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MADISON, WISCONSIN

SECRETARY-TREASURER
MRS. CLARENCE S. PAINE
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

April 14, 1920

My dear Dr. Buck:

Enclosed please find a copy of the program for our 13th annual meeting. Kindly note your place upon this program, also observe that the reading of all papers is limited to twenty minutes although I am very sure this warning is quite unnecessary in your case.

Your paper is desired for publication in our Proceedings or Review and it will be a favor if you will see that it reaches the undersigned or Dr. Alvord, managing editor, after the meeting.

Will you also prepare a brief summary of the leading points in your paper for the convenience of the man appointed to prepare the resume of the Greencastle program for the Proceedings? If this summary can be prepared in duplicate it will be of great convenience in satisfying the newspaper reporters who are always anxious to have some account of the papers read.

Thanking you in advance for your attention to these matters, I remain

Yours truly,

(Mrs.) C. S. Paine
Secretary

April 17, 1920

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebraska

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

Thank you for the summary
of the reports of chairmen of M. V. H. A. com-
mittees.

As my paper is to consist
almost entirely of extracts from a manuscript
journal, which I hope some time to publish in
book form, it will probably not be suitable
for publication in the Review or the Proceedings.
I shall endeavor to supply you with an abstract
or note about it, however.

The program seems to have
been well worked out and I am looking forward
to an interesting meeting.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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May 28, 1920

Mr. Solon J. Buck,
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Dr. Buck:

Mr. Quaiife desires me to inform you of your appointment as chairman of the committee on the administration of state historical activities. The following named men have been appointed to serve as members of this committee: Floyd Shoemaker; John W. Oliver; John C. Parfish; William E. Connelley; George N. Fuller.

Hoping that you will accept this appointment and that I may hear from you regarding it, I remain

Yours truly,

Clara S. Paine

June 1, 1930

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebraska

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

I see I am to be punished for presuming to suggest that there is a place for a committee of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association on the administration of state historical activities. There would seem to be nothing for me to do but to accept the appointment with as good grace as possible.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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June 26, 1920

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

Enclosed please find a copy of the minutes of the last meeting of this Association. Kindly make such corrections as you see fit. Also please read the attached letters and vote upon the yellow sheet. Trusting you will return all as soon as possible, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Clara S. Paine

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July 1, 1920

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

In reply to your letter of the 28th will say that I have made the change you suggest in the minutes and the last item of business by the executive committee now reads: "It was voted that the nominating committee be required to report etc." Your name is omitted.

Immediately upon returning to Lincoln I discovered the error regarding the time that Dr. Cox retired from the executive committee and wrote him of the fact.

The nominating committee was discussed with the personnel as you indicate in your letter but I think no action was taken. I consulted Dr. Quaife on this point but he was very positive that Dr. Cox was not made chairman and that the committee was not appointed.

We have a finance committee and make up a budget each year. Your suggestion that the budget be ready and presented to the executive committee at the annual meeting is an excellent one and I will see that it is done next year.

Sincerely yours,

Clara S. Paine

June 28, 1920

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebraska

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

I received your letter of June 26 this morning and the enclosures are returned herewith.

With reference to the question of making appropriation for the work of standing committees, I will say that I approve of the general policy of making such appropriations when the work which the committee proposes to do meets with the approval of the executive committee and the available funds are sufficient to warrant such expenditure. It seems to me that we should have a budget made out each year in advance by the financial committee and approved by the executive committee, in which would be indicated the estimated funds and the proposed distribution thereof to the various activities including the work of committees.

As for the particular appropriation suggested by Mr. Hill, it seems to be desired for a worthy purpose, but I feel that whether or not it should be made ought to depend upon the state of the finances of the association and the possibly more essential expenditures which it will have during the current year. In other words, I do not feel that I have sufficient data before me to vote intelligently on this point.

With reference to Mr. Hockett's suggestion I will say that it meets with my hearty approval, and I trust that the proposed committee may be appointed with Mr. Hockett as chairman thereof.

