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August 11, 1926

Mr. Willoughby M. Babcock,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Babcock,

In an interview with Mr. Nee of the American Numismatic Society, he spoke of the clay reproduction of the Astor Medal and expressed a desire for a copy for his institution. As I had here the one that I acquired on the trip, I am sending it to him and if it is not too much trouble I would appreciate it very much if you will get hold on an extra copy for me and keep it there until my return. Possibly you already have a copy to spare but if not, I am sure that you can get one from the Great Northern people if you tell them what I did with mine. I am asking you to do this instead of letting it go until my return because I fear that the supply might be exhausted by that time.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:T

Minnesota Historical Society

SAINT PAUL

SOLON J. BUCK
SUPERINTENDENT

WILLOUGHBY M. BABCOCK, JR.
CURATOR OF MUSEUM

August 16, 1926.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,
110 Library,
Columbia University,
New York City, New York.

Dear Mr. Buck:-

I have just talked with Mr. Mills about securing another copy of the pottery replica of the Astor Medal for you.

Their stock of these medals is exhausted, but Mr. Mills promised to try and locate a copy for you. It is quite probable that Mr. Budd has ordered some more of these replicas, and if so there will be no trouble in obtaining them.

Sincerely yours,

WMB.

Willoughby M. Babcock

FEB 1 1925

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE
HANOVER, N. H.
The Course in Problems of Citizenship

HAYES BAKER-CROTHERS, Director
ROBERT E. RIEGEL, Secretary

February 6 1925

Professor Solomon J. Buck
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul.

Dear Buck:
Two copies of Problems of Citizenship are not too many for the average historian but as Professor Shippe has one perhaps you may have two at your command. We have had good success with adoptions and stand to increase the exchange.

At Richmond you said you were short headed in American history at Minnesota. When you try to increase your force keep me in mind. I am determined to get Jack into American history and propose to work my friends to do it

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So I am calling upon you. Root at Wisconsin has the most knowledge of my work and can give you the best information. President E.M. Hopkins of Dartmouth can write of my work here. At present I have 300 men in class.

We are having a real winter and I am getting to be a real "Horsky" on skis. Thanks for your letter about the book.

Very sincerely yours

Hayes Baker-Crothers.

October 10, 1932

Professor Eugene C. Barker
University of Texas
Austin, Texas

Dear Barker:-

As You may have heard, the next meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association is to be held at Oklahoma City, and the dates selected are March 29, 30, and 31.

I am going to appoint you chairman of the program committee for this meeting, and I would be glad to have suggestions from you as to other members of the committee. Miss Mitchell has suggested Dean Roy Gittenger, Dr. E. E. Dale, or J. E. Thoburn as a local representative on the program committee, provided such local representative seems desirable. As Thoburn is not a member of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association that would seem to rule him out. I do not know either of the others. What do you think about appointing a local person on this committee? All of them will doubtless be on the committee on local arrangements. The only other name which has occurred to me is Marshall. The committee has usually consisted of three members. Do you think it desirable to have more in order that more interests may be represented? Doubtless the chairman will have most of the work anyway, or at least ~~the~~ most of the responsibility.

Miss Mitchell asked if it would be desirable to have one session devoted to Oklahoma history, but I told her that I should leave such matters entirely to the program committee.

I feel sure that as chairman of this committee, you will be able to render a very real service to the association and the historical interests in the southwest.

Sincerely yours

B/P

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
AUSTIN

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

10/16/22.

Dear Buck:

I am sorry, but I can't afford just now to give the time necessary to the arrangement of a program for the Miss. Valley. I appreciate your thinking of me and I am sorry to disappoint you, but I must decline.

Of the Oklahoma men you suggest, Gittinger has had the best training. C. B. Goddy, County of Univ. of Colorado, A. B. Hulbert at Colorado Springs, one of the Kansas men, Roushall here — all would be good men

Sincerely yours
E. E. Barker.

186 Elm Street,
Northampton, Mass.,
April 29, 1924

Dear Professor Buck;

The enclosed mimeographed material will describe to you an interesting project which is now under discussion, with the aim in view of providing a competent compilation and synthesis of the best work which has thus far been done in the several social sciences. No doubt the majority of historians will regard this proposal as quite beyond the boundary of their interests, since they view history as a branch of literature rather than as a social science. Those of us who differ from this interpretation of the nature and purposes of history would, I believe, regret to witness the completion of this scheme without adequate provision for a summary of the progress made in the various aspects of historical methodology and interpretation.

At the invitation and suggestion of the temporary committee on organization and planning I am writing to ask if you will indicate on the back of this sheet such topics as those upon which you might feel competent and willing to contribute articles. At present there is no intention of providing for the inclusion of a general history of civilization, and the contributions from historians will be limited for the most part to the problems of the nature, purposes and methods of historical study. A partial list of pertinent general topics follows. Potential contributors may select and indicate special topics within these general fields in which they will be interested. Ultimately, assignment of topics will be decided, as is usual, on the basis of the nature and number of the applicants for the writing of the specific articles. It is not likely that any manuscript will be required in the near future, but no one should suggest for his own authorship an article for which he would not desire to be held responsible for ultimate delivery. It is obvious that nothing can be said at this date about length of articles or remuneration. Inquiries for further information should be directed to Professor Woolston.

Partial List of General Topics for Historical Section of
the Encyclopedia of Social Science:

1. The History of History - various periods.
2. The Nature of History.
3. The Purposes of History.
4. Methods of Historical Research.
5. Concepts and Methods of Historical Interpretation.
6. Historical Synthesis.
7. History and Social Progress.
8. Possible Services of History to Society.
9. Relation of History to the other Social Sciences.

Very sincerely yours,

Harry Elmer Barnes.

AN ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF SOCIAL SCIENCE.

At the recent meeting of American social science associations, held in Washington, a project for the publication of an encyclopaedia of the social sciences was offered for consideration. The Sociological Society appointed a committee to confer with representatives of other groups. The Economic Association approved discussion of the enterprise and will presently announce its conferees. The Political Science Association will act upon the proposition, through its Council, at their first meeting. Members of other bodies have expressed their interest in promoting such cooperation.

It is significant that scholars in various branches of social science feel the need of an authoritative summary of results in related fields. It is timely that social investigators undertake an inventory of their collective work when the world is asking for proven material with which to build sound economy and government. It is encouraging that social workers perceive the necessity of defining more accurately their several problems. This gesture may stimulate greater progress in the science of society, as the French Encyclopédie, by consolidating the best information of its day, turned men's thought to more careful study of the world of nature. The social sciences have outgrown the stage of schools of philosophy. They are now ready to begin organizing many scattering items of knowledge into a cogent body of principles.

The general plan suggested contemplates bringing together within the compass of a few volumes an analysis of the more important aspects of social life. This would probably include in part findings from adjacent fields of anthropology, history, sociology, economics, and politics, comparative philology and aesthetics, religion, law and ethics. An example of even wider coordination is presented by the Encyclopédie Scientifique, now being published with the aid of the principal learned bodies in France. Whether or not the work now contemplated shall take the form of a dictionary of terms, a sequence of general articles, or a condensed series of outlines remains to be decided. In any event, it is agreed that each section shall present within the space allowed, the most thorough treatment available. Details of scope and method must obviously be placed in the hands of responsible editors.

To develop the scheme indicated, it is proposed that learned societies dealing with human relations each appoint a committee of three to collect and compare the opinions of their co-workers concerning the project. These committees can then exchange notes through a joint secretary. By May first a combined committee should be organized to consider general aspects of the work, such as scope and method, finance and editorial management. A conference of the whole committee during the summer may be arranged later. Results of such deliberation should be ready by next October to be put into the form of definite recommendations for discussion at the Holiday meeting of the constituent societies. If endorsed or modified at that time, the project will be ready for active promotion under competent direction.

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Meanwhile, to bring this matter to the attention of students of the social sciences, and to obtain their prompt response, the following proposals are offered:

1. That every society interested print a copy of this notice in the next issue of its official journal.
2. That all executive officers of these societies be and are hereby urged to secure immediate appointment of three representatives from their body, whose names and addresses should be forwarded at once to the undersigned.
3. That these committees proceed forthwith to obtain from members of their societies expressions of opinion upon four points, viz:-
 - a. Is an encyclopaedia of the social sciences desired?
 - b. Suggestions concerning general scope and method of such work - subject matter, treatment and form.
 - c. Plans for financing the undertaking.
 - d. Names of competent persons for
 - i. Advisory Board
 - ii. Editorial Staff
 - iii. Contributors of special articles.

Pending organization of the joint committee to handle correspondence, communications and inquiries may be addressed to the undersigned:

Howard Woolston, University of Washington, Seattle.
Wm. F. Ogburn, Columbia University, New York City.
Alexander A. Goldenweiser, New School for Social
Research, New York City.

Committee for the American Sociological Society.

Members of the Sociological Society are urged to assist their committeemen by sending suggestions at once to one of the above.

July 7, 1924

Professor Harry E. Barnes
186 Elm St.,
Northampton, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Barnes:-

I have read with much interest your circular letter dated April 29 and the enclosures concerning "An Encyclopaedia of Social Science." The plan of this work interests me very much and especially the project for inclusion therein of articles relating to the nature, purposes, methods, etc., of historical work. It seems to me that we need very much a summary and synthesis of the best current thought on such topics. I regret to say that my time is so fully taken up with other projects that I cannot now undertake to make any contribution. When the project reaches a more advanced stage and the subdivisions of topics are worked out, it is possible that I may be able to undertake one or more of them, but I can make no promises now.

It happens that I have been doing some thinking lately about history and social progress and the relation of history to the other social sciences in connection with a presidential address which I had to deliver before the Minnesota Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa. I have a carbon copy of this address for which I have no further use and consequently I am taking the liberty of sending it to you herewith. It is not very carefully thought out as I had to write it in a hurry and it was written without much knowledge of what others have thought and said along the same lines. If you are too busy to run through it, you can doubtless find room for it in your waste basket, and I shall not be in the least aggrieved thereat.

Sincerely yours

B/P

Aug 1 1924

HARRY ELMER BARNES
UNIVERSITY CLUB
803 STATE STREET
MADISON, WISCONSIN

July 31, 1924.

Dear Professor Buck:-

I am returning the manuscript as you suggested. Take all the time you want on the revision. If I have the revised edition by September 15th^{*} it will be in time for the November issue. You can expand the paper if you desire to do so. It seems to me very good as it stands, with the elimination of such local and personal references as you would want to make for publication.

