

Solon J. Buck Papers.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
WEST POINT, NEW YORK

My dear Doctor Buck:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Annual Report of the United States Military Academy for the current academic year. There has been incorporated in this Report a full account of the reorganization of the curriculum and course of training. The ideals and purposes of the Academy are set forth and a detailed exposition made of the system of instruction.

I would deeply appreciate any comment or suggestion you may care to make after reading the report.

Very sincerely yours,

Douglas MacArthur

Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Superintendent.

To
Professor Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota History Society,
St. Paul, Minn.

March 15, 1921

Brigadier General Douglas McArthur
Superintendent, United States
Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

My dear General McArthur:-

A few weeks ago, I received from you a copy of the Annual Report of the United States Military Academy for the current year, and also a note requesting any comment or suggestion which I might care to make. I went through the report with much interest and then turned it over to our library for filing.

I am afraid that my knowledge of military matters and the training necessary for officers in the army is so slight that my opinion with reference to the curiculum at West Point would be of very little value. One thing, however, which impressed me, was the small amount of time given to history and especially the fact that no course in American history is included in the curiculum. Every man in the academic world feels that his subject is more important than any other, and should be given a large amount of space in college curicula. Making due allowance for this weakness, I still feel that the men who are being trained to be the officers of our army in the future should be given a good general course in American history, in order that they may have a better understanding of the country which they are to serve.

Sincerely yours

B/O

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YALE UNIVERSITY PRESS
CHRONICLES OF AMERICA AGENCY
522 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

March 9, 1921.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I am very sorry indeed to bother you so often, realizing, as I do, that our needs are of a rather special character which involves considerable thought and research. In a reprint of The Chronicles of America, we are going to use a frontispiece in each volume which will be printed in four colors. We would be glad to have your suggestions regarding a suitable subject for the frontispiece in "The Agrarian Crusade". I have located a cartoon in "Judge" dealing with the Farmers Alliance Movement back in the early 90's. It is open to the objection, however, that it is somewhat satirical, and we have decided to look for something else more sympathetic to the agriculturists. We do not think we want to use a portrait.

I am aware that as a rule historical societies would not be interested in collecting material of this kind, but I thought I would let you know of our requirements on the chance that something would occur to you off-hand, that is, without taking very much trouble on our account.

If you can't think of anything, do not take the trouble to reply to this letter. The size of the plate will be about 4 x 5, so that the subject should be rather simple.

I will try to look up the missing item from the collection of prints you sent us, but I fear I will not succeed in locating it.

Very truly yours,

Oliver McKee

For YALE UNIVERSITY PRESS.

OM:IBR

March 25, 1921

Mr. Oliver McKee
Yale University Press
532 Fifth Avenue
New York City, New York

My dear Mr. McKee:-

Your letter of Marth 9th concerning the problem of a frontispiece for "The Agrarian Crusade" was duly received and I have been turning the matter over in my mind and have done some searching but without any satisfactory results.

I quite agree with you that it would be unfortunate to use a cartoon which would be unsympathetic toward the movements discussed. The subject matter of the book is of such a character however, that it is very difficult to think of appropriate illustrations other than portraits.

The book by Edward W. Martin (pseudonym for J. D. McCabe) entitled, "History of the Grange Movement" (1873) contains a number of cuts which might be worth considering. Facing page 24 , for example, is a very crude drawing of "A Grangers Procession and Mass Meeting." A book entitled, "The Grange Illustrated, or a Patrons' Hand book" by John G. Wells (New York 1874) has as a frontispiece a picture of the building in Washington which is said to have been the birthplace of the Grange. Apparently, this was a building used as an office by the agricultural bureau. We have in our picture collection a number of photographs of the old Agricultural Bureau.

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On page 16 (note 1) of my "Granger Movement" there is a reference to "An Allegorial Picture depicting the relation of the farmer to the 'so-called profession and occupations' in which the farmer was represented as saying, 'I pay for all.'" This picture was offered by the Prairie Farmer as a premium for subscriptions in 1869, and it might be used as an illustration of the discontent of the farmer; but unfortunately I do not know where to look for a copy of the picture. The reproductions which we had made for you were sent on several days ago and have doubtless reached you by this time. I trust that they will be satisfactory.

Sincerely yours

B/O

May 4, 1921

Mr. Oliver McKee
Yale University Press
522 Fifth Ave.,
New York City

My dear Mr. McKee:-

I have just received the prospectus of the two new editions of the Chronicles of America and have looked it over with great interest. My finances will not permit me to purchase a set of either edition, but I trust that you will find it possible to supply me with one copy of my volume on The Agrarian Crusade in the extra-illustrated edition.

I am sorry to note that neither of these editions will be for sale by single volumes. I have been in hopes that it might be possible before long for me to procure a few additional copies of my book for distribution to some of my friends, and also for copies to be purchased by other people who have inquired about it but who are not in a position to purchase the entire set.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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YALE UNIVERSITY PRESS
CHRONICLES OF AMERICA AGENCY
522 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

May 7, 1921.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I have yours of May 4th and personally, I think you ought by all means to have a copy of your interesting volume on "The Agrarian Crusade". I will take up the matter with Mr. Glasgow, and he may write you direct.

Very truly yours,
Oliver McKee
For YALE UNIVERSITY PRESS.

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Sept. 27, 1920

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

My dear Professor Buck:

We are pleased to have permission to use your name in connection with our Russian statement in the August Bulletin.

I would like to write you a long letter but I am just in the midst of my preparations for going abroad this Friday. I hope to return in November and to see you at the meetings in Washington Christmas.

Very sincerely yours,

James G. McDonald

JGM:EM

Chairman.

