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Sept. 25, 1920.

S. J. Buck
University of Illinois,
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Does your Agrarian Crusade deal with a special period or movement?

Is it possible to secure a copy?

I am anxious to have a copy for use in connection with my work in Rural Economics but am unable to buy a \$250 set, mainly or solely for one volume.

Very truly yours,

JOR:NC

October 6, 1920

Professor J. O. Rankin
College of Agriculture
University of Nebraska
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of September 25 addressed to me at the University of Illinois has been forwarded.

The Agrarian Crusade sketches the history of agrarian movements in politics and their economic backgrounds from the close of the Civil War to 1896, covering such topics as the granger movement, the greenback movement, farmers' alliances, populism, and the first Bryan campaign. The first five chapters of the book cover somewhat the same ground as my study of the Granger Movement published by the Harvard University Press in 1913, but more briefly and in a more popular style.

I regret to say that it is not possible to secure a copy at the present time apart from the set. The publishers state that a new and less expensive edition of the set is to be published next spring and that the individual volumes of this new edition will be sold separately. I regret very much the unwillingness of the publishers to sell single volumes of the first edition separately, but I suppose they feel that to do so would interfere with the sale of the set as a whole.

Sincerely yours

B/P

December 24, 1920

Mr. Joseph Schafer
Wisconsin Historical Society
Madison, Wisconsin

My dear Mr. Schafer:-

I am very glad to give you as full information as possible about our plan for establishing a research bureau in Minnesota history at the University. You are right in thinking that it is probably something like the Illinois plan,--in fact the name proposed for the bureau is "The Minnesota Historical Survey"-- but different conditions here necessitate a number of differences in the plan. I enclose herewith a tentative statement very hurriedly drawn up for consideration at a conference of a group of University men representing the history, economics, political science, agricultural economics, and educational departments.

The general plan was unanimously approved by the conference and will be recommended to the proper authorities. Another statement will be drawn up, however, which will be more carefully thought out and in which some of the ideas brought out in the conference will be embodied.

I was surprised at this conference to find how much historical work relating to Minnesota is actually being carried on by members of the faculty and graduate students in various departments. If this work can be correlated and additional work stimulated by a central bureau, with a small fund available, the results ought to be much more satisfactory than they are at present. The idea is not so much that grants of the fund shall be made for particular enterprises as that the resources of the central office in the way of typists, editorial assistants, collators, and various special aids, such as card bibliographies and calendars, shall be available for all workers in the field. One idea which seemed to interest the members of the conference was that of selecting a number of typical communities and making an intensive survey of them from the points of view not only of history, but also of economics, government, religion, etc. You will understand, of course, that our "Minnesota Historical Survey" is only a plan as yet and will probably not be acted upon by the authorities before next spring.

J. S. 12/24/20--2

You are doubtless aware of the fact that similar bureaus exist not only in Illinois, but also in Indiana, Colorado, and California, while the State Historical Society of Iowa is more akin to such a survey than to the ordinary historical society.

Thank you for supplying me with the separates of your articles. I am sure that they will be very useful to us. I wish I were going to be in Washington.

Sincerely yours

B/P

March 5, 1921

Dr. Joseph Schafer
Wisconsin Historical Society
Madison, Wisconsin

My dear Mr. Schafer:-

One of our assistants in the history department at the University of Minnesota, who contemplates going to Harvard next year to continue his graduate work, has been talking with me about his plans for the summer, and it occurred to me that you might be in a position to give him part time employment with the Wisconsin Historical Society.

He is collecting material for a doctor's thesis on church organization on the northwestern frontier or something of that sort, and would like very much to put in part of his time during the summer working for himself in your library and manuscript collection, ~~and~~ if he would need some employment in order to help out financially. If you are at all interested, let me know and I will write you further about him.

Sincerely yours

B/P

MAR 8 1921

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN
(TRUSTEE OF THE STATE)
MADISON

JOSEPH SCHAFER
Superintendent

March 7, 1921

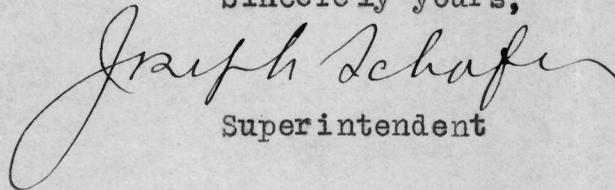
Dr. Solon J. Buck
Superintendent, State Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Buck:

Thank you for your letter of March 5 referring to the history assistant who would like part-time employment with the Wisconsin Historical Society during the summer. As things look right now, from the standpoint of appropriations, I fear there will be no opportunity to enlarge our force even temporarily. Should I fortunately be mistaken in this, I would be very glad to know about your man.

We are getting things shaped up for the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association here in April. The program will soon be ready for distribution.

Sincerely yours,



Superintendent

JS-J

January 19, 1920

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

My dear Mr. Shambaugh:-

Upon receipt of the last three numbers of Iowa and the War recently I checked over my personal file with the idea of getting it ready for binding, and I find that numbers 19 and 20 are lacking.

If you can, without inconvenience, send me copies of these, addressed to my home 640 Delaware St. S. E., Minneapolis, so that they wont get mixed up with the Historical Society mail, the favor will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours

B/P

JAN 22 1920

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THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY, IOWA
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

January 20, 1920

Dear Dr. Buck:

Under separate cover, we are sending to your home address one copy of each of the following numbers of Iowa and War: No. 19 and No. 20.

Very cordially yours,

Bry. A. Shambaugh
Superintendent

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

EEM

January 30, 1930

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

Dear Mr. Shambaugh:-

Many thanks for numbers 19 and 20 of Iowa and War. My file is now complete and can be bound up. I think that you are to be congratulated on this very interesting and timely series.

Cordially yours

B/P

July 2, 1920

Mr. B. F. Shambaugh
State Historical Society of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Mr. Shambaugh:-

I was interested to read about your prospective new magazine, "The Palimpsest" in your "Editorial Sheet" for July. You were kind enough to send me personal copies of Iowa and the War and if you will do the same with this magazine, it will be very much appreciated. If it is sent to my home address, 611 Delaware St. S. E., Minneapolis, it will not get mixed with the copies intended for the historical society, for I suppose we will receive them on exchange.

You will be interested to know, if you have not already heard, that Theodore C. Pease has been appointed Alvord's successor as editor of the Illinois Historical Collections.

Sincerely yours

B/P

JUL 15 1920

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY, IOWA
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

July 14, 1920

Dear Buck:

We will be pleased to send to your home address a copy of "The Palimpsest". The first number will be issued within a week or ten days.

Very cordially yours,

Bry. T. Shambaugh
Superintendent

Dr. Solon J. Buck

Minnesota Historical Society

St. Paul, Minnesota

S-EEM

DEC 16 1921

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THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY, IOWA
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

December 15, 1921

Dear Dr. Buck:

I am writing this letter to advise you, first, that the Mississippi Valley Historical Association will hold its fifth annual meeting at Iowa City, Iowa, on May 11, 12, and 13; and, second, that the Superintendent of the State Historical Society of Iowa hopes to see you at that meeting. Please note these dates on your calendar, so that you may not make any commitments which will prevent you from coming to Iowa City.

I am planning a breakfast-conference at my home on Friday morning, May 12th, which will be attended by a group of leaders in State historical work in the Mississippi Valley.

Very sincerely yours,

Benj. F. Shambaugh
Superintendent

Dr. Solon J. Buck

Minnesota Historical Society

St. Paul, Minnesota

S:L

December 19, 1931

Mr. Benjamin F. Shambaugh, Superintendent
The State Historical Society of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Mr. Shambaugh:-

I like the dates which have been selected for the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association as the weather is more likely to be propitious than in April. I certainly expect to attend the meeting and shall look forward with interest to the breakfast-conference to which you refer. I take it that I am to be invited as otherwise you would not have mentioned it.

I trust that you will be at St. Louis next week. Doubtless you have noted the program for the conference of archivists. I hope that you will be present and take part in the discussion of either or both of the topics.