I am going to take the liberty of making a few general suggestions with reference to the minutes. It seems to me to be unnecessary to give the names of the people who make ~~and second~~ motions, particularly as it is not done in all cases but only occasionally. Mere statement of the action taken by the association would seem to be sufficient. In other words, instead of saying "Mr. Alvord moved a new committee be appointed. Carried." I believe it would be better form to say "it was voted that a new committee be appointed"; or, if it seems particularly desirable to bring in the name of the mover, I would say "Upon

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motion of Mr. Alvord, it was voted that a new committee be appointed." For one thing this form makes it unnecessary to use the word "carried" ~~but it is~~ a complete sentence.

In the minutes of the executive committee, it seems to me particularly undesirable to publish the names of those who make the motion. These meetings are supposed to be somewhat confidential. The action taken must be made known, of course, but there is no reason why the public should be informed of the processes or individuals by which this decision was made. This applies particularly to the last item of business on page 8 of the executive committee minutes. I should very much prefer that my name be not mentioned in connection with the motion, concerning the nominating committee, as some people might think this an indication of pique on my part. As the sentence reads, moreover, no indication is given that the motion and procedure therein proposed was actually adopted by the committee. It is my recollection, moreover, that the nominating committee for next year was appointed at this meeting and that the selection of the committee a year in advance and by the executive committee instead of by the president was part of the procedure agreed upon. No reference to the appointment of this committee appears in the minutes, however. My recollection is that Cox was to be chairman, and Homer Webster one of the members. I am not sure as to the other members, but think perhaps it was Willard of Colorado.

You will doubtless remember, by the way, that we elected Quaife chairman of the executive committee because we supposed that Cox was no longer a member. This was on the assumption that ex-presidents held for only five years. I find on examining the constitution that they are supposed to hold for six years so that Cox remains a member of the executive committee for another year.

Sincerely yours

B/P

July 13, 1930

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebraska

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

Your letter of July 1 was duly received and I want to thank you for your courtesy in omitting my name from the record of the last item of business of the executive committee.

While I presume that no formal motion was made, seconded, and adopted with reference to the personnel of the nominating committee, I am inclined to think that most of the members present understood it as a definite decision that the nominating committee should hereafter be selected by the executive committee and that the men agreed upon should be the nominating committee for next year. I do not care to take issue with Mr. Quaife on this matter, however, and do not think it would be worth while to take the matter up with the other members of the committee who were present.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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July 14, 1920

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

Your letter of the 12th received. I should have stated in my last letter that it was my intention to suggest to Mr. Boucher the names mentioned by the executive committee for the nominating committee. He has asked me to assist him in naming committees. In this way I have no doubt but that the will of the executive committee can be carried out.

It is very unlikely that an undesirable report will be presented to the Association in the future if it is first submitted to the executive committee.

Sincerely yours,

Clara S. Paine

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Sept. 9, 1920

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Dr. Buck:

Enclosed you will find a statement for your dues to June 1, 1920 but I am hoping that you will decide to take out a life membership as you intimated at Greencastle. There is no use using any persuasive art to influence you for you know the merits of the case better than anyone else.

Very cordially yours,

Clara S. Paine

Nebraska
State Historical Society
Lincoln

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Dec. 8, 1920

My dear Dr. Buck:

I am sending to you a copy of volume 19, Collections of the Nebraska State Historical Society, for your personal library. A copy has been sent to the Minnesota Historical Society, I believe.

Sincerely yours,

Clara S. Paul

December 15, 1920

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Nebraska State Historical Society
Lincoln, Nebraska

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

It was very kind of you to send me a personal copy of volume 19 of the Nebraska Historical Society publications. I am always very glad to have the publications of western historical societies in my private collection, and this volume is so excellent a piece of book-making that it is exceptionally desirable.

I feel that your society and particularly Mr. Watkins are entitled to a great deal of credit for the appearance of this volume which is so vastly superior to the volumes usually issued by western societies. Having had some experience with editorial work myself, I realize how much careful attention has been given to this volume.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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Dec. 17, 1920

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Dr. Buck:

If you are to be in Washington Dec. 28-30 I know that you will attend the sessions of the Mississippi Valley as outlined on the enclosed leaflet.

I am sending a last invitation to become a life member to all who have expressed any interest and I cannot give you up. You almost committed yourself last spring. Allow me to say that payment does not need to be made by January 1st although I must know of your intention by that date.