I am enjoying the Wisconsin session very much indeed, and am much impressed by the place in all respects. Singularly enough, the only history man here that I have become acquainted with is your own man Krey, whom I have come to esteem very highly. In all probability the history men here do not regard me as an historian, which I certainly am not according to their criteria.

Sincerely yours,

Harry Elmer Barnes

* Send it to 186 Elm St
Northampton.



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730 FIFTH AVENUE
New York

108 Maynard Rd
Northampton, Mass.
October 9, 1926.

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

Dear Professor Buck:

I am eager to add a textbook on the history of the West to the Borzoi Historical Series. There will be no great hurry about finishing this book, but we should like to have the proper man listed for the treatise as soon as possible. Would you be at all interested in writing a college textbook in this field, provided you could have three or four years in which to complete the work? If you cannot undertake this matter, would you be willing to recommend to me one or two men that I might approach with the project?

With best wishes,
Sincerely yours,

Harry E. Barnes

October 22, 1926'

Professor Harry E. Barnes
108 Maynard Road
Northampton, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Barnes:

Your letter of October 9th has been forwarded to me here, and I read it with much interest. Several years ago Professor Shippee and I talked about writing a book on the history of the west, and I believe that he had some conversations on the subject with a publisher. Both of us had other things on our hands at that time, however, and then came the announcement of Paxson's book, which made it doubtful if anything further in the field would be needed. Since reading Paxson's book, however, I have come to the conclusion that there is room for another book, presenting the subject from the Turner point of view, which, it seems to me, Paxson does not do. I should not want to commit myself to the writing of such a book until after taking it up with Shippee, and I should prefer to do this in person when I go back to Minnesota, which will be in about three weeks.

I shall be back here again around Thanksgiving, and perhaps we could get together some time and talk the matter over.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:A

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108 Maynard Rd
Northampton, Mass.
October 25, 1926.

Professor Solon J. Buck:
110 Columbia Library,
New York City.

Dear Professor Buck:

I have your good letter of October 22d. There is no hurry whatever about making any formal arrangement with respect to a history of the West for the Borzoi Historical Series. I shall be very happy indeed to hear from you after you have had a chance to talk over the proposition with Shippee. I agree with you that the Paxson book is quite inadequate and that the Turner point of view is what we should aim at. I may be able to drop in at Columbia Library myself before you go back to Minnesota. If not, you may assure Shippee that you and he would have the utmost freedom in planning out the book and in writing it. We could also give you quite adequate space for the most ambitious textbook enterprise. We would be quite willing to take a MS up to 900 typewritten pages, leaving this whole matter to your judgment.

With best regards,
Sincerely yours,

Mary E. Barnes

April 17, 1925

N. J. Bartlett & Co.,
37 Cornhill
Boston, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:-

I wish to order number 436 in your Catalogue, number 72, Winsor, Narrative and Critical History of America, \$12.50. This is a personal order and the books should be sent to my home address, 67 Barton Ave. S. E., Minneapolis, Minnesota. A check will be sent in payment upon receipt of the books and bill.

Very truly yours

B/P

October 30, 1926

Professor John S. Bassett
C/o American Express Company
6 Haymarket
London, England

Dear Bassett:

Doubtless you will think that I have been very negligent about my promise to write to you, but the fact is that there has been nothing very definite to write about. Everything is going as well as could be, we have about forty-five state or district committees organized or in process of organization, and several of them are just beginning the campaign along the lines of our form letter of October 20th, a copy of which was sent to you.

The New York City committee has sent Nos. 1 and 2 of our folders in successive mailings to over seven thousand people, and the third folder, with a letter over Hughes' signature and a subscription blank, will go out next week to all of them except about a hundred special prospects. The New York City committee has been called together by Hughes for a dinner meeting next Thursday, at which he will preside, and Cushing and Mims are confident that arrangements will be made then for completing the campaign here. The plan is to shake down the members of the committee at the meeting and get them to agree to canvass the other special prospects.

Munro has been taking a very active part in the work. During my absence in the west he and Osborn had an interview with Benjamin at which he said definitely that he would make a subscription but did not indicate the amount. They report that he was much pleased with our procedure in every respect, and they came away with the impression that, if we make a good showing, he will be likely to make up the balance.

Greene has been sick, as you doubtless heard, and that prevented him from taking part in this interview. It has also prevented us from making any progress with Mrs. Hooper's suggestions for a sort of super-committee to enlist the interest of the very rich.

Thompson, of Amherst, has undertaken to organize a committee for western Massachusetts, but has not reported as yet on the progress that he is making. Connecticut is still an unsolved problem after numerous attempts, but we have a few more strings to our bow.

October 30, 1926

What do you think about the feasibility of organizing a committee in England to canvass our members and others there who might be interested? It has been suggested, for example, that Lady Astor might like to make a contribution. In some correspondence with McElroy on another subject I suggested that he might undertake to organize such a committee. In reply he expressed regret that his engagements and plans would make it impossible, but said that he would be glad to bring the matter to the attention of visitors to Oxford who might be interested, and I have sent literature to him. Some time ago I wrote to Leland and asked his advice about possibilities in France and the other continental countries, but no reply has ever been received. Any suggestions that you can offer concerning procedure either for England or the continent will be very much appreciated.

I trust that you are having an enjoyable time and are not working too hard. Give my best regards to Mrs. Bassett and also to Alvord, if you happen to see him. I think I shall write to him about possibilities abroad, and possibly you could talk the matter over with him or others there who might be interested.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:A

Telephone:
VICTORIA 6600 (15 Lines).
Telegrams:
"Raboteller, Sowest, London."

Make 1 copy

HOTEL RUBENS,
BUCKINGHAM PALACE ROAD,
S.W. 1.

Nov. 3, 1926

Dear Buck:

The batch of literature about the inauguration of the drive next week reached me by the last mail and I am glad to know that you are coming to the speak in such good shape. When you have time let me know how you are getting on with it.

Here is an extract that a lady in London let me copy the other day. When I showed it to de Prade, who is going carefully through 18th century newspapers here (on English history) he said that the papers of that time are full of little things like this about the Colonies and that it would be well

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HOTEL RUBENS,
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worth while to have them copied. We fell to talking about the subject and concluded that if we had a good woman, worth say \$2000 a year, it would be worth while to put her on the job. Some older student who happened to be in London could overlook her work. That, he thought, he would do while here - until next September.

We both agreed that it would not be worth to try photostating such extracts. They are necessarily short, & it would be better to make typed copies, with three or four carbon reproductions. If desired, these could be photostated.

I make this suggestion to you because it

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has a bearing on your work. It may be use-
ful in talking to Mr. Benjamin. Also, you
may feel like showing it to Prof. Ilmorog, in
Cont. or Research matters.

La Prade tells me there is an unusually
good collection of Country newspapers in the
British Museum. I am of opinion that the
examination ought to begin at the beginning &
come down to date; but that may seem too big
a job. If it is thought that it might be
well to experiment first, why not begin with
the revolutionary period - say 1763-1783: or
it might be the Colonial Period - which is popular,
but less important than or national period,

I have been here eight weeks & leave next ^{week}
Oxford - About Dec. 1 we shall go to the Cont-
inent. My address is still em. Ex. Co. 6 Hog market.

Sincerely yours
John D. Rossell

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VICTORIA 6600 (15 Lines).
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"Rubotellet, Sowest, London."

HOTEL RUBENS,
BUCKINGHAM PALACE ROAD,
S.W. 1.

Nov. 17, 1926.

Dear Buck:

Thank you for your letter of
Oct. 30 - full news & encouragement. It is

such a letter as warms my heart. I trust that
when you get this you will be able to tell me
that you are over the top.

I have returned today from Oxford - a week's
visit. I talked with Mr Elroy about your
inquiry, and he does not think that there is
any hope in England. As to what you may
be able to do with our members here, I do not
know, without seeing the list of names. But
there seems to be a great deal of anti-Am-
erican feeling among the English - so I am
told, but I have not experienced it myself.
If it is as strong as is said, it would be
useless to call on the Eng., & it might

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HOTEL RUBENS,
BUCKINGHAM PALACE ROAD,
S.W. 1.

be worse than useless. I don't think
Mc Elroy is in quite the position to do
anything in the way of an appeal. If I
see an opportunity to do anything I'll
make a try.

I have not seen Alford yet and am
not sure that he has returned from Paris.
But I shall find out in a day or two.
& if I see him I shall deliver your
message.

Good luck & excellent hunting

Yours sincerely,
John S. Barrett

SEP 8 1925

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Sept 6 1925

Dear Mr. Burt.

Before leaving yesterday
I had intended to call
at your home to pay my
respects to you and Mrs.
Burt; but last minute
things prevented me.

Please express to Mrs.
Burt my appreciation
of her hospitality which

helped to make my
short sojourn in
Minneapolis so pleasant.

Let me hear if you get
further interested in the
State Dept. editing job.

Sincerely yours
Samuel D. Dennis

September 24, 1925

Prof. Samuel F. Bemis
George Washington University
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bemis:-

On returning from my vacation I find your note of September 6 and I am writing to let you know that I am very definitely interested in the state department work. I should not want to have to make a decision in the matter at present but I do not suppose that it will come to a head for some time.

The matter of salary increases on the staff of the Minnesota Historical Society, which was up in the air, I believe, when I talked with you, has been settled for the time being to our satisfaction, but the situation cannot be entirely satisfactory so long as we are obliged to get permission from a super-board every time we want to turn around.

Sincerely yours

SJB/B

OCT 1 1925

1834 16th St.

Wash., D.C.

Sept. 25, 1925

Dr. S. J. Buck
Minnesota State Historical Society
Saint Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Buck,

Since returning to Washington I have talked a little more with Dr. Jameson about the State Department position which you mention in your letter of September 24. Dr. Jameson is Chairman of the A. H. A. Committee on Government Publications, and has been conferring with Dr. Tyler Dennett, Chief of the Division of Publications of the State Department.

It seems that recent developments in this matter do not hold forth the promise which I indicated to you last August. The present law provides for the preparation, ^{within three years,} for publication, of the material in the Parker Guide. The Department, ^{now} apparently considers that it may prove possible to do it in two years. Therefore, at the outset, a man might not know how ~~long~~ long his job was going to last. Then, too, the appropriation for the work has not yet actually been made, though the law

authorizing the work has been passed. The Secretary of State expects to get enough money out of the deficiency appropriation at this next session of Congress to start the work this fiscal year; if this doesn't happen, nothing can be done on the work until the next fiscal year. Then, following that, the work will depend on annual appropriations. In the present economy mood of Congress the first thing the Director of the Budget might cut into, in my opinion, is such a thing as an historical project which would make scarcely any voters sore. So on that ~~score~~ score, the prospects do not really seem much better than your State-supply board's possible future toying with your historical society.