The regular edition of the Folwell volume is now being distributed, but the special edition, a copy of which you have ordered for your library, has been held up by delay in getting leather for binding. We hope that it will be ready for distribution in a few days, however.

Sincerely yours

SB-MP

NOV 28 1921

Minn. Hist. Soc

THE IOWA STATE COLLEGE OF
AGRICULTURE AND MECHANIC ARTS
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NOV 25 1921

LBS
for S. J. Buck

LOUIS BERNARD SCHMIDT
PROFESSOR OF HISTORY

November 22, 1921 *1*

My dear Dr. Buck:

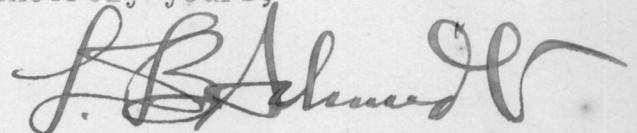
I am sending you herewith under separate cover a copy of A Syllabus for the Study of American History in the High Schools of Iowa which has just come off the press.

In explanation of this syllabus I might explain that two years ago the Superintendent of Public Instruction appointed a Committee on Citizenship in the Public Schools. This Committee, consisting of about a dozen members, had several meetings in Des Moines. It was finally decided that this Committee should be divided into four sub-Committees: Committee on Civics in the Grades; Committee on American History in the High School; Committee on Civics in the High School; and Committee on Social Problems.

I was appointed Chairman of the sub-Committee on American History in the High School, the other members of this Committee consisted of Ray Latham, Superintendent of the Schools of Ida Grove, Iowa, Miss Bessie L. Pierce, Department of History at the State University of Iowa, and Miss Olive Stewart formerly of Iowa, now teacher of history in the Berkeley, California High School. The "Introduction" will explain the main purposes which the sub-Committee had in mind in the preparation of this syllabus, copies of which are now being sent to all the high schools in the State.

Please accept this copy with my compliments.

Very sincerely yours,



Dr. Solon J. Buck, Supt.
The State Historical Society
of Minnesota,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

LBS/LG

~~SECRET~~

December 8, 1921

Professor L. B. Schmidt
Iowa State College of Agriculture
and Mechanic Arts
Ames, Iowa

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

I want to thank you for the copy of the "Syllabus for the Study of American History in the High Schools of Iowa" which you sent to me a couple of weeks ago. I have looked this over with much interest and should think that it would be very useful to anyone giving a general course in American history. I am especially pleased, of course, to note the attention which has been given to the westward movement.

Sincerely yours

B/P

MAY 21 1920

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT

MALLERS BUILDING

5 S. WABASH AVE. CHICAGO

Lake Geneva, Wis.

May 19, 19020.

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

My dear Doctor Buck,

Your letter about Alvord's appointment pleased me immensely. But I am very sorry that Illinois loses him, especially in his office as editor of the Illinois Library publications will it be very hard to find a successor. I have not taken up this situation with Prof. Greene yet. It will mean a bad break in the continuity of the work, if nothing more.

I am very glad that ~~that~~ you were able to turn the previous decision. It will now be up to Alvord to show what he can do; to secure this I think the new surroundings, larger city and so forth will stimulate ^{him} into capabilities that ~~x~~ could not have been aroused in Urbana. Just see that he plays golf.

Many thanks for your immediate note and with kind regards,
yours sincerely,

O. L. Schmidt

Miss Scott took my course in the history of Minnesota as indicated above, doing work of the highest quality. (A). She is a very able young woman with an attractive personality, and I feel sure that she will make a very successful teacher. I should be glad to recommend her for major work in history in any secondary school.

Associate Professor of History

JUL 11 1921

New York Evening Post

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July 9, 1921

Dear Buck:

Thanks for the clipping and please accept my congratulations on your deserved promotion. I was somewhat disappointed at the manner in which the Evening Post handled the series of articles on the Non-Partisan League. Just as I completed them the Managing Editor became absorbed in the Presidential election and gave that the right of way over everything else in the paper. He planned at first to run the series daily and get through with them in short order, then he changed to two articles per week, and as it turned out he ran about one every two weeks. Besides, they did not start till the middle of October, and were already somewhat stale before the first was printed. For that reason I lost interest in them and did not feel like sending them to any of my friends.

I have been tied down very closely since I got back from the West, as I now do a daily column on the business page besides a great mass of routine office work. It's the grinding out of a column every day, however, that gets my "goat." That is the modern form of slavery.

When warm weather came I moved my living quarters over into Brooklyn, and many of the Manhattan boobs think that this is quite a come-down. Sh-h-h! Don't mention this to Mrs. Buck. At any rate, if living in Brooklyn brings me the good fortune which Brooklyn brought you I shall have made a wonderfully good move.

With best wishes both to yourself and to Mrs. Buck, I am

Very sincerely,

Wm. O. Swagg

SEP 28 1921

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Buffalo, N. Y.

Sept 26, 1921

Dear Buck,

I break a long silence - on your part - to ask you to run over the enclosed and jot down wrong statements & opinions, if you will, in a hurry. It goes to the N.Y. State Historical Ass'n on the 3rd, partly as a job for some of their antiquies.

Yours

Shearer

What I really want to know is whether statements re the West are unjust, some may be impalpable but are they unjust? Mrs Weber may feel sore et al, do you? Also, I may be wrong in

as to facts in some cases, especially
Iowa. My notes were on cards and
were upset in travelling, I can get them
together before printing occurs but not before
speaking.

at

September 28, 1921

Dr. Augustus H. Shearer
Grosvenor Library
Buffalo, New York

Dear Shearer:-

Your note of September 26 with draft of paper arrived this morning and as I am leaving today for the western part of the state to speak at a county fair and will probably not be back in my office until next week, I will endeavor to answer it today, although I cannot take the time just now to look things up or to go into matters very fully. *Returned*

I read your paper with much interest, especially because I am chairman of a committee of the M. V. H. A. on the administration of state historical societies which is supposed to make a report next spring. I think your paper creates the right impression on the whole, but it strikes me that there are a great many misconceptions and errors of detail in it. Doubtless these are due in part to the situation with reference to your notes to which you refer, but they are also due in part, I think, to generalization from insufficient data and attempting to state simply things which are really complex.

I will call your attention to the most important things which struck me in a hurried reading of the paper. Your statement concerning the situation in Georgia at the bottom of page 4 is no longer correct. The two societies have now merged into one. In your treatment of the middle western states, I think your subordination of the society as such goes further than the facts in most cases.

From your statement about Minnesota on page 6, it would be inferred, I think, that we passed from the old society form to a more official state form of historical activities about six years ago. This is not accurate. The society, or rather the members of the society, play just as large a part in our activities now as they did before, and the membership of the society is growing rapidly. There is much more general interest in Minnesota history now than there was during the earlier period. On the other hand, the society was just as much a state institution before I came to it as it is now; more so, if anything, because its entire support came from the state, whereas now we are using also the income from its private funds.

A. H. S. 9/28/21--2

Your statement with reference to Iowa is ^{not} entirely accurate. There is no commission there but a state department of history and archives, located in the Capital and the society located at the university. Shambaugh would certainly object to the statement that the society "gradually secured control of the history business supported by the state" and as a matter of fact, the department and the society receive about equal amounts from the state. Practically speaking, they have divided the field between them. The former specializing in research and publications and the latter in library archives and museum work.

There is no state department of history in North Dakota, and the relation between the society and the state is much the same as in Minnesota.

Your statements about Illinois certainly convey a wrong impression. There the situation is very complicated and cannot be explained in a few words. State historical work began about 1889 (I am not sure of the date) with the establishment by law of the State Historical Library controlled by three trustees appointed by the governor -- not a society in any sense of the word. In the course of time these trustees decided to use part of the funds for publications, and the result was the Illinois Historical Collections, which were edited by Alvord from volume 2 on. Thus the State Historical Library was practically divided into two departments, both controlled by the trustees; the library at Springfield with Mrs. Weber as librarian, and the editorial department at Urbana under Alvord.

