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January 30, 1922.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to inform you that, by vote of the Executive Council, you have been appointed a member of the Public Archives Commission of the American Historical Association for the year 1922.

I beg that you will notify me of your acceptance of the appointment at your early convenience. A list of the officers elected and of the committees appointed at the annual meeting held in St. Louis is enclosed for your information.

Very truly yours,

P. W. Washington
Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Solon J. Buck
St. Paul, Minnesota

August 28, 1922

Miss P. W. Washington,
Assistant Secretary
American Historical Association
1140 Woodward Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Washington:-

Please change
my address on your records from 611
Delaware Street, S. E., Minneapolis to
67 Barton Avenue, S. E. Minneapolis.

Sincerely yours

SJB-MP

October 10, 1922

Miss P. W. Washington
1140 Woodward Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Washington:-

I take pleasure in sending you herewith the names of three candidates for membership in the American Historical Association.

Professor Theodore C. Blegen
1757 West Minnehaha St.,
St. Paul, Minnesota

Professor Clarence W. Rife, Jr.
1420 West Minnehaha St.,
St. Paul, Minnesota

Mr. Arthur N. Williamson
Hamline University
St. Paul, Minnesota

All three of these men are members of the history department of Hamline University, and Professor Blegen is also assistant superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society. I will appreciate it if you will send application blanks to them at your convenience.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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October 17, 1922.

My dear Dr. Buck:

Thank you for your letter of October 10 with the nominations for membership in the American Historical Association. Notifications of election will be sent at once.

Very sincerely yours,

P. W. Washington
Assistant secretary.

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

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My dear Mr. Buck:

At the December meeting of the American Historical Association, two members, the undersigned, were appointed to a joint commission made up of representatives of the various social-science associations to continue the study of social studies in secondary schools.

We wish to secure the opinion of representative historians on two matters:

1. An appropriate statement of the purpose of social studies in secondary education.
2. An appropriate statement of the special contribution which History can make to the social studies in secondary education.

With respect to the first point, we shall appreciate your comments, suggestions, and criticisms on the following statement of purpose:

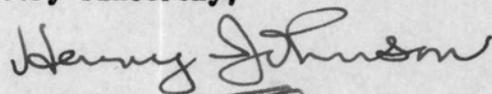
"The organization of social studies in the public schools should be in terms of the purpose of introducing those studies. Their purpose is that of giving our youth an awareness of what it means to live together in organized society, an appreciation of how we do live together, and an understanding of the conditions precedent to living together well, to the end that our youth may develop those ideals, abilities, and tendencies which are essential to effective participation in our society."

With respect to the second point, we should like very much to secure your view of the special contribution which History may make to these social studies in the public schools. By way of illustration some historians say that the unique contribution of History is the giving of a sense of development and continuity. How would you state the matter? We hope that you feel inclined to discuss the subject at some considerable length.

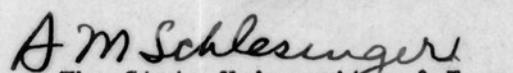
With appreciation of your co-operation, we are

Yours very sincerely,

Prof. S. J. Buck
University of Minn.
Minneapolis, Minn.



Teachers' College
Columbia University, New York



The State University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

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THE UNIQUE CONTRIBUTION OF HISTORY TO SOCIAL STUDIES

*Johnston
Hart*
The undersigned are the representatives of the American Historical Association on the Joint Commission which is engaged in studying the presentation of social studies in secondary schools.

On the basis of replies which we received from our earlier letter of inquiry to 100 historians, we have drafted the following statement of the unique contribution of history to the social studies:

"It has so long been legal, if not always moral, to make of history anything required for direct or immediate use, as explanation or inspiration or precedent or example or warning that it is futile to argue about history as something with essentially the same meaning for all sorts and conditions of men. There is no such history. There are only kinds of history, as many or as few as the daily needs of an everchanging world may suggest. And the contributions of history to education are as various as the kinds of information or misinformation which educators for three-hundred years have been calling "history." Each must define for himself the distinctive contribution in terms of what he conceives history to be.

"The ruling idea of 'scientific history' is development. Every condition or event is viewed as a stage in a continuous process of becoming. Every condition or event is conceived to be related to something that went before and to something that came after. The importance of conditions and events is measured by the extent to which they help to represent and to explain some course of development, and the ideal is accurately to represent and adequately to explain the whole development of civilization.

"If, as development implies, every atom of humanity is a part of one general, ceaseless, continuous process of becoming, the distinctive contribution of history in tracing development is that it places and helps to explain, in a way unthinkable apart from history, our own stage in the continuous process of becoming, and furnishes clues to the nature of what is called human progress, clues of a kind which no other branch of learning can furnish without becoming history. The condition of securing this contribution is, of course, that this kind of history be taught."

The foregoing formulation is now being sent to 100 historians with the request that you give us the benefit of such comments, suggestions and criticisms as occur to you. We are particularly anxious to secure something of a consensus of opinion of historians on this matter since corresponding statements are being worked out by economists, political scientists, sociologists and geographers.

Since the Joint Commission plans an early meeting to consider these statements, it will be greatly appreciated if you will send a reply as soon as conveniently may be to Henry J. Johnston.

Henry J. Johnston
Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York City

A. M. Schlesinger
University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

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SOLON J. BUCK, Minneapolis, Minn.
JOHN H. EDMONDS, Boston, Mass.

November 15, 1922

Dear Buck:

First of all I have great pleasure in congratulating you on reaching the high place in the world of being a father, and I trust both mother and child are very well. Remember that "first editions" come high.

Before Leland sailed for France he went over with me the plans for a Conference of Archivists to be held at New Haven, and we thought it best to concentrate upon the important and little understood question of classification. Accordingly, we shall have one paper by Mr. David W. Parker of the Public Archives of Canada, on "Some Problems in the Classification of Departmental Archives," to be followed by plenty of discussion and query. I hope you will be prepared to take part in the discussion and I trust you will send to me the names, titles, and addresses of archivists in your region or elsewhere to whom invitations to be present may be sent, with prospects of securing an

active and interested audience.

The Historical Conference programme is a full one and very good on paper, as well as promising. Dr. Parish has that matter ready for the fray.

The Bibliographical Society of America will also have a session at New Haven.

Yours sincerely
Victor H. Pallitsch

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January 15, 1923.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to inform you that, by vote of the Executive Council, you have been appointed a member of the Public Archives Commission for the year 1923.

I beg that you will notify me of your acceptance of the appointment at your early convenience. A list of the officers elected and of the committees appointed at the annual meeting held in New Haven will be sent to you shortly.

Very truly yours,

P. W. Washington

Assistant Secretary.

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

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Public Archives Commission:-

John W. Oliver, Chairman,
State House, Indianapolis, Ind.

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48 Whitson St., Horset Hills Gardens, L.I., N.Y.

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N. C. Historical Commission, Raleigh, N. C.

Waldo G. Leland
1140 Woodward Building, Washington, D. C.

February 1, 1923

Miss P. W. Washington,
American Historical Association,
Woodward Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Washington:

I have your notes of January 15 informing me of my appointment as a member of the Public Archives Commission, and as Chairman of the Sub-Committee on the Bibliography of American Travel of the Committee on Bibliography. It gives me pleasure to accept both of these appointments.

Sincerely yours,

B/b

August 30, 1923

Miss P. W. Washington
Assistant Secretary American
Historical Association
1140 Woodward Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Washington:-

Please send
to me at my home address, 67 Barton Ave.
S. E., Minneapolis, a copy of Writings
in American History, 1920, as offered
in the July number of the Review.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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ALLEN R. BOYD · EDITOR

September 24, 1923

Dear Sir:

I have recently returned from vacation and among the material that accumulated during my absence I find your request for a copy of Writings on American History, 1920. This volume is not quite ready for distribution, but as soon as it is out I will see that you receive a copy.

Very truly yours,

P. W. Washington
Assistant Secretary.

*Rec'd
22/9/23*

Mr. Jacob Hodnefield
Head, Accessions Department
Minnesota Historical Society
Saint Paul, Minn.

December 11, 1923

Miss P. W. Washington, Assistant Secretary
American Historical Association
1140 Woodward Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Washington:-

Several months ago, in response to a note in the American Historical Review, I wrote you that I wanted a copy of the Writings in American History, 1920. You replied to the effect that the work was not yet ready for distribution.

The Minnesota Historical Society received its copy two or three weeks ago but mine has not arrived as yet. I realize, of course, that not all copies can be mailed out the same day, but I understand you are sending these to such members of the Association only as ask for them, and I want to make sure to receive a copy. It should be sent to my home address, 67 Barton Ave. S. E., Minneapolis.

Sincerely yours

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January 19, 1924.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to inform you that, by vote of the Executive Council, you have been appointed **a member of the Public Archives Commission,** *for the year* 1924.

I beg that you will notify me of your acceptance of the appointment at your early convenience. A list of the members of the committee is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

P. W. Washington

Assistant Secretary.

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

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Solon J. Buck

John H. Edmonds

Robert Burton House

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Victor H. Paltsits

January 28, 1924

Miss P. W. Washington
Assistant Secretary
American Historical Association
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Washington:-

I am in receipt of your letters of January 19 notifying me of my appointment as a member of the Public Archives Committee, and as chairman of the Subcommittee on the Bibliography of American Travel of the Committee on Bibliography. I am glad to accept both of these appointments.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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January 8, 1925.

Dear Sir:

I beg to inform you that, by vote of the Executive Council, you have been appointed a member of the Public Archives Commission of the Association for the year 1925.

I beg that you will notify me of your acceptance of the appointment at your early convenience. A list of the members of the committee is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

Patty W. Washington
Assistant Secretary.

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

Public Archives Commission:

John W. Oliver, Chairman,
University Club, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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

John H. Edmonds,
438 State House, Boston, 9, Mass.

Robert Burton House,
North Carolina Historical Commission, Raleigh, N. C.

Waldo G. Leland,
1140 Woodward Building, Washington, D. C.

Thomas M. Marshall,
Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.

James G. Randall,
University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.

January 17, 1925

Miss P. W. Washington
Assistant Secretary
American Historical Association
1140 Woodward Building, Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Washington:-

I am in receipt of your communications informing me of my appointment to membership on the Public Archives Commission and on the Committee on Bibliography of the American Historical Association for the year 1925. I take pleasure in accepting both of these appointments.

Very truly yours

B/P

SCIENCE AND HISTORY

It is a magnificent endowment which Princeton University is in the way of receiving for the purpose of enlarging its equipment and facilities for research and for advanced teaching in the physical and biological sciences. President HIBBEN'S statement leaves little to add to an explanation of the need and of the hope of meeting it. This gift of \$1,000,000 by the General Education Board, to be supplemented by \$2,000,000 raised by the university itself, illustrates once more the comparative ease with which endowments can be secured for scientific work. Laboratories for chemical studies and for experimental inquiries in medicine, to say nothing of applied science in the mechanical and engineering world, are growing more numerous every year. No one grudges this remarkable development, so essential and so full of promise for the future, but there are some scholars and investigators who cannot but wish that literary and historical pursuits might be fed by at least the crumbs which fall from the rich table of science.

Just at present, for example, the American Historical Association is seeking to increase its endowment. . . . Few are aware of the public service done by the American Historical Association. It is by no means a close corporation of historians. Chartered by Congress in 1889, it has done a work national in scope in the way of caring for public records, preserving manuscripts and giving expert advice to the Government along many lines. More money is required to maintain these and other activities of the Association, and is particularly desired in order to promote useful historical research and the publication of books and monographs which cannot be put upon a commercial basis. The fund sought is not large, as such things go nowadays, and certainly ought to be forthcoming.

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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK CITY

HENRY M. WRISTON, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT

25 February 1925.

Dear Professor Buck:

As you probably know, the Executive Council of the American Historical Association voted at the Richmond meeting to raise the sum of \$200,000 which, with funds now in hand, will make a total endowment of approximately a quarter of a million. A committee was accordingly appointed which is now making plans for the canvass to be conducted this spring.

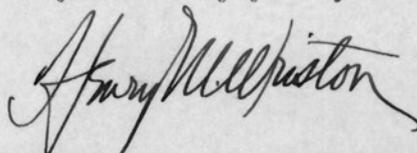
Our first task will be to secure adequate subscriptions from members of the Association. It is hoped that each member who lives within reasonable range of any local chairman will be seen personally and invited to subscribe. By vote of the Executive Council, any member who contributes the aggregate sum of \$100 within a period of five years, in addition to his annual dues, is to become a life member. This should be an attractive proposition to many members, especially among the younger group to whom it will in time represent an actual saving.

We also wish to have the membership of the Association substantially enlarged. There are many, both in the academic field and outside of it, who should be members but have not as yet been approached. Some of these persons also may be willing to take out life memberships.

In the third place, we desire to interest, as subscribers, persons of wealth and public spirit who may be willing to contribute funds for the collection and publication of historical material.

Statements explaining why these additional funds are needed are being prepared with a view to early publication and distribution. Meanwhile, we are selecting chairmen of the local committees. Mr. Guy Stanton Ford suggested you as the proper persons to undertake this service at Minneapolis and St. Paul and we hope very much that you will be able to do it. You may, of course associate with you others who will be interested to see that the work is carried forward successfully. The amount of time involved will not be great and we believe that there is an opportunity here to render a lasting and highly important service to historical scholarship in the United States.

Very sincerely yours,



Executive Secretary.

March 3, 1925

Mr. Henry H. Wriston
Wesleyan University
Middletown, Connecticut

My dear Mr. Wriston:-

I am in receipt of your letter of February 25 and I appreciate the confidence which you and Dean Ford have shown in me in asking me to be the chairman of the committee for Minneapolis and St. Paul on the endowment for the American Historical Association.

I am very much interested in this endowment project and hope to see it succeed, but there are several reasons why I must not accept the chairmanship. In the first place, I could not possibly find any time to devote to it without neglecting some of my other duties and obligations, which already call for more hours than there are in the day. Mathematically, I suppose, two halves make one whole, but I am certain that two half-time jobs amount to considerably more than one full-time job. In the second place, I am no good at soliciting, partly perhaps because I dislike to be solicited myself, at least in the way ^{it} seems necessary these days in order to produce results. Finally, the Minnesota Historical Society is also greatly in need of an enlarged endowment and we are planning to make a move in that direction in the near future. Naturally the prospects will be much the same in the two cases and, while I do not think that the two campaigns will injure each other seriously, it would obviously be inadvisable for me, as the superintendent of the state society, to take a prominent part in this campaign.

I would suggest that some other member of the history department at the University would be in a much better position to serve you than I; for example, Professor S. B. Harding or Professor A. B. White. It may be well, however, for you to get in touch with Dean Ford again before making a selection.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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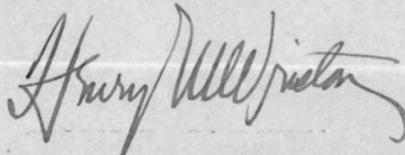
Doctor Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Doctor Buck:

I recognize the pertinency of your objections to assuming the task of the chairmanship of the committee in St. Paul and Minnesota. I have plenty of evidence that a job and a half furnishes more work than one can well do.

I am getting in touch with Dean Ford with reference to the next best selection. We shall look to you for such aid and assistance as you can reasonably give in the premises.

Very sincerely yours,



Executive Secretary.

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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN
608A KENT HALL, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
NEW YORK

December 1, 1925.