But, again, and more. Dr. Jameson and W. D. Bennett seem to have come to the conclusion that the uncertainties of the situation, pending would make it impossible to get a first rate academic man, that is, the uncertainties above alluded to, and the fact that so far the Act calls only for the preparation for publication of the historical material in question. The actual publication of that material is yet

to be provided for. As the matter now rests, the interested Western States may publish in various obscure State publications, each their own parts of the material, ^{to be} prepared for publication under the Act just ~~published~~ passed: but any general Federal publication of the whole material awaits further legislation, which this AAA committee hopes may come.

If such an act should be passed, Mr. Jameson thinks that the services of a broadly instructed man in Western history, such as yourself or one or two other men, might be called for: that, with the material all gotten out meanwhile under the present act, such a man could edit the Federal publication in one year. Therefore it appears that the State Department will look for some local war families enough with archival reaching here, to get the material accurately copied; and will await subsequent legislation before seeking the services of a man like yourself to edit the matter in a Federal series.

Thus the situation is ~~a little~~ much different than I understood it to be

When I talked with you last month.
It is so unsatisfactory that you can
really not bank on it at all.

That is the accurate fact of the case,
which is of course you would want to have.

If the editing of a Federal publication
does materialize, that would be a fine
thing; but it is meanwhile too vague to
be of interest to you in your present
situation.

With best friendly wishes

Sincerely yours

Samuel J. Bemis

October 2, 1925

Prof. Samuel F. Bemis
1834 - 16th Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bemis:-

The statements in your letter of September 25 with reference to the lack of appropriation for the work on the Territorial papers and the provisions of the existing law are just as I had understood the situation. I realized that there would be nothing in it that would interest me unless further legislation was secured authorizing the publication of the material by the Federal Government. I supposed, however, from what you said, that the people interested were pretty confident of being able to secure such legislation, in view of the fact that most of the states concerned have applied under the existing statute.

It seems to me that the proposed procedure as outlined in your letter is the best that can be done under the circumstances. I had a letter from Mereness the other day stating that he had been asked informally if he would take charge of the work of assembling and copying the documents and intimating that he would like to make some arrangement whereby that work could be coordinated with the work which he is doing for our northwestern group of state historical agencies. I think that such a coordination would be very desirable and Mereness is probably the best man available for locating the material. Whether or not copies made under his supervision would be absolutely reliable is another question, however. I am not sure that he fully appreciates the necessity of the greatest possible care in such matters, judging from some experiences I have had with him. Also, he is not wholly able to appreciate the needs of people who are not as familiar as he is with the material he is handling. In other words, he does not always supply adequate explanations of the character of the documents, their location, arrangement, etc. I think, therefore, that there ought to be a committee or advisor to exercise some supervision over his handling of the work.

Should it develop in the future that the material is to be published by the government, I should be glad to be kept in mind as a possibility for the editor.

S. F. B. 10/2/25 - p.2

The fact that it would probably be done in a single year might make it easier for me to undertake it, as I presume I could get a leave of absence for one year. The project certainly appeals to me very much, and I appreciate the trouble which you took to write me so fully about it.

Sincerely yours

SJB/B

JAN 28 1926

ALBERT J. BEVERIDGE
INDIANAPOLIS

January 26, 1926.

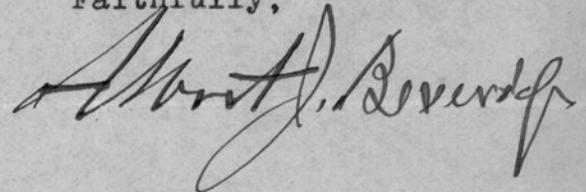
Mr. Solon J. Buck,
Supt., Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Buck:-

Answering your courteous and thoughtful letter of January 15: It is mighty nice of you to send me Folwell's History of Minnesota; and I want you to know that I appreciate it very much.

With every good wish,

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Albert J. Beveridge". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed word "Faithfully".

University of Minnesota
Department of Agriculture
University Farm, St. Paul

DIVISION OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

July 13, 1926.

Professor S. J. Buck,
Department of History,
University of Minnesota.

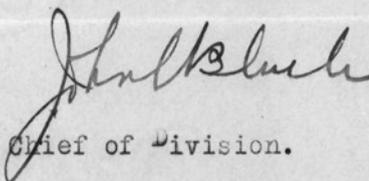
Dear Professor Buck:

Will you kindly prepare one or two questions for the General examination in the preliminary examination for Mr. B. M. Gile for the Ph.D. degree, and send them to me as soon as convenient?

Please make each question such as can be answered by the candidate in a half hour. The questions in the general examination are intended to test the candidate's general understanding of the problems in his major field and closely allied fields. They should not call for highly specific or technical information.

Yours very truly,

JDB-MS


Chief of Division.

July 30, 1926

Professor John D. Black
Department of Agriculture
University of Minnesota
University Farm
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Black:

Your letter of July 13 asking me for questions for the preliminary examination of Mr. B. M. Gile was forwarded to me here, but as I was absent on a western trip I did not see it until yesterday.

I have absolutely no recollection of Mr. Gile or of his ever having had any work with me. Consequently I do not see how it would be possible for me to prepare any appropriate questions for his examination. Certainly I could not do so without some information as to his fields of study.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:W

University of Minnesota
Department of Agriculture
University Farm, St. Paul

DIVISION OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

August 3, 1926.

Professor Solon J. Buck,
Department of History,
University of Minnesota.

Dear Professor Buck:

Mr. B. M. Gile is working for his Ph.D. degree in Agricultural Economics, with a major interest in the field of agricultural credit. He is writing his thesis on the agricultural credit situation in Minnesota. I would appreciate receiving from you a question or two for the general examination.

JDB-MS

Yours very truly,

John D. Black
Chief of Division.

August 9, 1926

Professor John D. Black
Department of Agriculture
University of Minnesota
University Farms, St. Paul
Minnesota

Dear Mr. Black:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 3 concerning Mr. Gile. I recall now that I read his thesis, and if my memory is correct I approved it but suggested certain revisions.

I still do not see, however, how it would be possible for me to furnish any questions for his general examination. My recollection of his thesis is so hazy and my knowledge of the subject of agricultural credit is so limited that any question that I could give him upon it would be so general as to be worthless, and since he has never studied with me and I know nothing of the work in history that he may have had I could not presume to furnish any question except on the thesis. In the History Department members of the thesis committee participate in the candidate's examination only by asking questions about the thesis in the final oral examination, unless, of course, the candidate has had work with them.

I am sorry if I seem to fail to do my duty in this matter, but I simply do not know what would be an appropriate question. If it is essential that you have questions from me, I should be glad to authorize you to make them out and use them as if they had come from me.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:W

Minnesota Historical Society

SAINT PAUL

SOLON J. BUCK
Superintendent
THEODORE C. BLEGEN
Assistant Superintendent

February 13, 1926

Dr. Solon J. Buck
110 Library Building
Columbia University
New York City

Dear S. J. B.:

Here are some clippings that may interest you.

The Olmsted County Historical Society has been organized and there is a strong movement on for a society in Aitkin County. I was asked the other day to write an article for the Aitkin Republican explaining what such societies have done or can do. F. E. Lurton is the leading spirit in the movement.

The Colwell and McGill-Warner bids on the magazine are close. At Mr. Gordon's request I am now making a detailed comparison of the two. Colwell appears to have a slight edge and I shall recommend that he be given the contract.

The March magazine is about ready for press.

The bound copies of volume 6 are ready.

So far everything seems to have gone smoothly.

I hope that the organization of the campaign work is progressing.

Sincerely yours

T. C. B.

TCB/B

COMMITTEE ON ENDOWMENT

Albert J. Beveridge, Chairman
Solon J. Buck, Executive Secretary

110 Library Building
Columbia University
New York City
February 17, 1926

Dr. Theodore C. Blegen
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Blegen:

Thank you very much for sending the clippings. I shall always be glad to see such things and hear about what is going on there. In fact, I get homesick for the Society occasionally. I am returning the clippings herewith and am sending you also a questionnaire got out by the History Department of Trinity College, which I came across the other day.

How is the Folwell volume progressing? I had expected some copy of the proof to show up before this. Tell Miss Wheelhouse to send proof along as soon as it comes in, in order that my reading it may not hold up the book.

In the matter of illustrations for the special edition, if you hear nothing further from Dr. Folwell, use pictures of Donnelley and Nelson. If I remember correctly, there was an unusually good photograph of Donnelley in the house at Minninger, which probably could be borrowed for reproduction purposes. Of course, our painting could be reproduced, but it shows him rather late in life. There is also the portrait in the manuscript room, which is not very good, and doubtless, many photographs in the picture collection.

I am not sure whether or not I took up with you the matter of a label for the 1920 map. It was my idea that it should be similar to that on the 1875 map, but with smaller lettering and with no reference to railroads, of course.

We are getting things organized here, but it will be some time before the campaign gathers much momentum.

Sincerely yours,

SJB DEW

Minnesota Historical Society

SAINT PAUL

SOLON J. BUCK
Superintendent
THEODORE C. BLEGEN
Assistant Superintendent

February 18, 1926

Dr. Solon J. Buck
110 Library Building
Columbia University
New York City

Dear Mr. Buck:-

Did you suggest to Mrs. Curtis the name of someone at the University of Minnesota to act as a judge in the essay contest? She seems to think that you had in mind Dean Ford. My recollection is that you thought either of Shippee or of Harding. I would be glad to get a tip on this matter.

We are planning to get the judges selected and the contest wound up by March 15, when the winners will be announced by radio and the winning essays published in the Minneapolis Journal.

Sincerely yours



TCB:H

COMMITTEE ON ENDORSEMENT

Albert J. Beveridge, Chairman
Solon J. Buck, Executive Secretary

110 Library Building
Columbia University
New York City
February 20, 1926

Dr. Theodore C. Blegen
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Blegen:

No, I did not suggest anyone to Mrs. Curtis for judge in the essay contest. We discussed the matter somewhat at the annual meeting, and it may be that Ford's name was mentioned as a possibility, although I do not recall it. I do not think that Ford ought to be asked to do it. Harding would be the best man in my opinion. You will have to make the selection, and you may do it in my name if it seems advisable. I am much pleased with the prospect of publicity for the winning essays.