About ten years after the State Historical Library was established, a State Historical Society was organized as a private institution. The Library trustees took the society under their wing; Mrs. Weber became secretary of it and its Transactions have been published by the Library. Its Journal was published by the society itself, I believe, out of the proceeds of membership dues. It has a very large membership, but its activities are mainly of the "popular" sort. The Publications of the Library are sent regularly to the members of the society, I believe.

About ten years after the organization of the Society, that is about 1909, a movement started at the University for laying the foundations for an historical and scientific survey of the state to commemorate its centennial in 1918. This finally narrowed down to an "Historical Survey," which was organized as a branch of the University and supported by the Graduate School. Then to still further complicate the situation, a Centennial Commission was established by the state legislature, with funds, part of which the Commission decided to devote to the production of a centennial history, and Alvord was selected as the editor of this history. Thus he combined in himself the functions of editor of the Collections of the Illinois State Historical Library, director of the Illinois Historical Survey of the University of Illinois, and editor of the Centennial History for the Illinois Centennial Commission.

A. H. S. 9/28/21--3

On page 7, you refer to the "dwindling membership" of the societies in the west. So far as my information goes, membership and general interest are both increasing throughout the west.

Your statement about Washington is confusing because there are two societies there, the older State Historical Society and the "Washington University State Historical Society."

I do not think the statement on page 8 about the "despair on the part of the superintendents as to interesting the people of the state" is correct; at least I do not feel anything of the sort. I think your distinction between "a society growing up as a result of a natural desire" and one "gathered together by a state superintendent" is superficial. Unless there is the natural desire, no superintendent can gather together an effective society, and unless there is someone actively interested in promoting the movement, no amount of vague natural desire will accomplish anything. In other words, no matter what the form of organization, if effective work is done, it will be because some competent person or some group of competent people have taken hold and developed the situation.

I wish I could talk this matter over with you, because it is difficult to avoid misunderstanding when one is dictating in a hurry, but I think you will get the general drift of my ideas on the subject, and if they are of any service to you, I shall be rejoiced. As I will not have an opportunity to see this letter if it is written, I have asked my secretary to sign it for me.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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Buffalo, N. Y. Oct. 4, 1921.

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

My dear Buck:

I can not tell you how I appreciate your letter, especially since you did not get excited over some of my statements. I modified several of them, some owing to the feeling that I had misstated in my rough draft, others owing to the way in which you and Quaife set me straight. If they decide to print my paper, I will have it in better shape at St. Louis, if perchance you are there. Meantime with appreciation. I am,

Yours sincerely,

Augustus H. Shearer
Librarian.

AHS LOG

Elizabeth Murray Shepherd

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Reply

500 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

Copley Plaza, Hotel,
Boston, Mass., Jan. 5.

My dear Dr. Buck,- I shall be in Minneapolis on my way west soon; and I thought it might be most agreeable to arrange for a lecture there-or through your extension course, on this tremendous history work. I am to pecture at about all the colleges in the country. I am just being appointed Research Professor in History-the first woman to receive that honor. I speak at the University of Vermont first.

Briefly, I had the inspiration for this work at Northwestern University where I was w lucky enough to be the first girl to win in inter collegiate oratory. Was offered hlaf a dozen scholarships. I have been working on o it since then-with the result that I have eveolved a phil osophy of history greater than Buckle's- more fundamental and startlin Mr. Brett, President of Macmillan's-took an hour of his busiest day to tell me that it "is the very biggest thing put up to any publisher in years-if not in a century". About fifteen Lyceum Bureaus are writing to book full time ehgagements beginning in May till two years from now I was on Chicago TRIBUNE, SUNSET, and New York Magazines. I was urged to run for "Loot". Gov. of California by General Otis, owner of the Los Angeles TIMES-and the Republican Party ! Travelled over Arizona as the guest of Governor Hunt-through Mexico as the special guest of President Carranza (being honored as his confidante and adviser- sitting always at his right hand-with our long table of notables- he promised to give equal suffrage to Mexican women). The fee is one hundred dollar unless I could make a special arrangement to reside at the university for a month in exchange for the lecture--as I must take a few weeks to prepare some manuscript soon. However, I might not be able to spare the time. I have Jeannette Rankin, Mrs. Stetson Gilman, and others to speak on the history work, where I can not. Let me hear from you as soon as possible. I shall take great pleasure in meeting you. I have heard much of your splendid work.

Cordially

Elizabeth Murray Shepherd
(return address.)

*Postmarked
Jan 7.
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January 28, 1930

Mrs. Elizabeth Murray Shepherd
Copley Plaza Hotel
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Madam:-

My reply to your letter of January 5 has been delayed by the pressure of work attendant upon the annual meeting of the Minnesota Historical Society.

I have read your letter and the enclosures with interest, but I do not think that there is any possibility of arranging for you to lecture at the University of Minnesota. The enclosures which accompany your letter are returned herewith as requested, with the exception of the proof sheets of the prospectus of "The Woman's History of the War" which I am taking the liberty to send to my friend, Professor Alverd, with a request that he forward it to you.

Very truly yours

B/P

JUN 7 1920

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MISSOURI
Columbia

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

June 3, 1920

Mr. Solon J. Buck, Chairman,
Mississippi Valley Historical Association,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Buck:

I have been informed by Mrs. Paine
that you ^{are} chairman of the committee on the ad-
ministration of state historical activities for
the Mississippi Valley Historical Association.
Mrs. Paine notified me of my appointment to
this Committee. I shall be glad to serve with
you.

With personal best wishes and kind-
est regards, I am,

Sincerely,
Floyd C. Shoemaker
Secretary.

FCS/MAF

November 1, 1921

Mr. Floyd C. Shoemaker
Secretary State Historical Society
of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri

Dear Shoemaker:-

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the preliminary program of the Conference of Archivists to be held in connection with the St. Louis meeting of the American Historical Association. It is scheduled for December 28 at 10 A. M.

Can I count on you to take part in the discussion of the first subject, "How Can the States be Persuaded to Take Proper Care of their Archives?" The discussion is limited to five minutes for each speaker.

Sincerely yours

B/P

NOV 7 1921
THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MISSOURI
Columbia

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

November 3, 1921.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,
Supt., Minn. Hist. Society,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear friend:

Thanks for the copy of the preliminary program of the Conference of Archivists to be held in connection with the St. Louis meeting of the Association. I shall be on hand but I regret that I cannot take part in the discussion. Your time limit of five minutes is not the point in controversy, however. I think I could tell all I know in five minutes if I stuck to facts. But I can't take part so kindly excuse me. I thank you for the compliment just the same.

Sincerely yours,

Floyd S. Shornaker

Secretary.

FCS/mcm

JAN 30 1920

Fort Myers, Fla.,
January 25/20

Dear Dr. Bull:

Permit me to say that
I had the pleasure of insert-
ing a meagre but grateful
mention of your assistance
in the preface of my War
with Mexico.

Trusting that all is well
with you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Justin H. Smith

January 31, 1920

Mr. Paul Smith
5 Conant Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Paul:-

Doubtless my letter addressed to East Orange, New Jersey during the vacation finally reached you. Yours of December 27 was received in due time and should, of course, have been answered long ago, particularly as in it you ask my advice on some rather important matters.

With reference to your field of work, it will probably be wisest for you to make the change which you suggest under the circumstances. I had supposed that the material collected by the Harvard Commission on Western History was sufficient to offer opportunities for doctor's theses, but at best, of course, the subjects available would be pretty limited. Unless you could arrange to put in most of your summer working in the West, it would, I suppose, be practically impossible to complete a thesis in western history by the end of next year.

I am not personally acquainted with Morrison, but I know that Turner thinks very highly of him and I have heard him spoken well of by others. Mason does not appear to be very enthusiastic about him. If you do find it necessary to transfer to colonial history, doubtless Governor Shirley will be a very good subject, provided it is not already pre-empted. Mason seems to think that it is, so I am going to turn your letter over to him and let him write you about it. The strongest argument against the change which you propose is the fact that it involves working under Morrison instead of Turner, but it is quite possible that Morrison would have more time to devote to you than would Turner.

By the way how is Turner's health now? I heard the other day that he is a pretty sick man. Is there any foundation for this rumor?

