



[Solon J. Buck Papers.](#)

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September 21, 1920

Professor Arthur C. Cole  
Ohio State University  
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Cole:-

I am delighted with your appointment. Heartiest congratulations. I was sure that something fine of this sort would come your way before long. Confidentially I feel that you are to be congratulated, not merely for your appointment to Ohio, but also for your escape from Illinois.

I am sure that you will like it at Ohio. Hockett, whom I have known for sixteen years, is a very fine fellow and in general the atmosphere there seems to be wholesome, so far as I can judge from several visits with my old friend, Charles F. Kelley of the art department. When you see Kelley, as you doubtless will, give him my regards and tell him that I haven't heard from him for an age.

Cordially yours

B/P

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE  
COLORADO COLLEGE  
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.

August 29, 1921.

Supt. S. J. Buck,  
Minnesota Historical Society,  
St Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Superintendent Buck:

I wish to thank you for your recent letter in which you gave me your favorable opinion of Dr. J. D. Hicks. I know now from all information that Dr. Hicks is an able man. However, our vacant position has been filled by the appointment of another candidate.

Very truly,

*C. A. Dunningway*  
President.

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Solan J. Buck, Esq.  
Minnesota Historical Society  
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mr. Buck:

At the meeting of the Conference of Historical Societies of the American Historical Association recently held in Washington, it was voted that the Chairman be instructed to appoint a committee of three who should take in hand the compilation and publication of a handbook of American Historical Societies to and including 1920 data.

The President and Secretary of last year having been re-elected for the ensuing year, they immediately took in hand the selection of such a committee, which resulted in the appointment of the following:

George N. Fuller, Chairman  
Secretary Mich. Historical Commission  
Lansing, Michigan

Solan J. Buck, Supt.  
Minnesota Historical Society  
St. Paul, Minn.

John C. Parish, Secretary  
Conference Historical Association  
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Iowa City, Iowa

You will receive a copy of the resolution, etc., from Secretary John C. Parish, Iowa State Historical Society, Iowa City, Iowa.

Expressing to you the appreciation of the conference and others interested in the publications of historical societies, and wishing you every success in the work committed to your care, I remain

Very sincerely,

*Geo. S. Godard*

President

GSG MCH

February 13, 1921

Mr. George S. Godard  
State Librarian  
Hartford, Connecticut

My dear Mr. Godard:-

Your letter of  
January 11 notifying me of my ap-  
pointment on the committee of the  
Conference of Historical Societies to  
prepare a Handbook was duly received.  
I shall be glad to do what I can to for-  
ward this work.

Sincerely yours

B/P

August 26, 1921

Mr. George S. Goddard  
State Librarian  
Hartford, Connecticut

My dear Mr. Goddard:-

Mr. Paltsits as chairman of the Public Archives Commission of the American Historical Association, has asked me to arrange the program for the conference of archivists at the St. Louis meeting of the American Historical Association.

I am sending you herewith a copy of the program as it has been tentatively blocked out. Can we count on you for the paper assigned to you? What I have in mind is something that would take about fifteen minutes to read.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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September first  
1921

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
c/o Minnesota Historical Society  
Saint Paul, Minn.

My dear Dr. Buck:

Your note of August 26th received on my  
return from a few days' outing in Maine.

As requested I will prepare a paper upon  
the topic suggested, namely, "How Can the States  
be Persuaded to Take Proper Care of their Archives -  
Lessons from Connecticut."

I am pleased with the program as outlined.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely,

GSG MCH

State Librarian

August 26, 1921

Mr. E. W. D. Connor  
North Carolina Historical Commission  
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Connor:-

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Sincerely yours

B/P

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# The North Carolina Historical Commission

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August 29, 1921.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

I think your program  
is all right, and I shall be very  
glad to prepare the paper request-  
ed of me.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*R. D. W. Connor*

The University of North Carolina  
Chapel Hill, N. C.

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Dec. 24th, 1921.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Buck,

Very greatly to my regret I am forced to give up the hope of being present at the meeting in St. Louis. I have not been at all well lately and do not feel quite up to the trip.

Mr. Robert B. House, of the North Carolina Historical Commission, will be there and has consented to read my paper, if this procedure is agreeable to you. I have sent a copy of it to Mr. House, but lest he may leave Raleigh before it reaches him I enclose herewith a copy which I should like for you to deliver to him. He can return it to you after reading it if you want it.

It is a very keen disappointment to me to have to give up the trip and I apologize quite humbly for doing so after having promised you to be on hand. I hope that you will have a fine meeting and a good time.

Sincerely yours

*R. D. W. Connor*

611 Delaware St. S. E.

May 8, 1920

Dr. J. R. Warbasse  
The Cooperative League of America  
2 West 13 St.,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Being very much interested in the possibilities of cooperation, I am taking the liberty of asking you for such literature on the subject as you may have available.

There has been some talk of starting a cooperative store for the handling of groceries and possibly other merchandise in our neighborhood and we want to secure as much information as may be available on the subject. If you can refer us to people in Minneapolis or St. Paul who have information about or are connected with the cooperative movement, that also will be appreciated.

Very truly yours

B/P

JAMES P. WARBASSE  
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May 14th. 1920.

Mr. S. J. Buck,  
The University of Minnesota,  
611 Delaware St., S. E.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th inst. and are pleased to give you the name of a good Society: The St. Paul Co-operative Society, Eighth and Cedar Streets, St. Paul, Minn.

We have this day forwarded you the literature you asked for.

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

A. T.

See Mrs Arthur De Sener or Mr. Jacks.

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THE CORNHILL PUBLISHING COMPANY  
2 A PARK STREET  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS



July 13, 1921.

Prof. Solon J. Buck, Ph. D.,  
Minnesota Historical Society,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Early in the coming year or a little earlier if conditions will permit, we will commence the publication of a series of historical works under the general series title of "The Cornhill Historical Monographs".

What we specifically desire are manuscripts treating of the by-paths of American history, preferably from 10,000 to 30,000 words. This does not mean that manuscripts on more general subjects or of different lengths would not interest us if they offered possibilities for our general list, but merely that they would not come within the scope of this particular series.

If you have in manuscript such a work, or if you are contemplating completing one in the near future, we will be pleased to have an opportunity to consider it for this series.

Very truly yours,

THE CORNHILL PUBLISHING CO.

MJL:M

BY *W. D. Lorente*

August 12, 1921.

The Cornhill Publishing Company,  
2 A Park Street,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen: Attention M. J. Lorente

Your letter of July 13 concerning your proposed series of "The Cornhill Historical Monographs" was duly received.