Sincerely yours,

SJB DEW

P. S. Please ask Miss Palmes to send me a copy of the last biennial report.

Minnesota Historical Society

SAINT PAUL

SOLON J. BUCK
Superintendent
THEODORE C. BLEGEN
Assistant Superintendent

March 3, 1926

Dr. Solon J. Buck
110 Library Bldg.
Columbia University
New York City

Dear Mr. Buck:-

the enclosed

Since ~~this~~ letter is marked personal I am sending it on to you. Meanwhile I am having a typewritten copy of Mrs. Burns' paper on the "Bright Side of Homesteading" sent her, and if you write her you might say that you have arranged to have the paper mailed to her. If you do not care to bother about the matter at all, return the correspondence and I will write to Mrs. Burns. I think she would value a word from you, however.

I am happy to report that the Colwell Press got the contract for the magazine and we are now bending our energies to getting the March number out. Because of Miss Heilbron's vacation and the pressure upon my time, we shall be a little later than usual but we shall certainly bring it out in March -- probably about the twentieth of the month. I miss horribly the feeling of security that your reading of the copy for the magazine used to give me and I am afraid that the magazine will contain a good many blemishes that you would have eliminated. I have been conscious of this situation, however, and have therefore been a little more conscientious, perhaps, than I usually am in criticising my own copy.

A request for six copies of your Minnesota stories from H. S. Adams of Rochester was forwarded by Miss Palmes to Mr. Hines yesterday.

Harding accepted the appointment to the committee of judges. We continue to receive batches of essays. Yesterday we got a package from Hutchinson containing papers of much higher grade than the average.

I met the Executive Committee the other day and all went smoothly. They wanted to know about developments in connection with Mr. T. We have heard nothing indicating activity on the part of Larry Ho, and I think I shall drop in at his office in a few days and remind him of the matter. Do you not think that would be wise?

I enclose two clippings. Will you kindly return them? I hope that the endowment work is making good progress.

Sincerely yours

Theodore C. Blegen

TCB:H

March 5, 1926

Dr. Theodore C. Blegen
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Blegen:

I am returning the Burns correspondence herewith, including the carbon of my reply.

I think it will be a good thing for you to have to take the full responsibility for the contents of the magazine. I certainly have nothing to criticize about your last News.

The two clippings that you said you were enclosing with your letter were not in the envelope when it reached me.

There is nothing startling about our endowment work as yet. I think I am going to learn something about the handling of publicity. Our first story announcing the officers of the Association came out today.

Sincerely yours,

SJB DMW

Minnesota Historical Society

SAINT PAUL

SOLON J. BUCK
Superintendent
THEODORE C. BLEGEN
Assistant Superintendent

March 5, 1926

Dr. Solon J. Buck
110 Library Building
Columbia University
New York City

Dear Mr. Buck:-

I have managed to squeeze in some odd moments of research on the early newspapers and the result is the enclosed paper. I think it is rather amusing and, if it is, you may get some little enjoyment from running over it. You will certainly have to admit that it is redolent with Minnesota atmosphere. What shall I do with the paper? Do you think it has sufficient interest to warrant my reading it before the Executive Council?

Sincerely yours

Theodore C. Blegen

TCB:H

Minnesota Historical Society

SAINT PAUL

SOLON J. BUCK
Superintendent
THEODORE C. BLEGEN
Assistant Superintendent

March 5, 1926

Dear Mr. Buck:-

You will be interested to know that Miss Nute and I have made an arrangement with the Luther College Library whereby Miss Brandt, of its staff, is to spend a month working in our manuscript division under Miss Nute's direction. Her salary for the period is to be paid, of course, by the Luther College and she will be here primarily as a student or apprentice learning the trade. The arrangement suggests the possibility of our starting a school for manuscript workers.

Sincerely yours

Theodore C. Blegen

TCB:H

March 10, 1926

Dr. Theodore G. Blegen
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Blegen:

Thank you for sending me the enclosed paper. I certainly have enjoyed reading it. It recalls to my mind my intensive course of some years back in which we studied "Minnesota in about 1850" in various aspects. ✓

I have one general criticism to offer on your paper. It is not a very serious one, but I will submit it for what it may be worth. I get the impression that there were two objectives in your mind while you were writing the paper: (1) To illustrate the value of newspaper advertisements for historical research, and (2) To give an interesting and balanced picture of social and economic conditions. There is no objection I suppose, to having two objectives provided that their relations to each other remain the same throughout, but it seems to me that sometimes one, and sometimes the other is dominant in your paper. I am not at all sure that this is not the best method of handling the thing, but it occurs to me that it would be possible to write a paper using this material with the illustration of the value of advertisements for historical research as the dominating objective throughout. In that case, however, the title would naturally be changed to include some reference to the advertisements, and the second paragraph would be turned around to bring the discussion of advertisements as a source at the beginning and therefore in greater prominence. I trust that you will not take this criticism or suggestion too seriously as I have read the paper only once and have not had time to give much thought to the matter. It may be, however, that my "first impression" will be of some use to you.

I am much interested to know of your arrangements with reference to Miss Brandt of the Luther College Library. In talks that I have had since leaving Minnesota with my friend, Charles F. Kelley who is Assistant Director of the Chicago Art

Dr. Theodore C. Blegen -- March 10, 1926

Institute, he has told me something about their arrangements for taking on assistants who work for several months without compensation, exchanging their services for the training they receive. They are required to keep regular hours, however, and to do whatever is asked of them. I thought at the time that this idea might be applied in certain phases of our work, and I am very glad to learn that the experiment is being tried.

I am wondering if Miss Wheelhouse did not understand that I wanted her to send copy for the latter part of the Appendix to me as she completes her work on it. It seems to me that some of it ought to have been got into shape in the five weeks since I left. If she did misunderstand me and has sent copy on to the printer, it need not be recalled, and I will make the reading of the proof suffice. Many of the latter sections of the Appendix I had not read at all, however, and I think that I ought to see them before they go to the printer.

Sincerely yours,

SJB DMW

Minnesota Historical Society

SAINT PAUL

SOLON J. BUCK
Superintendent
THEODORE C. BLEGEN
Assistant Superintendent

March 11, 1926

Dr. Solon J. Buck
110 Library Building
Columbia University
New York City

Dear Mr. Buck:-

Two or three little matters have occurred that I want to tell you about, though I do not want you to regard this as a cry of distress. I am simply reporting to you because I know that you want to hear about things.

The first blow came from the state department of administration and finance and shows that the board is working toward an even closer supervision than we have had. We are directed to furnish our quarterly reports on expenditures with the amounts listed by items to correspond with the estimates, and we are requested not to exceed the estimates for the items. The department has filled in the columns for the first two quarters, in which there were some discrepancies. That is, in some cases, as you know, we had gone over the specific estimates. I believe that you were expecting this development and I must say that I was not greatly surprised to have it come. I have pointed out to Mr. Nutter that in certain items it is practically impossible to arrive at an estimate that will stand -- as in the purchase of books, for example. I think the result will be simply a little more clerical detail and not a serious embarrassment, for we can of course get around the situation by making requests for supplementary budget releases. That, incidentally, is what I shall have to do the last quarter in order to trim the ragged edges caused by my not knowing precisely what the unexpended balances will be.

The second matter has to do with Mr. Holbrook. I believe he had explained his situation to you before you left. It has gone from bad to worse in all respects and he has practically broken down physically. Quite apart from his physical condition he is mentally unfit for work at present owing to the agitation from which he is suffering. Under the circumstances it seemed to me that the only wise thing to do was to have him go away for a rest and I have therefore authorized him to do so. He believes that he will be able to get back on the job by the end of the month. Of course, the situation in the war records is disappointing for the schedule of the work on the chapters will necessarily fall behind. But the choice was between having him collapse entirely or go away for a time, and it seemed to me that there was no serious question as to what was wise.

With the magazine off my hands I am working my head off on the budget. Though there are some nasty snarls, I think it will come through all right. Of course it may be necessary to put through some requests for special releases later in the fourth quarter.

I have settled upon June 17 and 18 as the dates for the convention at Mankato. The local committee is appointed and I have blocked out a tentative program. The affair looks promising. The D.A.R. are planning to put a marker on the site of old Fort L'Huillier and they would like to have us join them in that ceremony. Of course we shall be charmed to do so. I am laying plans to interest several women's organizations in addition to the D.A.R. By the way, I am going to ask the state regent of the D.A.R. to give a talk and I hope the other plans will hatch out.

Mr. Babcock presented me with a report the other day on the Bromley pictures. I enclose a copy. You will note that he recommends that we offer a thousand dollars for the collection. It is just possible that he is a bit conservative but he seems to have worked it out fairly carefully. As soon as I get my head out of the financial waters that have temporarily closed over it I am going to try to raise a thousand dollars. I am going to pick out a half dozen succulent millionaires and offer them in succession (if necessary) the imperishable glory of having their name attached to the cards for the collection in our museum file. If by this time you have learned thoroughly the art of approaching millionaires and have any secrets to let me in on, please tell me.

The contract for the bookstack was signed on February 16. It calls for completion by April 15 but, owing to delays of one sort or another, the Art Metal Company has already secured an extension of time that will put completion off until June 1. I may have to write you in a day or two about one item connected with the bookstack work.

The magazine has passed the galley-proof stage.

I am enjoying the work immensely, though I greatly miss your counsel. I hope the campaign is developing satisfactorily.

Sincerely yours

Heaven C. Blegen

copy

March 8, 1926

Mr. Theodore C. Blegen, Acting Superintendent,
Minnesota Historical Society,
Saint Paul, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Blegen:-

Since January 27 Miss Clark and I with the assistance of a high school girl specially hired for the purpose, have been engaged in the sorting, listing, and identification of the pictures and negatives comprising the E. A. Bromley Collection. A careful comparison and check of all items with the pictures in our own collection has been made.

The collection contains 5,246 items by actual count, exclusive of 430 lantern slides, or a grand total of 5,676 items. This total, of course, does not include a considerable number of unidentified negatives, which for all practical purposes must be regarded as valueless. Of the pictures and negatives 1700 in round numbers only are of any direct interest whatever for our collection, as ascertained by a check of our own files, as lacks. Of the non-portraits fully 20 per cent should be discounted for pictures which closely resemble our own, bad condition prints, duplicate copies, etc., and undesirables. For the portraits, of which there are some 275, the percentage of discount will run higher, say 40 per cent.

