnesota desires
that you act as judge in their
annual contest to be held at
Macalester College March 1st
at 8 p.m.

Please let me know by
return mail if you can serve
or cannot.

Respectfully yours,

Joyce Stansell
sec.

February 8, 1918

Dear Sir:-

I shall be glad to act as a judge in the annual contest of the Intercollegiate Oratorical Association of Minnesota, to be held at Macalester College, March 1, at eight P. M.

Very truly yours

Mr. T. Joyce Stensell
803 Snelling Ave.,
St. Paul, Minnesota

March 4, 1918

Dear Sir:-

Saturday forenoon my secretary, who is supposed to keep track of my engagements for me, discovered that through some slip she had failed to call to my attention the fact that I had agreed to act as one of the judges at the annual contest of the Intercollegiate Oratorical Association of Minnesota on Friday night.

I realize, of course, that this is not a sufficient excuse, but merely an explanation of my failure to appear. Under the circumstances, there is nothing that I can do except to offer you a very humble apology and to express the hope that you succeeded in getting some one else without very great inconvenience.

Sincerely yours

Mr. T. Joyce Stansell
803 Snelling Ave.,
St. Paul, Minnesota

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January 15, 1919

Professor F. F. Stephens
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri

My dear Mr. Stephens:-

Professor Alverd has asked me to put the M. V. H. A. Proceedings into shape for publication, and I am in hopes to get them ready for the press in the near future.

The material which he sent on to me does not include your paper entitled "The Gadsden Purchase", and he states in his letter that this paper was not received at his office. I trust that you will supply me with a copy of the paper in the near future, or if you have other plans for its publication, will inform me about them so that it may be printed at least by title in the Proceedings.

Sincerely yours

B/P

JAN 24 1919
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
COLUMBIA

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Jan. 22, 1919.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:--

In answer to your recent inquiry in regard to my paper on "The Gadsden Purchase", I must say that owing to a great deal of outside "war work" during the past six months I have been unable to put the paper into final shape for publication. Will you kindly mention it simply by title, therefore in the Proceedings. I shall try to arrange for its publication elsewhere later on.

Very sincerely yours,

F. F. Stephens

February 27, 1919

Br. George M. Stephenson
55 Melbourne Ave. S. E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Stephenson:-

I have been trying to get hold of you by telephone for the last two weeks, and not having succeeded, I have decided to write you a note.

Kellar, who is chairman of the program committee for the M. V. H. A. meeting in St. Louis, May 8-10, wishes me to ask you to prepare a paper for that meeting on any subject which you may choose. You spoke, I believe, of being willing to write on something connected with the Scandinavian element. It occurs to me that a paper dealing with some phase of Americanization of this element, or its attitude toward or part in the war, would be particularly appropriate, but this is a suggestion only.

Please let me know as soon as you decide upon the title of your paper so that I can forward it to Kellar.

Sincerely yours

B/P

June 19, 1918

Professor F. H. Swift
819 S. E. Superior
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Swift:-

About a week ago you wrote me a letter with reference to questions for the state examination in American history, and since receiving it I have been trying without success to get you by telephone.

Several days ago, I turned the letter over to Professor Shippee who has charge of the general course, and also of the extension work in American history, and who is, therefore, much more competent than I to handle the matter. He agreed to undertake it and you will doubtless hear from him in a few days if you have not already.

Sincerely yours

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NORTH DAKOTA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

E. F. LADD, PRESIDENT

POST ADDRESS

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, NORTH DAKOTA

DEPARTMENT OF
HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE
W. J. TRIMBLE

March 24, 1918.

My dear Buck:

Would you be so kind as to let me know the precise dates of the Miss. Dal. meeting and of your dedication? I need to let Mr. Lloyd, (of Washington, D.C.) know so that he can arrange his dates to allow participation in the program. Thank you.

Yours very truly,

William Trimble.

March 28, 1918

Professor William Trimble
North Dakota Agricultural College
Agricultural College, North Dakota

My dear Trimble:-

The dates of the meeting of the
Mississippi Valley Historical Association are
May 9, 10, and 11.

Boucher has sent me the list
of the papers, and we are trying to get the pro-
gram into final shape. I think that the group
of papers which includes Mr. Lloyd's will be
scheduled for one of the sessions on Friday,
the tenth. I think that the program committee
has done excellent work, and believe we will
have an unusually good meeting in spite of war
conditions.

Ford is coming on from Wash-
ington, and Turner of Harvard will be here to
give the address at the dedication of our new
building.