I am interested in your proposition but unfortunately I have no manuscript of the sort available at the present time, and there is little prospect of my finding time to prepare one in the near future. I happen to know, however, that Professor Lester B. Shippee, one of my colleagues in the History Department of the University of Minnesota, has been doing some research and writing, the results of which might be appropriate for your series, and I would suggest that you communicate with him. His address is 141 Bedford St., S.E., Minneapolis.

Very truly yours,

B-N

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THE CORNHILL PUBLISHING COMPANY

2 A PARK STREET  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS



August 17, 1921.

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

Dear Sir:-

We thank you for your letter  
of August 12th and for your kind suggestion  
that we write to Professor Shippee.

We regret very much that you  
should not have on hand any manuscript for  
our series and hope that at a later date we  
will have the pleasure to hear from you should  
you decide to write one.

Very truly yours,

THE CORNHILL PUBLISHING CO.,

BY

*W. P. Lorente*

MJL/M.

June 13, 1921

Mr. B. R. Crandall  
Superintendent of Schools  
San Bernardino, California

Dear Sir:-

As my acquaintance with Miss Brown is somewhat limited, it is impossible for me to answer any considerable number of the questions on your blank which is returned herewith. ✓

I enclose, however, a copy of a recommendation for Miss Brown which I wrote on July 3, 1916. I have not seen her since then, but I understand that she has been engaged in teaching in various high schools. ✓

Very truly yours

B/P

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HARPER & BROTHERS  
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FRANKLIN SQUARE, NEW YORK, N.Y.

January 2, 1920.

Dr. S. J. Buck,  
University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Buck,

I missed you at the Historical Meeting and appreciate the fact that you had the best of reasons to stay at home. Incidentally give my regards to the same best reason.

Did you ever write Turner regarding the collected edition of his essays? Alvord thinks this an excellent idea and *offered* to send his recommendation to Turner although he did not think there was a chance that the latter would consent.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

*F. S. Crofts*

FSC:HH

January 30, 1920

Mr. F. S. Crofts  
Happer & Brothers  
Franklin Square  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Crofts:-

Sorry not to see you at the Cleveland meeting. The real reason why I did not go was that I could afford neither the time nor the money, although I admit that the reason you suggest might have had some influence.

I have not written to Turner as yet about our project for a collected edition of his essays, principally because I heard indirectly that he is a pretty sick man. I have written to a personal friend at Harvard to get more definite information on this point before taking up the matter with Turner. I shall keep it in mind, however, and let you know of any development.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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HARPER & BROTHERS  
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FRANKLIN SQUARE, NEW YORK, N.Y.

April 26, 1920.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
Greencastle, Ind.

Dear Buck.

The program of the Meeting which I am taking for granted you are attending, has just reached me. There are two or three subjects to be discussed which interest me, and if it is not too much trouble, I should be glad to have your opinion of them, particularly as regards the possibilities of their availability for Harpers Monthly Magazine.

The historical detective story by Jacob P. Dunn, sounds interesting. If you hear Mr. Dunn's paper, I should like to have your opinion of it. Please also send me his address as the program gives only "State Historical Society."

The three addresses on the program on the Puritans and Pilgrims all have possibilities, especially in view of the coming celebration. Fish has the best title, but I should like your

opinion of all three papers and know that you will not hesitate to praise your own.

Hoping that this letter will reach you and that I may hear from you, I am

Sincerely yours,

*F. S. Crofts*

FSC:HH

May 5, 1930

Mr. F. S. Crofts  
Harper & Brothers, Publishers  
Franklin Square  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Crofts:-

Your letter of April 26 reached me at Greencastle. I did not hear the program Thursday morning, but did hear the conclusion of Jacob P. Dunn's "Historical Detective Story" which was given in the afternoon. This had nothing to do with the pilgrims but was a detailed investigation of a case of slavery or indentured servitude in Indiana Territory. While an interesting piece of historical work, it was quite long and would not, I think, be suitable for Harpers Magazine. Mr. Dunn is very well known in Indianapolis and I think that a letter addressed to him there would unquestionably reach him.

I got to Greencastle after the Thursday afternoon program had started and consequently missed the beginning of Fish's paper, but I heard the most of it I think, and I have no hesitation in saying that it is a very fine paper and well worthy of publication in Harpers. It is rather long, but perhaps could be shortened to suit your purposes. I consulted with Mr. Alvord about this matter and he said that Fish had promised the paper to him for the Mississippi Valley Historical Review but that he would be willing to release it for Harpers Magazine if you want it.

Kohlmeier's paper "The Undertow of Puritan Influence" was also very good and might be worth considering for Harpers. It was comparatively short.

Coming now to my own paper I have to confess that it was not a paper at all, but merely a series of extracts from an unpublished manuscript journal which has been in my possession about nine years. I have thought for some time that this journal is distinctly worthy of publication and some years ago I had a typewritten transcript made of it. About two years ago I read extensive extracts from this manuscript to a dining club made up of about twenty members of the University faculty and they found it intensely interesting and amusing. A few weeks ago I put together a much more limited selection of extracts under the title "Introspections of a Belated Puritan" and read them first at a meeting of the Minnesota Historical Society. This was my

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contribution to the Greencastle program. Both the Minnesota audience and that at Greencastle seemed to enjoy these extracts immensely and quite a number of people sought me out at Greencastle to urge that the journal be published so that they might read more of it. If Harpers should want to undertake the publication of the journal in book form it might be desirable to print some of these extracts first in Harpers Magazine. If you are interested I would be glad to send a copy of these extracts to you.

The last paper on the program for Thursday afternoon, Brady's "Moravian Mission Settlement in Indiana" has no direct connection, of course, with the Puritans but was an interesting story of early experiences among the Indians based on and including extensive quotations from unpublished letters and journals of the missionaries. These documents I understand are soon to be published by the Indiana Historical Society.

I take it that you are not especially interested in any of the other papers presented at the meeting. You doubtless will be interested, however, in knowing that this was the largest meeting of the association ever held, the attendance being between seventy and eighty.

Sincerely yours

B/P

June 18, 1921

Professor William Stearns Davis  
Clam Rock Cottage  
Boothbay Harbor, Maine

My dear Davis:-

I had expected to see you at the meeting of our department last Tuesday and was surprised to learn that you had already departed.