On the second point I have no hesitation whatever in advising you to pass up the Knox offer and remain at Harvard until you finish your course work and pass your general exams at least. I have seen too many instances of men accepting positions before completing their graduate work and never going back to advise anyone to do that unless it is absolutely necessary. Moreover, I don't believe that you need, at this

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point at least, the experience in teaching which you would derive from the work at Knox. You have pretty good training already along that line as a result of your work here.

Should you find it difficult to complete your thesis next year, it would not be a very serious matter to let that run on for a year or two after you leave Harvard, which was what I did, but as I have already said, you should certainly get your course work finished up next year.

Krey has read your letter and agrees with me with reference to the Knox position. On the other point, he says that he does not feel competent to have any opinion.

Shippee has not seen the letter as yet, but I will turn it over to him and if his opinions differ from mine, you will doubtless hear from him in the near future.

We had a very good annual meeting this year, and our auditorium was packed with about 225 people to hear Fish's address.

Let me hear from you soon and I will endeavor to be more prompt in my reply.

Cordially yours

B/P

Paul Smith.

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Cambridge, Mass.
Feb. 14, 1920.

Dear Steve:

My time is limited this morning but I thought you would like to hear a report on my grades. Three of them are in: Merriman, Renaissance and Reformation, A; Turner, West, A-; Morison, Colonial American, B plus. Laski has the "flu" and has not yet turned in his grades.

I "cawn't deny" that these reports were very gratifying. I was a bit worried about Turner's course. I wrote an A- term-paper for him but I felt that I wrote a very mediocre examination; I had been ill the three days previous to the day I took it and my reviewing had consequently suffered. He must have liked it, however, or else lost it, for I have found no other mark in that course above B plus after approaching and exchanging confidences with other graduate students in the course and a P. B. K. under-graduate. I agree with you- there must have been some mistake.

Merriman's A, Mr. Robinson informs me, is an A-, but Merriman told me that it was an A, at the same time saying that there was but one other in the class, and I prefer to believe him. Dr. Morison seems to have a more nearly correct estimate of my scholarship and of my capabilities as an historian.

Your were right, or rather Tyler was right, in suggesting that Governor Shirley had been appropriated. A Columbia man has seized upon him, has ~~him~~ completely dissected ^{him} and very nearly put ^{him} together again. A conversation with Worthington C. Ford has turned my thoughts in the direction of two subjects, one, the Massachusetts Colonial Agent, and the other, Governor Belcher. Dr. Morison and I are investigating the possibilities of these and I hope to be at work on one or the other very soon.

Mason can tell you, if he has not already done so, of a conference I had with Dean Haskins. In discussing my plans for next year, he suggested an assistantship in European History. What do you think of it? It would pay very little, if any, more than my Thayer Fellowship is paying now and it would take from one-third to one-half of my time. Would the experience be worth the time lost on thesis work?

Sorry, but I must make a hasty and abrupt conclusion.

I have received and appreciated both your letters-
the one sent to East Orange at Christmas time and the
one of Jan. 21, sent here. I declined the Knox offer.
The folks, Dean Haskins and Prof. Turner agreed with
you- and me!- that this was the thing to do.

Cordially yours,

Paul

February 16, 1920

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

Dear Paul:-

Mason tells me that he has had a letter from you stating that Haskins has offered you an assistantship for next year in History 1 and that he is advising you to accept it. I am not sure whether or not I should give you the same advice. It would depend upon the effect which it would have upon the prospects of your completing your work for the degree next year.

I am more concerned, however, over the intimation from Mason that you are contemplating deserting the one true God and following a false prophet; in other words, that you are thinking of going over into European history under the leadership of one Roger B. Merriman. I sincerely believe that your best chance is in American history, and I particularly like the idea of your writing a thesis in colonial history. There is a big demand for young men of promise in American history just now and very few are available.

Here in Minnesota, for example, we have been canvassing the field recently without the idea of adding to the department another man in American history, but about the only possibilities we have been able to think of are men whose field of interest is very much the same as that of Shippee and myself.

Let me hear from you some time.

Cordially yours

B/P

February 18, 1930

Mr. Paul Smith
Room 5 Conant Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Paul:-

Your letter of February 14 was probably in my office at the University when I wrote to you the other day. My university work is very irregular this term, so that occasionally I do not go to the university office for a week at a time.

Hearty congratulations on your grades. I am almost as pleased with them as you are yourself.

I am glad to learn that you are still looking for a thesis subject in American history, but I don't know enough about either of the subjects you mention to have any opinion on them. Has Tyler ever suggested to you his favorite subject of Governor Dongan of New York and his relations with the French? A subject in a somewhat later period which strikes me as offering an excellent opportunity for an interesting piece of work, if it has not already been appropriated, is "Shay's Rebellion". Doubtless Turner and Morison will be interested in work on this subject.

I don't know just what to say about the assistantship proposition. If they are willing to continue your fellowship or give you another one for next year, I think I should be inclined to advise against the assistantship. Mason thinks that the Harvard men look after the placing and later advancement of their assistants better than they do of the other graduate students, but I rather doubt this. I did no assisting at Harvard myself and certainly they did a great deal for me in the matter of positions.

As for the experience, I suppose the methods at Harvard are sufficiently different from those at Minnesota to make it worth considering, but it seems to me that what you need now is time to work on your thesis rather than experience. As it is I think you will have difficulty in completing your thesis by the end of next year.

Cordially yours

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February 17, 1920.

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

My dear Solon:

I am writing to ask you whether you will do me a favor. A few weeks ago I made application to the Soldiers' Bonus Board of the State of Minnesota for a bonus, since I considered that I was a resident of Minnesota at the time when I entered the service. I supported my application with the various documents and affidavits called for in the circular letter, but a little later I received a communication stating that a further affidavit would be necessary. This letter was dated January 14th, and I am enclosing a copy of it.

It seemed to me that inasmuch as Dr. White was acting as chairman of the Department of History at the time when I was appointed, he would probably be the logical person to ask to furnish this information, so at my request he made an affidavit, setting forth the facts called for in the letter of January 14th. However, I have just received a second letter from the Bonus Board, dated February 13th, which, I believe, is self-explanatory. I hesitate to trouble Dr. White further with regard to the matter and I wonder whether you would be willing to make an affidavit, setting forth the facts which were asked for in the letter of January 14. It seems that the difficulty with Dr. White's affidavit was that he did not state in so many words that I was a resident of the State of Minnesota at the time when I enlisted in the R. O. T. C. It seems to me that I was a bona fide resident of the state in every sense in which the term is ordinarily used, at least it would be so considered in Illinois. I was in state employ, had resided in Minneapolis some eight months, had registered for the draft in Minneapolis, and was actually called by the same local board. Moreover, I had Mr. Ford's personal assurance that I would be reappointed in the History Department for the following year, so the element of intention which is ordinarily the chief consideration in a matter of residence, was present. I intended to continue my residence in Minneapolis for at least another year.

I am quite certain that you are as familiar with all these circumstances as I myself, and if you can conscientiously state that in your opinion I was a bona fide resident of Minneapolis when I entered the service, I think that is all that would be necessary. So far as I know, the Bonus Board in none of its literature has defined the term residence in any

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technical sense. If it were Illinois, I am sure that under the practice which is followed here I should unquestionably be considered a legal resident, although, of course, a certain period of time must elapse before one can exercise the privilege of voting. However, the qualifications for voting and for residence in Illinois at least are not at all the same, and I presume this is true also of Minnesota.

I certainly do not want to ask you to make any statement which you feel is not the truth, but as I say, if in your opinion I was a resident in the general sense in which that term is used by the Bonus Board, I should appreciate[^] very much if you would be willing to make a statement to that effect.

In paragraph three of the letter of February 13th, a copy of which is enclosed, the Bonus Board states that the amount of my traveling pay indicates that it was given to some point in Illinois. Since the rate of travel pay was only four cents a mile, this is clearly an error and I am wiring to Washington for information which will prove that I actually drew travel pay from Washington to Fort Snelling when I was discharged last summer. I am certain of the fact and am confident that I can obtain proof thereof.