Very sincerely yours,

Clara S. Paine

December 31, 1920

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebraska

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

I appreciate very much your giving me a last opportunity to come in as a life member of the M. V. H. A. before the price goes up. I regret to have to say, however, that there appears to be no prospect of my being in a position to spare the money for this at any time in the near future, and consequently I shall have to remain in the ranks of the humble annual members.

I should like very much to go to Washington, but neither the Minnesota Historical Society's finances nor those of the Buck family are in a condition to permit. The program for the joint session strikes me as excellent.

Sincerely yours

B/P

JAN 22 1921

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Jan. 20, 1921.

My dear Dr. Buck:

The dates most convenient for Madison for the annual meeting are April 14-16. Is this agreeable to you? This is full two weeks earlier than the usual time unless the meeting is held in the South yet weather conditions are of little importance after all.

Yours truly,

Clara S. Paine

JAN 25 1921

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Jan. 23, 1921.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

I am writing to the University of Minnesota for advertising in our Review and have referred them to you if any information is desired regarding the high character of the Review.

The University of Illinois is glad to have a page giving publicity to its various departments; Columbia and Colorado were also represented last year. Why not Minnesota? Those Universities who do not help by contributing to our guaranty fund can assist almost as well through our publicity department and receive a benefit besides. If you know where to put in a good word perhaps you will not wait until information is asked.

Do you think there is any chance that the University of Minnesota would contribute to the guaranty fund? I have never known just whom to address in such a matter and you have never suggested it but I would think that such a contribution might be obtained.

Hoping that I have not troubled you too much by the above question, I remain

Yours truly,

Clara S. Paine

January 26, 1921

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Mississippi Valley Historical Association
Lincoln, Nebraska

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

I see no objection to the date which you suggest, April 14-16, for the Mississippi Valley Historical Association meeting, excepting a personal one on my part. If the meeting is held at that time it will probably be impossible for me to attend, as our legislative session will be drawing to a close and it is quite probable that our appropriation will come up for consideration about that time. You can readily imagine that it will be necessary for me to be on hand under those circumstances. The session of our legislature is restricted by law to ninety days, which will bring it to a close about April 21, depending somewhat on how many recesses the legislature takes.

Our appropriation is a part of the Omnibus Bill which always comes up for consideration at the tail end of the session. If the meeting should be held two weeks later, I could certainly attend and, in all probability, if one week later. It is possible, moreover, that we may be able to have our hearing and get the matter settled before April 14, in which case I should go to Madison. As this is a matter which affects me only, I do not suppose that it should be given consideration in deciding upon the dates, although I shall be disappointed if it proves to be impossible for me to attend the meeting this year.

With reference to your letter of January 23, I regret to say that I do not think there is any possibility for your securing advertising for the Review from the University of Minnesota, or of the University contributing to the guaranty fund. If I remember correctly, both of these matters were taken up several years ago and the conclusion was reached that the University could not legally participate in the support of a private enterprise. It is, I believe, contrary to the policy of the University to advertise at all. The Historical Society fortunately has some private funds from which we draw for our contribution to the guaranty fund of the Review. I will call this matter to the attention of Alvord and Ford and will be glad to assist in anything that may be possible. Our contribution to the guaranty fund will be paid with our next installment of bills.

Sincerely yours

B/P

MAR 5 1921
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March 3, 1921.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

As chairman of the committee on the administration of state historical activities for this Association will you please send me your preliminary report which I am required to submit to the members of the executive committee before the annual meeting. Please state also whether you feel that there is a future work for this committee and give any other suggestions that might be for the betterment of the Association.

I would be glad to hear from you within a week or ten days if possible.

The date of the meeting has been set for April 14-16. This time was the most convenient for Madison and was approved by the majority of the executive committee. I hope that you will be able to attend.

Sincerely yours,

Clara S. Paine

March 15, 1931

Mrs. Clarence S. Paine
Station A.
Lincoln, Nebraska

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

Your letter of March third was duly received and should have been answered before, but I have been very busy with our legislative campaign.