Sincerely yours

April 21, 1919

Professor William Trimble
North Dakota Agricultural College
Fargo, North Dakota

My dear Trimble:-

I am very much interested in
an item in the April number of the American
Historical Review about the formation of an
Agricultural History Society of which you are
vice-president.

Not knowing the secretary,
I am writing to you to request that you keep
me informed of the developments. It strikes
me that that is an excellent movement and
I should like to help it along.

Sincerely yours

B/P

APR 26 1918

ST. GEORGE L. SIOUSSAT, PRESIDENT, PROVIDENCE, R.I.

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Mississippi Valley Historical Association

Teachers' Section

April 24, 1918.

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Dr. Salou J. Buck
Saint Paul, Minn.

Dear Buck: Because of another meeting which I must attend (for I am half of the program) conflicting with the V. V. H. A. meeting, I am writing you to get some local person to preside at the Section Teachers Section. I have written members of our committee. I can't find any one who is going to be present. Miss Morehead is in the program or ~~you will~~ I should have written her.

Sincerely,
R. M. Tryon

JAN 25 1919

7 Phillips Place
Cambridge, Mass

January 23 '19

Dear Buck

Thank you for
sending me the photograph
of a good friend and companion
in the historical cause.

I think you are a better looking
man than the picture, but
that may be attributed to
my personal regard.

Cordially yours

Frederic M. Sturges

February 21, 1919

Professor Frederick J. Turner
7 Phillips Place
Cambridge, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Turner:-

I have just written to the chairman of your committee on fellowships a letter of recommendation for Paul Smith, one of our graduate students whom I have urged to go to Harvard next year. I want to write to you personally about him, however, because he will doubtless work under your direction if he does go.

He was one of Conger's students at Knox, and I think Conger introduced him to you when you were here last May. When he first came to us, a year ago last fall, he intended to remain only a year and then go into secondary school work. I was largely responsible for his decision to remain with us another year, teaching sections of European history and doing half time graduate work, with the idea that he could then go to Harvard and complete the work for his doctor's degree in two years. I have seen a great deal of Paul socially, and am very fond of him, but I do not think that my personal liking for him has affected my judgment of his qualifications.

Recently his plans have been somewhat upset by the sickness of his mother, who is suffering from a complete nervous breakdown. This has affected the family finances in such a way that it will be impossible for him to go to Harvard next year unless he receives a scholarship or fellowship carrying a fairly large stipend. I advised him, however, not to apply for any particular appointment, but to leave the selection to the judgment of the committee and the department. For your convenience I am enclosing a copy of my letter to the committee. ✓

You will doubtless be interested to know that I expect to be married next June. The lady's name is Elizabeth Hawthorn, and she is an instructor in rhetoric in the University. She graduated from William Smith College

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at Geneva, New York, in 1914, and has a master's degree from Radcliffe (1915). Her home is in Brooklyn. We expect to spend part of the month of July touring in New England, and I hope that I may have an opportunity to see you and to introduce her to you.

Sincerely yours

B/P

November 1, 1919

Dr. Frederick J. Turner
9 Phillips Place
Cambridge, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Turner:-

You will undoubtedly be consulted with reference to the selection of the new superintendent for the Wisconsin Historical Society, and I wonder if you have considered Alvord as a possibility for the place.

It is quite generally assumed, I think, that he is a fixture at Illinois, doing good work, well taken care of, and with plenty of opportunity for future activities. I happen to know, however, that such is not the case. He feels that he has been unjustly treated at Illinois, owing to circumstances for which no individual was wholly responsible, and believes that he can do his best work in the future only in a new environment such as Wisconsin would offer. From a conversation which I had with him a few weeks ago, I think it doubtful if he will remain long at Illinois under any circumstances and it seems to me that it would be very unfortunate if he should be lost to the field of state historical work.

It would be a waste of time for me to say anything to you about the quality of Alvord's work. I do want to say, however, that he has, in my opinion, an agreeable and inspiring personality, breadth of vision, and executive ability of a high order. It would seem that his experience in planning and carrying out historical work on a large scale at Illinois would be an asset in the Wisconsin position.

I am somewhat curious to know just what is to be the relation between Quaife and the new superintendent. If Quaife is to have independent authority in matters of research and publication, the position of superintendent would be much less interesting than heretofore from the point of view of historical scholars at least. On the other hand, if Quaife is expected to merely carry out the ideas of the new superintendent, I fear there will be a good deal of friction. Whatever the plan may be, I sincerely hope that some one will be put in charge who will help to maintain the spirit of co-operation among the state historical agencies of the Northwest which has been so carefully built up during the last few years, and which has

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already had many important results and promises much for the future.