I missed you at the meeting in Cleveland last month, but saw several other members of the Department at that time.

Our work here is going along very nicely and I should be very glad of an opportunity to see what you are doing along similar lines. I hear from Shirk occasionally and your Commission seems to be doing very well indeed. They have certainly been most accommodating to me in the matter of sending bulletins and reports of their progress and I have derived a good deal of valuable information and obtained a good many suggestions from them.

I hope that you and Mrs. Buck are both well; and by the way, I should be very glad if you would give me the address of your father and mother as I should like to drop them a line sometime. The last I heard I believe they were planning to go to Arkansas.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Wayne E. Stevens

P.S. I shall be very glad if you will send any affidavit which you make directly to the Soldiers' Bonus Board, Capitol Building, St. Paul, giving your own address in connection therewith.

C_O_P_Y

January 14th, 1920.

#3705

From: The Soldiers' Bonus Board.
To: Stevens, Wayne, Edson, 730 So. 6th St.
Springfield, Illinois.
Subject: Application for Bonus.

1. In connection with your application for Bonus, it is requested that you furnish this office with an affidavit from yourself, and one from a disinterested third party, which will show what State you were a bona fide resident of prior to your enlistment. In these affidavits please show where you were born, how long you were a resident of that place, the length of time you were in Minnesota prior to entering the Military forces, and just what your employment was during that time, and state the reasons or circumstances surrounding the fact of your being in Minnesota during the time you were here, before entering Service.

2. Your immediate attention will be appreciated.

By order of
THE SOLDIERS' BONUS BOARD

(Signed) B. L. Kingsley
Chief, Bureau of Investigation.

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Copy
(For your information)

State of Illinois)
) S. S.
County of Sangamon)

Wayne E. Stevens, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

He was born at Avon, Illinois, July 24, 1892. Until September, 1916, he resided in the State of Illinois, at which time he removed to Minneapolis, Minnesota. From the time of his birth until September 1913, he was a resident of Avon, Illinois. From September, 1913, until August, 1916, he resided at Urbana, Illinois. In August, 1916, he left Urbana, taking up his residence for a few weeks at Avon, Illinois, remaining there until his departure for Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 21, 1916. He resided in Minneapolis from September 21, 1916, until May 11, 1917, on which date he entered the Reserve Officers' Training Camp at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. During the period of residence in Minneapolis he was employed by the University of Minnesota as instructor in the department of history. Prior to his entry into the service he had been re-engaged for the ensuing year by the University of Minnesota in the same capacity, therefore having no intention of leaving the State of Minnesota; and he contemplated a residence in Minneapolis of indefinite length. He registered for the selective draft in Minneapolis and upon entering the Reserve Officers' Training Camp, gave 428 Walnut Street, S. E., Minneapolis, as his residence.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day
of _____ 19 _____

Notary Public.

(This is a copy of the affidavit made by myself as requested in letter from Board dated Jan. 14, 1920).

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#3705

February 13, 1920.

From: The Soldiers' Bonus Board.
To: Wayne E. Stevens, 606 So. College St.,
Springfield, Illinois.
Subject: Application for Bonus.

1. Referring to your application for Soldiers' Bonus. In this connection beg to state that supporting affidavit in regard to residence in this State by Prof. Albert B. White fails to state, in error, that you were a resident of the State of Minnesota at the time you enlisted.
2. Under the circumstances it will therefore be necessary that you secure a new supporting affidavit by either Mr. White, or some other reputable, disinterested citizen of the community in which you claim residence at the time, to the effect that you were a bona fide resident of Minnesota, showing all facts and circumstances tending to prove such a statement. The address of the person making it must also be given.
3. In this connection I also note from your discharge record that you drew travel pay from Washington to the amount of \$47.80, which would indicate that pay in question was given to some point in Illinois.
4. Will you not, therefore, in addition, endeavor to explain by affidavit why travel pay was not allowed to Minnesota, your former home?
5. When these affidavits have been properly sworn to before a Notary Public, will you please enclose same, together with this letter, and return to the Bureau of Investigation, 214 State Capitol Bldg., St. Paul?

By order of
THE SOLDIERS' BONUS BOARD.

(Signed) B. L. Kingsley,
Chief, Bureau of Investigation.

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State of Minnesota }
County of Hennepin } S. S.

Solon J. Buck, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

He has been a resident of the city of Minneapolis, Minnesota since 1914, and now lives at 611 Delaware S. E., Minneapolis. He is an associate professor in the faculty of the University of Minnesota and the superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul. He has known Wayne E. Stevens since September, 1913, and knows that he became a resident of Minneapolis in September, 1916, and was a resident of that city, living at 428 Walnut St. S. E. when, on May 11, 1917, he entered the Reserve Officers' Training Camp at Fort Snelling. The said Wayne E. Stevens was an instructor at the University of Minnesota during the college year 1916-17, considered himself a resident of Minneapolis and Minnesota, and expected to continue to reside there indefinitely.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ----- day
of ----- 1920.

Notary Public

February 27, 1920

Mr. Wayne E. Stevens, Secretary
War Records Section
Illinois State Historical Library
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Wayne:-

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the affidavit which I made out in response to your letter of February 17. Your letter asked me to send the affidavit directly to the Soldiers' Bonus Board, while the letter of February 13 from the Bonus Board to you said that the affidavit should be enclosed with the letter itself and returned to the Bureau of Investigation. Thinking that the failure to follow these instructions exactly might cause further complications, I asked Shirk, who is familiar with the ropes, to take the affidavit over to the Capitol and make inquiries.

He did so, got hold of W. R. F. who dictated the letter to you and had a long session with him. It seems that even my affidavit was not entirely satisfactory to the gentlemen because I did not use the phrase "legal residence," and the Attorney general has ruled that legal residence is necessary and that actual residence does not necessarily imply legal residence. Finally, however, Shirk succeeded in persuading the gentleman to send the application on to the Bonus Board, and the probabilities are that there will be no further hitch. If there should be I will be very glad to make out another affidavit and to do anything which may be necessary to establish your claim, which seems to me to be unquestionably valid.

Shirk asked that the matter be referred to us in case the application should be sent back to the Bureau of Investigation but this might be forgotten, of course. In case you are called on for further evidence, the following suggestions may be useful:

In the first place, you should state in your affidavit that you terminated your legal residence in Avon when you moved to Minnesota; in the second place, you should not state or imply that your residence in Minnesota was terminated when you entered the Officers' Training Camp, or even when you left Minnesota. Since you considered Minnesota your

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your legal residence at the time when you entered the training camp, it remained your legal residence throughout your period of service in the army and until you decided to take up a legal residence some where else. In other words you should keep clearly in mind that it is legal residence and not actual residence that you are talking about. The fellow with whom Shirk talked said that your last letter was a very good statement of your claim and would probably have covered everything if it had been in the form of an affidavit.

There is no use in doing anything more now, however, unless the Board should send it back to the Bureau for further investigation. I sincerely hope that it will go through without further delay and I think there is no question but what it will go through ultimately.

I was sorry not to see you at Cleveland, but time and money were both lacking. The society is so hard up that I did not feel justified in drawing upon it for expenses for this trip. I am planning to go to the M. V. H. A. meeting at Greencastle, however, and hope to see you there.

Sincerely yours

B/P

February 9, 1921

Mr. Wayne E. Stevens
1624 - 19 St.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Wayne:-

I wanted to write to you and send my congratulations as soon as I heard of your appointment to the position of historian in the Air Service, but did not know how to address you until after the receipt of your Christmas card. Since then our annual meeting, which was a rather elaborate affair as you will see from the enclosed program, and our legislative campaign have absorbed so much of my time and energy that I have not found an opportunity for writing letters.

You can imagine that I was much pleased at your appointment. Some time before I had had the pleasure of writing as strong a letter as I know how to write recommending you for this position.

The other day I noticed on a bulletin board at the University an announcement of a U. S. Civil Service examination for "Historian" which referred to "A vacancy in the Air Service of the War Department ... and vacancies in positions requiring similar qualifications." I take it that this does not mean that you have resigned or been fired, but merely that certain formalities are necessary in order to comply with Civil Service regulations.