November 5, 1921

Professor Thomas M. Marshall
University of Washington
St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Mr. Marshall:-

Understanding that you have charge of the mailing of the programs for the St. Louis meeting of the American Historical Association, I am going to ask you to send one to Mr. C. C. Stiles, Iowa State Department of History, Des Moines. Mr. Stiles is to take part in the program of the conference of archivists, and as he is not, I believe, a member of the A. H. A., he would not be on your regular mailing list.

Very truly yours

R/P

December 19, 1921

Professor Thomas M. Marshall
Washington University
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Marshall:-

This is to let you know that I expect to attend the Mississippi Valley Historical Association dinner on Tuesday, December 27. Please reserve a place for me.

I am looking forward to a pleasant and profitable meeting in St. Louis.

Very truly yours

SB-MP

December 22, 1921

Professor Thomas M. Marshall
Washington University
St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Mr. Marshall:-

Will you be so kind as to arrange for a competent stenographer to attend the conference of archivists at ten A. M., Wednesday, December 28, in the assembly room of the St. Louis Public Library, and take down the discussion? Tell him -- or her -- to ask for me. This procedure has been customary at the conferences of archivists, and the association pays the bill on the approval of the Public Archives Commission.

I trust that this will not add too much to your burdens.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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LAW OFFICE OF
WILLIAM H. MATTHEW
790 BROADWAY
GARY, IND.

April 30, 1920.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:-

I have been using your book entitled Travel and Description and have found the same valuable in my historical studies.

I note that you mention "Occupation and trade, 1763-1766" and "The eve of the Revolution 1770-1778" and "Trade and land speculation" Vols. X, XI, and XII Illinois Historical Collections. These books appear to me to be valuable and I desire to acquire the same. Kindly advise me if the same have been published and how they can be procured.

I am enclosing stamp for reply.

Very respectfully,

Wm. H. Matthew.

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Mr. Solon J. Buck accepts with pleasure the invitation of the Board of Trustees of the Missouri Botanical Garden to dinner at the Hotel Jefferson, Wednesday evening, December twenty-eighth at seven o'clock.

THE CENTURY CO.
353 FOURTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

September 16th, 1921.

Professor S. J. Buck,
611 Delaware Street,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

With the compliments of the author we are sending you under separate cover a copy of THE MIDDLE AGES, by Dana C. Munro. It is hoped that the package reaches you safely and promptly.

Very truly yours,

THE CENTURY CO.

October 13, 1921.

Professor Dana C. Munro,
Princeton University,
Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. Munro:-

When I returned from my vacation recently, a copy of your new Medieval History was awaiting me. I appreciate very much your kindness in remembering me in this way.

I have already read the first two chapters and find it so interesting that I am going to finish it just as soon as I can squeeze out the time. It will be interesting to use it to check up Well's History, which I read during my vacation.

Sincerely yours

SB-MP

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July 6, 1920.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

A letter has come from the Yale University Press stating that we can not secure a copy of the "Agrarian Crusade" without taking the series of fifty volumes at $250.00. Is there any way that we can secure this book as the state of our treasury does not warrant us at this time in subscribing for the entire series.

Sincerely yours,

Chas A. Lyman

Secretary.

CAL/M

July 10, 1930

Mr. Charles A. Lyman
National Board of Farm Organizations
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lyman:-

I regret to say that there is apparently no way by which you can secure a copy of the Agrarian Crusade at the present time without purchasing the entire set. The publishers supplied me with a very few copies, which were quickly disposed of to people to whom I was under obligations in connection with the preparation of the book, and I then attempted to purchase additional copies but without success. I have definite information, however, to the effect that the publishers expect to bring out a cheaper edition next year and to offer the volumes of this edition singly as well as in sets.

Sincerely yours

B/P

March 6, 1920

Mr. A. J. Nelson
900 University Ave. S. E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Nelson:-

Failing to see you at the University yesterday afternoon, I am writing to ask you to get into communication with me by telephone at your early convenience. It would suggest that you call me at my home (Dinsmore 2803) Monday at six or eight P. M.

I trust that your work is progressing satisfactorily.

Sincerely yours

B/P

March 29, 1920

Mr. A. J. Nelson
900 University Ave. S. E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Nelson:-

I am planning to have the last meeting of the seminar on Thursday at eight P. M. at my home. Should it not be possible for you to come on that date, please let me know at once and I will endeavor to make other arrangements.

Sincerely yours

B/P

May 28, 1921

Mr. James Sullivan, Director
Division of Archives and History
University of the State of New York
Albany, New York

My dear Mr. Sullivan:-

Some years ago, Mr. Willoughby M. Babcock, Jr., a graduate student at the University of Minnesota, wrote under my direction a master's thesis entitled "Camp Life in the Union Army during the Civil War: A Study from the Letters and Diaries of the Brevet Brigadier General Willoughby Babcock of the 75th New York Volunteers."

Mr. Babcock is now curator of our museum, having in the meantime done some graduate work at Harvard. He has been talking with me about the possibility of the publication of this thesis, and, as it is based upon experiences with a New York regiment, it occurred to me that you might be interested in it. The work consists of 214 typewritten pages, with a number of contemporary maps and photographs. It contains extensive quotations from the letters, the originals of which are in Mr. Babcock's possession. The material is arranged by topics such as Camp and Fortification; Commissary; Routine, etc.; Transportation; Troops, Equipment; etc.; Recreation; The "Contraband" Question; and Feeling Concerning the War. If it were a Minnesota instead of a New York regiment, I should certainly endeavor to have the work published by the Minnesota Historical Society or the University of Minnesota.

Would there be any possibility of securing its publication by some historical agency in New York? If you are interested, Mr. Babcock will be glad to send you a copy of this thesis.

Sincerely yours

B/P

Mr Bankes

Return to

J. J. B.

You can send me any
of the theses if you
wish J. J. B.