I especially desired to see you because I wanted to ask a favor of you, and I always prefer to do such things in person rather than by letter. As you may know, Dr. Upham has compiled and edited, and the Congregational Conference of Minnesota has published, a book entitled Congregational Work in Minnesota, 1832-1890. This book ought, of course, to be reviewed in the Minnesota History Bulletin and I will appreciate it very much if you will undertake to do it for me. I would not expect, of course, a minutely critical review, but would like a general statement of the contents of the book, and a discussion of its character and value. There need be no hurry about it, as we are somewhat behind with the issues of the Bulletin and would not be ready to use this review for several months. I will send the book to you as soon as I hear that you are willing to undertake the job.

Doubtless you have heard all about the promotions in the history department. It certainly looks like a recognition of us as the outstanding department of the college. I was very much pleased, of course, at my own promotion and especially because I know that it must have been based upon a recommendation from men whose approval I value most highly.

I trust that you will have a pleasant vacation but will not forget your colleagues who are sweltering in Minnesota.

Sincerely yours

B/P

JUN 27 1921

CLAM ROCK COTTAGE  
BOOTHBAY HARBOR, MAINE

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June 23/21

Dear Buck:

I shall be glad to review that  
"Congregational Work in Minnesota".

How many words?

The promotions are a great  
gratification to me, and none more ~~so~~  
truly than yours; for it has, for several  
years, seemed a sinful absurdity that  
considering your high standing in the  
historical profession and leadership in  
several notable directions, you should not  
have already received the ~~high~~ most  
pronounced kind of recognition.

To judge from the papers a hot  
war is hitting the country. It has  
been pretty hot even here, and that (over

usually means something pretty  
fierce inland!

With best regards to Mrs.  
Buck,

Very truly yours

Davis

June 27, 1921

Professor William S. Davis  
Clam Rock Cottage  
Boothbay Harbor, Maine

Dear Davis:-

Your willingness to review Upham's book is very much appreciated, and a copy goes forward to you under separate cover. I don't want to restrict you by specifying the number of words, but would prefer to leave it to your judgment. I would suggest somewhere between three hundred and eight hundred.

I am very much pleased, of course, with the complimentary things which you say about me in your letter. I feel, however, that my advancement has been as rapid as I have any right to expect.

*Kad*

Mrs. Buck is well and sends her regards to you and Mrs. Davis.

Sincerely yours

B/P

January 20, 1920

R. R. Donnelley & Sons Co.  
731 Plymouth Court  
Chicago, Illinois

Attention Mr. H. P. Zimmermann

Gentlemen:-

Mr. Graves, our librarian, has turned over to me your letter of January 14 in which you state that a copy of this year's Lakeside Classic had already been sent addressed to me. This volume was duly received and has been lying on my desk awaiting acknowledgment during the strenuous period accompanying the annual meeting of the society.

Since you were kind enough, at the suggestion of Mr. Quaife, to send me a personal copy of the last year's issue in this series, I assumed that this copy being addressed to me was also intended for my personal library. This is the explanation of Mr. Graves's letter of January 13 asking for a copy for the library of the Minnesota Historical Society.

*beaut*  
Since the copy already received was intended for the society, I shall, of course, turn it over, and on behalf of the society I want to thank you for your courtesy in presenting it. I have followed this little series for a number of years and it strikes me that you are doing a very valuable work in thus preserving in such attractive form some of the materials for the history of the Mississippi valley. I sometimes wonder, however, if it would not be ~~advisable~~ for you to issue a small edition of each number for sale so that copies might be procured by individuals and libraries not so fortunate as to be on your mailing list.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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

Dear Sir:

We have been under the impression that Dr. Quaife was sending you a copy of the Lakeside Classic of 1919, but inasmuch as he has not done so, we are pleased to send you a copy under separate cover today.

Yours very truly,

R. R. DONNELLEY & SONS COMPANY

  
Secretary

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January 30, 1920

R. R. Donnelley & Sons  
731 Plymouth Court  
Chicago, Illinois

Attention Mr. H. B. Zimmermann

Gentlemen:-

I want to thank you for the personal copy of your Lakeside Classic of 1919 which you so kindly sent to me.

I became interested in Mrs. Tillson's narrative seven or eight years ago when I was working in Illinois history, and I am very glad indeed to have a copy of it in this attractive form for my personal collection.

Very truly yours

B/P

February 1, 1931

Mr. H. P. Zimmermann  
R. R. Donnelly & Co.,  
Plymouth Court, cor. Polk St.,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of a complimentary copy of your issue of "The Lakeside Classics" for Christmas, 1930, and want to express to you my thanks for your courtesy.

I am very glad, indeed, to have the opportunity to add this to the other attractive volumes in this series which I have received from you in previous years. It seems to me that the idea of publishing Clark's Conquest of Illinois in such form that it will be read with pleasure by the average man is a very good one, and a real service to the cause of history. He

Sincerely yours

B/P

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THE ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA  
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NEW YORK: 288 4TH AVENUE

OFFICE OF THE  
AMERICAN EDITOR

October 21, 1920.

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

Dear Professor Buck,

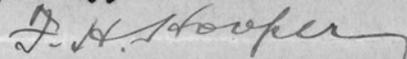
The Editors of the Encyclopaedia Britannica are at work preparing three New Volumes which will supplement and bring up to date the last or 11th Edition of that work. The 11th Edition was published in 1910, so the New Volumes will cover the period from that time to the present.

We should be glad to secure your cooperation in the preparation of these New Volumes and we write to ask if you will contribute the article on "Minnesota". The article should tell whatever there is new regarding the State since the 11th Edition appeared in 1910. For fuller details see the enclosed slip.

We should want the article about the end of the winter, say in the month of March, and we expect to pay for the contribution at the regular Britannica rate of payment of \$25.00 per page. In length the article should be approximately 2,500 words.

Trusting that we may have the pleasure of adding your name to the list of contributors to the Encyclopaedia Britannica, a list that for over one hundred and fifty years has comprised many of the most famous scholars and experts of every country, we remain

Yours very truly,



American Editor.

FHH/EE

Enclosure.

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October 28, 1920

Mr. F. H. Hooper  
American Editor  
Encyclopaedia Britannica  
288 Fourth Ave.,  
New York City

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of October 21 asking me to contribute the article on Minnesota for the new volumes of the Encyclopaedia Britannica. I appreciate the honor of being asked to contribute to the Britannica and have decided to accept.

I am very busy with my work for the Minnesota Historical Society and the University of Minnesota, but I expect to be able to have the article ready in March as desired. A copy of the article on Minnesota in the 11th Edition would be useful to me.

Very truly yours

B/P

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THE ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA  
FOUNDED 1768

LONDON: 125 HIGH HOLBORN  
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OFFICE OF THE  
AMERICAN EDITOR

November 1, 1920.