Upon going over the collection carefully, it is evident that it has been very thoroughly combed in the past through sales, and the rarities which used to be included in the Bromley Collection are no longer there. I doubt whether there are more than 10 original negatives, not counting the unidentified stereos which have been stored here for years, in the lot. Thus the intrinsic value of the collection to us is very much reduced.

Your curator recommends, therefore, that the sum of \$1,000 be offered to the Bromley family for the whole collection, or \$.50 per item for the pieces we care for, equalling \$850 plus \$150 for the lantern slides and balance of undesired material. The pictures vary in size from a print an inch or so square to enlargements about 14 x 20, and the negatives almost as much. Many pictures and negatives are cracked and broken, so that the allowance of \$.50 per item is a pretty fair average. Mr. Buck suggested at the beginning that a price of \$1.00 per item be taken as a basis for valuation, but in view of the absence of rarities and the mass of undesired material that seemed too much. Accordingly the \$.50 price was adopted.

WMB.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) Willoughby M. Babcock

Minnesota Historical Society

SAINT PAUL

SOLON J. BUCK
Superintendent
THEODORE C. BLEGEN
Assistant Superintendent

March 15, 1926

Dr. Solon J. Buck
110 Library Building
Columbia University
New York City

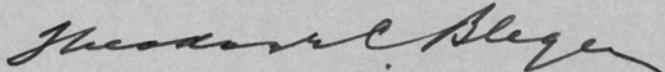
Dear Mr. Buck:-

I should have written you long before this about the Folwell appendix material but I was under the impression that Miss Wheelhouse, to whom I showed your first letter touching that subject, had done so. She had a tremendous job on the appendix relating to the bonds and when she completed it she turned it over to Dr. Folwell for his revision, expecting to send it on to you after he returned it. She will write you explaining the matter fully and also giving you information as to the exact status of the work now. I believe that section nine of the appendix will be sent you within a few days.

I want to thank you for your criticism of my paper. I am going over it again and shall change the emphasis here and there.

Mrs. Gideon Ives died last
Friday.

Sincerely yours



TCB:H

Acting Superintendent

March 24, 1926

Dr. Theodore C. Blegen
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Blegen:

Here is a report that Dr. Jameson sent to me here, although it is intended for the Minnesota Historical Society. If I remember correctly, our contribution last year was made out of the book budget and I think it probably can be done in the same way this year. ✓

By the way, have you heard anything more from the Olmsted County Historical Society? When I left Rochester, Mr. Eaton told me that after the society had collected some money, it would pay the expenses of my trip. For this reason I did not turn in my expense account to the Minnesota Historical Society, but I have had no further word from Eaton. I am in no hurry about it, of course.

. Another thing -- does the M. H. S. library have William F. Kirk's Norsk Nightingale, published by Small, Maynard & Company of Boston? If not, it ought to be acquired. I saw a copy of it the other day and found it very interesting.

Sincerely yours

SJB DMW

Minnesota Historical Society

SAINT PAUL

SOLON J. BUCK
Superintendent
THEODORE C. BLEGEN
Assistant Superintendent

March 31, 1926

Dr. Solon J. Buck
110 Library Building
Columbia University
New York City

Dear Mr. Buck:

The other day, in a letter to Miss Wheelhouse, you raised the question of the present situation with reference to the maps and pictures for volume 3. Miss Wheelhouse is drawing up the data in the form of a detailed report to you. I have gone over the selection of pictures with her and we intend to make a general recommendation to you. The 1870 map is completed, though Dr. Upham drafted the title without consulting me and he rather bungled it. I had him make the frontier line a good deal heavier than he had it when he first submitted the map to me. I have had a photostat of the map made and am sending it to you herewith. If necessary, I suppose that we might have a new label put on a paper that could be pasted over the present label.

The 1875 map, as you know, is finished. The label on the 1920 map is completed and is a distinct improvement over that on the 1875 map, though it was no easy task to get the draftsman to follow your suggestion of printing the label in smaller letters than were used for the other map. A photostat of this map will be sent you in a few days. The grasshopper map is in Dr. Upham's hands and I hope to send you before long a photostat of it. I took the liberty of departing slightly from the scheme as worked out in your preliminary draft of the map but if the result is not satisfactory we can do the thing over again. Miss Wheelhouse has been working on some problems connected with the incomplete map of St. Anthony Falls and as soon as Dr. Upham has finished the grasshopper map I shall have him tackle the map of the falls.

The work on the Folwell volume is progressing. In order to help Miss Wheelhouse I have released my sister entirely from office duties for the present and she is devoting all her time to editorial assistance. If Miss Wheelhouse's report, which is due tomorrow, shows that further assistance is necessary in order to push the work on the book to a conclusion in time I am going to try to work out some plan for still more help. The money from the present fiscal year set aside for the Folwell publication will be available for a thirty-day period after June 30.

Mr. Solon J. Buck

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March 31, 1926

The essay contest reached a triumphant conclusion last week. Mrs. Curtis reported the results in a radio address, the newspapers gave much publicity to the affair, and, last Sunday, the Minneapolis Journal printed the first prize essay. It will bring out in succeeding Sunday issues the second and third prize essays and the best of the district winners. You have perhaps noted the two reports about the contest in the News for April. I believe Miss Palms sent you a copy the other day.

The executive committee took a somewhat conservative stand on the question of the acquisition of the Bromley collection. I am to investigate the situation further, explore the possibilities of getting the pictures as a gift, and in general sound out the family.

Dr. Folwell asked me to notify you of your appointment as a delegate of the society to the annual meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science at Philadelphia on May 14 and 15. He also asked me to write for him to Senator Shipstead - though the Senator is not a member of the society, I regret to say. I trust that you and Senator Shipstead will adequately take care of our interests.

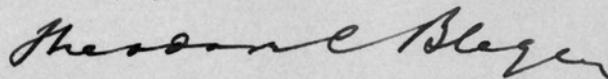
We certainly must have a man from the university to help organize the endowment work in Minnesota. I am ready to do something on that matter and hope to hear from you as soon as possible about it.

How do you like Miss Carney's review of your book?

Mr. Budd is preparing an account of Olin D. Wheeler's career.

How would you like to have me leave about the time that you return next Fall? The Hamline faculty has again done me the honor of selecting me as a candidate for the Kahn stipend and I suppose that with the degree business out of the way I might have a somewhat better chance than I had last year. I am dropping a note to the Kahn Foundation to find out whether they would consider the application of a person who would be unable to leave before next October. The stated time for departure is July 1.

Sincerely yours



Acting Superintendent

Enc.
TCB:C

April 5, 1926.

Dr. Theodore C. Blegen,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Blegen:

Thank you very much for your informing letter of March 31st. I am quite willing to leave the selection of pictures to you and Miss Wheelhouse but was curious to know what progress was being made. I am also willing, of course, to advise on any problems connected with it that you may want to submit to me.

The 1870 map is as near to my instructions as I anticipated that Dr. Upham would make it. I think what I asked him to do with reference to the surveys was to indicate the limits of completed surveys rather than of township surveys, and it was my impression that the northern line would be more broken and that unsurveyed land would show up in south-western Minnesota. Probably the line showing limits of township surveys is just as satisfactory, however, but I would be glad to have you check up with the map that he used for a guide. At any rate, I think that the survey line should also be made heavier. I agree with you that the legend is not very satisfactory. If you have it done over, have the letters on a smaller scale. If possible, I would like to have the population line in Swift County that runs parallel to the railroad dropped down just below the line of the road. It is an approximation only, of course, and obviously ought to include the railroad line within the settled area where the two lines run parallel. These are all suggestions merely and you will have to use your own judgment with reference to them.

I am glad that you were able to make arrangements for additional help on the Folwell volume and that it is likely to go through so as to be paid out of the appropriation for this fiscal year.

I congratulate you on the essay contest. If convenient, you might send me some of them when they come out in the Journal.

Can you give me any more information about the meeting of the American Academy. Is this some special meeting to which societies are invited to send delegates? I might be able to attend if there is any special point to it.

Naturally I was very much pleased with Miss Carney's review. I trust that you sent a copy of it to Mrs. Buck. As a matter of fact, I like the whole magazine very much. You are bringing out one of the

best, if not the best, of the state historical magazines.

I am not at all enthusiastic about letting you off next year but feel that you are entitled to the leave if you get the appointment and can postpone departure until October 1st. How soon will the matter be settled? I will want to know as soon as possible, of course, in order to have plenty of time to get someone to take your place.

Wayne Stevens was here last week and I saw him several times. He is not engaged for the summer, and it occurs to me that you might use him on the War history. What do you think?

Your April News is most excellent; also the forms for the membership campaign. I enclose a form letter that might give you some suggestions. Perhaps something of this sort could be sent out with the notices for dues. ✓

Did you see the editorial in the Star for March 23d? It is a good boost for the H.H.S.

Sincerely yours,

SJB/JM

Minnesota Historical Society

SAINT PAUL

SOLON J. BUCK
Superintendent
THEODORE C. BLEGEN
Assistant Superintendent

April 6, 1926

Dr. Solon J. Buck
110 Library Building
Columbia University
New York City.

My dear Mr. Buck:

I have been thinking over the problem of pushing the work on volume 3. Miss Wheelhouse's report for the quarter shows that practically all the time of this quarter has been spent on the appendix. Seven appendixes remain to be done and it seems to me that the rate of progress must be considerably accelerated. As I wrote you some days ago, I have released Miss Blegen from most of her office duties. During March she devoted 122-2/3 hours to editorial assistance, as compared with 64-1/4 hours in February. I have just made arrangements with Miss Smith to spend about ten days working under Miss Wheelhouse's direction, beginning April 23. She could not come before that date owing to her examinations at the university. I have also had Miss Wheelhouse turn one appendix over to Miss Heilbron and my plan is to let her work for ten days or more as an assistant to Miss Wheelhouse.

These steps promise to hasten the completion of the work and yet I am not satisfied. Yesterday I drafted a letter to Dr. Folwell, asking him for authority to omit appendixes 16 and 17. The first deals with the mutiny in the 15th Minnesota and could be omitted without serious harm to the book, in my opinion, for there is an adequate paragraph on the mutiny in chapter 11. Appendix 17 is on the 151st Field Artillery and although it is certainly interesting and important it covers ground that has already been covered in greater detail in the volume brought out under the auspices of the Minnesota War Records Commission and I feel that it could be sacrificed without serious impairment of the value of the book.