TO MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION:

I take this opportunity to send you the following announcements on behalf of the Committee on Endowment:

1. By a recent vote of the Council, the sum to be asked for in the national canvass for this fund is \$450,000, which with the present endowment of about \$50,000 would bring the total up to \$500,000.
2. The additional endowment is intended, first, to provide more adequate and steady support for work already in hand; and, secondly, to enable the Association to assume a new and much needed leadership in the promotion of research and publication.
3. In order to insure a more general understanding of what is involved in this enterprise, the active canvass has been postponed and the whole subject will be brought once more to the attention of members, at the Ann Arbor meeting. A special "luncheon conference" has been arranged at which Professor A. C. McLaughlin will preside. The speakers will be Professor Guy S. Ford, Professor Arthur M. Schlesinger, and Hon. Albert J. Beveridge; there will also be a statement from the Endowment Committee. We shall appreciate your help in securing a representative attendance at this conference.
4. It would contribute very much to the spirit of the conference if a considerable proportion of the members could send in advance to the *Treasurer of the Association* their applications for life membership. You can either make (1) a single cash contribution of \$100, carrying with it exemption from future annual dues, or (2) pledge the same amount in installments payable within a period of five years or less. In the latter case, life membership, with exemption from annual dues, will follow the final payment. Will you not consider carefully the possibility of making such a subscription? A favorable response from 500 members would mean an addition of \$50,000 to the Endowment Fund. A subscription blank is enclosed. In the case of subscriptions already made, the payment at this time of one or more installments will be very helpful.
5. For the information and encouragement of members, the Committee reports a gratifying response to the appeal which has been made to representative men throughout the country to give their public endorsement by accepting membership in a "National Advisory Committee." A few names from the list of acceptances, still incomplete, will show its general character. Aside from a group of representative university men and historians, there are such public men as Elihu Root, Charles E. Hughes, John W. Davis, Dwight W. Morrow, Simeon E. Baldwin, Thomas F. Bayard, for the East; W. Cabell Bruce, Fairfax Harrison, Carter Glass, Andrew J. Montague, John Sharp Williams, for the South; Charles G. Dawes, Albert J. Beveridge, Theodore Burton, Charles S. Deneen, Frank O. Lowden, Albert B. Cummins, William Allen White, for the Middle West; Herbert Hoover, Joseph M. Dixon, for the Far West.

EVARTS B. GREENE,
Chairman, Committee on Endowment.

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FREDERIC L. PAXSON
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December 8, 1925

Dear Buck:

I am now able, with authority from our sub-committee (Hayes, Boyd, F.L.P.), to say that we shall be glad to be able at Christmas to ask the Association to approve the decision of the Council to go ahead with the endowment campaign, with you as executive secretary. We have every reason to suppose that the approval will be a matter of course. If for any reason you can not accept the appointment, please advise me at once.

As I telegraphed you, the Council proposes to ask to have \$15,000 set aside to cover the expenses of the campaign. Of this, \$5,000 has been authorized for your salary; the remainder to be used in the course of the campaign for travel and clerical assistance. We shall hope to have you ready to begin in New York about February 1, and to stay on the job until the re-opening of college in September.

Can you arrange to get to Ann Arbor for a meeting on Monday night, December 28?

Sincerely yours,

Frederic L. Paxson

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

December 11, 1925.

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

Dear Buck:

All of the questions that you raise in your letter of December 10 have been before the Council of the American Historical Association, and have been considered explicitly. When I was appointed as chairman of the Sub-Committee to select the executive secretary, I realized that these questions would arise in the mind of anyone whom we should select, and the members of the Council were, I think, unanimous in answering the questions as I do.

The Council believes that now is the time to make the effort for an endowment, and believes also that the results will be so successful that the cost of administering the campaign will take care of itself out of the proceeds; but the Council recognized explicitly the possibility of a failure to raise necessary funds, and that in undertaking the campaign it must be prepared, in the last analysis and the final emergency, to pay the costs out of the existing property of the Association. There was some talk of raising a special guaranty fund to underwrite the costs of administration, but this was rejected, because of the feeling that the organization necessary to raise such a fund would be very great, and that collecting for such a fund might dampen the enthusiasm of persons who will be expected to contribute toward the final endowment.

The Council was unanimous in approving you as executive secretary in case the Sub-Committee should conclude, as it has concluded, that you were the person to whom the offer should be made. The Council will recommend the allotment of funds, and no member of the Council has any doubt that the Association will approve the matter, although I presume that there will be some discussion, and that some members will oppose or approve reluctantly.

I am, as you see, trying to lay all the cards on the table, so that you may see the situation; and I trust you will come to the conclusion that the Council and the Committee and I hold, - that the campaign will be relied upon to start and to carry through.

Cordially yours,

Frederic L. Paxson

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December 14, 1925

Professor Frederic L. Paxson
Department of History
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Paxson:-

Thank you very much for the specific statements in your letter of December 11. I had no doubts myself in the matter, but your letter will help me to make the necessary arrangements here.

Everything is progressing smoothly and I foresee no difficulties. Apparently Hamline University is willing to relieve Mr. Blegen for full time work with the society. The regular monthly meeting of the executive committee of the Minnesota Historical Society will be held next Monday and I expect that my application for a leave will be granted at that time. I have talked already with two members of the committee who, with myself, make up a majority, and I do not anticipate any opposition from the other members.

Sincerely yours

E/P

December 22, 1925

Professor Frederic L. Paxson
2122 Van Hise Ave.,
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Paxson:-

The executive committee of the Minnesota Historical Society agreed yesterday to grant the leave of absence requested, and Dean Johnston of the S. L. & A. College at the University has said that he will approve the request for a leave from the University.

I have received letters of assurance from Greene, Munro, and Hayes, written at your request. The statements in your last letter were quite sufficient to resolve any doubts here, but I was glad to have these letters and especially to have the information about progress already made contained in Greene's letter. He writes that he expects to arrive in Ann Arbor on the twenty-seventh (Sunday). I am planning now to reach Ann Arbor at 2:28 P. M. Monday, and hope to be able to have a talk with Greene and go over his report in advance of our conference in the evening.

Max Farrand was here last week and I had a talk with him. He was not very encouraging, but it was obvious that he knows little about the situation so far as the Association is concerned.

Sincerely yours

B/P

424 ST. RONAN STREET
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

December 26, 1925.

Dear Mr. Buck:

I want to confirm all that Paxson has written and to say that it is the wish of the Council that you undertake the secretaryship. I have no reason to think that the Association will do otherwise than support what the Council has unanimously agreed to. I for one shall be very grateful to you undertaking the work.

Sincerely yours,

Charles M. Andrews

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The Honorable Albert J. Beveridge, Chairman of the Committee on Endowment of the American Historical Association, and Professor Frederick Jackson Turner, will speak.

Senator Beveridge is the author of a notable life of John Marshall and is now engaged upon a life of Abraham Lincoln. Dr. Turner has been Professor of History at Wisconsin and at Harvard and is one of the most eminent of our American historians.

A plan to promote a more accurate and vivid study of American history and institutions will be considered.

There will be no solicitation of funds.

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THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, the one distinctly national organization of its kind in this country, is now, for the first time, making a general appeal to the public for coöperation in the raising of an adequate endowment. The friends of the Association believe that such an appeal is justified by past services and by the assurance, with larger resources, of much greater usefulness in the future.

The Association and Its Members

The Association was founded in 1884 by a notable group of men, which included Andrew D. White, Francis A. Walker, Justin Winsor, and Herbert B. Adams. Among its officers have been distinguished historians—George Bancroft, Henry Adams, and Henry C. Lea; also such distinguished men of affairs as George F. Hoar, Alfred T. Mahan, and Charles Francis Adams. The presidency of the Association has been held by two Presidents of the United States—Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson. Though most of the members are engaged in the writing or teaching of history, the roll includes many well-known leaders in business and in public life. The Association is, therefore, not an exclusively academic institution.

A National Institution

The national character of the Association has been recognized by the Federal Government. It was chartered by Congress in 1889 and its annual reports, presented through the Smithsonian Institution, are included in the series of Congressional documents. The general offices are in Washington; the annual meetings, bringing together members from the Atlantic seaboard and the Pacific coast, have been held at such widely scattered points as Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, Charleston, New Orleans, and St. Louis; one notable summer meeting was held in California.

National Services

The service rendered has also been national. By the terms of its charter the Association is made responsible for the promotion of "American history, and of history in America." The American Historical Review, published quarterly by the Association, contains, in addition to articles and reviews, a careful record of what is done by workers all over the country, whether in universities or in state and local historical societies. Other publications of the Association list and index the issues of these allied organizations, making available useful and interesting material which might otherwise be overlooked. In short, the American Historical Association is the chief co-ordinating agency of the historical fraternity throughout the country.

Educational Service

The Association has recognized its civic responsibility in the matter of education. Through the reports and recommendations of its committees, it has stimulated and guided the teachers of history in elementary and secondary schools. It is now, in view of changed conditions, planning a fresh study of these educational problems.

The Care of Public Records

Another form of direct public service is that of the Public Archives Commission, with its valuable reports describing the archives of the states—Herbert L. Osgood's account of the archives of New York is a notable example. Such surveys are not only useful to scholars; they help to set higher standards for the keeping of public records, a matter which certainly concerns a much larger public. Closely associated with this work is a movement which it is hoped will end before long the present disgraceful condition of the National Archives in Washington.

Expert Service to the Government

In general, the Association undertakes to place at the disposal of the Government the resources of historical scholarship. The Library of Congress, in building up its great manuscript collections, has often relied upon the expert service of officers and members of the Association. Again, in 1908, one of

its committees prepared, at the request of President Roosevelt, a careful report, subsequently printed as a public document, outlining a national policy for the publication of historical material in the National Archives.

Conservation of Manuscripts

Another contribution to a better understanding of American history has been made through the Historical Manuscripts Commission which is constantly locating valuable manuscripts, especially those now in private hands. So far as possible such papers have been secured against loss and made available for students through publication. Among the papers printed by the Association are the letters of the New Englander, Stephen Higginson; the Southern statesmen, John C. Calhoun and Alexander H. Stephens; and such leaders of the Westward movement as Moses and Stephen Austin. Other publications illustrating national politics are the diary of Salmon P. Chase and the Autobiography of Martin Van Buren.

International Relations

Though the Association has felt peculiarly responsible for "American history, it has never forgotten the wider claims of history in America." Indeed, it is impossible to understand American history if it is completely detached from that of the old world. Several publications deal with international topics—the correspondence of the early French ministers to the United States, the Texan Diplomatic Correspondence, and the papers of James A. Bayard, illustrating the peace negotiations at Ghent in 1814. Since the World War, the Association has been active in promoting scientific cooperation with scholars abroad, a field in which Americans now have new opportunities for service and leadership. It may be noted in this connection that the prizes administered by the Association are given for studies in European, as well as American, history.

The Need of an Endowment

Such work as the Association has already done, has been made possible only through an immense amount of unpaid service. Since so large a proportion of its members belong to one of the most poorly paid of all the professions, adequate support

can not be secured by increasing the annual dues. It is not possible, or even desirable, to appeal to Congress for much assistance from the Federal Treasury beyond what is now received through the publication of the Annual Reports. To give permanence to the work already undertaken and to enlarge its scope the Association must have a substantial endowment. It should be understood also that such an increased endowment will be far more effective than may at first appear because it will enable the Association to draw more fully upon what is, and always will be, its chief asset—namely the professional enthusiasm of its members. It may be added that the financial record of the Association justifies confidence in its judicious administration of trust funds.

Proposed Use of Additional Funds

What the Association now asks is an increase in endowment from \$50,000 to \$1,000,000, with the expectation that the additional income thus provided will be used, not only to secure more certain and adequate support for work already undertaken, some of which has been seriously curtailed or delayed by the lack of such support; but also to make possible certain new forms of service.

Development of Present Services

An example of the need of more support for existing enterprises, is the demand for bringing up to date an index of historical society publications last issued twenty years ago. To give another illustration, the income from a fund of \$100,000 would enable the Association to work out and carry through a consistent policy for filling serious gaps in our national history, through the publication of fresh manuscript material. Every student knows how many papers relating to the history of the American Revolution are now exposed to loss by fire, break-up of families, and other common accidents. We are beginning to appreciate also the importance of other manuscript materials too often neglected by historians, such as business correspondence, and the personal papers of leaders in social, religious, and educational movements. It is also important to reproduce rare printed material, such as early pamphlets and the invaluable older newspapers.

New Services. The Organization of Research

Work of the kind just mentioned would involve only the continuation and development of services already performed. The time has now come, however, when the Association ought to assume a more positive leadership. We have not had in this country enough systematic effort to direct the attention of investigators toward special problems which need to be solved, whether from the point of view of the historians themselves or with proper regard for workers in the related social sciences, such as economics, political science, and sociology. Some of the most valuable work has been, and always will be, done by isolated workers following leads determined only by their own personal interest—by scholars who are often compelled to make the most painful sacrifices. Such work ought, indeed, to be encouraged by grants in aid of personal researches. It should, however, be possible for a coöperative agency like the American Historical Association to survey from time to time large fields of historical study, with a view, first, to determining what gaps most need to be filled, and then enlisting the necessary workers. To a considerable extent, priority may well be given to investigations through which the historian may provide a proper background of experience for the study of pressing political and social problems. A few examples will indicate the kind of work proposed.

The History of International Relations

Now that the United States has become the most influential of the World powers, there is urgent need for more thorough and dispassionate studies of the history of American international relations (including contacts with Europe, Latin-America, and the Far East). The appeal to history is often made by partisans, but nearly always such appeals involve more or less distortion of the facts. There are few subjects more in need of disinterested research.

Immigration and Sectionalism

Another topic similarly obscured by prejudice and emotional or selfish propaganda is that of immigration and racial elements. Recent legislation brings up questions in which the help of the critical historian as well as of the economist and the sociologist is needed. Again there is the problem of sec-

tionalism—a most serious one for a country like the United States whose varied geographic areas are more nearly comparable with continental Europe than with a single country like France or Italy. The clash of sectional interests within this American empire has been from the beginning an important feature of our national history and its present manifestations need to be studied in the light of past experience.

The Historical Approach to Legal, Economic, and Social Problems

There are numerous other fields in which this policy of organized research might well be applied; the history of the common law in America, with the various influences—social, economic, and religious—which have worked upon the inherited English system and adapted it to American uses—an admirable opportunity for coöperation between the lawyer and the historian; the history of American business; the history of agriculture and rural life (a few pioneers have already pointed out large possibilities); the history of the American family, another subject on which something more than surface study of recent developments is badly needed.

European Origins

An intelligent study of American history requires some knowledge of the European background, and this calls for the coöperation of scholars specially trained to deal with European materials and problems. Many of the studies already mentioned, like those of international relations, immigration, and American law, must be carried across the Atlantic. Something must be done, therefore, to put the American worker in European history more nearly on an equal footing with his fellow-workers abroad. Among the possible services which the Association may perform are the reproduction of important sources in European collections and the preparation of lists and indexes locating valuable material, whether in Europe or America.

A Publication Policy for the National Archives

The interest of the Association in the publication policy of the United States has already been mentioned. No such policy

in relation to the great mass of historical material in the government archives has yet been adopted. Such documents have commonly been printed haphazard with little regard to their relative importance. Meantime material of the greatest interest remains unpublished and, under present conditions, in constant danger of destruction. The Association may well undertake to form an intelligent public opinion on such matters by working out in detail a program of publication, and preparing a few typical volumes which may then serve as models for subsequent publication by the Government itself.

National Headquarters

Although the Association can always draw extensively upon its members for unpaid professional services, the desirability of having some one devote the major part of his time to directing and correlating its activities is very evident. Funds are needed for the salary of such an official, and also for the rent of offices, or perhaps the purchase and upkeep of a house in Washington, to serve as headquarters for the Association and to house properly its accumulating records. Such headquarters could be of great service to the increasing number of historical investigators who visit the Capital, and would do much to encourage the use by students of the great national collections there assembled.