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

RURAL SOCIAL SCIENCE
E. C. BRANSON

November 30, 1920.

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Professor Buck,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Sir:

I shall be obliged to you if you will advise me of the publisher of your work on The Agrarian Crusade, and of its price. I find it mentioned in a circular issued by the National Farmers' Union.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Very truly yours,

E. C. Branson

December 15, 1920

Mr. E. C. Branson
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Sir:-

My book entitled The Agrarian Crusade, A Chronicle of the Farmer in Politics, was published by the Yale University Press as one of the volumes of the Chronicles of America Series. I regret to say that the volume cannot be purchased at present except with the entire set, which consists of fifty volumes and is sold at $250. The publishers have informed me, however, that a less expensive edition will be issued probably next spring and that the volumes of this edition will be for sale singly.

You may be interested to know that the first part of this book covers the same ground, only in a much briefer and more popular style, as was covered by my study of The Granger Movement, 1870-1880, which was published by the Harvard University Press in 1913 and can be procured from them. The remainder of The Agrarian Crusade continues the history through the periods of the Greenbackers, the Farmers' Alliances, and the Populists, down to the campaign of 1896.

Very truly yours

B/P

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February 20, 1920

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Dr. Solon J. Buck, Superintendent
Minnesota State Historical Society
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Dr. Buck:

The members of the program committee of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association would like very much to have you read a paper at the annual meeting this year.

This being the Tercentenary Anniversary of the Landing of The Pilgrim Fathers, we are planning to devote one of the half day sessions' to papers bearing on some phase of the Pilgrim movement. Also, we expect to have an afternoon session given over to papers relating to Historic Highways and Trnasportation Routes in the Mississippi Valley and Old Northwest. We would like you to appear on either one of these sections. If you will permit me I would like to suggest that you discuss some such subject as Puritan Ideals and Institutions in the Upper Mississippi Valley.

In case however, neither of the above general subjects are of interest to you, feel free to select your own subject. The point is we want a paper from you. So kindly write me within the next day or two, announcing your acceptance.

Very cordially

John W. Oliver
Chairman Program Com.

O/a

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February 28, 1920

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

I hope you are now ready to announce the title of your paper.

Kindly let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Very cordially,

John W. Oliver
Director

O/A

March 1, 1930

Mr. John W. Oliver
War History Records
Indiana Historical Commission
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Oliver:-

I was just starting to answer your letter of February 30 when the one ofthe twenty-eighth arrived. I started to write you two or three days ago to the effect that it would be absolutely impossible for me to prepare a paper for the M. V. H. A. meeting. In the instant of dictating the letter I had an imspiration, however, for which I wanted to take time for consideration before writing you about it.

The fact is that I am simply swamped with work. Our librarian has resigned and his successor will not be here for two or three weeks, and I could not possibly find the time to prepare a paper of the ordinary type. It happens that I have in my possession a manuscript journal of some seven or eight hundred pages which I picked up in Springfield, Illinois about nine years ago. This was written by a New England puritan of the nineteenth century. It opens about 1830 with the author studying theology at Andover Seminary, takes him down to Virginia where he taught school for four or five years and then back to Massachusetts. It has nothing to do specifically with Mississippi valley history, but it is an intensely interesting revelation of puritan characteristics. The writer had absolutely no sense of humor and consequently some of his writings are excruciatingly funny.

Several years ago I read extracts from this journal for an hour and a half to a dining club composed of about twenty members of the faculty here and I never saw a bunch of men laugh more than these did on that occasion. It is more than amusing, however. It contains interesting side lights on significant events and conditions of the period, but most important of all is the unconscious picture which it presents of a certain type of a New England puritan.

Now it occurs to me that the reading of some extracts from this journal, with a small amount of explanation might be appropriate in connection with your program devoted to celebrating the anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims and if so I should be glad to undertake it.

My principal difficulty, I fear, would be to keep it within the twenty minute bounds.

By the way Professor Shippee of the University of Minnesota has recently completed a very interesting paper on the career of Mrs Jane Grey Swisshelm, an early feminist, abolitionist, and editor of newspapers in Pittsburgh and in St. Cloud, Minnesota. The paper is well worthy of inclusion in your program if you can find a suitable place for it and can persuade him to give it. The last time I talked with him he was in doubt as to whether or not he would attend the meeting this year.

I am looking forward to a very interesting program and an enjoyable meeting.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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Mississippi Valley Historical Association

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MADISON, WISCONSIN

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MRS. CLARENCE S. PAINE
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

March 3, 1920

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

The journal of the New England Puritan which you mention strikes me as being the most interesting and appropriate material that could possibly be read on such an occasion as the Tercentenary Anniversary of their landing. By all means we shall demand that you read it; - at least as much as you can crowd into twenty-five or thirty minutes time. It might be that we can adopt the rule of 'senatorial courtesy', and by unanimous consent extend your time even longer.

Really, I think the journal to which you refer will prove to be the most interesting and worthwhile paper of this part of the program. We will depend on you, and I am entering your name on the program.

I am writing to Prof. Shippee requesting him to read a paper on Jane Grey Swisshelm as you suggested. I will arrange to provide a place for him if he will prepare the paper. Help him to decide in the affirmative.

Hoping to see you at the meeting, I am,

Very cordially

John W. Oliver

Office, Indiana Historical Commission, Indianapolis, Ind.

March 6, 1920

Mr. John W. Oliver
Indiana Historical Commission
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mr. Oliver:-

I have your letter of March 3 and will be prepared to present the paper or rather to read extracts from the journal at the M. V. H. A. meeting. I suppose you will want some title under which to schedule it and would suggest the following: "Introspections of a Belated Puritan."

