



[Solon J. Buck Papers.](#)

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July 18, 1918

Mr. J. L. Powers
Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

My dear Mr. Powers:-

I am sending you today by express the copy for the Proceedings of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association for 1916-17.

The manuscript consists of nine separate items. It is not paged consecutively throughout, but the items are numbered in the order in which they are to be printed. The style is to be exactly the same as that of the Proceedings for 1915-16, of which you doubtless have a copy on hand. The copy for the preliminary pages and possibly also for an appendix will be supplied later.

If you will have this set up and pushed through as rapidly as possible, it will be very much appreciated. Please send me two sets of galley proof and return the manuscript with it.

Sincerely yours

B/P

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

JUL 22 1918

July 20, 1918

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Solon J Buck
Minn Historical Assn
St Paul Minn

Dear Mr. Buck:

I have your letter of July 18th and the copy for the proceedings came to hand this morning. We will get at this in a short time and push the work along as rapidly as possible.

I presume you will want 1,000 copies of the proceedings printed although you have not mentioned this item. 1,000 copies is the number we print for the regular edition of the Review.

Yours very truly,

THE TORCH PRESS

By *J. L. Rawns*

July 23, 1918

Mr. J. L. Powers
The Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

My dear Mr. Powers:-

I suppose that the number of copies of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association Proceedings is to be the same as last year, but that is a point upon which I have no authority whatever.

I presume that Mrs. Paine is the proper person to answer this question.

Sincerely yours

B/P

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

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August 3, 1918

Solon J Buck
Univ of Minn
St Paul Minn

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Paine writes in reference to printing some
separates of the constitution in case this is printed
in the current proceedings. Is it your intention to
have the constitution printed at this time.

Yours truly,

THE TORCH PRESS

By

J. L. Powers

August 7, 1918

Mr. J. L. Powers
The Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

My dear Mr. Powers:-

Your note of August 3 reached me in spite of the fact that it was addressed "University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minn." The University is in Minneapolis and I have an office there, but it is always best to address me at the Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul.

I am planning to include a reprint of the constitution of the M. V. H. A. in the preliminary pages of the current Proceedings. The proof will be returned to you very shortly.

I am wondering as to how this number had best be issued. If it will be ready for distribution about the same time as the September number of the Review, it could be put out as a supplement to that number and distributed with it. If it is to be distributed independently as an extra number, I suppose it should be dated either August or October so as not to bear the same date as one of the regular numbers of the Review.

Sincerely yours

SJB-AW

August 8, 1918

Mr. J. L. Powers
Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

My dear Mr. Powers:-

Under separate cover I am returning to you the galley proof for the M.V.H.A. Proceedings. There are, I regret to say, a large number of corrections to be made in this proof. Some of these, indicated by the use of a blue pencil, are alterations from copy and properly chargeable to the association. The other corrections, however, are printers' errors.

With this proof I am returning the copy and also am including copy for the preliminary and final pages. Copy for the cover is not included as that will depend upon whether the issue is to be put out as an extra number of the Review or as a supplement to the September number.

Sincerely yours

SJB-AW

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA
PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

AUG 10 1918

August 9, 1918

Solon J Buck
Minn Hist Society
St Paul Minn

Dear Mr. Buck:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 8th and have also received the galley proofs for the Proceedings of the M. V. H. A. I also note that with this proof is the copy for the preliminary and final pages. We will set this up and make the corrections as soon as possible.

You do not say how many page proofs you desire but in the absence of definite instructions we will send you two sets of page proofs. If this is not satisfactory please let us know promptly.

Yours very truly,

THE TORCH PRESS

By *J. L. Powers*

P/F

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

AUG 9 1918

August 8 1918

Sloan J Buck
State Historical Soc
St Paul Minn

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th and regret that mail has been sent to you at the wrong place. We will endeavor to eliminate such errors in the future.