I was almost ashamed to write to you because of the delay in the publication of the volume commemorating the delayation of our building which is to include your address, of course. I could make any number of excuses, but wont take up your time with them. The prospects are at present that the book will appear sometime next spring.

I had a letter from Paul Smith the other day in which he wrote very enthusiastically about his work at Harvard. I feel sure that he will make good.

You will be interested to know that Fish is to give the annual address before the Minnesota Historical Society next Jgnuary.

Sincerely yours

B/P

NOV 10 1919

7 Phillips Place
Cambridge, Mass.,
Nov. 7, 1919.

Dear Buck:

Your news was the first that I have had to the effect that Mr. Quaipe had resigned the Superintendency. I had no knowledge of the matter whatever, nor have I heard from any of the Society about the matter.

Obviously I should not volunteer any unasked advice. The men there might feel that I was "butting in," on something that was their own concern. If my opinion is solicited I shall be glad to be of any help in this way. But I know nothing of the situation, which led to Mr. Quaipe's action,

past, present, or prospective, ^{and so}
my judgment wouldn't be worth
much.

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

On the other hand I have my
doubts whether Mr Quaipe ^{and Mr.}
Alvord would work in harness. But
you could judge better than I
could about that. So there

any reason to think that Alford's health, or "incompatibility of temper" accounts for the situation in Illinois?

I suppose that ability to get on ^{steadfully} in a comfortable way with the various Wisconsin elements was a factor in the problem almost as important as the matter of scholarly equipment. And I have never had reason to enquire into this side of the matter either in respect to Dr. Quaipe or Professor Alford, and so am on this side also unable to give a valuable opinion.

I am clear that both in Wisconsin
and Illinois there are such valuable
stores of historical material, and
such achievements, that it would
be a tragedy if small differences
blocked the progress of the work.

There is no reason for concern
about the delay in publication of
the volume, so far as I am
concerned. Such things are not
subject to the requirements of
the newspaper — "hot from the
griddle".

With best wishes

I am yours truly
Frederick Furness

Supt A. J. Buck
St. Paul

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Washington, D.C. Feb 11, 1918.

Dr. S. J. Buck,

University of Illinois,

Urbana, Ill.

Dear Dr Buck:

Permit me to enquire if there is any possibility that you would be able to send to me, or inform me where I might procure, the following volumes of which you were the author, and which I understand were issued as public documents:

"Travel and Description 1765-1865" Ill. Hist. Coll V9. 1914.

"Illinois in 1818." Ill Cent Pubs Intro vol. 1917.

I am needing these volumes very much in a bit of research work I have on hand. I have made repeated effort at different times and places to obtain them, including enquiry of the Illinois State Historical Library at Springfield. Should you be able to send them to me or inform me where I might purchase them, your kindness would be most keenly appreciated. I enclose stamps for your convenience.

Very truly yours,

For S. Wade.

Room 5. Bur of Entomology.

March 23, 1918

Mr. Joe S. Wade
Bureau of Entomology
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Wade:-

Replying to your letter of March 11 which has been forwarded to me from Urbana, I enclose herewith a circular which will give you the information you desire with reference to Illinois in 1818. A small edition of this work was brought out by the Centennial Commission last year, but has all been distributed. The plates were then turned over to McClurg who has brought out another edition for sale.

Travel and Description was published by the Illinois State Historical State Library at Springfield, and was out of print almost as soon as it was issued. There is quite a demand for copies of this book among second hand book dealers, and it brings a fairly good price. It happens that I have one extra copy on hand at the present time which I am willing to dispose of for four dollars.

Very truly yours

October 7, 1919

Mr. F. L. Washburn -
University Farm
St. Paul, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Washburn:-

It was impossible for me to attend the Harvard luncheon at the Men's Union yesterday, but Mr. Tyler reported to me the gist of the proceedings. I had not expected to contribute to the endowment because I felt that I could not afford to give enough to amount to anything. Mr. Tyler explained, however, that the committee desired to have everyone down for something and was willing to accept gifts as small as five dollars. Under the circumstances, therefore, I take pleasure in subscribing that amount. The subscription blank is returned herewith together with a check for the first payment. ✓

Sincerely yours

SJB-AW

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January 29, 1919

Professor Royal B. Way
Beloit College
Beloit, Wisconsin

My dear Mr. Way:-

Mr. Alvord has asked me to prepare the Proceedings of the M. V. H. A. meeting in St. Paul for publication, and has sent on such of the material as he succeeded in accumulating.

He informs me that he has written several times for your paper but has received no reply. If possible I wish you would send the paper itself to me at once, in order that it may be included in the Proceedings, or else reserved for publication in the Review. At any rate, whether or not you send the paper, I would very greatly appreciate a brief abstract of it which could be used in the general account of the meeting which is now being prepared.