I talked with Mr. Shippee yesterday about the meeting and I think that he will decide to go and will consent to read his paper on Mrs. Swisshelm.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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October 27th, 1921.

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

Dear friend Buck:

I will be glad to participate in the discussion relating to the subject of "Preservation of State Archives" at the St. Louis meeting of the American Historical Association.

I assure you that I will not exceed the time limit. With kindest personal regards, I am

Very cordially

John W. Oliver

Director.

O-R

October 25, 1921

Dr. John W. Oliver
Indiana Historical Commission
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Oliver :-

Herewith I am sending you a copy of the program for the Conference of Archivists as it will appear on the preliminary program for the St. Louis meeting.

Can I count on you to take part in the discussion of the first subject? It occurs to me that your experience in Indiana would enable you to make a valuable contribution. The Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, December 28 at ten A. M. Those taking part in the discussions will be limited to five minutes each.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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MISSOURI WESLEYAN COLLEGE
CAMERON, MISSOURI

DEPARTMENTS OF HISTORY,
AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

April 10, 1920.

Dr. S. J. Buck,

St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Dr. Buck:

In 1918 I was a member of your class in Minnesota history. At that time I was preparing a thesis on the settlement of Day County, South Dakota, which you kindly a agreed to examine. As you will probably recall you found it worthy of severe criticism. The thesis was accepted at the University of South Dakota; but I am eager to revise it this summer ~~it~~ in order to eradicate some of the foundations for the criticisms, if I am able.

In that connection it occurred to me that it would be very advantageous if some arrangement could be made so that I might have the benefit of your suggestions. My lack of experience prevents me from knowing what arrangement may be possible. I shall therefore greatly appreciate a suggestion from you.

Sincerely yours,

John Olsen

April 15, 1930

Mr. John Olson
Missouri Wesleyan College
Cameron, Missouri

Dear Mr. Olson:-

I am in receipt of your letter of April 10 with reference to your thesis. I remember examining this thesis, but do not recall now just what was the nature of my criticisms. If you care to send it to me, I should be glad to look it over again and to make as specific suggestions as possible as to ways in which it might be improved.

Is it your plan to come to Minnesota this summer or do you expect to be in South Dakota?

Sincerely yours

B/P

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MISSOURI WESLEYAN COLLEGE
CAMERON, MISSOURI

DEPARTMENTS OF HISTORY,
AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

April 20, 1920.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

In accordance with the suggestion in your letter of April 20 I am very glad to avail myself of the opportunity of again submitting the thesis for examination. I am sending it by parcels post.

My plan for the summer is to spend it wherever I find it most desirable for the purpose of revising the thesis. I intend to stop at Minneapolis or St. Paul on account of the library facilities. Then I intend to go to South Dakota. At Webster and at Andover in Day County there are the files of two newspapers extending back into the eighties. I also plan to visit Pierre where I hope to find valuable material in the state census cards.

Sincerely yours,

John Olsen.

April 28, 1930

Mr. John Olson
Missouri Wesleyan College
Cameron, Missouri

My dear Mr. Olson:-

This will acknowledge the receipt of your thesis which I shall at the first opportunity. I am going to be out of town for the rest of this week and will be very busy when I return so that it may take some little time for me to get through it.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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MISSOURI WESLEYAN COLLEGE
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DEPARTMENTS OF HISTORY,
AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

May 17, 1920.

Dr. S. J. Buck,

St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Dr. Buck:

As I stated in my former letter I intend to go to St. Paul upon the completion of my work here. I shall be there June 4. I hope that you will be there then, If not, I would appreciate it if you would let me know when I may see you.

My stay will depend upon circumstances. I have been intending to spend part of the summer at Pierre, South Dakota, thinking that I would find valuable material there. Possibly it would be worth my time to extend my stay at St. Paul for the same reason.

Sincerely yours,

John Ellison.

May 23, 1920

Mr. John Olson
Missouri Wesleyan College
Cameron, Missouri

Dear Mr. Olson:-

I am in receipt of your letter of May 17 and I have also read through your thesis. In view of your expectation of being here in a few weeks, I will if it is satisfactory to you, keep the thesis here until your arrival, and I will also postpone my suggestions and criticisms until that time, as I can make them much more satisfactorily in a conference with you than in a letter.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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November 18, 1921

Dr. Solom J. Buck,
Secretary, Minn. State Historical Society,
St Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Dr. Buck:

At our conference with the American Historical Association at St Louis, Professor Theodore C. Blegen, Hamlin University, will read a paper on"The Norwegian Element and Agrarian Discontent - a study of the Norwegians in relation especially to The Farmers' Alliance and the Populist Movement". In order to promote active discussion we are arranging to schedule a speaker to lead the discussion of each paper. No one would be better qualified to handle this paper than you and I should be very much pleased if you will consent to discuss this paper. A copy of Mr. Belgen's paper will, if possible, be placed in your hands a week or two before the meeting.

An early reply will be much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Nils A. Olsen

Secretary-Treasurer.

November 21, 1931

Mr. Nils A. Olsen, Sec'y-Treas.
Agricultural History Society
Office of Farm Management
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Olsen:-

I am in receipt of your letter of November 18 and appreciate your invitation to take part in the discussion of Mr. Blegen's paper.

There are, I regret to say, two obstacles in the way. In the first place, Blegen's paper is the outcome of work which he did with me at the University a couple of years ago and I have already promised to go over it with him as he is getting it into shape. In the second place, I am under the impression that your conference is scheduled to take place at the same time as the conference of archivists, of which I have charge and at which I am scheduled to preside, that is on Wednesday, December 28 at ten A.M.

If your conference is at some other time and it does not conflict with the conference of historical societies, which I am also under obligations to attend, I shall certainly be present and I shall be glad to take part in the discussion, if there seems to be anything which I can contribute.