An Appropriate Commemoration of a Great Anniversary

It is for such purposes as these that the American Historical Association is asking the comparatively modest endowment of a million dollars; and the appeal has already met with a cordial response from representative citizens in every section of the country, who have shown their appreciation of the work of the Association by accepting membership in a "National Advisory Committee." The present time seems especially opportune for urging public support of this distinctly patriotic, as well as scientific, service. In July, 1926, the American people will celebrate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of their national independence. What more appropriate memorial can there be of this notable occasion than the establishment of an adequate endowment for the kind of honest, disinterested research for which this Association stands?

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HON. ALBERT J. BEVERIDGE, *chairman of the Association's Committee on Endowment*:—

There is not a single important matter of legislation or of public policy that can be handled intelligently without a thorough knowledge and accurate understanding of the sources of the problem.

HON. CHARLES E. HUGHES, *chairman of the New York Committee, which is raising \$500,000 toward the endowment fund*:—

If we are to profit by the lessons of the past, we should be sure that the lessons are accurately, dispassionately, and thoroughly taught.

WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE, *author and publicist*:—

A million dollars invested in saving human experience from oblivion would save billions in future war debts.

PROFESSOR EVARTS B. GREENE *of Columbia*:—

The cause is one which should appeal to all men of liberal spirit who are interested in the formation of an intelligent public opinion.

PROFESSOR ALBERT BUSHNELL HART *of Harvard*:—

The Association has shown a capacity for producing very important and lasting results at a minimum of outlay of money.

PROFESSOR FREDERIC L. PAXSON *of Wisconsin*:—

The few thousands of dollars of clear income that the American Historical Association asks will bring encouragement and opportunity to hundreds of good men who are engaged in the great work of reducing to order the tangled record of the past.

PROFESSOR FREDERICK J. TURNER *of Harvard*:—

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We are living at high speed, and with multiplying interests, and if we are to deal intelligently with the problems of today and to-morrow we must have the conserving and steady influence, and the wisdom, which come from the study of history making available our rich inheritance of experience. We cannot have this advantage, in present circumstances, unless we organize for historical scholarship.—CHARLES EVANS HUGHES, former Secretary of State.

History

At the close of the late war the representatives of the contending nations met to arrange the terms of peace. The last and in some respects the most important mobilization of the vast struggle then occurred.

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Only through the medium of history can the man of to-day make a true appraisal of existing institutions and build the future on stable foundations.

Dedicated to the promotion of "American history, and of history in America," the American Historical Association has since its foundation forty-two years ago proved a most efficient agency in directing and coördinating historical interests throughout the United States.

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Against this rich background the American Historical Association now proposes to extend its work and influence. It asks the general public for a one million dollar endowment in order that the Association may continue and enlarge its national services and not be faced in this era of the depleted dollar with serious curtailment of its work.

The income from such a fund would make possible:

A wider dissemination of historical information and better teaching of history in the schools.

The conservation of historical manuscripts, including the public records of our nation and of the individual states.

Preservation through publication of important historical manuscripts.

Grants to scholars for the expenses of research essential to the great contributions of history to human knowledge.

Expert service to the Government.

Coöperative research in the historical backgrounds of such problems as those of international relations, of American business, and of agriculture and rural life.

Adequate endowment, in brief, will mean more effective organization of historical research, the study of the backgrounds of matters of wide public interest such as immigration and sectionalism; an approach to our legal, economic, and social problems that will carry us beyond a mere surface study.

On the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the achievement of our national independence the American Historical Association presents a program of far-reaching importance, firm in the belief that loyalty to our cherished traditions, respect for our institutions, and a deep sense of obligation to the future will induce you who have read this statement to make your personal contribution to the million dollar endowment fund in the enduring interest of "American history, and of history in America."

This is a personal appeal to you and a selected group of others who there is reason to believe will recognize a responsibility for the preservation through history of the fundamentals of the culture and ideals of America.

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The local committee of the American Historical Association Endowment Fund campaign takes the liberty of addressing to the members living in the southern part of the state a special message. We are asking public support of our great enterprise. We are appealing to men of means and of vision who have perhaps never been associated with us even as members to lend us a hand. The General Committee, of which Dr. Solon J. Buck is chairman, offers to members desiring to contribute \$100, the privilege of payment in five annual periods. May we not hope to secure a fair number of Life Memberships from our own group under such reasonable conditions. If a Life Membership is not feasible for you at present, the contribution of a smaller amount would of course be welcome. Should you feel unable to contribute directly in this way, perhaps you would suggest to us (or direct to the Washington office, if you prefer) the names of students or others to whom the regular membership would be an esteemed privilege.

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The American Historical Association, our leading organization devoting itself to the promotion of the scientific study of the past, has decided to make a campaign for funds sufficient to enable it to place its most vital enterprises on a permanent basis. Its program, present and in contemplation, is explained in the document enclosed herewith. May we ask you to give this matter your careful thought, and when you have done so, indicate to our local committee the extent, if any, to which you feel able to participate?

The American Historical Association publishes the quarterly magazine, THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL REVIEW, undoubtedly the best review of its kind published anywhere today; also a volume or two of ANNUAL REPORTS, replete with articles and original sources of the highest value. It is actively engaged in promoting the scientific study of history throughout the land. It acts as the clearing house to encourage and facilitate the collection, preservation, and exploitation of the manuscripts and materials bearing on our national history. It has secured Congressional action towards the building of a national Hall of Archives, where the records of our great past may be accessible to scholars. Through its annual meetings and its central office in Washington, D. C., it stimulates historical scholars, enables them to correlate their work, and affords them a medium of publication for their product.

The Association is endeavoring to raise a million dollar Endowment Fund that shall place its work on a permanent basis and carry out some of the activities that are described in the accompanying literature. Among leaders in American thought who are actively interested in this enterprise are Albert J. Beveridge, William E. Borah, Nicholas Murray Butler, David Jayne Hill, Herbert Hoover, Dwight W. Morrow, James D. Phelan, Elihu Root, Albert Shaw, and William Allen White.

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The committeemen are asked to see personally as many on their lists as possible and to return their cards with notations of the result. All who contribute \$100 or more will become life members when that amount has been received. When contributions, or the first installments, are less than \$100, the prospect should be invited to become an annual member. Mail appeals will be sent out to those who cannot be reached personally.

It will be advisable to separate a few of the cards into a "Special Prospects" list and have these prospects canvassed for large sums by the chairman or some prominent member of the committee.

As soon as the committee is organized some one should be designated to handle publicity and to co-operate with the publicity director of the national campaign. He should give out news about the state committee and campaign to the local press, arrange for editorials, and send communications to magazines and papers.

January 5, 1926

Mr. Charles M. Andrews
424 St. Ronan St.,
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Andrews:-

When I got home from Ann Arbor I found your note of December 26 awaiting me. I am sorry that Paxson troubled you with this matter, as I was fully satisfied with his own assurances. Nevertheless I am very glad to know that the arrangement which has been made meets with your approval. I shall certainly need your support and co-operation if the project is to succeed.

Sincerely yours

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January 15, 1926.

Dear Sir:

I beg to inform you that, by vote of the Executive Council, you have been appointed executive secretary of the Committee on Endowment of the American Historical Association for the year 1926.

I beg that you will notify me of your acceptance of the appointment at your early convenience. A list of the members of the committee is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

P. W. Washington

Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Solon J. Buck
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NEW YORK TIMES
March 15, 1926

PRESERVING THE PAST.

While archaeologists are digging in various parts of the earth to find what records remain of earlier cultures, or to recover traces of the age of creatures that antedated the coming of man, it behooves us not to neglect our own national past, lest some of its memorabilia fade or disintegrate beyond recovery. It is a timely word that Professor DANA C. MUNRO, President of the American Historical Association, has spoken. There are papers and other material relating to the earlier periods of our history in danger of destruction through fire or neglect or ignorance of their historical importance. Steps should be taken not only for their protection and preservation, but also for the promotion of search for other material. Especially important is it that there should be a survey to discover what gaps have been left by the investigations that have been made or are now going forward by scholars "following leads determined "only by their own personal interest." And once such a survey has been completed, men best qualified by background, ability and training should be encouraged to undertake the definitive treatment of this or that period, movement, institution or life needing study for its accurate preservation. Many such studies would require grants in aid.

There can be no question that the American Historical Association is the body that should assume leadership in this patriotic service. To do so would require a considerable endowment. The amount named by Professor MUNRO is \$1,000,000. This seems a modest sum for such a vast work; but it would be a good beginning. It will need to be supplemented. But the amount mentioned should be quickly raised, for some of the material daily falls away into oblivion. It is soon or never. WALTER BAGEHOT speaks of history as a "vestige of vestiges." All the more imperative is it that the vestiges of our past should be gathered before they, too, are "one with Nineveh and Tyre."

INDIANAPOLIS NEWS
March 19, 1926

HISTORICAL RESEARCH

History, when it is accurate—and any inaccurate chronicling of events is unworthy of being so designated—both conserves and advances. There is saved to the present and the future the experience of the past, a storehouse of knowledge concerning men's triumphs and failures. This is sometimes dull, sometimes interesting, but always profitable. It is out of this written record that wisdom comes as to what may, or may not, be advisable in shaping the human current. Interpretations of the past, of course, frequently differ, but the chances of error are proportionately less as the reliability of the information had concerning prior ages is greater. History deals with the action and reaction of peoples in all times and under all conditions.

The American Historical Association is engaged in a laudable enterprise in seeking to raise money for an endowment fund for historical research. The zeal for painstaking inquiry into scattered documents and half-forgotten events, bearing, for instance, on the history of the United States, exists. Particularly is it evident among members of college faculties. The tragedy is that, while they may be willing to sacrifice much of their leisure for the work without thought of personal gain, they often can not afford the expenditure of money necessary. Such prosaic features of existence as travel on railroads to get to where the material is, the copying of important parts of documents and the necessity for food and shelter while the work is being accomplished, all call for money. It is for such purposes that an endowment fund is wished. The benefits would be for all time.

Whenever there is neglect of the past there can be no assurance that either individuals or nations are building on a substantial foundation. We need, just as the world always has needed, all the facts that are to be learned about the old days and the old ways, good and bad. The American Historical Association is deserving of support in its effort to broaden and deepen the channels of human understanding.

Leading Newspapers of the whole country endorse the endowment project of the American Historical Association

ON THE one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the achievement of our national independence, the American Historical Association is seeking a million dollar endowment.

This presents a cause which because of its nature can be expected to appeal to only a discriminating few, those who appreciate the importance of history in our national life and feel a sense of responsibility for our future development.

NEW YORK WORLD
March 13, 1926

AN ENDOWMENT FOR AMERICAN HISTORY

No one interested in the history of the country can be indifferent to the appeal of the American Historical Association, just voiced by ex-Senator Beveridge, for an endowment of \$1,000,000. Historical papers, now in danger of destruction, ought to be gathered up and published. These manuscripts include the correspondence and records of not only political figures but leaders in business, social, religious and educational movements; correspondence which is constantly perishing by fire, the removal of families and carelessness. There are large research problems which should be dealt with in an organized way. We need, for example, a fuller study of our relations with Europe and Latin America; research into our immigration history, and studies in the history of agriculture, almost untouched as yet. We need a systematic publication policy for our State and Federal archives, and no agency can so well draft a detailed program as the association. We need a better co-ordination of the historical work being done by universities, historical societies and independent workers all over the country.

In this day of richly endowed institutions it is surprising to learn that the American Historical Association has only \$50,000 in permanent funds. During forty years it has been the great central agency and clearing-house for historical work in America; its publication, the American Historical Review, has been the recognized organ of American historians. Two Presidents, Wilson and Roosevelt, have been among the heads of the association. It has performed manifold services to the Government in giving it the resources of historical scholarship. The endowment sought is a modest sum in view of its usefulness.

Will you, one of the few to whom this appeal is directed, make your contribution in cash payment or pledge form now and let it be as generous as possible?

It is a worth-while work and should appeal to all who believe in gathering up the fragments lest they be lost.—*Philadelphia Inquirer*.

The elimination of fable from American history as far as possible is desirable.—*Dallas Times Herald*.

A million dollars invested in saving human experience from oblivion would save billions in future war debts.—*Emporia Gazette*.

Contribution to this cause will assist in a work of vital importance to the nation.—*Cincinnati Inquirer*.

The American Historical Association is deserving of support in its effort to broaden and deepen the channels of human understanding.—*Indianapolis News*.

The undertaking should appeal to every patriotic citizen.—*Chicago Post*.

It is a practical undertaking, appealing to business men, and calculated to produce dividends of a kind that all Americans will appreciate.—*Boston Herald*.

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Proposed Allotment of Funds (Tentative).

I.	For research in American history.	
	A. For surveying the field and promoting co-operative research in selected subjects such as those indicated in paragraphs 13 to 16 inclusive of the accompanying pamphlet	\$ 7,500.
	B. For grants to scholars to aid them in individual research	2,500.
II.	For research in European history as indicated in paragraph 17 of the pamphlet, including grants to individual scholars	6,000.
III.	For the publication of source materials for American history, including sample volumes of archival materials. (See paragraphs 12 and 18 of the pamphlet).	7,500.
IV.	For the improvement and expansion of the bibliographical services of the Association, including the completion of the Bibliography of Travel in America; more adequate support of the annual Writings in American History; and guides and calendars of archival material	3,000.
V.	For the American Historical Review (See paragraph 4 of the pamphlet)	10,000.
VI.	For the publication of a series of Studies in History, including the results of the proposed co-operative research	3,000.
VII.	For the survey, promotion, and correlation of the work of regional, state, local, and special historical organizations and agencies in the United States	<u>2,500</u>
	Carried Forward	\$42,000.

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VIII. For the promotion of interest in history in America and the dissemination of historical information, including the publication of a magazine containing historical material in popular form	5,000.
IX. For support of the American Council of Learned Societies and co-operation in international historical enterprises	1,000.
X. Headquarters and staff	
A. For the rent and maintenance of offices in Washington	3,000.
B. For salaries of a staff including a director and clerical assistants	10,000.
C. For supplies, equipment and other office expenses	4,000.
XI. For committees of management, such as program and local arrangements committees and a standing committee on policy	2,000.
XII. For other committees and activities, such as the prizes now provided for, the Committee on National Archives and the Public Archives Commission (see paragraph 6 of the pamphlet), the Historical Manuscripts Commission (see paragraph 8), and the Committee on History Teaching (see paragraph 5)	<u>3,000.</u>
Total	\$ 70,000
Estimated income from dues	<u>20,000.</u>
Income needed from endowment	<u><u>\$ 50,000.</u></u>

PROPOSED ALLOTMENT OF INCOME

I	Survey of American History	\$ 1,000
II	Coöperative Research	5,000
III	Grants in Aid of Research	6,000
IV	Publication of Studies	3,000
V	Bibliographical Services	2,000
VI	Public Archives Commission	1,000
VII	Inventory of Manuscripts	5,000
VIII	Publication of Sources	6,000
IX	Survey of Historical Societies	1,000
X	Publicity and Popular Presentation	5,000
XI	Headquarters and Staff	15,000
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March 18, 1926.

Dear Colleague:

This is the day of ambitious undertakings. For many years the American Historical Association has attempted to carry on useful work with a rigidly circumscribed budget and has been forced to leave undone work of great importance because of lack of funds to carry it forward. Now, as you probably know, a campaign is being launched to raise an endowment for the promotion of "American history, and of history in America." Headquarters for the national campaign have been established here in 110 Library. It is appropriate, therefore, that the first gun should be fired here and it is hoped that we may set a standard for the rest of the country.