If the paper has been or is to be published elsewhere, a statement to that effect would enable me to print it by title in the Proceedings with reference to where it can be found. I trust that you will be willing to cooperate with me in this work for the Association to the extent of a prompt reply.

Sincerely yours

B/P

February 8, 1919

Professor Royal B. Way
Beloit College
Beloit, Wisconsin

My dear Mr. Way:-

Alvord writes me that you have agreed to send your paper to him in the near future for use in the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. I hope that you will do this in time so that I can print it by title in the Proceedings with an announcement of the fact that it is to appear in a certain number of the Review.

As you doubtless remember, it has been customary to begin the Proceedings with a general account of the meeting, in which is inserted abstracts of all the papers read, regardless of whether or not they are printed in the Proceedings. Boucher is writing this general account of the St. Paul meeting at the present time, and as we hope to get the Proceedings out before the St. Louis meeting, it is important that he be supplied just as soon as possible with a brief abstract of your paper in order that he can say something about it.

It will save time to send this directly to Professor C. S. Boucher, Washington University, St. Louis, instead of to me. I trust that you will be willing to cooperate with me in this work for the M. V. H. A. to the extent of giving this your immediate attention.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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November 8, 1919

Mr. William B. Webster
Hudson, Wisconsin

Dear Sir:-

Having learned of your talk before the Wisconsin Club of Minneapolis yesterday, it occurs to me that you might be willing to give a similar talk sometime before the U. W. Lunch Club of St. Paul.

This organization was formed last year for the purpose of promoting good fellowship among the Wisconsin men in St. Paul. We do not have any regular date of meeting, but try to take lunch together at least as often as once a month and more frequently when special circumstances warrant. We usually have an attendance of about fifteen or twenty. Tuesday noon seems to be the most convenient day of the week for our meetings, but we could arrange to meet some other day if it would better suit your convenience.

I trust that you will let me hear from you at your early convenience, and if you are willing to do this, will indicate a date which would be satisfactory to you.

Very truly yours

President U. W. Lunch Club
of St. Paul

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William B. Webster, Attorney at Law

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Nov. 11, 1919.

Solon J. Buck, Esquire,
Minnesota Historical Society,
Saint Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Buck:

I have at hand your kind letter of November 8th, regarding the possibility of my talking before the U. W. Lunch Club of St. Paul.

It would certainly give me great pleasure to have lunch with you some time, and to say a few words about Russia. However it is difficult for me to set any particular date at present as I expect to be away for the next few weeks, but I will be sure to get in touch with you upon my return and then we can possibly arrange for a convenient time.

Very sincerely yours,

William B. Webster

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September 30, 1918 .

Miss Ola M. Weyth
Hospital Librarian
Camp Wadsworth
Charlottesville, South Carolina

Dear Miss Wyeth:-

I am sending you the enclosed, not because I suppose that you have not seen it, but as an excuse to say "Hello" to you and express the hope that you are finding your work as interesting throughout as is indicated by this news item.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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April 8, 1919.

Miss Knutball

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

My dear Dr. Buck:-

Recalling with much pleasure, the cigar I smoked with you at the Club, after lunching with you when in St. Paul, I am sending you with my compliments, "The Sovereane Herbe, & Hist. of Tobacco" which I trust will enable you to over-come the habit.

With regards as ever, I am

Sincerely yours,

F. J. Wilder

B. Minn. W. A.

R.G.T

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April 17, 1919

Mr. Frank J. Wilder
46 Cornhill
Boston, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Wilder:-

I want to thank you for the complimentary copy of "The Sovereign Herbe" which you so kindly sent to me.

I have already read parts of this interesting and unique book and I am very glad, indeed, to have a copy for my library. From what I have read in it, I fear that its tendency will be the opposite of aiding me to overcome the tobacco habit, which will be particularly sad in view of the prospective prohibition of smoking which is said to be the next step in the reform program.

I trust that you will make St. Paul again some time and that we may have another opportunity to smoke together before the lid is clamped on.

Sincerely yours

B/P

Misc. Church Club

April 10, 1919

Mr. A. W. Logan
G. Sommers & Co.,
Park Square
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Logan:-

I am forwarding to you herewith
the list of Wisconsin graduates in St. Paul
just received from Secretary Crawford. ✓

In a letter which accompanied
the list Crawford asked us to endeavor to
persuade more of the people on this list
to join the Alumni Association.

I take it that our next regular
meeting will be Monday, May 13, and will en-
deavor to secure a speaker for that occa-
sion.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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March 1st, 1919.