I note what you say in reference to the current Proceedings and I am inclined to think that it will not be practicable to get the Proceedings out at the same time as the September number of the Review. We have already ~~made~~ ^{set} up a considerable portion of the copy for the Review and if the remainder of the copy is furnished us we will make a strong effort to get the publication out promptly the first of September. Under these circumstances, perhaps, it would be well to have the Proceedings dated October.

Very truly,

THE TORCH PRESS

By *J. L. Brewer*

SEP 7 1918

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

September 5 1918

Solon J. Buck

Saint Paul Minn

Dear Mr. Buck:

I have a letter from Mr. Potter, also proof of the proceedings of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. We will send you revised proof of these pages as soon as possible.

Very truly,

THE TORCH PRESS

By

J. J. Doves

September 16, 1918

Mr. J. L. Powers
Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

My dear Mr. Powers:-

Under separate cover
I am returning to you revised page proof
for the Proceedings of the Mississippi
Valley Historical Association for 1916-17.
These are "O. K. with corrections", and
I trust that you will push the thing
through as rapidly as possible.

Sincerely yours

B/P

SEP 18 1918

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

September 17, 1918

Solon J Buck
Minnesota Historical Society
Saint Paul Minn

Dear Mr. Buck:-

I have your letter of September 16th and note that you are sending O Kd proof for the Proceedings of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. This proof has not yet come to hand but doubtless will reach us tomorrow.

at Some time ago you spoke of issuing the Proceedings at the same time the September number of the Review was issued, but that time I did not think it feasible or possible to do this. There has been an unusual delay in the printing of the September number of the Review. In fact, it is not yet ready for press. Perhaps this will make a difference in your plan for the issuance of the Proceedings. There will be plenty of time to issue it in any way you desire, either to go out with the September number or as I believe you had previously decided upon a ~~September~~ number.

Yours very truly,

J. L. Brewer

Special
P/F

September 30, 1918

Mr. J. L. Powers
Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

My dear Mr. Powers:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the seventeenth with reference to the Proceedings of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association.

In spite of the delay in the September number of the Review I think it will be best to issue the Proceedings as an "Extra Number" dated October. As I see it, the only saving in issuing it as a supplement to the September number of the Review would be possibly on the expense in wrapping. This would be more than offset, however, by the confusion which would probably result.

I can see no reason why the Proceedings should not be mailed out as soon as ready, even though that should be before the September number of the Review is distributed.

Sincerely yours

B/P

September 27, 1918

Mr. J. L. Powers
The Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

My dear Mr. Powers:-

I have your letter of September 23 and I am glad to know that you expect to mail out the Proceedings in a short time.

I have no information nor authority in the matter of separates. I should suppose, however, that the policy would be the same as that which is followed in the case of articles in the Review. I presume that most of the authors would desire a number of separates. Their addresses you can find at the end of the articles themselves. The only one which needs anything further than is there given is that of Mr. Stevens. He should be addressed as Lieutenant Wayne E. Stevens, Division Headquarters, Camp Cody, Deming, New Mexico.

Sincerely yours

B/P

SEP 30 1918

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

September 23 1918

PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT
Solon J. Buck

St Paul Minn

Dear Mr. Buck:

I am in receipt of your letter of September 20th and have also received the proof for the PROCEEDINGS. We are printing the PROCEEDINGS and hope to be able to mail them out in a short time.

Nothing has been said to us relative to reprints or separates of any of the articles included in the PROCEEDINGS. Can you give me any information concerning this? If you think any of the authors desire separates, perhaps you can let me have their addresses.

Very truly,

THE TORCH PRESS

By

J. L. Powers

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October 8, 1918

Mr. J. L. Powers
Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

My dear Mr. Powers:-

My copy of the M. V. H. A. Proceedings arrived the other day and I want to congratulate you on its excellent appearance and to express my appreciation of the careful manner in which you handled this and the promptness with which you brought it out after the revised proof was returned to you.

Sincerely yours

B/P

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA
PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

FEB 6 1919

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February 5 1919

Solon J Buck
Minnesota Historical Soc
St Paul Minn

Dear Doctor Buck:

I have a letter from Mrs. Paine saying that you are planning to get out the Proceedings for last year before the next annual meeting which will be held at St. Louis early in May.