As for the work of the committee of the state historical activities, I regret to say that I have no definite report to make. I have, however, been accumulating material and ideas on the subject and hope to have a conference with the other members of the committee at Madison. I am also serving on a committee of the Conference of Historical Societies affiliated with the American Historical Association, which is making plans for the compilation of a Handbook of historical societies; and the two enterprises will have more or less in common. I will appreciate it, therefore, if you will simply state that the committee will not be ready to report at the coming meeting and desires to be continued.

The prospects are now that the hearings will be over and our appropriations will be settled by April 14, in which case, of course, I shall attend the meeting. But one can never be sure, when legislatures are involved.

Very sincerely yours

B/O

Mississippi Valley Historical
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MAR 29 1921

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March 28th, 1921

My dear Dr. Buck:

Enclosed is a brief report of the work of this association for 1920-21 sent to you as a member of the executive committee. I wish you would make suggestions for the coming year.

Yours truly,

Clara S. Paine
Secretary

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

To the members of the executive committee:

The following is a brief outline of the work of the standing committees for the Mississippi Valley Historical Association:

Howard C. Hill, chairman of the committee on standardizing library work and library equipment in secondary schools, says, "Our committee completed its work, and in accordance with the resolution adopted at the last annual meeting of the association, submitted it for the approval of the executive committee of the teachers' section. This approval having been given a portion of the report was published in the February number of the School Review. The report in full is ready for publication in the annual volume of Proceedings."

J.R.H. Moore, chairman of the executive committee for the teachers' section, states that this committee has been unfortunate in its membership in that one member has been ill a long time, another has been in Europe, and the address of one was not known. He desires a "live" committee for the coming year. Mr. Moore reports,

"I-The executive committee of the teachers' section recommends that Dr. Hill's committee...be continued and that all members of the association stand ready to assist the committee in every way possible.

"II-The committee also recommends that a committee be appointed to carry on the work along the line of tests from the point of view of history instruction. So much work has been done in the line of intelligence tests that it seems reasonable to suppose that there maybe something of value for history teachers in this line of investigation.

"III-The committee also recommends that members of the association pay special attention to the plan of arranging divisions in history courses according to the results of rating by intelligence instead of by the mechanical devices commonly used.

"IV-The committee recommends lastly that the teachers' section encourage in some form of investigation along the line of revision of the curriculum of history in secondary schools. The committee suggests that work similar to that done by Professor Ashley will be of great value to history instruction everywhere."

Edward C. Page, chairman of the committee on historical museums in educational institutions, has held two committee meetings and has outlined preliminary investigations. He states that the work of the committee is important and wishes the committee continued until it can make a complete report.

Solon J. Buck, chairman of the committee on the administration of state historical activities, states that this committee has been accumulating material and ideas on the subject and expect to confer together at Madison. Mr. Buck desires the committee continued.

E.M.Violette, chairman of the committee on the teaching of state history in the high school curriculum, states that his committee has been hampered by lack of funds to carry on the investigation planned.

Homer C. Hockett, chairman of the program committee, completed in good season the program for the meeting in Madison. Mr. Hockett says, "The committee aimed primarily at two things: 1st- to secure papers by members who had not heretofore, or at least not recently, appeared upon our programs; 2nd- to secure a somewhat equitable geographical distribution of the places upon the program."

In concluding his report Mr. Hockett suggests that if the association feels that the procedure of the committee this year is desirable in the practice of future committees, two points might well be observed: 1st- As a rule, persons should not be asked to appear on programs who have done so within say three years. Perhaps the time should be four or five. 2nd- Some member of the present committee should be appointed chairman for next year, to insure the continuity of the policy.

J.H.A.Lacher, chairman of the committee on membership, says that he has personally obtained two life members and two annual members. Mr. Lacher states that owing to the extensive territory covered by the association he believes that the only membership campaign that can be made with little expense is thru the columns of the Review. To prove effective these appeals should be continued. Mr. Lacher says that he cannot serve longer on this committee.

M.R.Gilmore, chairman of the committee on public historical museums, says that he has not been able to gather general data upon the work of state historical museums but he has submitted a very complete outline of the work done in North Dakota.

The secretary reports that fifteen life members, including the two mentioned above, have been added to the association since the last annual meeting, and about one hundred annual members. This is not enough. Members must be added more rapidly in order to show a material increase. There are always some cancellations and deaths. If any member of the executive committee can offer a plan for increasing the membership it certainly should be considered.