Do you see anything of Leland and Jameson?

Let me hear from you some time about your work there and life in Washington, and I will write you more fully when I have more time.

Sincerely yours

B/P

Yes

Dr. Stevens graduated from Knox College in 1913. During the school year 1913-14, he was a graduate student in history at the University of Illinois. I was a member of the faculty of that institution at that time, and he wrote a master's thesis under my direction which was an excellent piece of historical research and writing. I left Illinois in 1914, but Dr. Stevens remained two years longer in the graduate school, working under the direction of Professor Alvord, and securing his doctor's degree in 1916. I have examined his doctor's thesis which deals with the history of the fur trade in the Northwest, and I consider it an especially good work. In the fall of 1916, I was instrumental in securing his appointment as an instructor in history at the University of Minnesota, where he did excellent work as a teacher until Spring when he entered an Officers' Training Camp. Of his experience since that time I have no personal knowledge except that he served in the Historical Branch of the War College and afterwards had charge of the war history work of the Illinois Historical Library. I consider that Dr. Stevens's education, training, and experience have been almost ideal for the position in question.

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a gentleman.

Excellent. He is both a scholar and

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Associate professor of history,
University of Minnesota,
xxxxxxxxxxxx Superintendent of the
Minnesota Historical Society, ST. PAUL

Feb 5, 1921

UNITED STATES CIVIL-SERVICE EXAMINATION.

HISTORIAN, \$4,000.**RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS TO CLOSE MARCH 1, 1921.**

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination for historian. A vacancy in the Air Service of the War Department, Washington, D. C., at \$4,000 a year, and vacancies in positions requiring similar qualifications, at this or higher or lower salaries, will be filled from this examination, unless it is found in the interest of the service to fill any vacancy by reinstatement, transfer, or promotion.

Citizenship and sex.—All citizens of the United States who meet the requirements, both men and women, may enter this examination; appointing officers, however, have the legal right to specify the sex desired in requesting certification of eligibles.

Duties.—The duties of the appointee will consist of preparation of a history of the Air Service from the scattered volumes in which its history is at present recorded. Some months will need to be devoted to study and research in order that the appointee may become familiar with the information at hand. In the preparation of the material, the appointee will be aided by a limited force of assistants. The duties will be to edit and revise the material for publication.

Subjects and weights.—Competitors will not be required to report for examination at any place, but will be rated on the following subjects, which will have the relative weights indicated:

<i>Subjects.</i>	<i>Weights.</i>
1. Education and experience.....	70
2. Publications (to be filed with application).....	30
Total.....	100

Basis of ratings.—Under the first subject competitors will be rated upon the sworn statements in their applications and upon corroborative evidence.

Requirements.—Applicants must have graduated from a college or university of recognized standing with major courses in history. In addition, they must have had at least five years of practical experience, one year of which must have been in research work in history involving the assembling of information from scattered sources, and four years of which must have been either in writing original historical matter representing the result of the applicant's own work, or in the revising and editing of historical matter prepared by others, in order to present same in suitable form for publication. Each year of graduate study in history will be considered the equivalent of nine months' practical experience, except that not more than three years' experience may be substituted for in this way.

Publications.—Under the second subject the applicant must submit with his application a copy of some publication or publications along historical lines of which he is the author or coauthor. The nature of this work and the amount of research work involved in its preparation, as well as the literary style and ability shown, will be taken into consideration in grading this subject.

Age.—Applicants must have reached their twenty-fifth but not their sixtieth birthday on the date of the examination.

Retirement.—Classified employees who have reached the retirement age and have served fifteen years are entitled to retirement with an annuity. The retirement age for railway mail clerks is 62 years, for mechanics and post-office clerks and carriers 65 years, and for others 70 years. A deduction of 2½ per cent is made from the monthly salary to provide for this annuity, which will be returned to persons leaving the service before retirement with 4 per cent interest compounded annually.

Photographs.—Applicants must submit with their applications their unmounted photographs, taken within two years, with their names written thereon. Proofs or group photographs will not be accepted. Photographs will not be returned to applicants.

Residence and domicile.—Applicants will be admitted to this examination regardless of their residence and domicile; but only those who have been actually domiciled in the State or Territory in which they reside for at least one year previous to the examination, and who have the county officer's certificate in the application form executed, may become eligible for permanent appointment to the apportioned service in Washington, D. C.

Applications.—Applicants should at once apply for Form 2118, stating the title of the examination desired, to the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.; the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board, Customhouse, Boston, Mass., New York, N. Y., New Orleans, La., Honolulu, Hawaii; Post Office, Philadelphia, Pa., Atlanta, Ga., Cincinnati, Ohio, Chicago, Ill., St. Paul, Minn., Seattle, Wash., San Francisco, Calif.; Old Customhouse, St. Louis, Mo.; Administration Building, Balboa Heights, Canal Zone; or to the Chairman of the Porto Rican Civil Service Commission, San Juan, P. R.

Applications should be properly executed, excluding the medical certificate, and must be filed with the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., with the material required, prior to the hour of closing business on March 1, 1921.

The exact title of the examination, as given at the head of this announcement, should be stated in the application form.

Preference.—Applicants entitled to preference should *attach to their applications* their original discharge, or a photostat or certified copy thereof, or their official record of service, which will be returned after inspection by the Commission.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF AIR SERVICE
WASHINGTON

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1624-19th St.,
Washington, D.C.,
April 5, 1921.

Dear Solon:-

I have been intending to write to you for quite a long while but I had a number of things to say and always felt that I needed a little more time than was available. However, I shall try to make a start at least this evening! First of all, I want to thank you for your congratulations and for the letter you wrote for me last fall. I didn't know whether or not they had referred to you until I received your letter, as they didn't tell me and I have never seen the correspondence relating to my appointment. I am very grateful to you indeed. You have helped me at nearly every turn since I first knew you at Illinois and I have certainly appreciated your kindness.

I have been making fine progress with my work here of late, though it has been marred by some vicissitudes. Shortly after I came here the officer in charge of the History Division, and with whom you may have had your correspondence, was killed in an airplane crash. I had planned somewhat upon going up with him the day of the accident but there was a delay in securing the necessary permission. His death left me in charge of the office and of the twelve or thirteen people working there and it has been rather difficult to look after them and at the same time do much writing. I have made pretty good progress during the last few weeks, however. Just now we are in straits as regards our appropriation for next year. (You know how those things go!) There is a possibility that we may have to suspend operations this summer. I have been considering moving the office to Langley Field, in Virginia,

in July, in order to use another appropriation but in my opinion the work cannot be successfully carried on away from Washington and in that case I should feel obliged to resign. I hope to get the preliminary volume of our history out of the way before then, however, so I shall in any event feel that I have accomplished something worth while. The first volume is in the nature of a general historical survey of the organization and general development of the Air Service overseas, treated largely from the point of view of the higher command. The later volumes, as I have planned them, are to deal with supply, training, and operations, in more detail. It has been a tremendously valuable experience and I shouldn't have missed it for a great deal. I hope we can go ahead with it but the prospect just now is more too encouraging.

I see Mr. Island quite frequently. He and I have become quite good friends and I have had several most enjoyable chats with him. I missed you at Christmas time but I don't blame you for not coming in view of the expense of traveling these days. I saw Hubert and Dorothy Keller and had a mighty fine visit with them. I had a letter from Dorothy a few days ago. They are down in Virginia now but expect to be in Washington the last week in April. I shall certainly be delighted to see them.

Life here in Washington is quite gay this winter. In fact, this is the most strenuous social season I have had since my winter at Mammoth. But I am very careful to distribute my attentions so I am not becoming the least bit involved. After one becomes acquainted with people, life in Washington is very pleasant. I have been fortunate in meeting a good many very nice people and many of them have been unusually kind to me. I shouldn't care to remain here permanently, however, for there is something in the

atmosphere which is likely to cause me to become lazy.