If we can have the copy, or any portion of it, soon we will be glad to begin the composition at once upon receipt of same. Just now we are in shape to hurry this work along if you can find it convenient to let us have this copy. The latter part of March and April are usually busy times for us and unless we have the copy soon we might be unable to finish the books before the annual meeting. I trust, therefore, that you may let us have the copy at an early date.

Very truly,

THE TORCH PRESS

By

J. P. Brewster

February 6, 1919

Mr. J. L. Powers
Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

My dear Mr. Powers:-

The work on the Proceedings will be pushed just as rapidly as possible.

Professor Boucher of Washington University, St. Louis, is preparing the general account of the meeting which usually comes first in the volume, and it will probably be several weeks before this is ready because of the difficulty we are experiencing in getting abstracts of all the papers.

A number of the papers to be included in the volume will be ready for the press in a few days, however, and if you are willing to accept material out of the order in which it is finally to appear, I would be glad to send these papers on to you without waiting for the general account of the meeting.

Sincerely yours

B/P

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA
PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

FEB 10 1919

February 8 1919

Solon J Buck

Minn Historical Soc

Saint Paul Minn

Dear Mr. Buck:

I am glad to have your letter of February 6th and under all the circumstances I think it advisable that you send us such copy as will be ready for the printer when it is available, even though you may not be able to send it in the order in which it is to finally appear. If this is done we can do the composition as the opportunity comes, keeping each article on separate galleys so that they can be re-arranged when we finally get the order for their appearance in the finished book.

Very truly,

J. A. Brewer

MAR 4 1919.

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA
PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

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March 3 1919

Solon J Buck

St Paul Minn

Dear Mr. Buck:

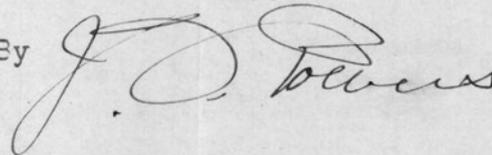
Referring again to your letter of February 6th relative to copy for the PROCEEDINGS:

At that time you thought you would have some copy ready in a few days but we have not yet received any copy. I do not wish to annoy you but it happens that we are now in such shape that we could set the type promptly for such articles as you might have ~~prepared~~ ^{ready} to send, while it might not be possible to take up the work so promptly later. At the best we will have very little time to spare if the book is to be gotten out before the next meeting of the Association. It would therefore favor us and doubtless expedite the work materially if we could have some of this copy at once.

Very truly,

THE TORCH PRESS

By



March 6, 1919

Mr. J. L. Powers
Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

My dear Mr. Powers:-

I am sending you by express
the copy for four of the papers to be included in
the H. V. H. A. Proceedings. The format is to be
exactly the same as in the last two issues of the
Proceedings.

I cannot tell now in just what
order these papers are to appear, but that can be
arranged, I take it, when the material is in
galley proof. Other papers will be sent on to
you as rapidly as they are ready.

Sincerely yours

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA
PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

MAR 11 1919

March 10 1919

Solon J Buck

% Minnesota Historical Soc

Saint Paul

Dear Mr. Buck:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 6th and copy for the Proceedings has just arrived. I note that you desire to have the exact format as in the last two issues of the Proceedings. We will set this matter up as soon as possible, sending you proof and you can later arrange the order of insertion.

I presume there is to be no change in the quantity desired for this edition. Heretofore we have printed the same number as we have for the Review - namely 1,000 copies.

very truly,

THE TORCH PRESS

By

J. A. Brewer

March 21, 1919

Mr. J. L. Powers
Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

My dear Mr. Powers:-

Unless you receive directions to the contrary from Mrs. Paine, the edition of the M. V. H. A. Proceedings should be the same as heretofore, one thousand copies. The authors of several of the papers will want separates. I take it that you will communicate with them about this matter in due time.

Under separate cover I am sending you two additional papers (Boucher's and Hicks's) which you can now have set up. The others are being edited as rapidly as possible.