While the association has been hampered this year by the general financial stringency yet all bills are paid to date and there is a small balance in the checking account. A detailed financial statement will be rendered at the annual meeting.

The association has an invitation to meet in Iowa City in 1922. Arkansas desires to entertain the association and Sioux City has entered an urgent invitation for the meeting in 1922. The latter invitation is presented by Mr. Gewehr in behalf of Morningside College and the various business clubs of Sioux City.

Isaac J. Cox, chairman of the nominating committee, has not made a final report of the candidates for election at the coming annual meeting. As soon as this report is received by the secretary the information contained therein will be sent to you.

The programs which were printed in Madison through the courtesy of the local committee under the chairmanship of Miss Martha Edwards have been mailed to all members of the association. Everything points to a good meeting.

Any suggestions which you may have to make regarding the work of the association for the coming year will be gladly received. A meeting of the executive committee will be held in Madison. I hope you are planning to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Clara S. Paine

Secretary

April 1, 1931

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Station A.
Lincoln, Nebraska

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

I want to congratulate you on the excellent circular letter which you have sent to historical societies, colleges etc, a copy of which reached us yesterday.

This is the very best kind of advertising for the Association and ought to do a lot of good.

The prospects are now that our legislative hearing will be over in time to enable me to attend the Madison meeting.

Sincerely yours

B/O

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April 13, 1920

My dear Dr. Buck:

Enclosed please find a summary of
the reports of chairmen of committees also a copy
of the program for the annual meeting.

Hoping that you are planning to attend
the meeting at Greencastle, I remain

Yours truly,

Clara S. Paine

P.S. Application has been made for reduced
railroad rates to Greencastle. Inquire for the
same when you buy your ticket. The matter is now
pending and may be settled too late to send you
other notice.

To the members of the Executive Committee:

For the information of the executive committee the following resume of work done by the standing committees of this Association is respectfully submitted:

William E. Connelley, chairman of the committee on the erection of memorials, and the marking of historic sites has not yet formulated his report but will have it ready by the time of the annual meeting at Greencastle.

Harlow Lindley, chairman of the committee on the administration of state historical activities, reports as follows: "It seems that this committee was appointed before the organization of the Association of Historical Directors of the states of the Old Northwest, including Iowa. It seems to be the feeling of former members of the committee that this organization is doing the work which might be done by such a committee as the one on the administration of state historical activities and it is in a position to do the work even more effectively than such a committee could do it. I have interviewed various members of the organization and it is suggested that we recommend that the committee of the M.V.H.A. on the administration of state historical activities be discontinued.

"The committee also suggests the advisability of a report of the activities of the Association of Historical Directors of the Upper Mississippi Valley being made regularly to the M.V.H.A. and that such report should appear either in the Proceedings or in the quarterly Review.

"If it is the general feeling that this Conference of Historical Directors is doing the work which it was originally hoped would be done by this committee it would seem reasonable that a report of its activities should be given for the information and benefit of the M.V.H.A. as a whole."

Melvin R. Gilmore, chairman of the committee on public historical museums, is not ready to give detailed report from his committee but will submit the same at the annual meeting. He will give an account of what is being done in the way of starting an outdoor museum of history in North Dakota, this outdoor museum being the Memorial Park which is the setting for the new Memorial building for the state historical society that is soon to be erected. Dr. Gilmore states that

he does not know of such work being done in any other state.

Edward C. Page, chairman of the committee on museums of history in Normal schools, says that the committee has had one meeting and considerable correspondence. A plan of operation has been agreed upon. The active investigation is just beginning but he will have a preliminary report to offer at Greencastle.

Howard C. Hill, chairman of the committee on standardizing library work and library equipment in secondary schools, will have a full report ready for the annual meeting; his committee has sent out several thousand questionnaires and his report will be complete and full of interest.

E.M.V iolette, chairman of the committee on the teaching of state history in the high school curriculum, has not yet submitted a report. He will do so before the annual meeting.

No committee was appointed for the La Salle memorial.

For the membership committee, the secretary, as chairman, reports one life members and to April 1st sixty paid members. Eighteen applications for membership have been received for which dues are not yet collected.