I have done quite a little toward revising my thesis since I came here but I don't know when I shall be able to get it published. They are willing to publish it as one of the University of Illinois Studies though it may be some little time yet before they can handle it. Do you know of anyone else who might be willing to consider it? I wrote to Mr. Howe, of Harcourt, Brace, & Howe, many months ago at your suggestion but he was afraid they wouldn't use it. I want to publish it as soon as possible and I intend to seize the first favorable opportunity.

By the way, I haven't received a copy of the Minnesota History Bulletin since coming here. Probably my address hasn't been changed. Would you inquire about it? I always enjoyed getting the Bulletin and should be sorry to miss it. I thank you very much for the program of your annual meeting. You must have had a most interesting time. The American Society of International Law meets here soon and I am planning to attend some of the sessions.

I have just written to Mr. Ford and have asked him if I might use his name in case I should be considering a teaching position for next year and I should like to make the same request of you if you don't mind. It looks very much as though I should teach history again next year and I am beginning to look about for an opening. If you should hear of a vacancy in a teaching position or in any other historical work, in which I might be interested, I should be very glad if you would let me know, though I don't want to be bothering you continually. I feel with somewhat of a handicap in view of the fact that I have been away from academic work for so long but at the same time I feel that I have acquired

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some extremely valuable practical experience since I left Minnesota. I have infinitely more self-confidence than I had then and feel better qualified for administrative work. My experience here in Washington has proved particularly useful along that line. In some respects I feel that I have learned more during the last four years than in all my previous experience.

I am wondering how Mr. Alvord has enjoyed his year at Minnesota. Has he been delving in your archives and planning new books? It was a great loss to Illinois when he left. I hope you will give him my regards when you see him. Also please remember me to Miss Wheelhouse.

I wish you would remember me to Elizabeth. It has always been a cause of regret to me that I couldn't visit you both at home when I was in St. Paul last winter but under the circumstances it was pretty nearly impossible. But I hope to have an opportunity yet some day.

Do Cecil Chick still with you still? If he is, tell him that I should like nothing more than to hear from him if he can find time to drop me a line. I suppose Hillcock is still with you.

Well, I haven't by any means exhausted all that I had to tell you but this letter is already much too long - so long, in fact, that I am afraid you won't even read it until after office hours. I hope you will let me hear from you when you have time to write for I am always anxious for news from you and for my other friends in Minnesota.

Very sincerely,
Wayne.

August 23, 1921

Dr. Wayne E. Stevens
1624 - 19th Street
Washington, D.C.

Dear Wayne:-

I feel very guilty in not having written to you long ago, but I am sure that you appreciate how busy I have been this summer. I can't go away on my vacation, however, without first dropping you a line. We are planning to leave for Battle Lake, in the north eastern part of the state, the latter part of this week. We have bought some lots there and may build a cottage in a year or two.

Holbrook has told me something about your situation. I wonder if anything has developed as yet. If you go back into college work you will doubtless have to start in at a pretty low salary, for you have had only one year's experience in teaching, but your other experience in the interval ought to enable you to advance rather rapidly.

I sincerely hope that you find, or have found, a satisfactory position. I understand there is a possibility that Hicks may leave Hamline, in which case there might be a chance for you there. Would you be interested? He and Blegen, who is now at Hamline, have given the department there a very good reputation.

Let me hear from you, for I want to keep in touch with you and know about your plans and prospects. Mail addressed to me here will reach me in the course of time, while I am away, and I will be back not later than September 20.

Sincerely yours

B/N

August 26, 1921

Mr. C. C. Stiles, Archivist
Historical Department of Iowa
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Mr. Stiles:-

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

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

Sincerely yours

B/P

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Historical Department of Iowa

FOUNDED BY CHAS. ALDRICH

EDGAR R. HARLAN

CURATOR

Des Moines

Archives Division.

October, 8th., '21

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

My Dear Prof. Buck:

I am compelled to commence this communication with an apology for my delay in answering your communication sooner and thanking you for the honor of placing me on the program at the meeting of the American Historical Association.

I was delayed in taking the subject up with our Curator, Mr. Harlan, who willingly gave his consent but suggested that the matter be taken up with our Board of Trustees, this caused another delay.

I appreciate fully the honor you confer on me by the invitation to take part in a meeting of such notable importance and accept the invitation with the assurance that I will do the best I can but with a little feeling of doubt as to my ability to do the subject, assigned to me, full justice.

Please notify me as to the date, or probable time of the meeting.

Yours Respectfully,

C. C. Stiles

October 13, 1921.

Mr. C. C. Stiles,
Archives Division,
Historical Department of Iowa,
Des Moines, Iowa.

My dear Mr. Stiles:-

I am in receipt of your letter of October 8, and am very glad indeed to know that you will take the part assigned to you in the conference of archivists at the meeting of the American Historical Association.

The date which has been set for the conference is Wednesday, December 28, at 10:00 A. M. The room in which the meeting will be held will doubtless be indicated in the published program.

Sincerely yours

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AMANDA J. SUNDEAN
WEST HIGH SCHOOL
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Dr. Solon Buck,

Minn. State Hist. Library.

Dear Dr. Buck:

As we are very desirous of having you and your wife attend the meeting of the Twin City History Club, and I am not sure that Miss Carney will notify you, I am taking this opportunity to remind you.

The dinner will be served at Curtis Hotel, December, the fourth, at six fifteen P.M. Prof. W. S. Davis will give an informal talk on the Eastern Question in Universal History. Prof. Tyler

will lead the discussion.

I hope the faculty men of the University will find it convenient to come. They are the ones who furnish the inspiration.

Plates are one dollar and twenty five cents.

Sincerely,

Amanda Sandean

Please notify Miss Carney (Central High, St. Paul) or me (West High) concerning the number of plates for the Hist. Society.

P. S. I hope I'm not too late for the Johnson History.

ajs.

November the twenty sixth.

April 17, 1920

Professor William W. Sweet
De Pauw University
Greencastle, Indiana

My dear Mr. Sweet:-

This is to let you know that I am planning to attend the Mississippi Valley Historical Association meeting and that I am relying upon you to provide me with some place to rest my weary bones.

The program looks very interesting and as I always believe in getting my money's worth, I shall probably take in the automobile trip on Saturday.

Sincerely yours

B/P

April 27, 1930

Professor William W. Sweet
De Pauw University
Greencastle, Indiana

My dear Mr. Sweet:-

I find that it will be impossible for me to reach Greencastle before 2:34 P. M. Thursday. Unless the train is delayed I ought to make it in time to read my paper which comes third on the program for that afternoon.

Sincerely yours

B/P

April 23, 1921

Professor William W. Sweet
De Pauw University
Greencastle, Indiana

My dear Sweet:-

I had a talk with Barnhart the other day and told him about the opening at De Pauw, and he is very much interested. The more I think of it, the more certain I am that he would be a very good man for the place and that the arrangement would be an excellent one all around. If there is anything I can do to facilitate the matter, let me know.

Sincerely yours

B.P

Leah Thompson

Miss Thompson took my course in the History of Minnesota last year and my course entitled "The West in American History to 1815" in the fall quarter of this year. Her work was somewhat uneven, averaging about "C". She appears to have a good memory and can, when she wants to, do work of a better grade. Her mark for the second term of the History of Minnesota course was "B". Miss Thompson has an attractive personality and would probably do satisfactory work as a teacher. I understand that the amount of history which she has had is sufficient to qualify her for major work in that field.

Feb. 21, 1920

Associate Professor of
History

FEB 26 1920

7 Phillips Place

Cambridge, Mass

February 23, 1920

Very Minn. Hist Socy
St Paul

Dear Buck:

Have been asked by Henry Holt & Co to allow them to publish a volume of my collected essays on the Frontier embracing ^{some} of my various addresses etc already in print which interpret western movements. At the same time another publisher intending to bring out a text book of essays by various writers on American ideals asks for an essay by me.

In case it seems to one or the other of these publishers desirable to include it, would your society consent to my publishing in that way the address which I gave at the dedication of your building?

I have no final copy of this

paper, and am not sure of its availability
for either of these volumes, and you
may think it better not to consent,
at least prior to its publication by
you - But full acknowledgements
and mention of the source would be made
if you consent, in case of its
use.