This number of the Proceedings will, I think, be somewhat larger than the last two issues. It will probably be advisable, therefore, to close the volume with this number, as a fourth part would probably make it too bulky for convenient handling. That will necessitate the issuance of a title page, table of contents, and an index for the volume. It had been my plan to include these with the last part to be issued, but to do so with the part now under way would unquestionably hold up its publication until after the St. Louis meeting. It occurs to me, therefore, that it might be feasible to publish this matter in the form of a separate pamphlet as another "Extra Number" of the Review, to be issued in the late summer or fall. The list of members of the Association which Mrs. Paine desires to have published, and which I had planned to include in this issue of the Proceedings, might also be postponed and included in the pamphlet with the index.

I should like to know what you think of this proposition. So far as I can see, it would cost little if any more to print and distribute this matter as a separate pamphlet than as a part of the present issue of the Proceedings. The idea would be, of course, that Libraries and other members so desiring would bind up the three parts, together with the index, etc., as volume 9 of the Proceedings.

Very truly yours

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA
PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

MAR 24 1919

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March 22, 1919

Solon J Buck

St Paul Minn

Dear Mr. Buck:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 21st and note what you say with reference to the present edition of the Proceedings.

I have heard from Mrs. Paine and unless she gives me word to the contrary, we are to print 1,000 copies.

I have not yet received the additional copy mentioned in your letter but presume it will be here Monday.

I can ~~find~~^{think of} no reason why you may not issue the Proceedings as suggested in your letter. In fact, I think it quite ~~feasible~~^{desirable} if we are to have the book out before the annual meeting, to let your Table of Contents, Index, etc., run along for another extra number in the summer or fall. This will be entirely satisfactory to us and I believe it will be satisfactory to your subscribers.

While on this subject, I wish to say that it would be, from our standpoint, advantageous to have this copy in the summer rather than to wait until fall, even though the number may not come out until after the September number of the Review. We much prefer, if you can so arrange the matter, to get the type ready for printing say in August rather than October, even though we do not print until October.

Very truly,

THE TORCH PRESS

By

J. L. Powers

Proofs to you today

April 5, 1919

Mr. J. L. Powers
Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

My dear Mr. Powers:-

Yesterday I sent you by express some additional copy for the Proceedings of the M. V. H. A., There are two or three more papers to follow.

We have decided to adopt the plan of issuing the index, etc., in the fall as another "Extra Number". I note your desire to have the copy for this in the summer and will endeavor to get it ready as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours

B/P

THE TORCH PRESS

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CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA
PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

APR 14 1919

April 9 1919

Solon J Buck

St Paul Minn

Dear Mr. Buck:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 10th and have also received the copy for the two additional papers mentioned therein. As soon as possible we will set this up and send you proofs.

I note what you say with reference to the letter from W. A. Lloyd and have written him today in regard to the matter.

Very truly,

THE TORCH PRESS

By

J. L. Powers

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA
PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

APR 10 1919.

April 9, 1919

Solon J Buck

St Paul Minn

Dear Mr. Buck:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 5th and have also received the additional copy for the Proceedings. Proofs of all of the copy you sent this office have already been sent you.

I am pleased to now that you have decided to issue the index, etc. in the fall as another extra number. This will render it less difficult to get the present number of the Proceedings out in time for the annual meeting.

Very truly,

J. L. Powers

April 10, 1919

Mr. J. L. Powers
Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

My dear Mr. Powers:-

Under separate cover I am sending you two more papers for the M. V. H. A. Proceedings, and also the papers to be printed by title. This is all, I think, excepting the copy for the preliminary pages which will be sent in when the galley proof is returned.

Sincerely yours

B/P

April 23, 1919

Mr. J. L. Powers
Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

My dear Mr. Powers:-

The reading of the M. W. H. A. galley proof received to date was completed some time ago, but I held it hoping that some more would come in and the whole could then be arranged in final order before returning it to you. None has been received, however, and the time is getting so short that I am returning the revised galley under separate cover. ✓

It can be put into page forms, being careful to begin each article with a new page, and then the articles can be arranged when it is in page proof. The changes from copy are indicated by blue circles; all other corrections are due to mistakes of the compositor.