Very truly yours

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December 19, 1921.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

I have your letter of November 29th and I appreciate the difficulty in your discussing Professor Blegen's paper. However, we have in our 2:30 conference of December 28, a paper by Professor White on the "Influence of Agricultural Conditions Upon Louisiana State Politics During the Nineties", and we should be very much pleased if you can arrange to take part in the discussion of this paper. On the assumption that you will consent to this, I am asking Professor White to send you a copy of his paper at the earliest opportunity.

A reply by return mail will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Nils A. Olsen

Secretary- Treasurer

December 22, 1921

Mr. Nils A. Olsen,
Secretary-Treasurer
Agricultural History Society
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Olsen:-

I have planned to attend the meeting of the Agricultural History Society on the afternoon of December 28, and I shall be very glad to discuss Professor White's paper. My knowledge of Louisina history is almost nil, but I may be able to make some comparisons.

Sincerely yours

SB-MP

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THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY IOWA

JOHN C. PARISH
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

November 29, 1920

My dear Mr. Buck:

I have been meaning to write to you for some time to ask you for any suggestions you may have in connection with the Conference of Historical Societies. As Secretary, I am anxious to put as much life and usefulness into the organization as possible and will welcome any suggestions toward this end. Have you any ideas as to publications? You have been particularly interested, I believe, in the matter of financial contributions for the support of the Conference. What is your opinion as to the present method of assessment on the various societies? I am sending out a circular letter to the societies asking for this contribution and will be interested to note the result.

Very truly yours,

John C. Parish

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

P-RM

December 7, 1920

[redacted]Parish
State Historical Society of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

My dear Mr. Parish:-

I am afraid I haven't any very helpful ideas on tap with reference to the Conference of Historical Societies. So far as publications are concerned, it seems to me that the Conference ought to do everything in its power to bring about the publication of a supplement to Griffin's bibliography of historical societies. This, as you doubtless know, was taken up a number of years ago, but so far as I have heard, it does not appear to be making much progress.

It was Shearer who was responsible for the proposed financial contributions for the support of the Conference. It has seemed to me that his scheme was not given a fair trial. So far as I know it has never been rescinded, but very few contributions were ever collected, I believe. I haven't the scheme sufficiently in mind to criticize it with any definiteness. My recollection is that there were certain features of it which I considered unsatisfactory. The principal thing, however, seems to me to be the necessity of rigorous effort to put the scheme into operation. If I remember correctly, we were one of the very few institutions which responded to the first request for contributions and no further request was ever received. We do not feel that we ought to contribute again, however, unless we have some assurance that all members of the Conference be required to contribute or be dropped from the rolls.

Sincerely yours

B/P

JAN 13 1921

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY IOWA

JOHN C. PARISH
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

January 11, 1921

My dear Dr. Buck:

Thank you for your letter written in December, in regard to matters connected with the Conference of Historical Societies. I was very glad to get your ideas in regard to the publications by the Conference and also in regard to finances. The Conference provided for the appointment of two committees, one to take steps for the continuation of Griffin's Bibliography, the other to take action for the preparation of a handbook of information in regard to the Societies making up the Conference. You have doubtless heard from Mr. Godard, the chairman of the Conference, to the effect that the committee on the handbook consists of Fuller of Michigan, yourself, and myself. I think we can probably canvass matters at the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association at Madison in the spring.

With regard to finances, I have felt as you did that it was necessary to make every effort to put the finance scheme into operation, and am proceeding on that basis. A number of contributions have come in from organizations all over the country, and I feel that things are encouraging in that line, although a great many Societies, of course, will not be forthcoming with dues. I trust you will not feel that to be a bar to a contribution by your Society, for although you are absolutely right in regard to the justice of the matter, we would not have much of a Conference left if members were dropped who did not contribute.

There is about one hundred dollars in the treasury at the present time, and I intend to make a second appeal for dues this spring. I am planning also to get the Proceedings and the survey of information regarding the Societies published separately and issued within the next few months instead of waiting for the appearance of the Report of the American Historical Association.

Very sincerely yours,

John C. Parish

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

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THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY IOWA

JOHN C. PARISH
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

January 15, 1921

My dear Dr. Buck:

I am writing to give you the wording of the motion providing for the committee of which you are a member. It was passed as follows:

> Moved that a committee of three be appointed by the chairman of this Conference to lay plans and provide media for the compilation and publication of a handbook containing data with regard to the Societies making up the Conference of Historical Societies.

Very sincerely yours,

John C. Parish

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

P-RM

February 15, 1921

Mr. John C. Parish
State Historical Society of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

My dear Mr. Parish:-

I have several communications from you to which replies are due. In the first place your announcement of the meeting of the Conference of Historical Societies, dated December 1, and the questionnaire which accompanied it, got sidetracked in some second class mail for the society and did not come to my attention until a few days ago. I have now filled out the questionnaire, however, and am returning it to you herewith.

As for the committee on [illegible], I am inclined to think that the best way to handle it is to wait until the M. V. H. A. meeting when we can talk the thing over and clarify our ideas as to what is wanted and what is to be done. Fuller has been bombarding me with letters on the subject, and I see no objection to his going ahead with his letters to the societies if he wants to do so.

As to the matter of finances, it seems to me that we have got to make some sort of a distinction between those institutions which pay the dues and those which do not; otherwise it amounts to simply a subsidy from those who pay, similar to the contributions which we are already making to the support of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review and the Writings on American History. We can talk over this matter also at Madison, however. Just at present I am very busy trying to persuade the legislature that our appropriation should be increased.