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

Dear Professor Buck,

We are in receipt of your favor of October 28th, and are very glad indeed to learn that you will contribute the article on "Minnesota" to the New Volumes of the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

We send you enclosed herein the article on the State as it appeared in the 11th Edition. As you will see, it consists of three portions: Physical features, flora, fauna, etc.; statistics of agriculture, manufactures, population, government, etc.; and history. We presume that there is nothing to add to the first portion so that all the space can be utilized for the second and third portions.

In writing the article kindly remember that we are not making a new edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica; that comes at long intervals, and is new from beginning to end. What we are doing is preparing three supplementary volumes which will take up the threads where the 11th Edition authors left them, and bring the various articles up to date. Will you, therefore, cover the period from 1910 or thereabouts when the 11th Edition writers ceased, to the present time of writing your own article.

Yours very truly,

*A. H. Hooper*

American Editor.

FHH/EE

Enclosure.

May 21, 1921

Mr. F. H. Hooper  
American Editor  
Encyclopedia Britannica  
258 4 Ave., New York City

My dear Mr. Hooper:-

Herewith I am sending you the manuscript for the article on "Minnesota" which you asked me to prepare for the supplementary volumes of the Encyclopedia Britannica. I regret that I was unable to complete this in the time suggested in your letter of October 21. The necessary investigations required a great deal more work than I had anticipated it would, and my time has been very much taken up with a legislative campaign for increased appropriations for the Minnesota Historical Society.

The delay has been advantageous in this particular, however, that it has enabled me to include more up-to-date information with reference to legislation and census statistics. I regret that the statistics of manufactures and those of nativity of the federal census are not yet available for Minnesota. *last* They probably will be in the near future and, if feasible, ought to be substituted for the 1914 and 1910 statistics included on these subjects.

Very truly yours

B/P

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OFFICE OF THE  
AMERICAN EDITOR

May 26, 1921.

Professor Solon J. Buck,  
University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Professor Buck:

I am in receipt of your favor of the 21st enclosing the manuscript of your article "Minnesota" for the New Volumes of the Encyclopaedia Britannica. I have gone over the article and consider it excellent.

I have struck out the figures regarding population for the year 1910. We have made it a rule to exclude the 1910 figures except where they are used to contrast with those of later years, in the hopes, however, that before the article is passed by the London Office and gets back to this country for the setting up, necessary under the American copyright laws, that later figures on population will be available, and can then be added.

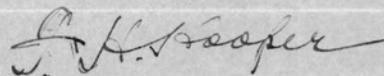
On page 7A you give the yield of corn and wheat from 1919. Do you know the value? I should like to add the figures for value if you can send them to me. *Corn = \$141,600,000      wheat = \$94,276,000*

On page 9 you state that the railway mileage increased 9% between 1908 and 1920. Can you give me the total in 1920? Two lines further down you speak of the building by the United States Government of a dam for the Mississippi. Can you tell me the date? *- opened to navigation, July 31, 1917  
not entirely completed in 1920*

If you will kindly let me have this information, I will forward the article to our London Office.

Again thanking you, I remain

Yours very truly,



American Editor.

FHH:W

*R. R. mileage<sup>Dec. 31,</sup> 1919 = 9,045.46 for main lines  
185.2 for terminal & switching roads.*

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June 3, 1921

Mr. F. H. Hooper  
American Editor  
Encyclopedia Britannica  
288 Fourth Ave.,  
New York City

My dear Mr. Hooper:-

I am in receipt of your letter of May 26 and am very much pleased to know that you are satisfied with my article on Minnesota for the new volumes of the Britannica. I am glad to know that the figures for the 1920 census will probably be substituted for the 1910 figures which I used.

The figures for the corn crop in 1919 was \$141,600,000 and that of the wheat crop \$94,276,000.

The railway mileage on December 31, 1919 was 9,045.46 for main lines and 185.2 for terminal and switching roads.

The government dam on the Mississippi was so far completed that the locks were first opened to navigation on July 3, 1917. It was not entirely completed, however, until 1920, and the power plant, which was to be constructed in connection with it, has not been started as yet.

Very truly yours

B/P

November 6, 1920

Mr. F. H. Hooper  
American Editor  
Encyclopaedia Britannica  
288 Fourth Ave.,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Hooper:-

Your letter of November 1  
with the article from the Encyclopaedia Brit-  
tanica on Minnesota has been received. I  
shall endeavor to follow your instructions and  
suggestions in the preparation of the article  
for the supplement.

Sincerely yours

B/P

June 7, 1921.

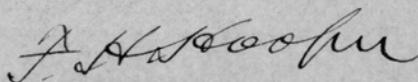
Professor Solon J. Buck,  
University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Professor Buck:

Thank you for your favor of the 3d enclosing some additional figures for your article "Minnesota" for the New Volumes of the Encyclopaedia Britannica. I have made the necessary additions and am now forwarding the manuscript to our London Office.

Again thanking you, I remain

Yours very truly,



American Editor.

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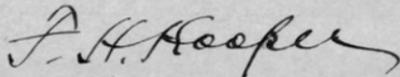
Prof. Salon J. Buck,  
Minnesota Historical Soc.,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

We are sending you enclosed herewith  
proof of your article "Minnesota" for the  
New Volumes of the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

Will you kindly read, make any  
necessary changes, and return by earliest  
mail in the enclosed envelope.

Yours very truly,



American Editor.

FHH/K

November 16, 1921

Mr. F. H. Hooper  
American Editor  
Encyclopedia Britannica  
238 Fourth Ave.,  
New York City

Dear Sir:-

I am returning to you  
herewith the proof of my article,  
"Minnesota", for the new volumes  
of the Encyclopedia Britannica.

My corrections thereon  
are made in pencil. They are slight  
but important.

Very truly yours.

E/P.

The University of Minnesota  
Graduate School  
Minneapolis

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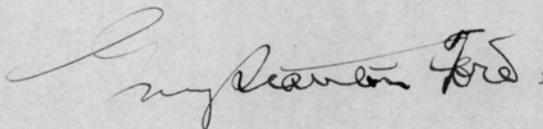
Doctor S. J. Buck  
219 Library

Dear Mr. Buck:

Two people on the Editorial Board have already looked through Shortridge's monograph and aside from the fact that we are short of money, I find that neither is very enthusiastic about it as a possible publication. They think it a plain, safe piece of work, distinctly short in the latter part of Sibley's career and embodying more of his times than of the man. They evidently talked it over with Doctor Folwell who felt that it made no particular contribution to what was already known.