I am sending also the copy for the preliminary pages. The remainder of the proof will be returned to you very shortly after it is received, and I trust that you will make every possible effort to get the volume out before the annual meeting. ✓

Sincerely yours

APR 25 1919

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PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

April 24, 1919

Solon J Buck

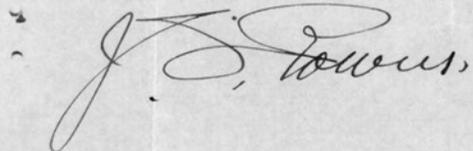
St Paul Minn

Dear Mr. Buck

I am in receipt of your letter of April 23d and note what you say in reference to the galley proofs.

I have been very much disappointed at our inability to complete the composition before this of the matter recently sent us. However, we are sending you a goodly portion of the manuscript and proof under separate cover today and hope to send the remainder tomorrow or Saturday. If you will return this promptly, I believe we will be able to put it in page form without any further delay.

Very truly,



THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA
PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

APR 26 1919

April 25, 1919

Solon J Buck

St Paul Minn

Dear Mr. Buck:

The galley proof for several of the articles reached us today and under separate cover we are sending you the last of the galley proof. Inasmuch as we will not begin the makeup for a couple of days, perhaps it would be well to wait until you can give us the order for the makeup. In that event we will be able to put above the pages the running heads and otherwise give you complete page proofs.

Have you anywhere given us the first page number for this issue of the Proceedings. If not, please let us have it by return mail.

Very truly,

THE TORCH PRESS

By

J. A. Brewer

April 30, 1919

Mr. J. L. Powers
Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

My dear Mr. Powers:-

I am returning to you under separate cover the remainder of the galley proof for the M. V. H. A. Proceedings. I have arranged this in the order in which it is to appear and have given specific instructions as to the make-up.

I trust that you will send me the completed page proof at the earliest possible moment, so that it can be read and returned before I leave for St. Louis next week Wednesday.

The delay in setting up the last two batches of copy sent in is apparently going to prevent the appearance of the volume before the St. Louis meeting. I regret this very much, but trust that it will be possible at least for me to announce that the proof reading is completed and the volume is in press.

Sincerely yours

B/P

MAY 3 1919

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

May 2, 1919

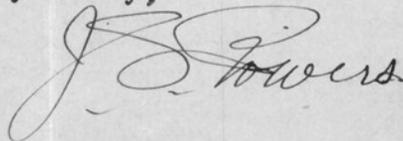
Solon J Buck
St Paul Minn

Dear Mr. Buck:

Your letter of April 30th duly received, but the proofs did not come until today, so late that we will not be able to do anything with the work today.

I will endeavor to get the matter into pages and send to you the early part of next week. But I doubt if it will reach you so that you can read and return the proof Wednesday.

Very truly,



May 17, 1919

Mr. J. L. Powers
Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

My dear Mr. Powers:-

Under separate cover, I am returning to you the galley proof and the corrected page proof for the Proceedings. As it has been necessary to make a number of changes, I should like to see a revised page proof before it goes to press. The alignment of the type in the running headings is bad throughout; otherwise the make up seems to have been handled very well.

Only a part of the manuscript copy has been returned to me. The first batch which was sent back to us with corrected galley proof must be there still. This includes Boucher's "Eleventh Annual Meeting"; Hicks's "Six Constitutions"; Brown's "Collapse of the Steamboat Traffic"; Lloy's "Relation of the County Farm Bureau, etc."; Bone's "Geographic Problems"; and Moran's "Fight for Public Opinion".