I am, of course, considering the problem simply as a practical one. I do not want to blunder into the thing, however, and I am, therefore, holding my letter to Dr. Folwell and writing to you to learn whether you approve or disapprove. With the extra help that is being secured it may prove unnecessary to make the cut but I should like to get the authority to do so from the author. We are bound to get the volume out this quarter. Only a few days ago Dr. Folwell specially requested me to do what I could to push the work on the volume and I believe that if he is made to see the need of it he will authorize drastic measures.

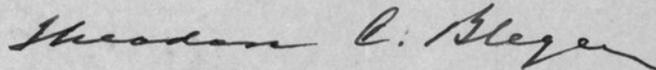
Dr. Solon J. Buck

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April 6, 1926

You will be interested to know that the Rice
County Historical Society was organized at Faribault on
March 19.

Sincerely yours



Acting Superintendent

TCB:C

April 9, 1926.

Dr. Theodore C. Blegen,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Blegen:

Your letter of April 6th has been received. I appreciate very much what you have done to forward the work on the Folwell history. I find it difficult to realize that so much time is necessary on the appendixes, but I have no doubt that it is. When I have attacked some of the problems involved myself, I have found that their solution took a great deal of time.

Your suggestion of omitting appendixes 16 and 17 will be entirely satisfactory to me if Dr. Folwell approves. Some consideration should be given, however, to the effect upon the thickness of the book. It would be undesirable to have it less than that of the thinner of the first two volumes.

I am interested to know of the organization of the Rice County Historical Society, and am wondering whether or not the Northfield people will participate in it.

I have received also Miss Wheelhouse's quarterly report and the suggestions for maps and illustrations. I think that you had better save the time and expense involved in making photostats of the illustrations to send to me or in supplying me with lists of the cartoons. I am perfectly willing that you and Miss Wheelhouse should decide on these matters, although I am glad to advise and make suggestions when it can be done without delaying matters.

Referring to the list of "suggestions" sent, and of which I suppose you have a copy, the illustration proposed for Chapter I would seem to be satisfactory. Neither of those proposed for Chapter II appeals to me very strongly, but I think the second would be the better of the two. For Chapter III there is a plethora of possibilities, and I should think it would be a waste of time to search for any more possible illustrations for that chapter. The illustrations suggested for Chapters V and VII would seem to be ~~proper~~. For Chapter XI I am inclined to prefer something not reproduced in Holbrook's book. I suppose the state capitol picture suggested for Chapter XIII is that of the old capitol. A picture of Brown's steam wagon would certainly be desirable. For the picture of Nelson I should much prefer not to use the same one that was reproduced in the magazine. It seems to me that the special edition illustrations should, if

Approvals

possible, be pictures not elsewhere reproduced. As I have written you, I expect to be in Minnesota early next month, and perhaps it would be possible for me to look over pictures and cartoons at that time. I should be glad to do so if they could be arranged so that I could do it quickly. On the other hand, I would not want the work held up for this purpose.

Please tell Miss Wheelhouse that I received her report and thank her for sending it. Also give my thanks to Miss Palmes for sending me a collection of clippings that have just arrived. I have not had time to look them over yet.

Ford and Gras have decided that Stephenson is the right person to co-operate with you in organizing our Minnesota committee. I wrote him yesterday asking him to do this and suggesting that he talk it over with you. I will appreciate it very much, however, if you will get in touch with him in a day or two and try to get things moving. I am sure that Ford will be willing to give advice on the subject. Perhaps it will be possible to have a meeting of the committee while I am there in May.

Sincerely yours,

SJB/JM

Minnesota Historical Society

SAINT PAUL

SOLON J. BUCK
SUPERINTENDENT

THEODORE C. BLEGEN
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

April 12, 1926

Dr. Solon J. Buck
110 Library Building
Columbia University
New York City

Dear Mr. Buck:-

Just a word to say that Stephenson called me yesterday and said that he would be glad to serve on the Minnesota committee.

The executive council meeting is scheduled for this evening. I have already asked Miss Palmes to send you a copy of the executive committee report.

I enclose a clipping about the Rice County Historical Society. Will you return it when you are through with it? In all probability, the new society will arrange meetings both at Northfield and at Faribault in connection with the historic tour on the day preceding our convention at Mankato.

Sincerely yours

Theodore C. Blegen
P.

TCB/B

*Summary of that letter
Jeff Jones*

April 13, 1926

Dr. Theodore C. Blegen
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Blegen:

I am returning herewith the clippings that Miss Palms sent me, having read them with much interest. The essay contest certainly was a success from every point of view and I congratulate you upon it. I should have found it difficult to judge between the first two essays. ✓

I am sending you herewith the Minnesota section of the mailing list for the April Review, which will give you a working list of the members in Minnesota ~~who~~ ^{that} will be of use in making up a state committee. You will be interested to know that the Honorable Charles E. Hughes has accepted the chairmanship of our New York committee. This information you ought to be able to use to advantage in inducing some one to serve as chairman of the Minnesota committee. ✓

Sincerely yours,

SJB:W

April 15, 1926.

Dr. Theodore C. Blegen,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Blegen:

I am returning herewith the clipping concerning the Rice County Historical Society, which I read with much interest. This seems to be a very promising beginning. I also read with great interest and pleasure the copy of the Executive Committee report.

Noting your proposed survey of historical sites, it occurs to me that I may not have told you about my conversation last summer with Jefferson Jones of the Minneapolis Journal, son of H. V. Jones, on this subject. He thought that the Journal would be interested in promoting something of the sort, and that his father might be willing to put up some money for it. This conversation took place on the automobile trip between Verendrye and Minot, during the Upper Missouri ~~river~~ Historical Expedition last summer.

I am very glad to know that Stephenson will help out on our Minnesota committee and trust that you and he will get the thing under way in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

SJB/JM

Minnesota Historical Society

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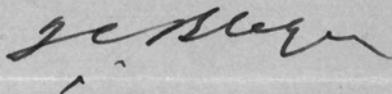
April 21, 1926

Dr. Solon J. Buck
110 Library Building
Columbia University
New York City

Dear Mr. Buck:-

I am glad to know about your conversation with Jefferson Jones. Whether we can get any financial support from the Journal or not, I think we can get a good deal of support in the way of publicity and editorial encouragement, and I shall certainly make a point of seeing Mr. Jones.

Sincerely yours



TCB/B

I have been struggling with the problem of the private funds. You will recall that in connection with the tentative budget that you left in my hands you suggested the following arrangement with reference to salaries paid out of private funds (salaries from the maintenance and war records funds to be the same as in 1925-26):

Asst. Supt. (T. C. B.)*	- - - - -	\$2,100
Curator of Mss. (G. L. N.)	- - - - -	2,400
Curator of Museum (W. M. B.)	- - - - -	2,000
Edit. Asst. (M. E. W.)	- - - - -	2,100
Edit. & Off. Asst. (A. B.)	- - - - -	1,500
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		\$10,100

*\$100 a month supplementary salary for July, August, and September, and \$200 a month for approximately two-thirds time for the rest of the year.

Your estimate for our income this year from annual and sustaining memberships was \$2,600. We will probably pass this mark as we already have reached \$2,527. The income from investments is approximately \$5,500, the figure of your estimate. In the sale of publications you apparently figured on the publication during this year of the third volume of the Folwell history. Your estimate was \$3,000 and the actual income from this source will be approximately \$1,600.

Our actual expenditures for 1925-26 from the private funds come to \$8,304.46 (spent up to the present) plus obligations from now until the end of the fiscal year, which will bring the total to approximately \$9,850. This will, I think, almost exactly meet the revised figures that you made out covering expenditures for the first half of 1925-26 and the budget for the second half. Your total was \$9,840.84.

The estimates of income for next year can go somewhat above the figure that you have tentatively suggested. We shall take in from annual and sustaining memberships at least \$2,800; from investments, \$5,550; and we probably can apply your former estimate on publications to 1926-27, namely, \$3,000. This would give a total of \$11,350.

I think that you suggested that you would be willing to make the recommendation of salaries on the private funds to the executive committee and I am writing to ask you if you will do so. Do you consider it all right to go ahead with the schedule as you suggested it? If not, how would you scale the increases?

Sincerely yours

Theodore C. Bligh

B/B

May 24, 1926.

Dr. Theodore C. Blegen,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Blegen:

Herewith I am sending you a letter to the Executive Committee which I hope will serve the purpose. Presumably it will be too late for your May meeting, but I suppose the matter can go over to the June meeting.

Have you taken up as yet the matter of getting some money from the Swedish Historical Society for Miss Nordin for next year? I think that an attempt should be made to get them to give her \$200, which would provide a small increase in salary. If they will not give anything, I think that some supplementary salary should be provided for Miss Nordin from the private funds, otherwise she will almost certainly resign.

Turner is ill and unable to come to the dinner. We have succeeded in getting Professor Cheyney to substitute for him.

I hope to be able to get out the letters to your committee tomorrow or Wednesday.

Sincerely yours,

SJB/JM

Minnesota Historical Society

SAINT PAUL

SOLON J. BUCK
Superintendent
THEODORE C. BLEGEN
Assistant Superintendent

June 22, 1926

Dr. Solon J. Buck
110 Library Building
Columbia University
New York City

Dear Mr. Buck:-

I am sending on to you a copy of
Henrietta M. Larson's The Wheat Market and the
Farmer in Minnesota, which came addressed to you
personally. Will you not write a review of it
for the September number of Minnesota History?

The summer meeting came through
successfully, though bad weather rather botched
the program. I missed the Mankato sessions as a
result of the illness of my children but I did
get as far as Faribault on the tour. They have
had a rough time of it but are now definitely
improving. Mr. Babcock came to the rescue and
did good work in running the convention.

Campaign matters have necessarily
had to rest for a few days, but I hope to do some
publicity work very soon now.

The magazine came out a few days
ago and I believe a copy has been mailed to you.

Sincerely yours

Theodore C. Blegen

TCE/B

*The New York committee announcement
is a fine one.*

July 2, 1926

Dr. Theodore C. Blegen
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Blegen:

I congratulate you on your success with the State Department in the matter of Miss Krausnick's salary. Your method of procedure is undoubtedly an excellent one.

I expect to read Miss Larson's book and will agree to write a review of it some time if you are willing to wait. I am quite sure, however, that I could not get it ready for the September number. Have you any idea how I can reach Miss Larson? I want to thank her for having a copy of the book sent to me.

The editorials that you sent me ought to be valuable to the society, and I was glad to have the opportunity to read them. They are returned herewith.