Sincerely yours

B/P

July 23, 1921

Mr. John C. Parish
State Historical Society of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Parish:-

When Holbrook returned from his trip to Washington a few weeks ago, he told me about Mereness's idea of a National Archives Association and it immediately occurred to me that this would be an excellent subject for the meeting of the conference of archivists at St. Louis in connection with the A. H. A. meeting. Before writing to Mereness, however, I wrote to Paltsita and Leland, as they are the members of the Public Archives Commission responsible for putting me in charge of this program. Paltsits thought the idea a good one, but Leland said that you had already captured Mereness to read a paper on this subject before the conference of historical societies.

The subject is one, of course, which is appropriate to either group. Leland suggests that we might have a joint conference. What think you? At any rate, I wish you would supply me with some ideas for the conference of archivists. I can't arrange a program to suit the wishes of western people, as Paltsits says should be done, unless I can get some idea of that the western people want.

I suspect that before December, I will be ready to murder you for having inveigled me into promising to prepare a paper for your conference, so you had better propitiate me in advance by helping out with reference to the archivists.

I want to congratulate you once more on the Palimpsest. Both the idea and the execution are excellent.

Cordially yours

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THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY IOWA

August 2, 1921

JOHN C. PARISH
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Dear Buck:

Your letter reached me last week while I was away on vacation in Colorado. I have been thinking over the question which you raise about a combination. After the meeting last Christmas I was strongly of the opinion that the Conference of Historical Societies ought to have its own meeting without combination with any other organization. Paltsits at that time agreed with me. However, I am weakening a little when I think of what Mereness can do for both of us. I talked with Mereness at that time about a paper for the St. Louis meeting on the materials in Washington of value to the various states and state societies. We did not absolutely close the deal but he said that he would be glad to give such a paper if I found it fitted into the program.

Now it strikes me that if Professor Alvord will agree to give the survey of materials in middle west repositories, which are of interest to the country as a whole, ~~that~~ nothing could be more valuable as a complement than Mereness' paper on the materials at Washington which are valuable from the state angle. These two papers, together with yours on the organization of state historical societies ought to make a corker of a program. Would a program such as this be satisfactory to you as a joint session between the Conference of Historical Societies and the Public Archives Commission? I shall wait to hear from you before writing to Mereness.

Mereness' plan seems to me exceedingly worth while. I wish I could have a talk with you and Mereness about the plan from the standpoint of the Conference of Historical Societies. I feel that it is preëminently the kind of thing which the Conference should get behind.

I hope you can help me persuade Professor Alvord to come across with the paper mentioned. If he does not find it possible to do so, do you have a suggestion as to any one else who could take over such a paper?

If this arrangement for a program does not strike you as satisfactory from your standpoint and if Professor Alvord does not fail me on the other paper, I should not feel justified in holding on to Mereness but would be willing to limit the Conference program to yourself and Alvord and let you have Mereness.

Very cordially yours,

John C. Parish

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

P-RM

August 13, 1921.

Dr. John C. Parish,
The State Historical Society of Iowa,
Iowa City, Iowa.

Dear Parrish:

Your letter of August 2 was received and I have been giving much thought to our respective conferences. I also talked the matter over with Alvord the other night, and I think that he will give you the paper which you desire.

It strikes me that a program consisting of three papers, such as you propose for the Conference of Historical Societies, would leave little oportunity for discussion, and I feel that the discussion is often the most valuable part of such conferences.

It seems to me that the principal objection to a joint conference is that it tends to a confusion in the minds of some people as to the purposes and identities of the respective organizations. I am wondering if it might not be possible to arrange for a Conference of Archivists which would be a real round table conference of the comparatively small number of people who are actively interested in the subject. My idea would be to select a general subject for discussion, some such topic as "What Shall Be Done About State Archives", then get some half dozen men from different states to agree to take part in the discussion. A list of sub-topics might be drawn up and sent to these men beforehand so that they would be prepared to discuss each in turn as it affects them or their state.

I wish you and Shambaugh would talk this over and let me know what you think of this idea. Should we do something of this sort, you can then go ahead with your Conference as planned, except that I think you would have a more unified program and one giving more opportunity for valuable discussion, if you would let me off and have only the two complementary papers by Alvord and Mereness. If Merenegs outlines [illegible], as I hope he will, his ideas for an A Archives Bureau in Washington, his paper ought to be thoroughly discussed.

I am writing to Paltsits about this, and do not want to make any final decision until I hear from him.

By the way, Fuller is the only one from whom I have received a concrete suggestion for the Conference of Archivists as yet. He wants a paper by some one on "How to Conduct a Campaign for an Archives Building".

Sincerely yours,

B-N

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THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY IOWA

JOHN C. PARISH
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

August 20, 1921

Dear Buck:

I have been holding up your letter a little while hoping to send with my reply a tentative list of questions which I am planning to send out to the societies of Iowa in accordance with the task wished upon me by yourself and Fuller. But I will send that later.

I rather agree with you that joint conference is not the best thing for either organization and for the same reason I really think that Mereness is more essential to the Archives Conference than to our Conference, although I think he would be a very valuable addition to either program. I am inclined therefore to suggest that you use him at your round table on Archives and that we limit the Conference of Historical Societies to the papers by yourself and Alvord which can then both receive adequate discussion. Perhaps it would be well to have several other individuals agree to discuss informally the two papers. What do you think of that arrangement?

Your idea for a general subject in the Archives meeting strikes me very happily. I would suggest your considering C. C. Stiles, who has charge of the Archives at Des Moines, for this program. Probably you know him personally.

Very sincerely yours,

John C. Parish

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

P-MAM

August 23, 1921

Mr. John C. Parish
The State Historical Society of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Parish:-

Your letter of August 20 arrived this morning. After some correspondence with Paltsits I have at last worked out a tentative program for the Conference of Archivists, which I think will be satisfactory and which will not necessitate our taking Mereness from your Conference. I am sending you a copy herewith, and will be glad to have any suggestions which you or Shambaugh may have to offer.