That members of the Association and some others at Columbia may talk over the aims and needs of the national Association, a subscription luncheon has been arranged for Saturday, the 27th of March, at one o'clock at the Faculty House. Recognizing your interest in historical matters the committee takes pleasure in inviting you to be present and help us initiate the movement. It is understood that there will be no solicitation of funds at the luncheon. A reply form and return envelope are enclosed for your convenience.

The local committee, which consists of Austin Evans, chairman, Harry J. Carman, Edward M. Earle, Dixon R. Fox, Daniel C. Knowlton, John A. Krout, Harry W. Martin, and Mary E. Townsend, asks your attention to the enclosed pamphlet.

Sincerely yours,

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND

May 1926

At the luncheon session of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association on May 7th, held in connection with its nineteenth annual meeting, Solon. J. Buck, professor of history at the University of Minnesota, and now in charge of the campaign to raise an endowment of a million dollars for the American Historical Association, spoke on The Promotion of American History and of History in America. This text, taken from the charter of the American Historical Association, epitomizes, he said, both the record of the association during its career of over forty years and its purposes for the future.

Among the outstanding achievements of the association are the development of professional and scientific spirit among its members through its annual meetings; and the publication of the American Historical Review, generally recognized as the leading historical periodical in the world, and of a long series of Reports, containing not only accounts of meetings and papers read at them but important collections of documents and bibliographies of great value to research workers. The prizes offered annually by the association for the best studies in certain fields have stimulated scholarly research, and its various committees on the teaching of history have largely shaped the history curriculum in the schools of the nation. The Public Archives Commission set up by the association has made known to scholars the valuable materials for history in the archives of the states and has promoted measures for the better care of such materials. Another subsidiary body, the Historical Manuscripts Commission has located and edited for publication important collections of private papers such as those of Calhoun and Austin, the diary of Salmon P. Chase, and the autobiography of Martin Van Buren.

A bibliography of the publications of historical societies was brought out about 1905 and the Committee on Bibliography now has nearly ready for publication a Manual of Historical Literature that will be a vade mecum for librarians, students, and even general readers. A Committee on the Writing of History, of which the late Ambassador Jusserand was chairman, has prepared a book on the subject, now in press, which is expected to improve the quality of historical writing; a Committee on Research in Colleges is devising ways and means to make it possible for men connected with the smaller institutions to work together on important projects; a Committee on Documentary Historical Publications of the United States Government is working for the publication of the papers of the territories in the United States archives; a Committee on National Archives is striving to bring about the erection of an archives building and more adequate care of the records of the federal government; and a Conference of Historical Societies subsidiary to the Association has promoted important co-operative work such as the calendaring of documents for Mississippi Valley history in France, and serves as a clearing house for the activities and problems of these societies scattered all over the country.

Recently the association joined in the organization of the Council of Learned Societies, the American member of the International Union of Academies, and its representatives in the Council played the leading part in making arrangements for a great Dictionary of American Biography that is now being prepared. The Association has taken a leading part in the meetings of the International Congresses of History since 1903 and has recently secured a subvention of \$25,000 from the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial to be used in promoting

the organization of a permanent International Committee of Historical Sciences, which expects to bring together in the near future, for the first time since the war, a congress of historians from all countries of the world.

All these activities, with the exception of the last, have been carried on with very limited funds, made up of the dues of members, a very small appropriation from the government for the publication of the Reports, and of late the income from an endowment fund of about \$50,000. This has been possible because the members have been willing to give their services gratuitously for the promotion of the cause of history. There is no reason to believe that they will not continue to do so in the future, but more funds are needed for the mobilization of their services, for necessary expenses, for publication, and for new activities that are called for by new conditions and the widening of the field of history.

This need can best be indicated by calling attention to some of the things that the Association might do if it had adequate funds at its disposal.

It might survey the field of research in American history, locate serious gaps in our knowledge, and promote research in co-operation with representatives of the other social sciences in selected subjects such as immigration, sectionalism, agriculture, transportation, business organization, international relations, and legal institutions.

It might promote individual research in all fields of history by small grants to assist scholars to meet the expenses of their work.

It might publish more extensively volumes of source material prepared by the Historical Manuscripts Commission, several of which now ready are held up by lack of funds.

It might publish a volume of material from the federal archives and thus perhaps pave the way for more adequate and scholarly work of this sort by the federal government.

It might expand its bibliographical services, completing and publishing the bibliography of travel in America that has long been under way, bringing out a new edition of Larned's Literature of American History, and bringing more up-to-date the annual volumes of Writings on American History.

It might procure the compilation of guides to and calendars of important materials in foreign archives.

It might through the Public Archives Commission complete and bring up to date the inventories of state and local archives and bring out a Primer of Archives, long in course of preparation, that would be of great help to those who have the custody of records.

It might through the Historical Manuscripts Commission make a thorough inventory of non-archival manuscript materials for history in various depositories and in private hands, make them known to scholars, and promote their preservation.

It might publish a series of studies embodying the results of co-operative and individual research, giving preference to important works that would not be likely to be brought out by a commercial publisher.

It might through the Conference of Historical Societies make a thorough study of state, local, and special historical organizations and agencies, and promote and correlate their work.

It might advance interest in and knowledge of history on the part of the general public by supplying the press with news about historical activities and by publishing a popular magazine of history.

It might establish a history house or at least adequate offices in Washington to serve as a national center for history and historians.

It might provide a permanent secretariat to plan and correlate the activities of the Association and be continuously on the job of promoting American history and history in America.

The movement to raise an endowment fund was started nearly a decade ago but only recently has it been possible to get the work actively under way. A general committee has been set up with former Senator Beveridge as chairman and Professor Evarts B. Greene of Columbia as vice chairman, and headquarters have been established in the Columbia Library building; a National Advisory Committee composed of about 130 prominent men in all parts of the country and in the various walks of life has been organized; and steps have been taken to bring the enterprise before the public in the press.

The results of this preliminary work have been very gratifying: the men invited to the National Advisory Committee -- such men as Vice President Dawes, Elihu Root, Charles E. Hughes, Herbert Hoover, William E. Borah, and William Allan White -- almost unanimously gave their hearty endorsement to the project; and over thirty newspapers in all parts of the country have commended it in their editorial columns. The feeling seems to be quite general that, as the Indianapolis News expressed it, the "Association is deserving of support in its effort to broaden and deepen the channels of human understanding"; and that, as the New York Times said, "The fund sought is not large, as such things go nowadays, and certainly ought to be forthcoming."

The plan of the campaign adopted by the general committee involves the organization of state or district committees throughout the country and some twenty-five of these are already set up or in process of organizing. These committees include not only professional members of the association but also prominent public men, and it is significant of the interest taken in the movement that Judge Hughes has accepted the chairmanship of the New York City committee. It is not expected, of course, that the sum desired can be raised from the professional members of the association, most of whom have very meager incomes, but it is hoped that they will contribute approximately \$50,000; and, if they demonstrate their faith in the Association and its plans by doing this and by taking an active part in the work of the campaign, it is certain that the general public will respond liberally and that the outcome will be a great forward step for American history and history in America.

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The American Historical Association, as I believe you are aware, is making a national appeal for an endowment fund of a million dollars for the promotion of American history and of history in America.

Dr. Theodore C. Blegen, Acting Superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society and Professor George N. Stephenson of the History Department of the University of Minnesota are co-operating with us in this work, and with their assistance a Minnesota committee has been selected. A list of the committee is enclosed and you will note that your name has been included in it.

I very much hope that you will be willing to co-operate with us in this movement to enlarge and make more accurate our knowledge of history; and I shall appreciate it if, in order to save time, you will send word of your acceptance to Dr. Theodore C. Blegen, Minnesota Historical Society, St Paul.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:W

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June 3, 1926

At the suggestion of our Minnesota committee,

I am sending you herewith a pamphlet concerning the American Historical Association and its plans for the development of historical work.

I am sure that you will be interested in this movement for enlarging and making more accurate our knowledge of history, and especially that of our own country.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:W

P. S. You will note that four Minnesotans, Messrs. Budd, Congdon, Folwell, and Jones, are members of our National Advisory Committee and Dean Ford is a member of the general Committee on Endowment.

S. J. B.

A REPORT

6-15-26

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Since the dinner at the University Club on May 27th in the interest of the American Historical Association the New York Endowment Committee has been organized as follows:

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It is a great pleasure to make the following announcements:

By the will of Mathilde M. Dunning, a sister of the late Professor William A. Dunning of Columbia University—a former president of the American Historical Association who devoted his life to historical research—the Association has just received a bequest of \$2,000 to establish an historical essay prize.

The collection at Columbia University has aggregated about \$5,000 thus far. Coming from members of the faculty and graduate students interested in historical studies, this is an earnest of a readiness on the part of the academic members of the Association to contribute generously of their limited means.

At a dinner arranged in Indianapolis by Senator Beveridge shortly after the New York dinner, the total of \$10,000 was secured and the collection of \$50,000 from Indiana in the very near future was reasonably assured.

As announced at the New York dinner, the Carnegie Corporation has appropriated \$25,000 for use as a revolving fund for the publication of historical works.

The Committee has received \$10,000 to be applied toward the expenses of the collection. It is planned that none of this expense involved in securing the endowment fund shall be used for defraying the cost of the canvass.

Such a fund of a million dollars, which it is hoped may be realized by the time of the next meeting of the Association in December, 1926, will give a more adequate foundation on which to build for the future, and will in-

sure the enlarged and more accurate knowledge of history, in particular of that of our own country.

In seeking the sum of five hundred thousand dollars from citizens of New York City the Endowment Committee will make its appeal not alone to the spirit of disinterested public service but quite as urgently to the reason of those who value the importance of promoting accurate historical research and the study of American institutions.

The Committee earnestly bespeaks your continued interest in this enterprise.

CHARLES E. HUGHES
Chairman of the Committee

100 Broadway
June 15, 1926

ENDOWMENT FUND BULLETIN *of the* AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

July 15, 1926

ACCOMPLISHMENT TO DATE

A FRIEND of the Association has made a gift of \$10,000 for the expenses of the campaign.

The Carnegie Corporation has appropriated \$25,000 to the Association, to be used as a revolving publication fund.

The Association and its endowment plans have received a great deal of publicity in newspapers and periodicals and *over fifty papers have published editorial endorsements of the endowment project.*

The first systematic canvass to be undertaken was at *Columbia University*, where *over \$5,000 was subscribed by members of the faculty and graduate students.*

About one hundred guests were present at an American Historical Association dinner given by Dwight W. Morrow, Charles E. Hughes, and Evarts B. Greene in New York on May 27. Mr. Morrow was the toastmaster and Senator Beveridge and Professor Edward P. Cheyney were the speakers.

At a dinner given by the *Indiana committee* on June 4, subscriptions amounting to \$10,000 were made. Since then several thousand dollars more have been received, and the committee *expects to bring its total up to \$50,000 in the autumn.*

A subscription luncheon in the interests of the endowment was held at Minneapolis on June 10.

The following committees are organized or in process of being organized:

California: Prof. William A. Morris, chairman.
District of Columbia: Dr. J. Franklin Jameson, chairman.
Chicago District: Dr. Otto L. Schmidt, chairman; Prof. Clyde L. Grose, secretary.
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Wisconsin: Justice Burr W. Jones, chairman; Prof. John B. MacHarg, executive secretary.

Steps have been taken toward the organization of committees in most of the other states and districts, and plans are being developed for a National Women's Committee and a New York Women's Committee.

The Council of the Association has directed that contributors of \$1000 to the fund shall be designated as Patrons; of \$5,000, as Donors; and of \$10,000, as Benefactors. Contributors of \$100 are regularly enrolled as life members.

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
110 LIBRARY, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
NEW YORK

July 22, 1926

To the Members of the
American Historical Association:

If it were possible I should like to write a personal letter to each one of you, but your number is so great that that is out of the question. It is my hope, however, that every member will be sufficiently interested in the Association to give to this message the same consideration that it would receive as a personal letter.

The campaign to raise a million dollars for the Association, as a permanent endowment of American history and of history in America, has been organized and the work is well advanced. Although this endowment will be a valuable asset to the nation as a whole, it is naturally the members of the Association who are most directly concerned. To you, therefore, we feel that we can properly turn for active participation in the movement.

The general canvass will not be made until autumn, but it is hoped that a considerable number of subscriptions of substantial amounts can be secured in advance. We do not now ask you to make a financial contribution, but we do urge you to take an active part in forwarding the objects of the campaign among such of your friends and acquaintances as might be able and disposed to make substantial contributions.

The summer is in some respects the best time for work of this sort. It offers opportunities for extended conversations, as for example on the deck of a steamer, with persons who would welcome the opportunity to identify themselves with this notable enterprise if they were made to realize its significance. As a member of the Association familiar with its activities and needs, you will be able to put the case effectively.

Won't you make it a point to secure at least one substantial contribution to the fund during the next two months?

DANA C. MUNRO
President of the Association

P.S. Enclosed you will find a copy of our pamphlet and some subscription blanks; also a Bulletin containing a report of progress. If more literature is desired or the committee can be of assistance to you, please communicate freely with Dr. Buck, the executive secretary. Suggestions as to prospects will be welcome, of course.

D. C. M.

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

PROGRAM FOR THE USE OF THE INCOME FROM AN ENDOWMENT FUND
OF A MILLION DOLLARS

Aug. 1926

- I A comprehensive survey of the field of American history by a committee composed of leading scholars to determine what subjects are most in need of further study.
- II The organization of groups of scholars, including workers in the related social sciences for the cooperative study of the historical backgrounds of problems in American history -- such problems, for example, as those of international relations, of immigration and sectionalism, of the common law, of American business, of agriculture and rural life, and of the American family.
- III The award of small grants to individual scholars to enable them to meet the burdensome expenses of research on their chosen subjects. It is contemplated that these subjects may be in any field of history and that a committee of leading scholars shall select the recipients on the basis of their demonstrated competence and the importance of their subjects.
- IV The publication of a series of Studies in History, including the results of the proposed cooperative research and such scholarly contributions to historical knowledge as cannot be brought out through the existing avenues of publication.
- V The improvement and expansion of the bibliographical services of the association, including the completion of a Bibliography of Travel in America, work on which has made considerable progress but has been suspended for want of funds; more adequate support of the invaluable annual Writings in American History; and the compilation of guides and calendars of archival material.
- VI The completion and bringing up to date of the inventories of state and local archives compiled some years ago by the Public Archives Commission of the association, completion and publication of an Archives Primer or guide to archival practices, and a constant campaign for greater care in the making and preservation of public records.
- VII A systematic survey and inventory of manuscript materials for American history in the hands of private individuals, libraries and other depositories throughout the country, to enable students to know what papers of this sort are available and where they may be found, and to promote the collection and preservation of such material. Arrangements will also be made for cooperative calendaring or photostatic reproduction of important collections for libraries and historical societies in various parts of the country.

- VIII The publication of a systematic series of volumes containing source materials for American history, with a view to insuring the permanence of such materials and to making them readily available to scholars. Unofficial materials in the possession of individuals or private depositories will probably be selected in the main, but the careful editing and publication of a few volumes of documents from the national archives might serve to promote the more adequate publication of such material by the Government.
- IX A comprehensive survey of the work of regional, state, local, and special historical organizations and agencies in the United States, with a view to stimulating, improving, and correlating their activities.
- X The promotion of interest in and appreciation of history in America and the dissemination of historical information. This will include publicity for the work of the association and other historical activities, and publication, perhaps in the form of a popular magazine, of historical articles dealing with topics of general interest and so written as to appeal to the average person of culture.
- XI The maintenance of more adequate headquarters in Washington with a director to supervise and correlate the activities of the association. It is contemplated that as in the past the association shall draw heavily upon the unpaid services of its members for the direction and performance of its activities, but there is need of an administrative office to mobilize these services.