Enclosed you will find another card for your file. This woman, or her husband, is said to have made a lot of money in lumber. I have sent her a copy of the pamphlet.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:W

Minnesota Historical Society

SAINT PAUL

SOLON J. BUCK
Superintendent
THEODORE C. BLEGEN
Assistant Superintendent

July 6, 1926

Dr. Solon J. Buck
110 Library Bldg.
Columbia University
New York City

Dear Mr. Buck:-

I do not know Miss Larson's address but will try to find it and have it sent you. I shall be glad to have your review for the December number of the magazine.

The year book of the N. A. H. A. is expected from the press this week. I shall see that a copy is sent you.

The report on "The Forks" has been somewhat delayed but I hope to get it sent off to you by tomorrow.

We have had some very pleasant letters about the last number of the magazine. Today I got one from Lucy M. Salmon.

Wayne Stevens will, I think, come out for the month of August at least.

Sincerely yours



Acting Superintendent

TCB/H

Minnesota Historical Society

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SOLON J. BUCK
SUPERINTENDENT

THEODORE C. BLEGEN
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

July 6, 1926

Dr. Solon J. Buck
110 Library Bldg.
Columbia University
New York City

Dear Mr. Buck:-

Would the enclosed
communication be of interest to you
or Mrs. Buck?

Sincerely yours

Theodore C. Blegen

TCB:H

Acting Superintendent

*Paper in
Hobbs*

July 8, 1926

Dr. Theodore C. Blegen
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Blegons:

I had a talk with Stevens the other day, and he is somewhat worried about finding time for the work on the war history as he feels that he ought to finish up the revision of his thesis. He suggested the possibility of his spending less than a month perhaps in St. Paul, assembling materials and planning ~~the~~ work, and then continuing the work in the fall. In view of his familiarity with the subject, I should think that this would be entirely feasible, but you and Holbrook know the situation better than I do of course.

The item on the endowment project in your News is much appreciated. I hope that some of the papers use it.

I am returning the Talman correspondence herewith. ✓
Your reply is a little sharp, but I think it is justified. I am very glad that you took the position that the state has treated the society well. I only hope that he does not try to start adverse propoganda.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:W

July 10, 1926

Dr. Theodore C. Blegen
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Blegen:

Thank you very much for the paper on The Forks. I have not had an opportunity to read it yet, but it looks as if I could use it just as it is, provided my conscience will let me, and it is getting more and more elastic.

With reference to the letter from James T. White & Co. concerning the work on the National Cyclopedic of American Biography, Elizabeth has asked me to ask you to write and suggest her for the work provided you deem her qualified. You might tell them something about her qualifications and also let them know that she is in the vicinity of New York now, as they might want to have an interview with her. They could address her at 24 Woodland Avenue, New Rochelle.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:W

Minnesota Historical Society

SAINT PAUL

SOLON J. BUCK
Superintendent
THEODORE C. BLEGEN
Assistant Superintendent

July 29, 1926

Dr. Solon J. Buck
110 Library Building
Columbia University
New York City

Dear Mr. Buck:-

I had not forgotten the Grand Forks matter. I expect to send you a report not later than Friday of this week.

I enclose two recent newspaper editorials which may interest you.

All the old budget forms have been discarded and we are making out the new budgets with new forms and differently phrased categories. As a result I have been working on the budget for the last week or so -- revising the annual budget and making up estimates for the first quarter. I got the consent of the State Department to the increase in Miss Krausnick's salary and that has now officially gone through and has been approved by our executive committee. The new budget forms may cause some difficulty in maintaining the item of "sundries" from the contingent fund but I very much hope that I will succeed in retaining it. I have found recently that the best way for me to deal with the board is to go over in person and arrange matters and then come back and write a letter, making the request an official one. In the case of Miss Krausnick's salary, I went over and presented the reasons for it and the later presentation of a letter to the commission was really a formality, for I had already been assured that the increase would go through. Similarly I have recently been over and discussed the question of our sundries, and I feel confident that the item will be allowed. It would be very embarrassing to us to have any trouble there, because our fund for special service is considerably smaller than the amount available last year.

With abnormal conditions at home and extremely much to do here at the Society, I have been compelled to put aside the endowment campaign for a little while, but I talked to Stephenson yesterday and asked him to come over this week with a view to pushing the campaign again. My children are now home and are improving rapidly, though they are both still very weak.

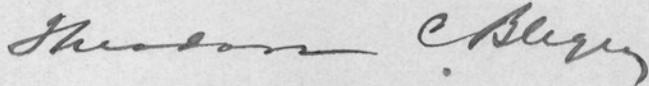
The year book is not yet out but has reached the stage of second page proof and ought to be ready for distribution in about ten days. It will be a volume of approximately two hundred pages.

S. J. B., 6/29/26 -- 2

I hope that you will be able to review Miss Larson's book. If you would rather not do it, I shall ask John D. Hicks.

The Swedish crown prince is in town today and, by order of the governor, all state departments are closing up this afternoon so that we may attend the great affair at the University stadium. I invited the crown prince to visit the museum but I fear that the invitation was never seen by the royal eye for, alas, it was declined. Some weeks ago, in the East, the crown prince said that if he were not a crown prince he would be the curator of an archaeological museum. In view of this predilection it seemed to me that the place above all others in Minnesota for him to visit was our building, but Edgar Mattson of Minneapolis thought differently. I was somewhat disappointed for I wanted to seize the opportunity to give publicity to the Swedish historical collection.

Sincerely yours



Acting Superintendent

TCB:H

Minnesota Historical Society

SAINT PAUL

SOLON J. BUCK
Superintendent
THEODORE C. BLEGEN
Assistant Superintendent

August 13, 1926

Dr. Solon J. Buck
110 Library Building
Columbia University
New York City

Dear Mr. Buck:-

What would you think of trying to put together a number of items in order to keep Miss Smith with us through the year? I have had her working here for a time with payment from the University fund set aside for Dr. Folwell. It has occurred to me, and I have broached the matter to Miss Smith, that we might take the balance of the University fund, which is about \$400, and the amount available for special services in the war records division, combined with funds available from our own state and private funds, and make a total sufficiently large to keep her here until next summer. I think we could certainly get up to about \$1,200 for the period from September 1 to the end of the fiscal year -- perhaps more. The work would be a little uneven but we would probably have to arrange it so that she would spend a certain number of hours a week on war records work and a certain number on the Folwell work. Of course, if we could eliminate the business of hour records and simply give her so much a month it would be more satisfactory for her. I think she feels distinctly apprehensive about going into it on an hour basis. The salary, I realize, would not be exceptionally good, but she has no teaching job yet and it is at least a possibility.

I have had plenty of difficulties in connection with the Folwell bill and it rather looks now as though the matter would work out in the following way: We shall have to pay the bill from the funds for the fiscal year 1926-27, but the balance holding over from 1925-26 will be available for the Society to be used after we have used up the money available for this fiscal year. Once more I think it is largely a matter of complicating the bookkeeping but not offering any serious difficulty. I have done the best I could in the circumstances. In fact, I think no other course has been open to me than the one I have followed.

I am in for a half day from the lake, where I am trying to get a little vacation. I have been coming in twice a week to keep track of business. The most recent chapter in the history of our relations with the state department is a batch of new forms for personnel records entirely different from the old, much more searching in character. For your information I enclose a blank.

Dr. Buck, 8/13/26, 2

There is no particular news on the endowment situation so far as we are concerned here. It has been impossible for Stephenson and myself to give the campaign any vigorous work lately. Stephenson is at present in Illinois and during the past six or eight weeks my time has been so utterly occupied by the Society and home affairs that it would have been foolish for me even to attempt to push the campaign. Probably it would have been unwise to do so because of the season of the year anyhow.

Sincerely yours

Theodore C. Steyer

TCB/B

August 16, 1926

Mr. Theodore C. Blegen, Assistant Superintendent
Minnesota Historical Society
Saint Paul
Minnesota

Dear Blegen:

I am quite in favor of keeping Miss Smith if it can be arranged. The only difficulty that occurs to me is that Ford may insist that the University money should be used by a graduate student. It would be necessary to get his and Dr. Folwell's approval of the arrangement, of course. I suppose that Ford is at Stony Point, Battle Lake, by this time; it might be well for you to write to him there.

Probably you dislike inquiries about the prospects of the appearance of Volume III as much as I do, but I should very much like to know its present status.

The arrangement concerning the payment of the bill will probably work out all right.

You write that you are enclosing the personnel blank for my information. Do you think that it will be all right for me to wait until my return the latter part of September before filling one out for myself?

Sincerely,

SJB:A

Minnesota Historical Society

SAINT PAUL

SOLON J. BUCK
Superintendent
THEODORE C. BLEGEN
Assistant Superintendent

August 23, 1926

Dr. Solon J. Buck
110 Library Building
Columbia University
New York City

Dear Mr. Buck:-

I had supposed that the endowment work would require your attention throughout the fall and I was therefore not greatly surprised to get your recent letter in which you say that you are planning to continue your leave of absence from the University to the first of the year. I feel sure that the arrangement here at the Society will work out all right. You of course realize that I shall resume my work at Hamline and that necessarily I shall be forced to cut down very considerably upon the work that I am now doing here at the Society.

I do not mind in the slightest inquiries about volume 3. The book has been going along beautifully. The intensive methods that were adopted to push it along have saved at least a month's time, and possibly more, in my opinion. The book is now entirely printed and the folding is well under way. Without going into further details I will simply say that copies will be ready for distribution by September 15. I am still working on the financial side of the matter, trying to get the situation so clear that there can be no possibility of any loss to the Society, and we have just received a letter from Governor Christianson to Dr. Folwell which I think nails the matter down securely.

As to Miss Smith, I have written Ford. I do not anticipate any difficulty in getting his approval. He approved heartily of using her this summer when she was not a student at the University.

Of course there is no need of your filling out the personnel blank until you return. By the way, the staff is having a bad time with the blanks. They really are difficult to fill out satisfactorily.

The September number of the magazine will be a fairly interesting one, I think. It will not come out until after the middle of September.

The bookstacks are all installed. We paid only part of the bill, however, pending the clearing

Dr. Buck - 8/23/26 - 2

up of certain details that were unsatisfactory. I have just put through a voucher for \$5,000. The balance will be paid in a short time. Miss Krausnick is proceeding with the work of shifting books.

I have authorized a somewhat special state fair arrangement for this year. I suggested to Mr. Babcock some time ago that we might possibly build either an imitation of a trader's cabin or a pioneer cabin. We have decided to make the fair exhibit a pioneer exhibit, but the special materials that we are buying can be used later for a trader's cabin exhibit in the museum if that seems feasible.