YOU ARE
A Wisconsin Man.

There will be a University of Wisconsin Alumni Meeting at the Athletic Club, Tuesday noon, March 4th at 12:15.

This is one of a series of noon day meetings that St. Paul Wisconsin men will hold from now on. There is going to be something doing that you cannot afford to miss.

Here's an opportunity to show just how much you think of our old University.

Yours sincerely,

A. W. Logan	'07
J. H. Curtis	'10
Edgar A. Goetz	'04
Milton J. Blair	'10
Asa G. Briggs	'85

Athletic Club, Mar. 4th,
Luncheon 75¢-12:15
Phone Logan or Curtis
T. S. 2659-55 or Cedar 7290
Look on bulletin board for
Room Number.

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October 24, 1919.

Dear Badger:

Let's all turn out and lunch together at
The St. Paul Athletic Club
(see bulletin board for room)
Monday noon
Oct. 27

The big game -- Gophers vs. Badgers -- is one week from Saturday or Nov. 1st. to be exact. It is going to be the big Homecoming Day at Madison, and already several Saint Paul Alumni have said they are going.

A special car for St. Paul and Minneapolis Alumni will be added to the Minnesota Rooters special train -- this car only for U. W. Alumni.

But we want to know how many are going in this car and also to wire for tickets. So attend Monday's Luncheon and get all the dope.

Cardinally,

J. H. CURTIS

If you cannot attend Monday's Luncheon, but expect to go to Madison, phone me at 265948 or Cedar 7290.

November 26, 1919.

Dear Badger:

There's a real treat in store for every Wisconsin man who attends the next

Wisconsin Luncheon
Tuesday Noon, Dec. 2, 12:15
Saint Paul Athletic Club.

Our guest and speaker is Major George Norton Northrup, professor of English in the University of Minnesota. Major Northrup was a student at Wisconsin in 1898-1899, and an instructor in English there 1904-1905 and 1906-1908.

From December 1st, 1918, until May, 1919, Major Northrup covered every part of occupied Germany. As "G 2," or chief intelligence officer of the Third division, he was in charge of tracing down German propaganda and obtaining information of secret plans and activities of the German government and the various parties into which it was divided.

His knowledge of the real conditions in Germany is the result of months of personal, official investigation, with all of the third division's intelligence department working under his orders.

No urging will be necessary to pull all good Wisconsin men out to this luncheon. You will be there of course, won't you?

Yours very truly,

S. J. BUCK '04, Pres.
J. H. CURTIS '10, Treas.
A. W. LOGAN '07, Secy.

JHG:MR.

NOV 29 1919

Dear Buck - would you mind
buck up against these names
in the phone? & let me know
by Monday noon?

Thanks - Curtis

Fred Hague	can't find	only	Eng. Co.
J. K. Horner (Horner?)	no		215 Pioneer Bldg
Baldwin Schwader	yes		900 Guardian Life Bldg
J. D. Hibs	yes	1443	Capitol ave
Prof. L. J. Henick	yes		Hamlin Univ.
Dr. H. S. Dingley	yes	1443	Capitol ave
Ralph B. Ellis	can't find		St. P. Daily News
E. O. Huebner	yes		Dairy & Food Com
Roy C. St Smelker	will call	no	1613 Pioneer Bldg
Harold Blodgett	yes		Brown Blodgett & Spanglo.

November 22, 1919

Mr. A. W. Logan
G. Sommers & Co.,
St. Paul, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Logan:-

I have secured a speaker for the Wisconsin Club luncheon for Tuesday, December 2, Major George Norton Northrop, professor of English in the University of Minnesota. Major Northrop was a student at the University of Wisconsin in 1898/9 and was instructor in English there in 1904/5, and from 1906 to 1908.

According to an article which appeared in the Pioneer Press of Sunday, July 27, "from December 1, 1918, until May, 1919, Major Northrop covered every part of occupied Germany. As "G 3," or chief intelligence officer of the Third division, he was in charge of tracing down German propaganda and obtaining information of secret plans and activities of the German government and the various parties into which it was divided.

"His knowledge of the real conditions in Germany is the result of months of personal, official investigation, with all of the Third division's intelligence department working under his orders."

The subject of his talk should be announced as "The American Occupation of Germany".

I trust that you and Curtis will make the necessary arrangements at the Athletic Club, will get out your usual snappy notice, and will arrange to have as many as possible of the members called up. I shall be glad to undertake to call four or five if you will send me a list. Let me hear from you so that I can make sure that you receive this and that the arrangements are O. K.

Sincerely yours

B/P