You will note that I have incorporated your suggestion with reference to Stiles. I was going to ask your opinion on this point.

And now for your Conference. The more I think of it the more fully I am convinced that your best arrangement will be to have the two papers by Mereness and Alvord, with ample time for discussion. It would be advisable by all means to have several people definitely listed to take part in the discussion. It might be well also to allow the principal speakers thirty minutes instead of twenty minutes. I know that with Alvord one of the arguments which I had to overcome when I persuaded him to do the paper was the difficulty of handling the subject in twenty minutes. With these two papers you will have a general survey of the more important available manuscript materials for the History of the Mississippi Valley, and it might be well to use some such general subject heading in your program.

One thing which ought to be guarded against in the discussion, it seems to me, is the danger of having a lot of people get up and tell at great length about the manuscript material of local interest only in their collections. It seems to me that discussion might well be restricted to the subject of how all this material could best be made available to investigators. This would include then

September 20. Mail addressed to me here will reach me in the course of time, however.

Sincerely yours

August 23, 1921

P.S. Since dictating the above I have talked with Alvord and he tells me that he has been asked to read a paper at one of the main sessions of the American Historical Association, and consequently will have to withdraw from your Conference. He says that he is going to suggest Quaife to take his place, and I think the suggestion is a good one. Alvord will be willing to take part in the discussion.

B-N

Mereness' idea of an Archives Bureau in Washington, and it would open the way for discussion of the possibility of having some general description of manuscript materials in the various depositories compiled and published.

I think that this is something that ought to be promoted by the Conference, and it is possible that the Carnegie Institution might be persuaded to take it up. What I have in mind is something similar to Thwaites' description of the manuscript collections of the Wisconsin Historical Society and several other Western depositories with which you are doubtless familiar, but amplified and brought up to date.

As for the paper which I promised to prepare for your Conference, I sincerely believe that it ought to be left out. It is on an entirely different subject from the others, and to include it would make your program too long and lacking in unity. Moreover it is perfectly certain that I would not be able to prepare a really satisfactory paper on the subject in the time which will be available after I return from my vacation. To do the thing properly I ought to investigate the situation with reference to state historical activities, by correspondence and otherwise, in all the different states, and the time will be too short for this. Moreover I expect to be exceptionally busy both with University and Historical Society work this fall. On the other hand, my University work will be very much lighter during the winter term and I can then get together the material and prepare a really adequate report for presentation at the spring meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. This is really the proper place for it anyway, because it is as chairman of a committee of that Association, on the organization of state historical work, that I have undertaken the job. All that I could do at St. Louis would be to present a sort of preliminary report, and I am quite sure that it would not be worth while.

I expect to leave for my vacation at the end of this week and will be gone until about

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THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY IOWA

JOHN C. PARISH
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

September 3, 1921

My dear Buck:

Your letter of the 22nd is at hand. The program for the Conference of Archivists looks very good. My only question is whether you can get it all in in the allotted time.

About the Conference of Historical Societies, I regret losing you and Professor Alvord from the Conference, but under the circumstances do not feel like insisting with either of you. I have taken Alvord's suggestion and written to Quaife asking him to give a paper on materials of the Middle West. I have written to Mereness asking him to speak of the materials at Washington. For the third paper I have released you and think I have persuaded Dr. Shambaugh to talk on some such subject as the future of the State historical society as an organization.

I am impressed with the value of discussion and feel that too often papers consume so much time that there is no opportunity for discussion. I am therefore planning to limit the program to three papers and to limit the papers to fifteen instead of twenty minutes each and try to secure an enlivening and constructive discussion. I would be glad to get your suggestions on this general plan.

I am sending out to the societies in Iowa letters asking for data along the lines of the proposed handbook and will write you further on that when you get back from your vacation. I am also sending out notices to the various societies of the country in the hopes of getting in further dues.

I hope you are having a profitable vacation.

Very sincerely yours,

John C Parish

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

P-RM

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THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY IOWA

JOHN C. PARISH
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

December 5, 1921

Dear Buck:

Thank you for your check for the Conference of Historical Societies for which I am enclosing receipt. I have received dues so far from about thirty-five societies which is not satisfactory to my mind. I appreciate keenly the points you have made in connection with the financial support. I am wondering if it would not be more equitable and satisfactory to make a straight assessment of one dollar per society in the hope of getting more widespread support, even though the returns might be no greater or possibly not as great. What would be your opinion of this?

Very sincerely yours,

John C. Parish

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

P-RM

September 21, 1920

Professor Theodore C. Pease
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Pease:-

I have just returned from my vacation and am taking the first opportunity of doing what the presure of work prevented me from doing prior to my departure; that is, congratulating you on your appointment to the position of editor of the Illinois Historical Collections. This position, together with that of director of the Illinois Historical Survey which will doubtless fall to you, is, to my mind, one of the most interesting in the country and offers you a unique opportunity to do valuable historical work.

As secretary of the Conferende of directors of state historical work in the Upper Mississippi Valley, I extend a welcome to our ranks, and I trust that the co-operation between Illinois and the other states represented in the Conference may be as cordial in the future as it has been in the past.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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~~CLARENCE W. ALVORD~~, EDITOR

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September 25, 1920.

Professor Solon J. Buck,

Minnesota Historical Society,

St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Buck:

Thank you very much for your congratulations on my appointment. I realize the opportunity that it brings and shall do my best to take advantage of it. Let me thank you, too, for your welcome into the conference of directors of state historical work in the upper Mississippi valley. So far as relations with that body are concerned it certainly will be my intention to carry out Professor Alvord's policy.