At its last meeting, the Board suggested that I confer with you along the lines of these criticisms.

Sincerely



Dean

Gsf:AH

April 9, 1930

Professor G. S. Ford  
58 East Washington St.,  
F. E. Compton & Co.,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Ford:-

I have a letter from Alvord in which he says that he will have to have a few more days before making a decision, and asking me to let you know. Apparently he expects to make up his mind by the first of next week.

I received a letter from Stevens this morning in which he says that Greene has resigned the headship of the department at Illinois and Larson has been appointed.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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Telegram to May  
G. S. Ford. ~~May~~ 4, 1920

Dr. Schmidt's letter seems to have caused the trouble. The department has had a meeting and all feel that you are the only one who can handle the situation and should come to Minnesota as soon as possible to see if anything can be accomplished.

Histery left.

May 4, 1920

Professor G. S. Ford  
58 East Washington St.,  
Chicago, Illinois:-

Dear Ford:-

You will doubtless have heard before this reaches you that the executive committee turned Alvord down last night. I consider it an outrage beside which the Flom affair pales into insignificance. Kinley apparently took your letter to him as conclusive and gave out the information with the result that it is known all over Urbana. Alvord let it be known quite generally at the Mississippi Valley Historical Association meeting.

Unless the decision can be changed we are responsible for ruining Alvord. He will be branded as an incurable invalid whom no institution will want to be saddled with, and consequently will have little prospect of advancement at Illinois. It might be said, I suppose, that Alvord is to blame for letting the matter out, and that is true in part, but it does not in the least relieve us of responsibility, for, knowing him as we do, we should have expected him to let it out unless cautioned not to do so. I have felt a premonition of something of this sort ever since the first regent's meeting at which it was brought up. That doesn't make it any more agreeable to me, however, now that it has come. So far as I am personally concerned, I can not see where I am responsible or ought to have acted differently, and yet it is perfectly clear that I will be held responsible by the profession generally. Hereafter when attending historical meetings, I will have to be ashamed instead of proud of my connection with the University of Minnesota. In fact I think I shall let it be known that I shall be glad to consider any reasonable offer from another institution.

As concerns the real state of Alvord's health, I don't think there is the slightest question. He says that he has not lost more than three days by sickness in the last three years and a survey of what he has accomplished during that period indicates the truth of his statement. I was with him most of the time from Thursday noon until Sunday in Urbana, and he seemed to be in as good health and to have as much energy as when I first knew him ten years ago. I saw Ward Sunday and he said that he thought that he had been altogether too conservative in what he said to you.

G. B. F. 5/4/20--2

I called up Burton's office yesterday afternoon to ask Miss Webster if any action had been taken and she at once connected me with the President who said that it would be taken up that evening provided Dean Johnson could get hold of your letter from Dr. Schmidt to lay before the Regents. He then went on to say that a question had been raised about Alvord's health and it was necessary to be very careful in such cases, etc., etc. He also said that it was desirable for the president to see the candidate and that he had asked Coffman to do this, but he had found it impossible (which is quite a different explanation from that which Coffman gave to you and to White). I may be mistaken, but from my experience with administrative work I find it hard to believe that if Coffman and Burton had both been fully convinced of the desirability of the appointment, they could not have put it through.

I sincerely hope that you will come to Minnesota just as soon as possible and do everything in your power to secure a reopening of the case. Alvord could easily be brought up here, if desired, and might well be given a physical examination if necessary. The question of health is one of fact, not of opinion, and he ought not to be turned down without positive evidence against him. It seems to me that we would be justified in taking the matter up individually with the members of the board and I would be glad to do what I can. I think I could marshal an array of data which would convince any man open to conviction that Alvord is the greatest productive scholar in the field of American History today.

Sincerely yours

B/P

May 12, 1930

Professor Guy S. Ford  
58 East Washington St.,  
F. E. Compton & Co.,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Ford:-

Herewith I am sending you copies of letters from Ward, Sherman, and Dr. Schmidt about Alvord. I include also a copy of a personal letter from Dr. Schmidt to me which I do not intend to show to anyone else as it also might be misinterpreted.

The reference to a recurrence of depression last summer in Dr. Schmidt's first letter seems to have been one of the alarming things in the letter and he refers to this again in this letter to me. I wish I knew more about this, but my impression is that it was merely a matter of Alvord having been upset by the treatment which he received at Illinois. I understand that he tendered his resignation but afterwards withdrew it at the urgent solicitation of President James.

The letter from Dr. Schmidt came this morning; the other two were received day before yesterday. I showed them to White and he suggested that I take them to the President. I did so yesterday afternoon and had a long talk with him. At his request I left the originals of these letters and two very good photographs of Alvord which I had just received with him. He seemed to be much impressed by the letters and at the end of our conversation, indicated his willingness to reopen the matter at the meeting of the executive committee on Saturday night, but he wanted to be absolutely sure of a strong case in order not to run the risk of being turned down again. He said that he wanted you and me and possibly other members of the history department to appear before the regents. This is the first time he has shown a willingness to reopen the matter.

Last night I had a long talk with Coffman and showed him copies of the letters. He also ~~thought that they made a very strong case and seemed much pleased to hear that the President was~~ ~~very strong~~ ~~willing to reopen the case.~~ He said that he personally would make a fight for the appointment if that were done. He feels and so do the members of the department that the first thing for you to do will be to see the President and convince him; then if the President approves it might be well to see some of the other members of the executive committee individually before the meeting.

I have seen both of your letters to White and the copy of the letter which was sent to President Burton. I did not,

G. S. F. 5/12/30--2

however, see the letter which White wrote to you, but presume that it was a detailed but cautious statement of the case.

At the risk of repetition, I am going to give you the facts as I see them. The President was irritated and apparently felt that he had not been consulted sufficiently in the case. He says that an appointment had been made for him to meet Alvord in Chicago but Alvord failed to show up. I know nothing about this, but presume that you can explain it. He says that he asked for Dr. Schmidt's letter three times and finally succeeded in getting it only a short time before the meeting. He told me that he had not read all of the letter himself until he read it at the meeting of the regents. He admits that he did not recommend the appointment or make any fight for it.

Coffman urged the regents not to turn down a recommendation from the department which had the approval of two deans as a matter of University policy but does not seem to have urged the advisability of the appointment per se. He says now that he regrets that it did not occur to him to suggest that action be postponed until more information could be secured.