The Proceedings for 1918-19 have not yet been printed and the March Review is being delayed on account of lack of suitable paper but will probably be ready to mail out in a week or ten days. In the meantime members are being notified of the date of the annual meeting and programs mailed to them.

The secretary will submit a report for the year at the business meeting and render detailed financial statement. At this time it is safe to say that there will be a fair balance in the bank after all bills are paid to April 30th.

Only tentative invitations have been offered for the annual meeting in 1921. The Association will be glad to consider a place of meeting for next year.

Any suggestions which the members of the executive committee may have to offer regarding the work of the Association will be gladly received.

Yours truly,

Secretary-Treasurer

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April 26, 1921.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

I am enclosing the recommendations of the chairman of the program committee which I hope will inspire you to write the resolution for me which you offered before the executive committee at Madison. This, I am sure, you will be able to express very much better than I can.

Sincerely,

Clara S. Paine

Recommendations by the chairman of the program committee:

"The committee aimed primarily at two things: 1- to secure papers by members who had not heretofore, or at least not recently appeared upon our programs; 2-to secure a somewhat equitable geographical distribution of the places on the program.

"The chairman of the committee had the impression, at the time of his appointment, that members of the committee in previous years had perhaps lacked definiteness of plan in these respects, and had thought too exclusively of the excellence of the program, with the result that they had called upon their friends and acquaintances so a great many had not participated at all. Whether this impression was correct or not, the chairman of the present committee believed that there should be a definite effort to avoid such dangers, and requested the members to govern themselves accordingly. On the whole, the program shows that the guiding principle has been followed, although there are two exceptions, due to exigencies that could not readily be dealt with.

"To further the second aim the chairman requested the president of the Association to appoint committee members from the four quarters of the Mississippi Valley... The results of this plan show a wide distribution of program honors, notwithstanding the fact that one quarter of the Valley is wholly unrepresented. The committeeman from this quarter, after accepting appointment, failed to respond to communications of the chairman. This experience perhaps illustrates one weakness of the plan on which the committee proceeded...

"In conclusion the committee suggests that if the association feels that its procedure is desirable in the practice of future committees, two points might well be observed: 1- As a rule, persons should not be asked to appear on programs who have done so within say three years. Perhaps the time should be made four or five. 2- Some member of the present committee should be appointed chairman for next year to insure the continuity of the policy."

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June 4, 1921.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

Enclosed please find a copy of the minutes for your approval as a member of the executive committee. I will be glad to have you make any corrections that you may see fit.

Sincerely yours,

Clara S. Paine

P.S. Please return papers to me.

June 4, 1921

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Station A
Lincoln, Nebraska

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

I owe you an apology for not having replied before this to your letter of April 26, in which you ask me to write the resolution which I offered at the meeting of the executive committee in Madison.

I am sorry to say that my memory is rather vague with reference to this matter and I wonder if you do not have some notes or some recollection of the substance which would help me in phrasing the resolution. I seem to recollect that it applied to both the program committee and the committee on nominations, and was something to the effect that these should be appointed early in the year and should, in each case, contain at least one member from the corresponding committee of the previous year. My impression is that the executive committee agreed with the recommendations of the chairman of the program committee to the extent of recognizing the desirability of getting new people on the program, but that it was felt that the recommendations went too far in restricting the appearance on the program of the older and better known members of the society.

I have been asked to take charge of the conference of archivists to be held under the auspices of the Public Archives Commission of the American Historical Association at the St. Louis meeting and to arrange a program therefor, with special reference to the interests of the Mississippi Valley states. If you have any suggestions to make, I would be very glad indeed to receive them.

Sincerely yours

B/P

June 9, 1921

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Lincoln, Nebraska

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

Your note of June 4 and the M. V. H. A. minutes arrived yesterday. I have looked them over and am returning them to you herewith. ✓

It seems to me that your statement of the action taken with reference to the program policy is entirely satisfactory. I would suggest that a copy of the report of the last program committee be sent to the chairman of the new committee, together with the statement to the effect that the sentiment of the executive committee seemed to be that the idea of drawing in new people was a good one, but that the proposed exclusion of people who had appeared on the program in recent years should not be carried too far. It seems to me personally that this is a matter which can well be left to the judgment of the committee.

Sincerely yours

B/P