Sincerely yours,

Theodore C. Pease

TCP:MJ

October 19, 1920

Dr. T. C. Pease
438 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Pease:-

Could you send me a couple of copies of the manuscript article entitled "A Laboratory of State History" on file in your office, one for me and one for Alvord? This article was originally written by me, but has, I understand, been revised and extended since I left Illinois.

Miss Wheelhouse has, I believe, asked Miss Armstrong for copies of this for us, but they have not been received as yet. She says that she is quite sure Miss Armstrong knows where they are.

Alvord left the hospital Friday and, when I saw him on Sunday, seemed to be in pretty good shape again. He was expecting to meet his classes this week.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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March 14, 1921.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,

Minnesota Historical Society,

St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Buck:

I have been looking over the manuscript of the Political Statistics volume, on which I believe you worked some years ago. As it may be that we shall undertake the publication of the volume in the near future I am writing to ask what you know about its status, plans regarding it, etc.

Sincerely yours,

Theodore C. Pease

TCP:MJ

March 18, 1921

Mr. Theodore C. Pease, Editor
Illinois Historical Collections
436 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Pease:-

I have your letter of March tenth concerning the "Political Statistics." So much water has passed under the bridge since I planned and worked on that volume that I am afraid I cannot give you much information about it now at least. If you care to take it to Madison to the M. V. H. A. meeting, I shall be glad to go over it with you. There is a possibility however, that I may not go to the meeting as the legislative situation may require my presence here. It is my recollection that Stevens worked on the volume quite a bit after I left Illinois and he might be able to help you with it.

Some time ago you sent me a copy of your letter to Schafer concerning the coöperative work in Washington. I have not taken up the matter with Schafer as yet because I have been too busy but I agree with you on the whole and I am in hopes that Schafer's attitude can be changed. I think it is due, in part, to misunderstanding. It is to be hoped that there will be a full attendance of members of the Conference at the Madison meeting, where the thing can be threshed out.

Sincerely yours

B/O

APR 26 1921

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY IOWA

JOHN C. PARISH
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

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April 25, 1921

My dear Dr. Buck:

This is to remind you of your promise to consider the matter of writing a paper for the Conference program at St. Louis on the Organization of Historical Societies. I will leave the statement of the subject to you, but hope that you will come to the conclusion that you can present such a paper. I believe it would be very much worth while.

Very sincerely yours,

John C. Parish

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

P-RM

April 26, 1921

Mr. John C. Parish
State Historical Society of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

My dear Parish:-

I am in receipt of your letter of April 25. I have sworn that I would not tie myself up to another job, but your proposition "intrigues" me, particularly as I have agreed to do practically the same thing for the M. V. H. A.

The best title which occurs to me just now is "The Organization and Administration of State Historical Activities." I may want to make a change in the title later on, however.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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JOHN C. PARISH
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

April 28, 1921

My dear Buck:

I was glad to get your letter of the 26th and to know that you will take over the paper for the St. Louis program. I will put down the subject which you indicate and you can let me know if you want it changed later. Thanking you very much, I am

Very sincerely yours,

John C. Parish

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

P-RM

December 22, 1921

Dr. T. C. Pease
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Pease:-

Doubtless you have noticed the program for the conference of archivists at the St. Louis meeting, Wednesday, at ten A. M. I hope that you are planning to attend and would like to have you take part in the discussion of either or both of the subjects.

I trust that the material which Miss Nute, our curator of manuscripts, sent you supplied the information which you desired for your paper.

Sincerely yours

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Phi Beta Kappa

The University of Minnesota
Minneapolis

INTER-DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

May 12, 1921

Professor S. J. Buck,
219 Library bldg.

My dear Professor Buck:

At the regular annual meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa society held on Wednesday, May 11, 1921, you were elected second vice-president for the ensuing year.

Clara B. Harvey,
Secretary.

January 30, 1920

Phi Gamma Delta
1129 University Ave. S. E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear brothers:-

I want to thank you for sending me a copy of the Gopher Fiji (December, 1919) and to congratulate you on the excellent quality of the publication. I was particularly pleased in reading it over to find that most of it was written in a very creditable literary style. Somebody must have done some hard work on this.

Fraternally yours

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The General Alumni Association

Publisher of the Minnesota Alumni Weekly

The University of Minnesota

Minneapolis

August 20, 1920

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

We have been trying to get from Mr. C. W. Alvord one of his photographs to use in the Alumni Weekly. In his letter of August 15 he suggested that you could doubtless furnish us with such a photograph. If you can supply this, we shall be glad to have it as soon as it is convenient to send it.

Our first number of the Weekly will not come out until September 29 or thereabouts, but we are very anxious to have the material carefully worked out for the first two or three issues.

Very truly yours,

E. B. Pierce
Secretary

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August 21, 1926

Mr. E. B. Pierce, Secretary
General Alumni Association
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Pierce:-

In response to your letter of August 20 I am sending you herewith the only available picture which I have of Mr. Alvord. This was used by one of the papers last spring and was fixed up to make a light background. I presume the whiting could easily be removed.

A somewhat better picture was sent to the Minneapolis Journal about two weeks ago, but has not been returned as yet. If it comes back in a week or two, I will send it on to you.

Sincerely yours

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SEP 3 1921

The American Historical Review
J. FRANKLIN JAMESON
MANAGING EDITOR
1140 WOODWARD BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Brandon, Vermont
August 31, 1921.

My dear Sir:

In the absence of Dr. Jameson, who is at present in Europe, I acknowleege the receipt of your letter of August 26.

While I have no doubt Dr. Jameson will be quite willing to take part in the discussion as indicated, yet I am referring your letter to him, and you will doubtless hear from him directly, at a somewhat later time.

Very truly yours,
Cornelia M. Pierce
Secretary.

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