The above program does not include the contemplated study of history teaching in the schools with a view to the improvement of methods and curricula because the preliminary work, now under way, is financed by a special grant from one of the foundations and it is hoped that another grant can be obtained for the completion of the work.

The purchase of a house in Washington, to serve not only as headquarters for the association but also as a center for students who visit the Capital in order to use the great national collections there assembled, is a desideratum of the association. It is not contemplated, however, that the general endowment fund or the income from it shall be used for this purpose, but rather it is hoped that a special contribution may be secured for it.

Some parts of this program will obviously be completed in the course of time and changes in others will be necessary. Further projects of a desirable nature will be brought forward from time to time and will need to be incorporated. It is expected, however, that for the first few years the income from the fund will be used substantially as here outlined.

August, 1926.



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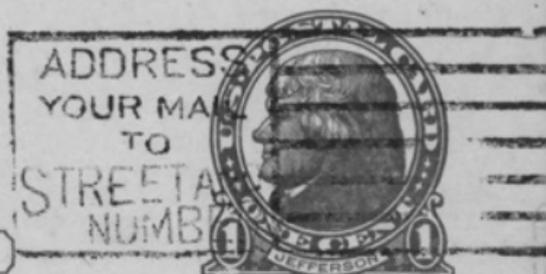
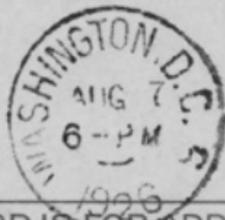
Aug. 7, 1926

Dear Sir:

Your check for \$25.00 has been received, and will be given attention upon return of the Assistant Secretary who is now on vacation.

Very truly yours

P. M. Withers
Acting Asst. Secy.



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Professor Solon J. Buck

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New York, N. Y.

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AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION -- ENDOWMENT FUND

SCHEDULE FOR THE CAMPAIGN

- Month of September: Organization of committees to be completed and meeting to be held wherever possible. Cards for prospects listed at headquarters will be supplied and committees should begin the compilation of lists of additional prospects as soon as possible.
- Oct. 1 -- 20: Lists of prospects to be completed. The "special prospects", from whom contributions of \$500 or over might be expected, should be separately listed.
- Oct. 20 -- Nov. 8: Mailing of two installments of literature to all prospects, and personal canvass of selected special prospects for advance subscriptions.
- Nov. 8 -- 13: Final canvass. Personal canvass of special prospects to be completed, as many other prospects as possible to be canvassed personally, and final appeal to be mailed to the remainder.

It is strongly recommended that, whenever feasible, a luncheon, dinner, or meeting of some sort be held to arouse interest and promote publicity. The best time for this will depend on local conditions.

The mailing of literature and of the final appeal can best be handled in most cases by the state or district committees through letter shops. Reasonable sums for expenses will be made available by the general committee unless they are raised locally.

The New York City Committee plans to complete its canvass in October, and other committees may want to work in advance of the schedule. There is no objection to this, but it is important that none should lag behind.

Members of committees should bear in mind the fact that all who contribute \$100 or over to the fund are regularly enrolled as life members. Contributors of \$1,000 are designated as Patrons, of \$5,000, as Donors, and of \$10,000, as Benefactors. One Benefactor and eight Patrons have been enrolled to date, as a result of advance contributions.

September 1, 1926

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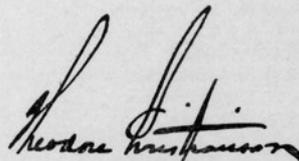
STATE OF MINNESOTA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ST. PAUL

October 15, 1926

DEAR FRIEND:

On behalf of the Minnesota committee for the American Historical Association Endowment Fund, I have the honor to invite your attention to the enclosed circular.

Very truly yours



A H A Pub. Archives Com.

JOHN H. TRUMBULL, GOVERNOR

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October fifteenth
1926.

Solon J. Buck, Executive Secretary,
110 Library,
Columbia University,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Buck:

The time has come when we must send to the Program Committee of the American Historical Association our program of meetings of the Public Archives Commission at the Rochester Meeting in December, for I am today sending to Professor Laurence B. Packard, Chairman of the Program Committee, Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts, the following Preliminary Program (enclosed herewith) which I trust will meet with your approval. The exact date and place of the meetings in Rochester I have not yet learned. Any suggestions, additions or corrections that you may have which should be incorporated on the official program, I hope you will send me at your earliest opportunity.

Very sincerely,

Geo. S. Godard

Chairman.

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM FOR THE MEETINGS OF THE
PUBLIC ARCHIVES COMMISSION AT THE 1926 SESSION
OF THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION AT ROCH-
ESTER, NEW YORK.

Presiding Officer, George S. Godard
Chairman of Commission.

1. Review of the Work of the Public Archives Com-
mission, Prof. T. M. Marshall, Washington
University, St. Louis, Mo.
2. What Is Being Done for the Preservation of Local
Records in New York State,
Dr. Alexander Clarence Flick,
State Historian of New York.
3. Summary of 1926 Legislation Relating to Public
Archives and Records,
George S. Godard, State Librarian
of Connecticut.
4. History, Progress and Work of the Emery Record
Preserving Company in Connection with the Public
Records of Our Land,
Allan P. Hoard, Manager, Taunton,
Mass.
5. New Light on South Atlantic History from Records
in Spain,
Prof. W. W. Pierson, University of
North Carolina.
6. Statement Concerning Archives of League of Nations,
Waldo G. Leland, Washington, D. C.
7. National Archives Building - What This Building
and Its Occupation Will Mean to the United States,
Informal Statement.
J. Franklin Jameson, L.L.D.,
Washington, D.C.
8. Miscellaneous Business.

October 18, 1926

Mr. George S. Godard
Connecticut State Library
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Godard:

Your letter of October 15th, enclosing a preliminary program for the meeting of the Public Archives Commission, has just reached me. The principle suggestion that I would make is that the program be reduced in length. I take it that what you have in mind is a "Conference of Archivists" under the auspices of the Commission, rather than a meeting of the Commission itself, and I should think that the program would be an interesting one.

It seems to me that instead of the item "Miscellaneous Business" on this program, there should be a separate meeting of the Commission as such for the purpose of transacting business and making plans for work in the future. The two things that I should most like to see the Commission undertake are: first, the completion and publication of the Archives Primer; and second, the completion and bringing up to date of reports on the archives of the states. The latter would necessitate the appointment of adjunct members in all the states, as was done before, and a consideration of each existing report to determine how much it needs in the way of supplement or revision. In the case of the Minnesota report, for example, although it was prepared only about ten years ago and was carefully done, it is now of little value, because most of the material has been transferred to the custody of the Minnesota Historical Society and re-arranged.

When I saw Professor Marshall in St. Louis last week, he told me that you had asked him to review the work of the Commission, but that he would be unable to do so. The one man who knows the most about the work is Paltsits, of course, but I doubt if he would be willing to do it, and if he did, he would probably take too much time. Might it not be well to omit this item, especially if all the other parts of the program come through?

Sincerely yours,

SJB:A

JOHN H. TRUMBULL, GOVERNOR

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October nineteenth
1926.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Member Public Archives Commission,
110 Library, Columbia University,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Buck:

Yours of yesterday received this morning and contents read with interest. The preliminary program sent you was based upon correspondence and semi-promises received either directly or indirectly several months ago from those mentioned on the program.

I agree with you as to "Miscellaneous Business" which entry on the preliminary program was intended to call attention to the necessity for such a meeting of the Commission in order to take advantage of what might be learned at our conference and what the different members of the Commission had in mind, this to be a round table of the members of the Commission with possibly certain ones invited to be present, not at the meeting where the program was to be rendered. ^PI had hoped that Professor Marshall of St. Louis would be willing to give a brief Review of the Work of the Commission as he was the member of the Commission who suggested this topic. I wrote immediately to him and, having heard nothing to the contrary, I assumed he would be willing. ^PAs to the Archives Primer, Mr. Paltsits is very much upset concerning this for he has felt that he has not been properly supported by the association in his work of preparation and publication of this Primer. He, therefore, intends to publish it in due time on his own account and apart from the association. This is as I understand it. The Primer is one of the topics which we should consider at our round table. ^TIt is my thought, if I am continued Chairman next year, that we may take advantage of what we may learn at the forthcoming meeting and map out the work to be undertaken next year in bringing up to date the reports on the archives in the several states. So far as I can see, there is no reason why the appropriation of \$100 made for the work of 1926 and which I have been jealously saving, may not be carried forward together with another \$100 and possibly more to be appropriated next year and devoted to this line of work.

JOHN H. TRUMBULL, GOVERNOR

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I hope when you come to the meeting, or before if you have time to do so, you will have in hand a definite line of suggestions for a definite line of action for our Commission next year. I think, however, that the preliminary program submitted will prove to be an interesting program and worthwhile and of such a nature as to bring the members of our committee in closer touch with the work we have in hand and the problems before us.

I don't quite understand why Professor Marshall has not answered my letters.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely,

Geo. S. Godard

[State Librarian.]

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AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
110 LIBRARY, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
NEW YORK

October 20, 1926

TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS
OF COMMITTEES:

1. Copies of folder No. 1, ". . . Making Available Our Rich Inheritance of Experience," have been sent to you. A supply sufficient for distribution to all prospects in your district will be sent AS SOON AS WE KNOW THE NUMBER NEEDED. When mailed out they should be accompanied, if possible, by something local. One state committee is having a folded slip printed for this purpose with the committee list on the left and a note on the right, over the facsimile signature of the chairman, asking attention on behalf of the committee to the enclosure. Folder No. 1 is not expected to produce immediate responses and, as a rule, subscription blanks should not accompany it.
2. A sample of folder No. 2, "Some Distinguished Presidents," is enclosed herewith, and a supply will be sent later. It is intended for distribution, without any enclosure, to your entire list about a week after No. 1 is sent out.
3. Folder No. 3, "A Big Step Forward," of which a sample is also enclosed, differs from the others in that it contains an appeal for immediate subscription. A supply will be sent later. It should be mailed to all on your lists except the special prospects, and should be accompanied by a subscription blank, to be supplied, a return envelope, and a form letter, with pen signature, specifically asking on behalf of the district committee for subscriptions. It should go out at the beginning of the campaign week and about a week after No. 2.
4. Special prospects should be seen in person whenever possible. Folder No. 3 might well be sent to them in advance by the committee-men to whom they are assigned. When interviews are impossible, it can be used with individual personal letters from committee-men, accompanied by subscription blanks and return envelopes. The multigraphed "Program for the Use of the Income" is designed for use with special prospects. HOW MANY DO YOU NEED?
5. A new form of subscription blank is being printed and will be supplied. It will provide that checks or pledges may be sent to the state or district committees or to this office. If the former method,

which is preferable, is to be used, the return envelopes should be printed by the local committee; if the latter, they will be supplied from this office. PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE WANTED. All subscriptions from residents of a district will be credited to it, regardless of how they come in; but there is a psychological advantage in having them addressed to an officer of the local committee.

6. November 8 - 13 has been set for campaign week, but a different week may be selected by local committees if necessary to allow for adequate preparation or because of local conditions. The selection should be made as promptly as possible and NOTIFICATION SHOULD BE SENT TO THIS OFFICE AT ONCE.

7. Most of the committees should have their own stationery printed. Samples of that of the New York City committee are enclosed. It is suggested that envelopes used should have only an address printed on them. The use of "American Historical Association" might cause the recipient to delay opening them.

8. PLEASE KEEP THIS OFFICE INFORMED OF ALL YOUR ACTIVITIES AND SEND US SAMPLES OF YOUR STATIONERY, FORM LETTERS, ETC. THIS COMMUNICATION SHOULD BE KEPT ON FILE AND REFERRED TO AS THE WORK PROGRESSES.

We are engaged in an important enterprise and if we all pull together there can be no doubt of the outcome.

Faithfully yours,

John J. Buck

October 22, 1926

Mr. George S. Godard
Connecticut State Library
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Godard:

Your letter of the nineteenth has just come in. I hope that Mr. Paltsits succeeds in making arrangements for the publication of his Primer. The important thing is to have it brought out, whether or not by the Association.

As for the revision of the reports on state archives, I feel sure that we will have no difficulty in getting a reasonable appropriation, provided we have a definite plan to lay before the Council.

I am under the impression that Marshall told me that he had replied to your letter and had suggested that Paltsits be asked to give the account of the work of the Commission in the past. He said quite definitely that he does not expect to attend the Rochester meeting.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:A

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October twenty-third
1926.

Solon J. Buck, Esq.,
110 Library, Columbia University,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Buck:

Yours of 22 inst. received this morning. Glad to hear from you. I note your observation concerning the Archives Primer. There may be some later development but this is as I understand the present situation. I am pleased to hear you speak so encouragingly for the possibility of a revision of the reports on State Archives for that, in my judgment, is the real work of our Commission, but there are collateral topics which are necessary and helpful in bringing these matters to the proper attention of the proper officials.

I have just received a letter from Professor Marshall advising that he cannot undertake the preparation of the paper on Review of the Public Archives Commission. I am sorry he did not let me know earlier.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely,

Geor. Godard

State Librarian

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SIGNED FOR MR. GODARD
AT HIS REQUEST

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October 25, 1926

My dear Mr. *Buck* =

For the sake of clearness, I am dividing this letter into three parts.

I.

Enclosed please find the return of votes cast by about 250 members of the American Historical Association up to October 15, for a second vice-president. Inasmuch as there is revealed a slight preference for James Harvey Robinson, it impresses me as desirable for the nominating committee to settle upon Mr. Robinson as the candidate of the committee. You can readily determine from the data which I submit the nature of the interest in other possible candidates.

II.

By normal retirement from the Council, we lose this year the following members:

1. Charles H. McIlwain, of Harvard University
2. Arthur M. Schlesinger, of Harvard University
3. Mary W. Williams, of Goucher College

Basing conclusions to some extent upon the returns, I suggest for the three new members of the Council, the following:

1. James Truslow Adams, of Bridgehampton, Long Island
2. Dwight W. Morrow, 23 Wall Street, New York City
3. Charles Warren, 1527 - 18th Street, Washington, D.C.

I have chosen these men as among the strongest whom we can expect to obtain, although nothing has been said to any one of them; and it may be that they may not accept the position which I should like to have the committee offer to them. In the search for good material it seems to me wise, under present conditions, not to add a woman's name to the Council, inasmuch as we still have on that body Miss Nellie Neilson, of Mount Holyoke. The problem of securing a considerably larger endowment than yet we have had is immediate and vital to the welfare of the Association. The proper management and disposition of our increased endowment are bound to require discernment and good business sense. In observing the attitude of men

close to the affairs of the Association, I have discovered a clearly expressed need of having on the Council two or three non-academic men who might be assumed to have the best interests of scholarship and research in mind. Mr. Morrow is a cultivated man who, I am told, has a large library of historical works, and is known to be truly enlisted in our endowment cause. It is perhaps needless to say that Adams and Warren have given numerous indications of their interest in research and historical writing. I was moved to select Mr. Warren partly because in the returns I discovered two or three indications of a desire to increase the interest of lawyers in our cause. For examples, such men as Roscoe Pound, Charles Cheney Hyde, and James Brown Scott, ought naturally to be very useful in one or another way to us.

III.

There appear to be no very clear indications from the Association as to who should go on the nominating committee for another year. This gives us an opportunity to put into at least four of the five places some of the younger members of our Association, including a woman of a fairly representative type.