When the galley proof of Moran's article "The Fight for Public Opinion" was received, we discovered that footnote number 1 had been omitted, although it was in the copy. Attention was called to this on the galley proof with a reference to the copy which was sent back along with the corrected galley proof. In the page proof, on page 454, I find a space left for this footnote and the notation in the margin "No copy for footnote". Since this was one of the articles, the original copy of which was not returned to me with the page proof, I am unable to verify the existence of this footnote therein, but if you will look up this manuscript I am quite sure that you will find the desired copy therein. If you do not find it, let me know, and I will endeavor to supply new copy for this footnote.

I am returning also the completed copy for the table of contents which is to occupy pages 337 and 338.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA
PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

MAY 20 1919

May 19, 1919

Solon J Buck

St Paul Minn

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of May 17th and have also received the corrected page proof for the Proceedings. I note that you desire a revise and will have the corrections made and a revise proof sent to you as soon as possible.

I also note what you say in reference to the footnote for Moran's article on the "Fight for Public Opinion." I have located the copy and attached the page containing this footnote to the proof.

Do you wish the remainder of the copy returned to you.

Very truly,

THE TORCH PRESS

By *J. L. Powers*

May 20, 1919

Mr. J. L. Powers
Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

My dear Mr. Powers:-

I am glad to know that
you found the footnote for Moran's article.

So far as I can see, at
present, it will not be necessary for you
to return the remainder of the copy to me,
but I think it had better not be destroyed
until a month or two after the book is pub-
lished.

Sincerely yours

B/P

May 31, 1919

Mr. J. L. Powers
Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

My dear Mr. Powers:-

I am returning to you herewith the revised galley proof. You will find that the pages on which further revisions are to be made have been separated from those which are all right, and have been marked "O. K. with corrections".

You will note that the alignment on some of the running headings is still unsatisfactory.

I trust that you will put this through the press as rapidly as possible. You took much more time for the last revision of the proof than I had anticipated, and it is obvious now that it will not come out in May. I think, however, we had better leave May as the date, since a regular number of the Review bears that of June. I hope that it will be possible to get these Proceedings distributed before that regular number comes out.

Sincerely yours

B/P

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

Solon J Buck

Minn Hist Soc

Saint Paul Minn

Dear Mr. Buck:

I have just returned from a sad journey to Ohio and am in receipt of your letter of June 10th relative to the index for the PROCEEDINGS.

After looking over the situation in the office, I fear that we will be unable to get the PROCEEDINGS printed so that you can make your index from the printed copy before the end of June. I have therefore deemed it advisable to return to you the page proofs, which are going forward under separate cover. I trust this action will meet with your approval and that you may complete the index from these proofs before you leave.

I also have your further letter of May 31st calling my attention to the alignment and other errors in the revised page proof. We will take care of these errors before printing.

As to the status of the June number of the REVIEW: two of the articles were sent to us early in May but we have received nothing since; therefore it is not likely the publication will be printed before July.

Very truly,

J. S. Powers.

June 10, 1919

Mr. J. L. Powers
Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

My dear Mr. Powers:-

Can you give me any information as to when a copy will be available of the M. V. H. A. Proceedings? If the index is to be compiled before fall, it will be necessary for me to have a copy in a few days or else for you to send me a set of the page proof.

Unless I get this done by the end of June, it will have to go over until September, as I expect to be away during July and August.

Sincerely yours

B/P

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

July 24, 1919

Dr Solon J Buck

Minnesota Historical Soc

St Paul Minn

Dear Mr. Buck:

I am just in receipt of a letter from Mrs Paine in which she refers to the printing of the PROCEEDINGS.

I understood from the correspondence with you in June that you wished to make up the index before July; therefore the page proofs were returned to you so that the index could be made from these proofs. since that time we have heard nothing further in regard to the printing of the PROCEEDINGS. If you are through with the proofs for indexing purposes and will return them, I believe we will be able to get the printing done now in a short time.

Very truly,

J. L. Powers

July 35, 1919

Mr. J. L. Powers
The Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of July 24,
addressed to Mr. Buck has just arrived.
We are forwarding it to Mr. Buck as he
is still in the East.

Very truly yours

Secretary to the Superintendent.

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Brooklyn, New York
July 27, 1919

Mr. J. L. Powers
Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Dear Mr. Powers:-

Your letter of July 24 has just reached me here by special delivery, having been forwarded by my secretary.