I shall be entirely content with
your decision, and as I have said, there
is a possibility that the special character
of the occasion of the address, and the
composition of the other essays may
make it unnecessary to reprint.

But these essays are representative
of the reactions from time to time
of a student of American historical
tendencies upon the movements of
his own time, and this essay was
in part an effort to survey
these tendencies at a national crisis.

and should therefore be considered in the general scheme.

I should value an early answer, if not inconsistent with your convenience. It is planned to print about June. My guess is that it is not likely to be out until toward fall, but you never can tell about publishers, in these days at least when they operate between labor "vacations".

With good wishes, I am

Yours sincerely

Richard D. Turner

If you are willing to permit reprint, would you do me the favor to have a copy made for me at my expense and send it soon?

February 26, 1920

Professor Frederick J. Turner
7 Phillips Place
Cambridge, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Turner:-

I have your letter of February 23 and am very glad to consent to your request for my consent to the publication of your address before the Minnesota Historical Society in either of the proposed volumes. In view of our delay in publishing this ourselves, any objections on our part would come with very bad grace, but I see no reason why we should object any way so long as a note or sub-title is included to the effect that it is an address which was delivered at the dedication of our building. If our dedicatory volume goes to press first, it would then be possible to refer to it in your book as reprinted from this volume but if not, the other will be sufficient. Had I foreseen the difficulties in the way of getting out the proposed volume commemorating the dedication, I should certainly have printed the address in our Bulletin a long time ago.

I was very much interested to learn of the projected volume of collected essays, for I have been thinking about something of this sort for some time. Last fall Mr. Shippee and I, who give the work in the history of the West at the University, discussed the need of some book which would bring together material to be used by the students in the course. As it is now, the reading is so scattered that it is impossible, with one or two exceptions, to require all the students to read any specific references.

Our first thought was that it might be feasible to compile a book with the title "Readings on the West in American History," in which should be included all of your essays, some other especially significant secondary material, and also selections from source material. I talked this proposition over at some length with young Crofts of Harper & Brothers and he threw cold water on it. He said that such a book couldn't be made to pay for itself. I then suggested a book to contain only a collection of your essays on subjects in the history of the West, together with perhaps some of the chapters from your volume in the American Nation series.

F. J. T. 2/26/30--3

This appealed to Crofts very much and he asked me to write to you and see what you would think about it. I fully intended to do so at the time, but kept putting it off and it never got done. I had some doubts as to whether the idea would meet with your approval, for it occurred to me that you might feel that such a publication would in a way forestall your plans for a more comprehensive work. I am certainly very glad, indeed, to know that there is a prospect of such a book being published, and have no doubt but what it would be very useful in courses in the history of the West.

I should like to have your opinion as to the feasibility of the other proposition, the "Readings in the History of the West." With your essays collected in another volume this would have to be confined mainly to source material, I suppose, although there might be some articles by other people which might be included.

About a week ago I had a talk with Mr. Howe of Harcourt, Brace and Howe about this idea and he seemed to think that his firm would be very glad to undertake the publication of such a volume of "Readings." The fact that it would not promise great profit did not seem to worry him at all. Consequently Shippee and I have begun to make a table of contents for the volume with the idea of submitting it to this firm.

We had an excellent annual address from Fish on the subject of "American Democracy." It is to be printed in the February Bulletin.

I understand that Schafer is to be the new superintendent of the Wisconsin Historical Society.

I will put some one to work making a copy of your paper as soon as possible and it will probably reach you in a week or two.

Sincerely yours

B/P

March 2, 1920

Professor Frederick J. Turner
7 Philips Place
Cambridge, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Turner:-

Herewith I am sending
you a copy of your paper as desired. We
had a carbon made for our own use at the
same time and so there is no reason why
we should charge you anything for the
making of this copy.

Sincerely yours

B/P

MAR 13 1920

FREDERICK J. TURNER

7 PHILLIPS PLACE

CAMBRIDGE 38, MASS.

March 8, 1920

Dear Buck:

Thank you both for the permission to reprint and for the copy. Henry Holt & Co. write me that they are including it in my volume.

I am pleased that you thought of including some of my essays in your proposed readings, for I like to have a share in shaping the thought of the coming generation of history students as well as in the past students.

Such a book of readings would be helpful to classes in Western history. I have

found the same difficulty which
you express in systematic collection
of material for collateral reading.
How much of a market for the
collection there might be, I don't
know, but I imagine there is
a wider popular interest
than your publisher friend
in Harpers realized. I have
had to decline, on advice of my
publishers to allow the use of
my Frontier in a forthcoming
book of collected readings ^{called} ~~and~~
"Essays on America," because
they thought that the title essay

FREDERICK J. TURNER
7 PHILLIPS PLACE
CAMBRIDGE 38, MASS.

If my book should not be so
useful if the market were to be
preserved. But they did not
take the same attitude toward my
other essays.

If you can't include
others, I should be friendly to
the idea, and should appreciate
any reference to my works
in such a volume.

With regards, I am
Yours truly

Frederick Turner
I hope Schaps. will have the largest measure
of success in Wisconsin. There are

real difficulties to be met, but
the field is important and the
past work of men like Soaps
and Thwaites is an inspiration.
Imagine D-Quaife works more
easily with sources than with
men, and in both fields it is
important that the new man
should have capacity. Schaffer's
experience ought to help in this
direction. I'm sure we shall
all do what we can to pro-
mote the success of the
Society & which we all
owe very much and to
welcome (a new colleague in
the great work,

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FREDERICK J. TURNER
7 PHILLIPS PLACE
CAMBRIDGE 38, MASS.

Oct 19 1920

Dear Dr. Buech

Henry Halt & Co write me they are sending you a copy of my *Frontier*, but I can't let it go without just a word of friendly greeting ^{and} thanks for the society's courtesy

Yours cordially

Frederick J. Turner

October 28, 1920

Dr. Frederick J. Turner
7 Phillips Place
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Turner:-

A copy of your book arrived the other day and I have run through it with very great interest. It seems to me very desirable to have these essays collected in one volume, and I am sure that it will be a great convenience to those of us who are trying to give courses in the history of the West.

Had it not been for a mistake of the printer, your address at the dedication would have come out first in our Bulletin. The printer ran out of paper just as the last form was being printed, with the consequence that the number is not yet out.

You will be interested to know that Schafer is going to give our annual address next January and will present to us some of his original ideas with reference to development of the work in local history. (etc)

I will send you a few extra copies of the Bulletin when it comes out and will be glad to send more if you desire, or to mail them direct to any whose names and addresses you may send.

Sincerely yours

B.P

February 26, 1921

Dr. F. J. Turner
7 Phillips Place
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Turner:-

Mr. John D. Barnhart, an assistant in our department in the University of Minnesota, is applying for a scholarship at Harvard next year. I have written to Dean Haskins about him, but as his field of interest is western American history, I thought that I would write to you also. Mr. Barnhart is not as brilliant as Paul Smith, whom we sent to you last year, but he is a very good student, works hard and intelligently, and would, I believe, make good at Harvard.

For his doctor's thesis, he plans to make a study of the advance of religious organizations on the frontier, and he has done some work along this line already. His master's thesis, written before he came to Minnesota, was a study of early Methodism in Illinois, and he has done some work here on the beginnings of Methodism in Minnesota. He has displayed considerable initiative in the location of pertinent material. For example, last year he located an important collection of manuscript material relating to early Methodism in Minnesota, which has since been acquired by the Minnesota Historical Society. He plans to continue the collection of material for his thesis during the summer, probably in Madison and Chicago, and expects to take two years at Harvard.

He is married and will be obliged to borrow money to live on if he goes to Harvard, so that the scholarship will be of very material assistance to him. If he receives the appointment, I believe that he will make good.

Sincerely yours

B/P

MAR 7 1921

FREDERICK J. TURNER
7 PHILLIPS PLACE
CAMBRIDGE 38, MASS.

March 4 1921

My dear S. Buck

Thank you for your note
regarding Mr. Barnhart.
He has an interesting subject,
and I shall be glad to
keep in mind what you
say about him when the
awards are made.

Yours truly

Frederick J. Turner