At the discussion three points were made against the appointment: first, Alvord's age, fifty-two years, which both Burton and Coffman think ought not to be considered a serious obstacle; second, the impression of his general physical condition which they got from Dr. Schmidt's letter; and third, that if Alvord were so desirable it is strange that Illinois would not make a vigorous effort to keep him there. No one was able to answer this last point at the meeting, but I did so in my interviews with the President and Coffman yesterday to their satisfaction I think.

Dr. Schmidt's original letter seems to have a very curious effect upon most everyone who reads it. They appear to interpret the statement that there was no evidence of insanity at any time to indicate that there might be danger of insanity and they apparently think that Dr. Schmidt's somewhat guarded statement that Alvord is now all right does not mean what it says. Even White and some of the other members of the department seem to have had doubts about the case immediately after reading the letter. Shippee and I, however, are unable to see how the letter really justifies such an interpretation but it seems to us to be very unfortunately phrased and we can see how it might create a bad impression.

I had a long talk with White this morning telling him the results of my interviews with the President and Coffman, and we decided upon the following procedure in case it meets with your approval. The President, we understand, is to lecture in Chicago

G. S. F. 5/13/30--3

On Friday night, will be back here about eleven o'clock Saturday, and has no engagements scheduled until the meeting of the executive committee Saturday evening. We propose to have a meeting of the department at 11:30 and to have the department reconsider the matter in the light of the action of the regents and of the additional information available. The department will doubtless unanimously recommend that the matter be reopened and the appointment be made. You could probably arrange to see Burton around the noon hour and then you would have time in the afternoon to see some of the other regents if it seems advisable.

You will understand, of course, that these are only suggestions and we have no desire to interfere with any plans that you may have for handling the matter in some other way. White and Coffman are inclined to doubt the advisability of bringing Alvord up here at the present time. As to Dr. Schmidt, you will note from his letter to me that he will be unavailable until next week. We are all very glad that you are determined to fight the matter through and I was sure that you would do everything possible but the situation has looked very black until yesterday. Both the President and Coffman told White at first that it would be useless to try to reopen the case.

It may be that you will feel that I ought to have kept my finger out of the matter, but I felt in honor bound to do everything in my power to help straighten it out. If the ~~depart-~~ *affair* ment should not be made, I would be personally implicated in the great injury which would be done to Alvord not merely because I am a member of the department but also because I wrote him a very strong letter urging him to accept and setting forth the advantages and opportunities which he would have at Minnesota.

The President, Johnston, and Coffman as well as the members of the department have undoubtedly been very much perturbed over the whole affair and some of them are reported to have spent sleepless nights as a result of it. The President and Coffman each apparently wants to shift the responsibility on to the other. On the whole I feel that Coffman's position is much the better, but he has made some mistakes in the matter.

Sincerely yours

B/P

The University of Minnesota

Graduate School

Minneapolis

April 14th

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INTER-DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Professor Buck:

I just had an interesting note from Wayne Stevens, saying that there is a possibility that the work which took him to Washington may end this summer. He is, therefore, very much interested in hearing of any possible places that might interest him.

Sincerely

GSF:ES

*Lucy Stanton Ford*

Flood

MAY 13 1920

The University of Minnesota  
Graduate School  
Minneapolis

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

My dear Beak: I have been in conference with  
Dr. Schmitt and have from him a carbon, the letter  
to be sent you. I hope nothing will be done until  
I can get the various angles of it clearly in  
mind. The kind of a decision that was made does not  
harden with time - it might ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> opposition.

Sincerely  
F. S. F.

F. S. F.

F. S. F.

October 8, 1921

Dean Gay Stanton Ford  
204 Library Building  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Ford:-

Mr. Blegen informed me yesterday that Mrs. Pierce stated that she had no record of the outcome of the preliminary examination for the Ph. D. degree which he took last June.

I have a rather distinct recollection of having written a letter to you on the subject, but I kept no copy of it, so I will repeat here that the committee, of which I was the chairman, felt that the examination was unusually satisfactory and voted unanimously to recommend Mr. Blegen for admission as a candidate for the degree.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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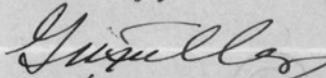
Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
Minn. Historical Society,  
St. Paul, Minn.

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Dear Doctor Buck:

Mrs. Paine writes me about my appointment on one of your committees in the Mississippi Valley Historical Association which I have written her I will accept. I may not be much good for some time, till I get adjusted to my loss of Mrs. Fuller which we are expecting now daily. Let me know your plans, and send me anything you think I should have.

Sincerely,



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The State Capitol, Lansing, Mich.

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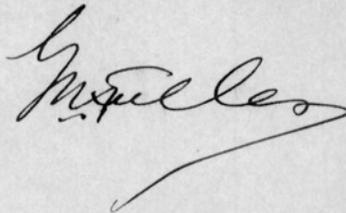
My dear Buck,-

Answering your letter of Mar. 28:

Vol. 22 of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collections is still out of print. We will keep you in mind and possibly we will be able to pick one up some time.

Sincerely,

GNF/PA



June 13, 1921

Dr. George H. Fuller  
Michigan Historical Commission  
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Fuller:-

Some time ago our library received a copy of Hemans, Life of Mason, published by the Michigan Historical Commission, which copy was, I presume, duly acknowledged by the librarian. I have not received a personal copy of this volume, however, and so I am writing to ~~ask~~ <sup>beg</sup> for a copy if you have one available. I ~~do~~ <sup>have</sup> so extensive a Michigan collection that I want to keep it as complete as possible. The book should be sent to my home address, 611 Delaware St. S. E., Minneapolis.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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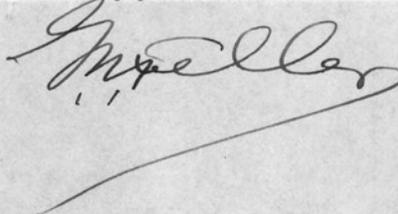
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Dear Doctor Buck:

I do not know why this has slipped again,--your personal copy of our publications. The Hemans' volume will reach you presently.

Sincerely,

GNF/NA



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

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My dear Buck,-

The suggestions made by Dr. Mereness in the memorandum enclosed with yours of July 23, seem to me excellent, respecting the proposed "National Archives Association."

I would like to receive duplicates of all of Mereness' correspondence with our group, if convenient to you, so as to be able to keep track of the work.

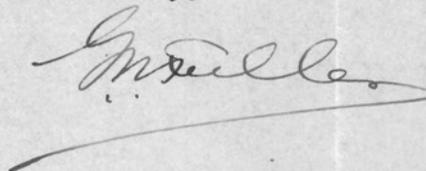
I wish you could get an experienced speaker for St. Louis, to talk on the subject of campaigning for an archives building. Why not give us your experience, with illuminating addenda.