To say that I am astounded at its contents is putting it mildly. I supposed that the Proceedings were all printed long ago. The page proof had been in your hands for weeks before you returned it to me and I supposed of course that you had made the corrections in the type and would have no further use for the proof. Otherwise I certainly should not have asked for it, for the issuance of the Proceedings was a much more important matter than the making of an index which is not to be published until fall anyway. Had it not been for your special request that the index be ready for setting up early, rather than late, in the fall, I should have waited until the Proceedings were out. As it was I arranged before I left about a month ago to have the cards for the index written during my absence with the idea that I would supervise the final arrangement of it when I return the latter part of August.

I do not know just what stage the work on the index has reached, but I am writing my secretary to get the proof and return it to you at once. She will let you know whether or not it would be desirable for you to return the page-proof for index purposes after you are all through with it.

It seems to me the M. V. H. A. has had rather shabby treatment in the matter of the publication of these Proceedings. When the copy was sent to you it was understood that the volume would be published before the meeting in May. Although each installment of proof was read and returned very promptly you failed to get it out. No complaint was made, however. At the time of the meeting you stated and it was publicly announced that the Proceedings would be out in a very short time. Now it is over two and a half months later, and apparently you are trying to put the blame for the delay on me. It is quite possible that there have been reasons for the delay, but I can imagine no reason for your failure to let

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me know that you had not finished with the proof when it was sent to me if not at the time when it was sent, at least before several months had elapsed.

I cannot give you any address for I expect to be moving about but letters addressed to me in St. Paul will be forwarded.

Very truly yours

July 30, 1919

Mr. J. L. Powers
Torch Press
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Dear Sir:-

I am sending to you today under separate cover the proof of the M. V. H. A. Proceedings in accordance with Mr. Buck's letter to you of July 27. ✓

The assistant who is making the index has not finished with it as yet, supposing that you would not need the proof any more, and we will appreciate it very much if you will return it to us as soon as you are entirely through with it.

Very truly yours

Secretary to the superintendent

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Solon J Buck
St Paul Minn

Dear Mr. Buck:

I am in receipt of your letter of July 27th from Brooklyn, and am somewhat surprised at its contents.

I am quite willing to admit that there was what may seem to you and to others an unreasonable delay in the matter of the printing of the PROCEEDINGS. Certainly the volume should have been printed earlier and we expected to have it out long before the first of July. Nevertheless, you wrote me June 10th saying that unless you had the index of the PROCEEDINGS done by the end of June it would have to go over until September as you expected to be away during July and August. I therefore sent you the page proofs and at the same time advised you that I did this because we would be unable to print the PROCEEDINGS and get the printed copy to you in time for this work. I submit that I had a right to believe that you expected to have the index made by the end of June. Also, I can find nothing in the correspondence which intimates that the printing could proceed without the page proof.

I am not trying to put the blame on your or anyone else, but I have expected the page proof to be returned to us almost any day and perhaps have been negligent in not inquiring why it was not returned at the end of June or early in July.

Concerning the original delay, I wish to say that I believe I informed both you and Mrs. Paine that I doubted very much our ability to get the PROCEEDINGS out before the annual meeting. Since the annual meeting labor conditions have been such as to almost drive one frantic who has any regard for the welfare of his customers. I certainly anticipated when I was in St. Louis that the PROCEEDINGS would be printed within a very short time thereafter, but we have lost men by sickness, death, and every other thing that might come up to paralyze an organization. I know it is useless and not very pleasant to make excuses, but I do want you to feel that I am not attempting to throw any blame on you. There was doubtless a misunderstanding on the part of both of us at the time the page proofs were returned to you. The best I can do now is to put the job on the press the moment the proofs are returned and get the book out without further delay. This I assure you will be done and I want to say further that I trust conditions will have so settled themselves before many months pass that we will be able to keep faith with our customers better than we have been able to do during the past year.

Very truly,

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By *J. L. Powers*