Inasmuch as Mr. Treat has served for two years on the nominating committee, and will naturally retire; and for the simple reason that I do not wish again to serve on this committee, I suggest that we select one of our present committee to act for next year as chairman. If this seems sensible to the other members of the committee, the choice of a chairman should be made from these three:

1. Solon J. Buck, of Minneapolis
2. Arthur L. Cross, of Ann Arbor
3. Herbert D. Foster, of Dartmouth

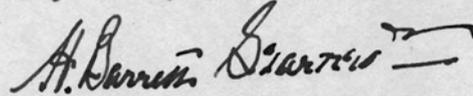
Having in view variety in location as well as the more or less representative type of members, I suggest to the committee the selection of one of the following combinations for the other four members of next year's nominating committee:

- A. 1. Cora L. Scofield, 40 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass.
2. Louis M. Sears, Purdue University, Purdue, Ind.
3. Randolph G. Adams, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.
4. C.P. Higby, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.
- B. 1. Lucy E. Textor, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
2. Roy F. Nichols, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.
3. Percy A. Martin, Stanford University, California
4. Charles W. Hackett, University of Texas, Austin, Texas.
- C. 1. Bessie L. Pierce, 1139 E. Court Street, Iowa City, Iowa.
2. Reginald G. Trotter, Queen's University, Kingston, Canada.
3. Preserved Smith, 156 Cascadilla Park, Ithaca, New York.
4. Frederick J. Teggart, University of California, Berkeley, Cal.

3.

In your response to this letter be kind enough to indicate which one among the three members of our present committee you would choose for chairman of the nominating committee for next year. Will you also indicate your preference for any one of the three combinations (A, B., or C) suggested. You will understand that I have no intention of being dictatorial in any respect. I realize, however, the necessity of coming to some definite conclusions within the next fortnight.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "A. Barrett Stewart". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a decorative flourish at the end.

Chairman, Committee on Nominations.

(Enclosure)

Copies sent to Messrs. Treat, Buck, Cross and Foster.

A. H. A. Nominations for Second Vice-President, Oct., 1926.

W. C. Abbott		St. G. L. Sioussat	
E. D. Adams	5	Justin H. Smith	
J. T. Adams	4	W. R. Smith	
Cyrus Adler		H. O. Taylor	
H. V. Ames	4	James W. Thompson	
F. M. Anderson	2	P. J. Treat	2
F. B. Artz		E. R. Turner	2
E. C. Barker		L. G. Tyler	
J. S. Bassett		C. H. Van Tyne	2
Carl Becker	5 1-2	W. L. Westermann	2
S. F. Bemis		Mary W. Williams	2
A. J. Beveridge	9	Carl Wittke	
H. E. Bolton	12		
C. S. Boucher			
H. E. Bourne	2		
James P. Boyd			
W. K. Boyd			
J. H. Breasted	2		
R. D. W. Connor			
A. C. Coolidge	12 14		
A. L. Cross			
W. E. Dodd	4 1-2		
Ephraim Emerton	4		
A. P. Evans			
C. R. Fish			
A. C. Flick			
F. M. Fling			
G. S. Ford	3		
H. D. Foster			
D. R. Fox	2		
E. B. Greene	8		
S. B. Harding			
C. J. H. Hayes	2		
C. D. Hazen	2		
Mary L. Hinsdale			
C. H. Hull			
J. A. James	3		
J. F. Jameson			
M. W. Jernegan			
Henry Johnson			
E. M. Larson			
W. H. Mace			
C. H. McIlwain	10 //		
A. C. McLaughlin			
R. B. Merriman	3		
D. S. Muzzey	3		
F. L. Paxson	2		
U. B. Phillips	2		
Eben Putnam			
J. H. Robinson	22		
W. T. Root			
Lucy M. Salmon	4		
A. M. Schlesinger	9		
R. L. Schuyler			
Charles Seymour	2		
B. F. Shambaugh			
W. R. Shepherd			
J. T. Shotwell			

October 27, 1926

Dr. H. Barrett Learned
American Historical Association
Woodward Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Learned:

Your letter of October 25th has just come in.

(1) I shall be glad to approve the selection of Mr. Robinson for second vice-president.

(2) I agree with your suggestions for new members of the Council.

(3) I ~~would~~ vote for Mr. Foster for chairman of the committee, although Mr. Cross would also be entirely satisfactory to me. Of the three groups suggested for new members of the nominating committee, my preference, though very slight, is for B.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:A

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November 3, 1926.

Enclosed is the third of a series of leaflets sent to inform you about the endowment needs and plans of the American Historical Association.

I believe there are certain public interests to which we as good citizens should make our contributions. I consider that the American Historical Association appeal preeminently places such an obligation on you and me.

In view of the large service this Association has already proved itself peculiarly fitted to render, a million dollars is none too much to ask. The committee of which I have the honor to be chairman is undertaking to secure \$500,000 from New York. I think we ought to raise it promptly.

May I ask you, knowing the amount sought, to make an appropriate contribution.

Yours sincerely,

Charles E. Hughes
Chairman.

"Those who give this fund will make a contribution to our national welfare and progress."

[From the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* of Nov. 7, 1926.]

\$1,000,000 SOUGHT TO AID WRITING OF U. S. HISTORY

Hughes Heads New York Committee—
Assistance to Be Given Poor Scholars.

Assured by Charles E. Hughes, former Secretary of State, that the nation is not as materialistic as often supposed, more than 50 leading citizens of New York are carrying on an intensive personal campaign throughout the Metropolitan district in behalf of the American Historical Association's movement to raise \$1,000,000 "to promote American history and history in America."

Thousands of scholars, Mr. Hughes has pointed out to his associates of the New York City Endowment Committee of the association, of which he is chairman, are toiling constantly in the colleges and universities for science and commerce, for literature, history and art, with little hope of reward other than the spiritual satisfaction of scholarly achievement.

Hughes Host at Dinner

"This is an amazing illustration," he said, "of our idealistic tendencies, which we should capitalize in the public interest through contributions to the American Historical Association of those who are able to give."

Numerous conferences of workers, concluding with a session at the Union League Club yesterday, have been held during the past week, and at a private dinner at the University Club on Thursday evening, at which Mr. Hughes was host to the members of the New York City Committee, plans to co-operate with other State and city committees throughout the country were discussed.

Mr. Hughes declared he knew of no undertaking in which he was more interested than that which aims to provide adequate support for historical research.

"We are so busy making history," Mr. Hughes asserted, "that we do not stop to think what we will do with it after it is made."

It is necessary, he said, that the vast amount of fundamental material essential to historical scholarship does not perish with the using. "We cannot afford to leave the task of interpretation," he said, "to sensation mongers. Rather the discipline of trained scholarship and the highest order of ability is needed.

"A vast amount of precious historical material is in danger of loss, and only the organized effort of scholars, adequately supported, can insure its preservation."

Must Have Original Papers

In order to write history, Mr. Hughes said, "We must have the documents and original papers." Too much reliance, he feared, was placed by the public upon current expressions affecting momentous events, whereas the exact language of original sources should be made available for the brief and vital interpretation of historical science.

Prof. Dana C. Munro, of Princeton, president of the American Historical Association, told the guests at the dinner that the rise in prices accompanying the World War had hit the historians hard. Not only had the personal living expenses of scholars increased but the cost of gathering and publishing historical material had soared to a point which cripples scholarly work.

A broad plan of research has been mapped out by the association, requiring at least the income of \$1,000,000, he said. He appealed especially for assistance to poor scholars, who were making great sacrifices.

Among the guests at the University Club dinner were William Evarts Benjamin, R. Fulton Cutting, Prof. Michael I. Pupin, Louis Wiley, George Gordon Battle, David Hunter Miller, Victor H. Paltsits, Harry A. Cushing, Stewart L. Mims, Prof. Solon J. Buck, Claude G. Bowers, and George P. Brett, Jr.

Two other committees, one at Columbia University, headed by Prof. Austin P. Evans, and another representing academic groups other than Columbia, of which Prof. Marshall S. Brown of New York University, is chairman, are at work in this city.

Am H. A. - Research Com.

November 10, 1926

Professor M. W. Jernegan
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Jernegan:-

In attempting to give my views as to the reasons for the lack of production by doctors of philosophy in history, I shall follow your questionnaire in the main.

1. It seems to me that the primary obligation of one who has accepted a teaching position is to do his duty as a teacher and, if he undertakes in addition to do research work, merely because he feels that it is his duty to do so, I doubt if the results will be very valuable.
2. I cannot speak with authority for the president or administration of the University of Minnesota, but I am under the impression that advancement here is largely dependent upon notable work in at least two of the three fields: teaching, research, and administration.
3. While I should not say that the desire to do research work is generally lacking, I think there are many doctors of philosophy in whom it is lacking. Often I think such individuals ~~wisely~~ recognize that their energies can be expended more wisely for themselves and for society in other directions.
4. Undoubtedly the failure of many to produce more is due to one or the other or both of the items you suggest. Often, moreover, teachers have to supplement their salaries by something more profitable than research work -- the writing of textbooks for example.
5. There are ample materials for historical research along many lines in this vicinity. As a matter of fact it is my opinion that materials for worth-while historical research are available in every community in the United States. I refer, of course, to local archives, newspaper files, and community records in general. If the Ph.D.'s desire to do historical research is such that he is willing to take up any subject available, then he need not lack for materials or for the opportunity to make important contributions to knowledge. It is only very recently, however, that the possibilities of worth-while research with such materials have been recognized and a valuable service could be performed by calling them to the attention of the trained men who are scattered throughout the country.

6. This question has been answered to some extent with the previous one. I think the difficulty frequently is an inability to recognize the importance of subjects for which material is available.
7. It is probably true that the lack of facilities for publications hampers research in history. It is much less true, however, in American history than in other fields.
8. The principal reason why I do not do more research work is the fact that so much of my time is taken up with administrative work for the Minnesota Historical Society; and, under present conditions, I would not feel justified in accepting a grant for research.
9. The answer to this depends upon what is meant by "a substantial start." I should say that the great majority of those who devote only one year to graduate work do not go on to take the final degree because they are not advised to do so by their instructor. I have known of very few cases of graduate students possessed of the qualities and interests that a doctor of philosophy ought to have who have not been able to continue their work.

Sincerely yours

B/P

This questionnaire was framed primarily to obtain the views of the Ph.D's of fifteen years standing or less. It is hoped, however, that the older men, those with large experience in directing research work in history, will give the committee the benefit of their views, without regard to the questionnaire if desired, on the question why doctors of philosophy in history are not more productive of scholarly work.

QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR DOCTORS OF PHILOSOPHY

Dear Sir:

The Committee on Preparing a Programme for Research and Publication of the American Historical Association wishes to obtain information on the question "Why graduate work in history leads to so little productive research on the part of holders of Ph. D. degrees." You will confer a great favor by replying to the enclosed questionnaire (omitting your signature if you wish) giving your frank and full opinion on the questions asked. Please send replies as quickly as possible to Prof. M. W. Jernegan, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

1. What in your opinion is the obligation or duty of a Doctor of Philosophy in History to teaching on the one hand and research on the other?
2. What is the attitude of the President of the institution where you now hold a position, toward research as compared with teaching?
3. Is the desire to do research work generally lacking, and if so, for what reasons?
4. Is the failure to "produce" due to factors that prevent or greatly hinder the desire from being carried out? e.g.:
 - a. Teaching load, number of hours and different courses per week.
 - b. Relation of salary to cost of and time needed for research; as affected by outside work -- pleasure, standard of living.
5. Does your college library, or any other depository of historical material in your immediate vicinity contain sufficient materials for a line of research that could be pursued with profit?
6. Is it true that research is hindered or delayed because of the belief that only a large and important subject is worth undertaking?
7. Is it true that the difficulty of defraying the cost of publication or finding a suitable medium, are serious influences which hinder research?
8. Would you be likely to produce a particular piece of work if you were assured of a definite grant sufficient to cover part of the expenses of research and publication?
9. Why do so many students make a substantial start in graduate work but fail to take the final degree?
10. Will you add any other reason that you think of that will help explain why there is no more productive research on the part of holders of Ph. D. degrees?

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

WASHINGTON D.C.

November 15, 1926

My dear Mr. *Buck* =

On Saturday, November 13, all returns from the Nominating Committee had reached me. In order to save time I am obliged to ask for prompt final replies to this letter.

I.

On the choice of James Harvey Robinson for second vice-president, there is general agreement. Two members of the Committee have expressed regret that Professor Ephraim Emerton could not have been chosen.

II.

There has been misunderstanding as to the number of active members of the Council. The number including officers to be counted upon is 13. Of this number, at present, only three (3) are not connected with institutions of learning as teachers: Messrs. H.T. Osborn, Charles Moore (Treasurer) and Ex-Senator Beveridge. An ex-president of the Association is entitled to serve on the Council for a period not to exceed three years after the expiration of his term as president. As a rule, however, ex-presidents avoid any such privilege, once they have delivered their annual addresses. As it happens, there are only two men living today - Messrs. E.P. Cheyney, and C.M. Andrews - who are

entitled to a vote in the Council.

As nominees for the Council Messrs. Morrow and James T. Adams have received 3 out of 5 votes of the Committee. This vote determines the Committee's right to name them.

Note 1. For your information let me set forth some objections. A member of the Committee has expressed doubt about Adams, based on his opinion that Mr. Adams has not yet proved himself to be a first rate historian, and that his work partakes of the "tendenz" type of interpretation. On the part of another, the opinion against him is that he is an eastern man who is working outside of any academic position, and is not a teacher.

With respect to Adams let me say this: I know him well, and am fairly familiar with much of his writing. Whatever opinion one may hold as to the merits of his work, he has proved himself to be a useful scholar and a good writer. But what we want him for is to help guide in wise ways the business affairs of the Association. In business he has had a most unusual training of about twelve years duration. He is familiar with many phases of investments and he knows the full responsibility of trusteeship.

I think it wise for the Committee to unite, if possible, on some one in place of Charles Warren. Mr. Warren receives only 2 out of the 5 votes cast. Already I have stated my reasons for thinking Mr. Warren a good choice - He is an outstanding example of a class of men which it would be desirable to interest in our cause. We are a national organization, as one member of the Committee has remarked. Nevertheless, we have had in a long series of directorates an excessive number of men of the academic type - teachers almost exclusively. The Association was established in 1884 by teachers of History - very largely at least. It is high time that it broaden its scope.

From the geographical standpoint a western man should probably be added at this time to the Council. Excepting Ex-Senator Beveridge and Professor Larson, no western man is now

on the Council. Inasmuch as I find after examination that the Association ballot shows 13 votes for Payson J. Treat, of Stanford University, as a Council member - a conspicuously large number - it seems to me advisable to name Mr. Treat as our third Council member.

Note 2. The fact that Mr. Treat is a member of this Committee does not impress me as in any way out of accord with our duty to get into the Council the very best and most representative men in the Association. For the single trip east, which a Pacific Coast member should make, I realize fully that the expense of the trip to the Association is relatively large.

III.

Out of 5 votes cast for a Chairman of the Nominating Committee for next year, Mr. Solon J. Buck has received 3. At his own request, disinclined to serve again on the Committee, Mr. Cross has withdrawn his name from consideration.

The four names under III B (see letter of October 26) appear to be acceptable to three of us. Some objection has been raised over placing younger members on the Nominating Committee. These, it is thought, are likely to be ill-informed regarding the personal makeup of the Association. I have not the slightest fear on this score. If we can give the younger members a chance to express themselves, let us do so. The only really youthful name on List B is that of Roy F. Nichols. I suggest that by substituting the name of Louis M. Sears, of Purdue University (List A), this criticism may be met. This arrangement helps us geographically - the Middle West thus comes into range.