What is doing about the Handbook? We ought to be able to do something more than "report progress" at St. Louis, but it looks as if that would be about the extent of it.

I think that as a "Committee" we are true to the type. Let's not festina so d--- lente that everybody gets disgusted with us.

Sincerely,

GNF/PA



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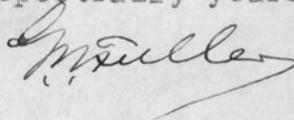
My dear Dr. Buck,-

As chairman of the program committee for the next annual meeting of the M.V.H.A. I would be pleased to have you name for us two topics relating to state historical work or the historical work of patriotic organizations, which you would like to have discussed at that meeting; and to state whether you could be present (at Iowa City) to lead in the discussion.

Trusting to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully yours,

GNF/PA



November 1, 1921

Dr. George N. Fuller  
Michigan Historical Commission  
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Fuller:-

I am somewhat at a loss to know what you have in mind with reference to the M. V. H. A. Program. As chairman of the committee of the association on the organization of state historical work, I expect to have a report ready for presentation at that meeting, and I should be very glad to have this report discussed if it is possible to make provision therefor in the program. I expect at present to attend the meeting.

I had been wondering who was to be chairman of the program committee for this meeting, because I wanted to make a suggestion that Professor Wilson P. Shortridge of the University of Louisville could probably furnish a good paper on some aspect of Kentucky politics about the Civil War.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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My dear Buck,-

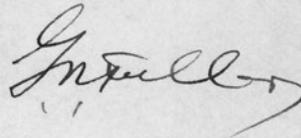
I would be greatly interested in your report and discussion thereof, and am putting it down for one of the topics in my part of the program. I would like to have you suggest persons who you think could discuss it with most profit to the Association and would be willing to do so, and I will write to them.

I am sending the name of Prof. Wilson P. Shortridge to Prof. Robertson, with suggested subject, and hope we can get the discussion.

The questionnaire is multigraphed and ready to send out, as soon as we get our mailing list. I have written to people in all the states, and in Canada, for cooperation.

Sincerely,

GNF/PA



Frish

MAR 30 1921

My dear Buck.

I hope you are coming  
to the meeting of the Wine  
Valley here. If so will you  
not dine with us on  
Thursday night? If Mrs Buck  
comes too, so much the  
better. The hour I will  
not enter. Very sincerely yours  
and Russell F at

March 20, 1921

1709 Dayton Avenue,  
St. Paul, Minnesota,  
June 30, 1921.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
611 St. Clair Ave.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.,  
Dear Mr. Buck:

I would like to have you write a recommendation for me to the Committee on Appointments. I majored in history at the University, and expect to teach history in high school next year. I am enclosing the necessary blank and envelope.

Thanking you in advance for this favor,  
Very sincerely yours,

Bernadette Gormley

July 9, 1921

Bernadette Gormley

1709 Dayton Ave. St. Paul

Solon J. Buck

Topics in Minnesota History

1920-21

Spring term

My only acquaintance with Miss Gormley is in connection with the above intensive research course which she took with me last term, and in which she did excellent work, indicative of a scholastic ability of a very high order. She has an attractive personality and I should expect her to be an excellent teacher in every way. I take pleasure in recommending Miss Gormley to teach high school history.

Professor of History

219 Library Building  
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis  
Professor of History

July 9, 1921

My only acquaintance with Miss Gormley is in connection with an intensive research course in Minnesota history which she took with me at the University of Minnesota last spring. In this course she did excellent work, indicating a scholastic ability of a very high order. So far as I am aware, she has no "physical defects, detrimental habits or peculiarities." She appears to have an attractive personality and I believe she will be an excellent teacher. I take pleasure in recommending her to teach high school history.

MAY 22 1920

Mr. Evarts Greene requests  
the honor of Mr. Buck's presence  
at a dinner in honor of the editor  
and authors of The Centennial His-  
tory of Illinois, on Friday, June  
fourth, at six o'clock, at the  
University Club.

Please reply to 315 Lincoln  
Hall, Urbana.

February 12, 1921

Professor Evarts B. Greene  
University of Illinois  
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Mr. Greene:-

I have just received a letter from Paltsits, chairman of the Public Archives Commission of the American Historical Association, in which he states that he and Leland have had a talk about the work of the Commission, and have decided that there should be a conference of archivists at the St. Louis meeting and that the work of arranging this conference should be turned over to me. I am not particularly enthusiastic about the task since I have more other things on hand than I can possibly attend to properly, but it is one of these things that I cannot well refuse.

Consequently I am writing to you to inquire about a place on the program for the St. Louis meeting for such a conference of archivists. If possible it should be scheduled so as not to conflict with the conference of historical societies, or with any session devoted to any phase of American history. I trust that you will keep this in mind in arranging the program and will let me know as soon as a decision is reached.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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Dear Mr. Buell,

Your of February  
12 reached me after some  
delay. I have not got far  
with the program yet, but  
I shall be glad to have you  
send me at your early convenience  
your ideas about the Archivist  
section. I do not see any rea-  
son why we should not have  
such a section meeting and  
shall do my best to avoid  
undesirable conflicts. At present,  
I am rather inclined toward  
the idea of a smaller number  
of sessions.  
When you write, please

Do not confine your suggestions  
to the British section. I think  
we must try to center some  
of our best papers about the  
Mississippi Valley, I shall  
be much obliged if you will  
bring up the question of  
program at some department  
meeting and invite the mem-  
bers individually, or collecti-  
vely to ~~bring~~<sup>send</sup> in their suggestions  
to our committee.

My address for the  
present is Colonial Club,  
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Sincerely yours,  
Ernest B. Heene ✓

February 26, 1921.

March 28, 1921

Professor Evarts B. Greene  
Colonial Club  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Greene:-

Your letter of February 26th was received sometime ago but I did not have an opportunity to lay it before our department until last week. You will probably hear direct from a number of the members of the department. Alvord stated that he had received a letter from you in which you suggested the desirability of holding two joint sessions with the Mississippi Valley Historical Association.

The idea of giving ~~the~~ Mississippi Valley Historical Association a prominent place in the program appeals to my own interest of course, but I feel that care should be taken to avoid giving the impression that a meeting of the Association held in the West is of local rather than general interest as compared with the eastern meetings. It occurs to me that it might be well to have only one joint session with the M. V. H. A. but to make it an evening meeting with nothing else going on at the same time. It has always seemed to me ~~as~~ somewhat incongruous, indeed, to call these sessions joint meetings and then treat them on the program as section meetings with other sections scheduled at the same time.