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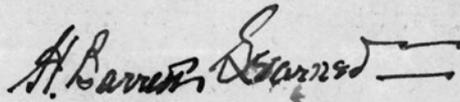
IV.

On the basis of the previous analysis, the questions which should be answered are these:

1. Will you accept Professor Payson J. Treat of Stanford as a substitute for Charles Warren?
2. Will you consent to Louis M. Sears, of Purdue, in place of Roy F. Nichols, of Pennsylvania?
3. Will you send an additional name or so for the Council in case for any reason not at present discernible any one of the three nominations should fail us?

Note 3. The complete program for the Rochester meeting is now in type, and will be mailed not later than Monday, November 22d. In order at the same time to get our final agreement as to nominations in the mail on Monday, I must have by November 20th, at least three responses in approval of the above suggestions. I should very much appreciate telegraphic replies, either favorable or unfavorable, to meet promptly the emergency.

Very truly yours,



H. Barrett Learned
2123 Bancroft Place
Washington, D.C.

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H. Barrett Learned
2173 Bancroft Place
Washington DC

Yes to ~~the~~ questions one and two.
stop. Suggest William L. Clements
and Thomas M. Marshall as
alternates for council. ~~with~~ stop.
~~Will give you my proxy for~~
To facilitate matters will give
you my proxy.

John J. Bruce

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November 19, 1926

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Herewith you will receive the third of the series of folders concerning a notable project for the promotion of American history, and of history in America."

The Minnesota committee has decided to make a direct appeal by letter to you and a limited number of others likely to be interested.

Of the total endowment of \$1,000,000, we have undertaken to raise the reasonable sum of \$20,000, and we hope to do it during the present week. We ask you, therefore, to make an appropriate subscription on the enclosed blank and return it in the accompanying envelope.

Very truly yours

"This is a movement to bring history more effectively into the service of the present, and I bespeak for it the hearty support of all those to whom the special appeal is made."

THEODORE CHRISTIANSON

"This is an appeal to intelligence. It is made only to a select few persons, but they will, I hope, make a generous response."

WILLIAM W. FOLWELL

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND

Status of Organization, November 26, 1926

COMMITTEE ON ENDOWMENT of 19 members of the Association with the Hon. Albert J. Beveridge as chairman, Prof. Dana C. Munro as vice chairman in place of Prof. Evarts B. Greene, who resigned in June, and Prof. Solon J. Buck as executive secretary. There is an executive committee of 10.

NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE of 126 distinguished citizens in all parts of the country.

STATE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEES

MAINE: Committee of 10 with Pres. Kenneth C. M. Sills of Bowdoin as chairman and Prof. Thomas C. Van Cleve of Bowdoin as executive secretary. A mail canvass of about 200 prospects is under way.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: Committee partially organized with the Hon. John G. Winant, governor of the state, as chairman and Prof. Wayne E. Stevens of Dartmouth as executive secretary. Dartmouth alumni are being canvassed by personal letters from members of the history department.

VERMONT: Mr. James B. Wilbur of Manchester will be chairman of the committee and Pres. Guy W. Bailey of the University of Vermont will arrange for someone at that institution to act as executive secretary.

EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS: Committee partially organized with Dr. James P. Baxter of Harvard as executive secretary. A chairman is to be selected.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS: Prof. Frederick L. Thompson of Amherst has undertaken to organize a committee and serve as its executive secretary. Advance subscriptions of nearly \$1,000 have been received from members of the faculty of Smith College.

RHODE ISLAND: Prof. Theodore Collier of Brown has undertaken to organize a committee and serve as its executive secretary. He expects to have a chairman in the near future.

CONNECTICUT: Prof. Edward L. Humphrey of Trinity has undertaken to organize a committee and serve as its executive secretary.

NEW YORK CITY: Committee of 42 with the Hon. Charles E. Hughes as chairman; Mr. Harry A. Cushing, vice chairman; Mr. Stewart L. Mims, executive secretary; Mr. A. S. Frissell, treasurer; and Mr. Minott A. Osborn, secretary. A dinner attended by one hundred guests was held in May and a committee dinner on November 4. About eight thousand prospects have been canvassed by mail, and personal solicitation of special prospects is under way. Subscriptions to date, including a special gift of \$10,000 for expenses and the subscriptions from the academic groups, but not including the gifts from the Carnegie Corporation, amount to about \$25,000.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY: Committee of 9 with Prof. Austin Evans as chairman. A luncheon in the spring was followed by a canvass of faculty members and graduate students by mail and personal solicitation, which yielded \$5,000. A supplementary canvass is now under way.

- NEW YORK CITY ACADEMIC (other than Columbia): Dean Marshall S. Brown of New York University has organized a committee of which he is chairman and a canvass is under way.
- NEW YORK, BUFFALO DISTRICT: Dr. Augustus H. Shearer of the Grosvenor Library has undertaken to organize a committee and serve as its executive secretary.
- NEW YORK, CAPITOL DISTRICT: Committee being organized with the Hon. Simon W. Rosendale of Albany as chairman and Dr. A. C. Flick, state historian, as executive secretary. The committee includes to date representatives of twelve of the fourteen counties in the district.
- NEW YORK, CENTRAL DISTRICT: Committee partially organized with Judge Pascal C. J. De Angelis of Utica as chairman and Prof. William H. Allison of Colgate as executive secretary. Active publicity work is being conducted and the canvass will soon be under way.
- NEW YORK, ROCHESTER DISTRICT: Prof. Dexter Perkins of Rochester University has undertaken to organize a committee and serve as its executive secretary. The canvass will be coordinated with the Rochester meeting of the Association.
- NEW YORK, SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Pres. Henry N. MacCracken of Vassar will be chairman of the committee and has undertaken to get an executive secretary.
- NEW JERSEY: Committee partially organized with the Hon. Edward L. Katzenbach of Trenton as chairman; Prof. T. J. Wertenbaker of Princeton, executive secretary; and Prof. R. G. Albion of Princeton, secretary. Plans are being made for a dinner at Princeton.
- EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA: Committee partially organized with Mr. Hampton L. Carson of Philadelphia as chairman and Mr. Conyers Read of Philadelphia as executive secretary. An executive committee of seven has been organized and the district committee includes 27 to date. Prospect lists are being compiled and a committee luncheon will be held in the near future to plan the campaign.
- WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA: Efforts are being made with the cooperation of several members in Pittsburgh to ascertain the possibility of organizing an effective committee.
- DELAWARE: Committee is being organized with Mr. John P. Nields of Wilmington as chairman and Prof. James A. Barkley of the University of Delaware as executive secretary.
- MARYLAND: Committee of 18 with Mr. DeCourcy W. Thom as chairman and Prof. Eugene W. Curtis of Goucher as executive secretary. About 500 prospects have been canvassed by mail and active personal solicitation is now under way.
- DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Committee of 16 with Dr. J. F. Jameson as chairman and Dr. Leo F. Stock of the Carnegie Institution as secretary. 300 prospects are now being canvassed.
- VIRGINIA: Nothing definite has been accomplished toward the organization of a committee.

WEST VIRGINIA: Prof. Wilson P. Shortridge of the University of West Virginia has organized a committee of 6.

NORTH CAROLINA: Committee of 19 with the Hon. A. W. McLean, governor of the state, as honorary chairman and Prof. A. R. Newsome, secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission, as executive secretary. About 1000 prospects are being canvassed by mail.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Prof. James H. Easterby of the College of Charleston has agreed to serve as executive secretary of a committee.

GEORGIA: Committee of 5 with the Hon. Walter McElreath of Atlanta as chairman and Prof. E. M. Coulter of the University of Georgia as executive secretary.

FLORIDA: Numerous suggestions for committee-men have been received but no progress has been made toward organization.

ALABAMA: Committee being organized with the Hon. Hugo L. Black of Birmingham, U. S. senator-elect, as chairman and Prof. M. B. Garrett of Howard College as executive secretary.

MISSISSIPPI: No progress.

TENNESSEE: Committee of 6 with Judge John H. DeWitt of Nashville, president of the Tennessee Historical Society, as chairman and Prof. H. C. Nixon of Vanderbilt University as executive secretary. About 100 prospects are now being canvassed.

KENTUCKY: Committee of 8 with the Hon. William Marshall Bullitt of Louisville as chairman and Prof. Louis R. Gottschalk of the University of Louisville as executive secretary. About 100 prospects are now being canvassed.

NORTHERN OHIO: Committee being organized with the Hon. Newton D. Baker of Cleveland as chairman and Prof. Henry E. Bourne of Western Reserve University as executive secretary.

CENTRAL OHIO: Prof. Wilbur H. Siebert of Ohio State University has organized a committee of 7 and is serving as chairman. The canvass will begin in the near future.

SOUTHERN OHIO: Committee of 7 with the Hon. Judson Harmon of Cincinnati as chairman and Prof. R. C. McGrane of the University of Cincinnati as executive secretary. The canvass of about 200 prospects is now under way.

INDIANA: Committee of 20 with Mr. James W. Fesler of Indianapolis as chairman and Dr. C. B. Coleman, director of the Indiana Historical Bureau, as secretary. The committee gave a dinner in Indianapolis in June at which \$10,000 was subscribed and has since brought the total to about \$15,000. Active personal solicitation is being continued.

ILLINOIS, CHICAGO DISTRICT: Preliminary committee of 17 has been organized with Dr. Otto L. Schmidt, president of the Chicago Historical Society, as chairman and Prof. Clyde L. Grose of Northwestern University as secretary. A luncheon will be given in the near future for the purpose of enlarging the committee and making plans for a larger luncheon or dinner in January. A sub-committee of three has been organized to canvass the University of Chicago community.

ILLINOIS, STATE: Committee being organized with the Hon. Logan Hay of Springfield as chairman and Mr. Paul M. Angle, secretary of the Lincoln Centennial Association as executive secretary.

MICHIGAN: Committee of 18 with the Hon. William L. Clements of Bay City as chairman; Hon. Thomas A. E. Weadock of Detroit, vice chairman; Prof. Everett S. Brown of the University of Michigan, executive secretary; and Miss Gracie B. Krum of the Detroit Public Library, assistant secretary. The mail canvass of about 1100 prospects is under way and will be followed by personal solicitation.

WISCONSIN: Committee of 21 (thus far) with the Hon. Burr W. Jones, justice of the state supreme court, as chairman and Prof. John B. MacHarg of Lawrence College as executive secretary. The canvass of about 600 prospects, by mail and personal solicitation, will be made in December.

MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS: Dr. Arthur E. Bestwick, librarian of the St. Louis Public Library, has agreed to serve as chairman of a committee and efforts are being made to get an executive secretary to organize the committee.

MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY: No progress.

MISSOURI, STATE: Prof. Jesse E. Wrench of the University of Missouri has undertaken to organize a committee and serve as its executive secretary.

IOWA: Committee of 12 (thus far) with Mr. Irving B. Richman of Muscatine as chairman and Professor Walther I. Brandt of the University of Iowa as executive secretary. About 350 prospects will be canvassed in December.

MINNESOTA: Committee of 48 with the Hon. Theodore Christianson, governor of the state, as chairman; Mr. Edward C. Gale of Minneapolis, vice chairman; Dr. Theodore C. Blegen of the Minnesota Historical Society and Prof. George H. Stephenson of the University of Minnesota as executive secretaries. A subscription luncheon attended by about 50 was held in Minneapolis in June. About 1000 prospects have been canvassed by mail and personal solicitation is now under way.

NORTH DAKOTA: Committee being organized with the Hon. Louis B. Hanna of Fargo as chairman and Prof. O. G. Libby of the University of North Dakota as executive secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA: Prof. Raynor G. Wellington of the University of South Dakota is organizing a committee and will serve as its executive secretary.

NEBRASKA: Prof. Fred M. Fling of the University of Nebraska has undertaken to organize a committee.

KANSAS: No progress.

ARKANSAS: No progress.

LOUISIANA: Suggestions for committee-men have been received but no definite progress has been made toward organization.

TEXAS: Prof. Frederic Duncalf of the University of Texas is organizing a committee and will serve as its executive secretary.

OKLAHOMA: Committee being organized by Dean J. S. Buchanan of the University of Oklahoma, who will serve as chairman, with Prof. Morris R. Wardell of the same institution as secretary. A meeting of the committee is about to be held to plan the campaign.

MONTANA: Prof. Paul C. Phillips of the University of Montana is organizing a committee.

IDAHO: No progress.

WYOMING: No progress.

COLORADO: Prof. Archer B. Hulbert of Colorado College is organizing a committee and will serve as its executive secretary. Conferences of local members of the Association have been held in Denver, Boulder, and Colorado Springs.

UTAH: No progress.

NEVADA: No progress.

NEW MEXICO: No progress.

WASHINGTON; Prof. Edward S. Meany is organizing a committee and serving as chairman.

OREGON: Prof. R. F. Arragon of Reed College is in charge.

CALIFORNIA: State committee of 9 active and 8 advisory members with Prof. William A. Morris of the University of California as chairman. Sub-committees have been organized for San Francisco and vicinity with Prof. Morris as chairman; for Los Angeles and vicinity with Prof. Waldemar Westergaard of the University of California Southern Branch as chairman; and for San Diego and vicinity with Pres. E. L. Hardy of the State Teachers College as chairman and Miss Ruth Price as executive secretary. The Los Angeles sub-committee is making a canvass of about 100 prospects.

No definite progress has been made as yet toward the organization of committees in the territories, in Canada, or elsewhere outside the United States.

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION -- COMMITTEE ON ENDOWMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT, NOVEMBER 26, 1926

	Expenditures Feb. 1 - Nov. 30	Estimate for December	Totals
Headquarters			
Salary of executive-secretary	\$ 5,900	\$ 300	\$ 6,200
Other services	2,800	400	3,200
Office supplies and incidentals	250	25	275
Postage	300	100	400
Traveling expenses	900	200	1,100
Equipment	375		375
Printing and stationery	1,800	200	2,000
Conferences	75	10	85
Total	12,400	1,235	13,635
Publicity	5,400	600	6,000
New York Committee			
Services	3,600	700	4,300
Printing and stationery	350	50	400
Postage	400	50	450
Miscellaneous	100	40	140
Total	4,450	840	5,290
Other Committees	250	325	575
Grand Total	22,500	3,000	25,500

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December 6, 1926

Dear Sir:

I beg to inform you that, at the meeting of the Executive Council of the American Historical Association, held in New York on November 27, you were appointed a member of the Committee on Endowment. I beg that you will notify me of your acceptance of the appointment at your early convenience. A list of the members of the Committee is enclosed herewith.

These appointments have been made at the November meeting of the Council in order that members attending the annual meeting of the Association in Rochester may meet for discussion.

Very truly yours

P. W. Washington

Assistant Secretary

Mr. Solon J. Buck

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Toward
the
Endowment

*A Summary of the
Accomplishments of the Committee
on Endowment for 1926*



*The
American Historical
Association*

To the Workers
in the Endowment
Campaign
and Others Interested
in Its Success

THE Committee on Endowment for 1926 has built on foundations laid by the committee for 1925, which published a pamphlet concerning the Association and its plans and organized a National Advisory Committee of over a hundred prominent citizens.

Continuous and widespread publicity for the Association and the endowment project has been obtained. Articles or communications have been published in a number of national weeklies and in most of the historical periodicals. Newspaper publicity has been very extensive and over fifty editorials endorsing the project have appeared. The Association is being made known to the American people.

Twenty-six state or district committees have been organized and most of them are actively engaged in their canvasses. Seventeen others, including those for most of the important centers, are partially organized and will be ready to stage their canvasses early in 1927. For five other states or districts representatives have been appointed but have not reported any progress. Of the thirteen remaining areas, five should be organized if possible. The situation in the various districts is shown at the end of this report.