As for papers, I have two suggestions to make. I think that Alvord could be persuaded to give a paper on the causes of the American Revolution which would be a real contribution. So far as I can remember he has never appeared on one of the general programs at the meetings of the A. H. A. and I think that he would be a drawing card. Professor L. B. Shippee of our department could give a very good paper on some phases of the fur trade. You probably have seen his excellent article on Mrs. Swisshelm in the December number of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review.

The meeting of the archives section and other phases of the program will doubtless be talked over at the M. V. H. A. meeting in Madison, and I will write you again after that meeting.

Sincerely yours

B/O

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315 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois  
August 15, 1921

To Organizers of Conferences:

I shall be glad to receive from you, on or about September 15, as exact a statement as you then find it practicable to make about the progress of your plans for the conference which you have kindly undertaken to organize in connection with the St. Louis meeting of the American Historical Association, December 28-30. Please include topics and speakers.

The first consideration in making up the list of participants will naturally be their ability to make real contributions to the discussion. At the same time, experience indicates the need of being on our guard against the tendency to rely too largely on a few scholars of established reputation, thus failing to use the opportunity offered by the annual meetings to bring out promising younger members, both men and women. There is no reason why a fairly large number should not be listed as participants in the conferences, if care is taken to limit the time allowed for each speaker. My present impression is that we also need to look out for a fuller representation of the southern members of the Association. I shall be obliged, therefore, if you will keep these considerations in mind in filling vacancies in your program.

I believe we are agreed that the conferences should not be allowed to turn into mere formal sessions for the hearing of set papers, but should be organized primarily with a view to stimulating discussion. In this view the limited number of papers presented should be regarded as introductory to the main part of the program.

Evarts B. Greene

Chairman, Program Committee  
American Historical Association

Professor S. J. Buck,  
Archivists

August 23, 1921

Professor Evarts B. Greene  
315 Lincoln Hall  
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Mr. Greene:-

Happening to drop in to my office at the University last night, I discovered your circular letter of August 15 addressed "To Organizers of Conferences."

I have just worked out a tentative program for the Conference of Archivists and was planning to send you a copy in a day or two. You will find it enclosed herewith. I have not as yet secured acceptances from the people whose names I have set down, but if any of them are unwilling to participate others can doubtless be found to take their places.

I should be glad to have any suggestions concerning this program or people to participate in it which you may care to make. I should like also to know, as soon as it is settled, when the conference is to occur. It is quite important that it be not scheduled for the same time as the Conference of Historical Societies or the session of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association.

Alvord tells me that you have asked him to read a paper on some phase of the American Revolution. I am sure that he will make a real contribution to the program.

I am leaving for a vacation the latter part of this week and will be gone until September 20, but mail addressed to me here will reach me in the course of time.

Sincerely yours

B-N

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315 Lincoln Hall,  
Urbana, Illinois,  
October 3, 1921.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

The date set for the conference of archivists is Wednesday, December 28 at 10 A. M. The other conferences set for that period are those for teachers, mediaevalists and agricultural historians. I should have preferred not to put the agricultural history conference at this same period, but I do not at present see any good way of avoiding it, since there are several conferences dealing with various phases of American History which seem more likely to include members of your group. I take it, for instance, that you would not wish to have the archivists meet at the same time with the conference of historical societies, or those on the American Revolution and recent American History.

I am a little afraid that some of the conferences are going to be overloaded with papers, and I hope that the importance of leaving time for general discussion will be kept in mind. As you know, there has been a good deal of criticism of our programs in this respect.

Sincerely yours,

*Evarts B. Ruess*

EBG:h

October 13, 1921.

Mr. E. B. Greene,  
American Historical Association,  
315 Lincoln Hall,  
Urbana, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Greene:-

I am in receipt of your letter of October 3 and am glad to have the information about the date for the conference of archivists.

I agree with you that it is probably better to conflict with the agricultural history conference than with those devoted to different phases of American History. I will keep in mind your suggestion with reference to the importance of leaving time for general discussion and will endeavor to restrict the papers, both in number and in time.

Sincerely yours

SB-MP

November 1, 1921

Professor Evarts B. Greene  
Lincoln Hall  
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Mr. Greene:-

If it is not too late to make changes in the preliminary program for the A. H. A. Meeting, I would like to pass on a request from Mr. Paltsits that the words "chairman of the commission" be substituted for the words "New York Public Library" following his name in the program for the Conference of Archivists.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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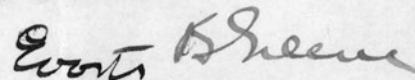
To Organizers of Conferences,  
St. Louis Meeting of the American Historical Association.

All conference organizers who have not already sent to me the copy for their respective sections, in the precise form in which they wish to have it printed, are requested to do so at their earliest convenience, including names of speakers and topics. Copy for the preliminary edition of the program should be in my hands not later than November 1.

Reports from some conferences indicate that there is some danger of over-crowding the conference periods with formal papers, thus limiting seriously the opportunity for discussion. In order to leave free periods for social intercourse, the sessions should not much, if any, exceed two hours. The date at present assigned for your conference is indicated below. If you note any difficulty, please inform me.

Sincerely yours,

EBG:h



Professor S. J. Buck,  
Minnesota Historical Society,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.  
Archivists. December 28, 10 A.M.

October 25, 1921

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Professor Evarts B. Greene  
Lincoln Hall  
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Mr. Greene:-

Herewith I am  
sending you a copy of the program for ✓  
the Conference of Archivists, which will  
serve, I think, for the preliminary  
program of the A. H. A. Meeting.

I will keep in  
mind your suggestions and endeavor to  
so limit the papers as to leave ample  
τ opportunity for discussion. S

Sincerely yours

B/P

December 14, 1921

Professor Evarts Greene  
Lincoln Hall  
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Mr. Greene:-

The program for the meeting of the American Historical Association has just reached me and I want to make a correction in the part of it concerning the conference of archivists.

The indention of lines is so arranged as to make it appear that the latter part of the program is all discussion of the first part. The topic, "The future of the public archives commission," is independent of the preceding topic. This line, therefore, should be moved over to the left as a main entry, whereas the word "discussion" in the line above should be moved over to the right as a subentry under, "How can the states be persuaded?" etc. This line can now be filled out to read as follows: "Discussion led by John W. Oliver, Indiana Historical Commission."

Sincerely yours

SB-MP