Lists of "prospects" to the number of about fifteen thousand have been compiled and distributed to committees.

"Literature," consisting of three printed folders and a mimeographed "Program" indicating possible uses of the income, has been prepared and extensively circulated.

Subscriptions and contributions reported to headquarters to date (December 15) amount to about \$120,000. The total number of subscribers is 443. Among those from whom subscriptions or contributions of a thousand dollars or more have been received are: Albert J. Beveridge of Indianapolis, Mrs. Albert J. Beveridge of Indianapolis, Clarence W. Bowen of New York, Mrs. Clarence W. Bowen of New York, R. Fulton Cutting of New York, Mrs. J. W. Fesler of Indianapolis, Mrs. Frank T. Griswold of Radnor, Pennsylvania, Walter Jennings of New York, Grafton Johnson of Greenwood, Indiana, H. Barrett Learned of Washington, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Marmon of Indianapolis, Mrs. Jesse H. Metcalf of Wanskuck, Rhode Island, Mrs. William Moore of Prides Crossing, Massachusetts, Newbold Morris of New York, Charles Scribner of New York, and Henry D. Sharpe of Providence, Rhode Island. The Carnegie Corporation has contributed \$25,000 for a revolving publication fund, and an anonymous donor has given \$10,000 toward the expenses of the campaign.

The committee is confident that the goal will be reached. It believes also that a solid foundation of public interest is being laid for the promotion of "American history, and of history in America."

Status of Organization

DECEMBER 15, 1926

Maine: Committee of ten with President Kenneth C. M. Sills of Bowdoin as chairman and Prof. Thomas C. Van Cleve of Bowdoin as executive secretary. A mail canvass of about two hundred prospects is under way.

New Hampshire: Committee of eight with the Hon. John G. Winant, governor of the state, as chairman and Prof. Wayne E. Stevens of Dartmouth as executive secretary. Dartmouth alumni are being canvassed by personal letters from members of the history department.

Vermont: Mr. James B. Wilbur of Manchester will be chairman of the committee and Mr. F. W. Kehoe of the University of Vermont will act as executive secretary.

Eastern Massachusetts: Committee partially organized with Dr. James P. Baxter of Harvard as executive secretary. A chairman is to be selected.

Western Massachusetts: Prof. Frederick L. Thompson of Amherst has undertaken to organize a committee and serve as its executive secretary. Advance subscriptions of nearly \$1,000 have been received from members of the faculty of Smith College.

Rhode Island: Prof. Theodore Collier of Brown is in charge and a campaign of personal solicitation is under way.

Connecticut: Prof. Edward L. Humphrey of Trinity has undertaken to organize a committee and serve as its executive secretary.

New York City: Committee of forty-two with the Hon. Charles E. Hughes as chairman; Mr. Harry A. Cushing, vice chairman; Mr. Stewart L. Mims, executive secretary; Mr. A. S. Frissell, treasurer; and Mr. Minott A.

Osborn, secretary. A dinner attended by one hundred guests was held in May and a committee dinner on November 4. About eight thousand prospects have been canvassed by mail, and personal solicitation of special prospects is under way.

Columbia University: Committee of nine with Prof. Austin Evans as chairman. A luncheon in the spring was followed by a canvass of faculty members and graduate students by mail and personal solicitation, which yielded \$5,000. A supplementary canvass is now under way.

New York City Academic (other than Columbia): Dean Marshall S. Brown of New York University has organized a committee of which he is chairman and a canvass is under way.

New York, Buffalo District: Dr. Augustus H. Shearer of the Grosvenor Library has undertaken to organize a committee and serve as its executive secretary.

New York, Capital District: Committee being organized with the Hon. Simon W. Rosendale of Albany as chairman and Dr. A. C. Flick, state historian, as executive secretary. The committee includes to date representatives of twelve of the fourteen counties in the district.

New York, Central District: Committee partially organized with Judge Pascal C. J. De Angelis of Utica as chairman and Prof. William H. Allison of Colgate as executive secretary. Active publicity work is being conducted and the canvass will soon be under way.

New York, Rochester District: Prof. Dexter Perkins of Rochester University has undertaken to organize a committee and serve as its executive secretary. The canvass will be coordinated with the Rochester meeting of the Association.

New York, Southern District: President Henry N. MacCracken of Vassar will be chairman of the committee and has undertaken to get an executive secretary.

New Jersey: Committee partially organized with the Hon. Edward L. Katzenbach of Trenton as chairman; Prof. T. J. Wertebaker of Princeton, executive secretary; and Prof. R. G. Albion of Princeton, secretary. Plans are being made for a dinner at Newark.

Eastern Pennsylvania: Committee partially organized with Mr. Hampton L. Carson of Philadelphia as chairman and Mr. Conyers Read of Philadelphia as executive secretary. An executive committee of seven has been organized and the district committee includes twenty-seven to date. Prospect lists are being compiled and a committee luncheon will be held in the near future to plan the campaign.

Western Pennsylvania: Efforts are being made with the cooperation of several members in Pittsburgh to ascertain the possibility of organizing an effective committee.

Delaware: Committee being organized with Mr. John P. Niels of Wilmington as chairman and Prof. James A. Barkley of the University of Delaware as executive secretary.

Maryland: Committee of eighteen with Mr. DeCourcy W. Thom as chairman and Prof. Eugene N. Curtis of Goucher as executive secretary. About five hundred prospects have been canvassed by mail and active personal solicitation is now under way.

District of Columbia: Committee of sixteen with Dr. J. F. Jameson as chairman and Dr. Leo F. Stock of the Carnegie Institution as secretary. About three hundred prospects are now being canvassed.

Virginia: Nothing definite has been accomplished toward the organization of a committee.

West Virginia: Prof. Wilson P. Shortridge of the University of West Virginia has organized a committee of six.

North Carolina: Committee of nineteen with the Hon. A. W. McLean, governor of the

state, as honorary chairman and Prof. A. R. Newsome, secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission, as executive secretary. About one thousand prospects are being canvassed by mail.

South Carolina: Prof. James H. Easterby of the College of Charleston has agreed to serve as executive secretary of a committee.

Georgia: Committee of five with the Hon. Walter McElreath of Atlanta as chairman and Prof. E. M. Coulter of the University of Georgia as executive secretary.

Florida: Numerous suggestions for committees have been received but no progress has been made toward organization.

Alabama: Committee being organized with the Hon. Hugo L. Black of Birmingham, U. S. senator-elect, as chairman and Prof. M. B. Garrett of Howard College as executive secretary.

Mississippi: No progress.

Tennessee: Committee of six with Judge John H. DeWitt of Nashville, president of the Tennessee Historical Society, as chairman and Prof. H. C. Nixon of Vanderbilt University as executive secretary. About one hundred prospects are now being canvassed.

Kentucky: Committee of eight with the Hon. William Marshall Bullitt of Louisville as chairman and Prof. Louis R. Gottschalk of the University of Louisville as executive secretary. About one hundred prospects are now being canvassed.

Northern Ohio: Committee being organized with the Hon. Newton D. Baker of Cleveland as chairman and Prof. Henry E. Bourne of Western Reserve University as executive secretary.

Central Ohio: Prof. Wilbur H. Siebert of Ohio State University has organized a committee of seven and is serving as chairman. The canvass will begin in the near future.

Southern Ohio: Committee of seven with the Hon. Judson Harmon of Cincinnati as

chairman and Prof. R. C. McGrane of the University of Cincinnati as executive secretary. The canvass of about two hundred prospects is now under way.

Indiana: Committee of twenty with Mr. James W. Fesler of Indianapolis as chairman and Dr. C. B. Coleman, director of the Indiana Historical Bureau, as secretary. The committee gave a dinner in Indianapolis in June at which \$10,000 was subscribed and has since brought the total to about \$15,000. Active personal solicitation is being continued.

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Illinois, State: Committee being organized with the Hon. Logan Hay of Springfield as chairman and Mr. Paul M. Angle, secretary of the Lincoln Centennial Association, as executive secretary.

Michigan: Committee of eighteen with the Hon. William L. Clements of Bay City as chairman; Hon. Thomas A. E. Weadock of Detroit, vice chairman; Prof. Everett S. Brown of the University of Michigan, executive secretary; and Miss Gracie B. Krum of the Detroit Public Library, assistant secretary. The mail canvass of about eleven hundred prospects is under way and will be followed by personal solicitation.

Wisconsin: Committee of twenty-two with the Hon. Burr W. Jones, justice of the state supreme court, as chairman and Prof. John B. MacHarg of Lawrence College as executive secretary. The canvass of about six hundred prospects, by mail and personal solicitation, will be made in January.

Missouri: Committee being organized with Dr. Arthur E. Bostwick, librarian of the St. Louis Public Library, as chairman and Prof. Jesse E. Wrench of the University of Missouri as executive secretary.

Iowa: Committee of twelve with Mr. Irving B. Richman of Muscatine as chairman and Prof. Walther I. Brandt of the University of Iowa as executive secretary. About three hundred and fifty prospects will be canvassed in January.

Minnesota: Committee of forty-eight with the Hon. Theodore Christianson, governor of the state, as chairman; Mr. Edward C. Gale of Minneapolis, vice chairman; Dr. Theodore C. Blegen of the Minnesota Historical Society and Prof. George M. Stephenson of the University of Minnesota as executive secretaries. A subscription luncheon attended by about fifty was held in Minneapolis in June. About one thousand prospects have been canvassed by mail and personal solicitation is now under way.

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South Dakota: Committee being organized with the Hon. Coe I. Crawford of Huron as chairman and Prof. Raynor G. Wellington of the University of South Dakota as executive secretary.

Nebraska: Prof. Fred M. Fling of the University of Nebraska has undertaken to organize a committee.

Kansas: No progress.

Arkansas: No progress.

Louisiana: Suggestions for committee-men have been received but no definite progress has been made toward organization.

Texas: Committee being organized with Judge Robert L. Batts of Austin as chairman and Prof. Frederick Duncalf of the University of Texas as executive secretary.

Oklahoma: Committee being organized by Dean J. S. Buchanan of the University of Oklahoma, who will serve as chairman, with Prof. Morris R. Wardell of the same institution as secretary.

Montana: Committee being organized with Dr. O. M. Lanstrum of Helena as chairman and Prof. Paul C. Phillips of the University of Montana as executive secretary.

Idaho: No progress.

Wyoming: No progress.

Colorado: Prof. Archer B. Hulbert of Colorado College is organizing a committee and will serve as its executive secretary. Conferences of local members of the Association have been held in Denver, Boulder, and Colorado Springs.

Utah: No progress.

Nevada: No progress.

New Mexico: No progress.

Washington: Prof. Edmond S. Meany has organized a committee of five and is serving as chairman. The canvass of prospects is now under way.

Oregon: Prof. R. F. Arragon of Reed College is in charge.

California: State committee of nine active and eight advisory members with Prof. William A. Morris of the University of California as chairman. Sub-committees have been organized for San Francisco and vicinity with Professor Morris as chairman; for Los Angeles and vicinity with Prof. Waldemar Westergaard of the University of California Southern Branch as chairman; and for San Diego and vicinity with Pres. E. L. Hardy of the State Teachers College as chairman and Miss Ruth Price as executive secretary. The sub-committees for Los Angeles and San Francisco are now conducting a canvass and the canvass for San Diego will commence in the near future.

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December 20, 1926

Miss Doris M. Wheeler
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Dear Miss Wheeler:-

Your airplane special delivery reached me yesterday and the other copy was at my office this morning. I have signed the document and have forwarded it by airplane mail, with one copy of the letter, to Mr. Munro.

I doubt if we can make much use of the programs that I asked Miss Washington to send, especially at this late date. You might ask Mr. Osborn if he can give you the names of any people to whom he thinks it would be desirable to send copies. I spoke to him about this before I left. The ten copies that I asked to have sent to me here have not arrived as yet.

As you know, I expect to be in New York next Monday. I had thought I might go back to New York City on Thursday night but I have promised to attend a luncheon in Buffalo on Friday. If it seems to be necessary, however, I can go to New York City Friday night and spend New Year's Day there -- possibly also Sunday -- but I shall have to start for the West not later than Sunday night. If you have not made any special plans for New Year's Day, it might be well for you to take some other day off next week instead.

I have heard nothing as yet as to who is to be my successor and a good deal depends on that. If it is settled before Monday, it may be unnecessary for me to return to New York at all after the meeting.

Should you see Mr. Munro, you might show him the enclosed from Alvord. Mr. Osborn also would probably be interested in it. ✓

Sincerely yours

SJB/B

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
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NEW YORK

December 29, 1926

Professor Solon J. Buck
Hotel Seneca
Rochester, New York

Dear Mr. Buck:

I am enclosing the bills. I have sent them special delivery as I fear there would be considerable delay if they do not reach you before you leave Rochester.

I called Mr. Cushing yesterday morning in accordance with a request from Mr. Osborn, but he had nothing to report.

A letter came this morning from a Mr. Griffith Bonner of Topeka, Kansas. He had seen some of our notices in the New York Times and wrote to see if we had a representative in Kansas, said he would be glad to serve our interests in Kansas and assist in Western publicity. He is historian of the Kansas dept. of the S. A. R. and seems to have in mind some sort of mutual effort. It may give a chance for some sort of an opening in Kansas. The new secretary can take it up if he thinks advisable. Other than this the mails have been very unproductive. A few small contributions have come in.

I rather inferred when you were here on Monday, that you hardly expected to return here after the meeting; and if not, I suppose you will not want me here on New Year's Day as you had previously suggested. I can come in if necessary, but if I do not hear from you by mail or wire by Friday night, I shall not look for your return. My home address is 430 West 118 Street. I doubt if I shall leave the city, but may if not needed here.

Sincerely yours,

Doris M. Wheeler

The \$75 which I have subtracted equals the amount on hand in the cash box. My typewritten total equals the amount of money asked for from Washington, which includes advance requisitions for petty cash.

The only outstanding bills that I know of are \$25 or \$30 for Brooklyn Eagle reprints, yours and Mr. Osborn's expense accounts. Mr. Brandt has sent in a printer's bill for \$26.50 for Iowa (date Dec. 31) and a postage bill for himself and the campaign of \$19 (contained in letter of Jan. 5) I suppose there are other committee expenses incurred in 1926. You can do as you please about them.

American Historical Association

Subscription for the Endowment Fund

I hereby subscribe \$..... for the Endowment Fund of the American Historical Association, to be paid according to one of the following plans (please check the one selected):

- 1. In cash on or before ~~July 1, 1926~~ November 1, 1926.
- 2. In annual installments on or before December 31, 1930.

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Date

Checks should be made payable to the American Historical Association. Checks and Subscriptions may be addressed to Charles Moore, Treasurer, 1140 Woodward Building, Washington, D. C., or to the Committee on Endowment, 110 Library, Columbia University, New York.

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Expenditures, Feb. 1 - Dec. 31

1926

HEADQUARTERS

Salary of executive secretary	\$ 6,200	
Other services	3,092.38	
Office supplies and incidentals	319.73	^{\$} - 25.00 = 294.73
Postage	331.31	^{\$} - 50.00 = 281.31
Traveling expenses	1,062.31	
Equipment	373.74	
Printing and stationery	1,522.25	
Conferences	<u>92.45</u>	
Total	12,994.17	^{\$} - 75 = 12,919.17

PUBLICITY 6,000.00

NEW YORK COMMITTEE

Services	4,814.36
Printing and stationery	308.67
Miscellaneous	264.45
Postage	<u>529.04</u>
Total	5,916.52

OTHER COMMITTEES 281.14

Grand Total \$25,191.83 ^{\$} - 75 = 25,116.83