I am still at the lake but I am coming in at least two days a week and this week I shall probably be here three or four days.

How is the campaign going?

Sincerely yours

Shepherd A. Blaney

TCB/B

August 27, 1926

Dr. Theodore C. Blegen
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Blegen:

Thank you very much for the information concerning various matters in your letter of August 23. I think that the plan for the state fair exhibit is an excellent one.

I am afraid that your vacation is a very fragmentary one, but I hope that you will be able to have a real one next year. I spent a couple of days last weekend at Lake Dunmore in Vermont and two more in driving back which is about as much vacation as I shall get, unless I count the trip home.

You will hear from me concerning the plans for our fall campaign before very long.

I enclose another clipping that may interest you. You will also be glad to know, I think, that Schlesinger spoke very highly of Studies and Records when I saw him in Boston last week.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:W

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September 21, 1926

Professor Solon J. Buck
American History Endowment Fund
Columbia University, New York City

Dear Professor Buck:

It gives us very great pleasure to send you with our compliments an advance copy of AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN; consisting of the personal portions of his letters, speeches, and conversations," compiled and annotated by Nathaniel Wright Stephenson.

We are intensely interested to have your opinion of this volume which attempts a self-portrait of Lincoln and shall be deeply grateful for a line of comment and criticism.

Very sincerely yours,

THE BOBBS MERRILL COMPANY

D. R. Chambers

September 25, 1926

Mr. D. L. Chambers
The Bobbs-Merrill Company
185 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Chambers:

Mr. Buck is at present absent from this office, but on his behalf I want to thank you for the copy of An Autobiography of Abraham Lincoln which was sent to him. I know that he will enjoy reading it upon his return about the middle of October. Perhaps at that time he will be able to give you the line of comment and criticism for which you ask.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to Mr. Buck.

DMW:A

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VICE PRESIDENT

September 30th, 1926.

Miss Doris M. Wheeler,
American Historical Ass'n Endowment Fund,
110 Library,
Columbia University,
New York.

My dear Miss Wheeler:-

Thank you for your very kind letter of the 25th, acknowledging on Mr. Buck's behalf the copy of AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN, which I recently had the pleasure of sending him.

I shall indeed appreciate it if you will call the book to his attention on his return next month for I am anxious to know what he thinks of it.

Sincerely yours,

DLC-S

D. L. Chambers

November 15, 1926

Mr. D. L. Chambers
Bobbs-Merrill Co.,
Indianapolis, Indiana

My dear Mr. Chambers:-

Some time ago you very kindly sent to me at the office of the Endowment Committee of the American Historical Association in New York a copy of Mr. Stephenson's Autobiography of Abraham Lincoln.

The book was acknowledged by my secretary, I believe, but I have just finished reading it and I want to express to you my appreciation of your kindness in sending me a copy. It is not only a very interesting book but it enables one to get a vivid and authentic impression of Lincoln that could otherwise be secured only by very extensive reading. The selections appear to have been made with great care and are very skillfully arranged, and the table indicating their sources will be much appreciated by students.

Sincerely yours

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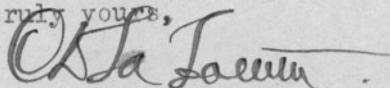
November 18 1926

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

Mr. Chambers is out of the
city and your letter comes to my desk.
He will be grateful, I know, for your splendid
opinion of AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN.
Thank you for sending it.

Very truly yours,



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December 3, 1925

Professor Solon J. Buck
69 Barton Avenue, S. E.
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Professor Buck:

We have just published
THE JESUIT RELATIONS, consisting of a selection of
the original documents in the history of the
colonization of America by the French Jesuits
and their martyrdom. The work is of extreme
importance to students of American history.

It has been suggested to us by
several persons, interested in the field, among them
the editor of the American Historical Review, that you
might be interested in writing a review of this book
for one of the magazines to which you are a
contributor. We are therefore sending you a copy
under separate cover, and hope you will let us have
your opinion of the book.

Most cordially yours,

ALBERT & CHARLES BONI, Inc.

Levis S. Buer

LSB:N

December 9, 1925

Albert & Charles Boni, Inc.
39 West Eighth St.,
New York City

Gentlemen:--

Thank you very much for the copy of The Jesuit Relations which you sent to me. I had seen a number of notices of this book and, being familiar with Dr. Thwaites' edition, had been curious to know the nature of the new publication.

I have looked over the volume and it seems to me that you have performed a very real service in making this material available to students of history and others who do not have access to large ~~public~~ libraries. It ought to be especially useful in the libraries of colleges and normal schools, which are usually weak in source material for the study of history. Even the larger institutions which have the original edition will find this new one useful for student reading and for lending. As a matter of fact I think it very likely that I shall do a good deal more general reading in this edition than I ever did in the other one, although I have convenient access to it and should, of course, use it for any intensive research work. The volume impresses me as a fine piece of book making and I hope that it may have a wide sale.

I shall be glad to write a review of it for Minnesota History, the quarterly magazine published by the Minnesota Historical Society.

Very truly yours

B/P

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December 12, 1925

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

Thank you for your very nice letter of December 9th about THE JESUIT RELATIONS. We are of course very much pleased with your appreciation of the book. May we incorporate your letter in a circular which we are sending out? Our book is becoming a catspaw in a very serious quarrel within the Catholic Church and one influential group is doing everything within its power to damn the volume in order to gain ascendancy over another group, which has praised the book unreservedly. The charges which are being made are ludicrous, but nevertheless we find it essential to counteract them by a weight of authoritative quotations in praise of THE JESUIT RELATIONS, edited by Edna Kenton.

Very truly yours,

Charles Boni, Jr.

CB

December 16, 1925

Mr. Charles Boni, Jr.
39 West Eighth St.,
New York City

Dear Mr. Boni:-

I certainly have no objections to your quoting my letter of December 9 concerning The Jesuit Relations, or any part of it. Naturally I would not want to be involved in the controversy to which you refer, but I can see nothing in my letter that anyone could take exceptions to.

Very truly yours

B/P

January 4, 1922

The Book Club

To S. J. Buck, Dr.

MacGaughan, Theater of Tomorrow	5.00
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January 4, 1922

R. G. Blakey

To S. J. Buck, Dr.

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Book clubs

October 25, 1922

St. Paul Book & Stationery Co.,
St. Paul, Minnesota

Attention Mr. Dance

Gentlemen:-

Will you please fill the following order for books to be charged to my personal account? I will appreciate it if you will have those which you have in stock delivered to me at the Historical Building as soon as possible, and the others as they come in.

- ✓ Begbie-- Painted Windows
- ✓ Cather, Willa -- One of Ours
- ✓ De la Mare, Walter -- Memoirs of a Midget ^X
- ✓ France, Anatole -- Letters ^{✓ copies sent}
- ✓ Galsworthy, John -- The Forsyte Saga
- ✓ Hemon, Pierre -- Maria Chappelaine X
- ✓ Inge -- Outspoken Essays X
- ✓ Johnston, Sir Harry -- The Venerings
- ✓ Lewisohn, Ludwig -- Up Stream X
- ✓ Maran -- Batouala X
- ✓ Maxwell -- Spinster of the Parish X
- ✓ Morley, Christopher -- Where the Blue Begins
- ✓ Kaye-Smith, Sheila -- Joanna Godden
- ✓ Page, Walter -- Life and Letters of
- ✓ Poole, Ernest -- Millions
- ✓ Strachey, Lytton -- Books and Characters
- ✓ Walpole, Hugh -- Cathedral X
- ✓ West, Rebecca -- The Judge
- ✓ Fifty Contemporary One-Act Plays -- Stewart, Kidd Co.

There are three books on my order of October 10 which were not included in the lot delivered. They are Galsworthy's Forsyte Saga, Milne's Truth about Blady's, and Maurer's Immortal Italy. I take it that you have ordered copies of these and expect to supply them later. If such is not the case, please let me know in order that I may arrange to get them elsewhere.

You will note that the above list includes Galsworthy's Forsyte Saga and other duplications of the previous order. In these cases second copies are desired.

B/P

Sincerely yours

Begbie,- Painted Windows ✓

Cather, Willa,-One of Ours ✓

De la Mare, Walter -- Memoirs of a Midget

De la Mare, Walter,-- The Return

France, Anatole -- Letters ✓

Galsworthy, John -- The Forsyte Saga ✓

✓ Hémon, Pierre -- Maria Chapdelaine

✓ Inge, Outspoken Essays

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Lewisohn, Ludwig -- Up Stream

~~Mantle, Burns -- Best plays, 1921-1922~~

✓ Maran,-Batouala

✓ Maxwell,-Spinster of the Parish

Morley, Christopher-- Where the Blue Begins ✓

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Strachey, Lytton -- Books and Characters ✓

✓ Walpole, Hugh -- Cathedral

West, Rebecca -- The Judge ✓

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Dear Mr. Buck:

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paying you in full and leaving,
not a balance of \$2.95 but a defi-
cit of \$7.05; for I've received no
dues from Lambie and Alvord.
I think Mrs. Lambie's is late because
she didn't know where to send it -
and we all recognize the pro-
crastination of the Alvord. So
eventually we will have \$2.95

Sincerely yours
Julia Scammon

4/29/22

November 6, 1922

Mrs. R. E. Scammon
33 Arthur Ave. S. E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Scammon:-

Enclosed herewith I
am sending you two bills for the books for
the club received thus far. The total amounts,
as you will note, to \$31.40, and you might send
me a check for that sumless the five dollars,
which we owe ye dues. Please return the bills.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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November 6, 1922

Mrs. G. S. Ford
517 Essex St. S. E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Ford:-

Enclosed herewith you will find the bill for the club books, which amounts to \$30.20 for those received thus far. You ~~could~~ send me a check for this at your convenience. Please return the bill. ✓

Sincerely yours

B/P

NOV 8 1922

MRS. GUY STANTON FORD

517 ESSEX STREET S. E.

MINNEAPOLIS

Dear Mr. Buck:-

Please find
check for (\$ 30 ²⁰ / 100) thirty dollars
and twenty cents enclosed,
and accept very many thanks
for your kindness and
trouble - from our Book Club.

Sincerely
Grace E. Ford.

Nov. 7-1922.

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Nov. 20-22.

MRS. GUY STANTON FORD
517 ESSEX STREET S. E.
MINNEAPOLIS

Dear Mr. Buck:-

Thank you
very much indeed for
bringing over the last of the
books. We were glad to get
them into circulation on Sat.

I am enclosing a check
for nine dollars and twenty
cents - the amount of the bill (#9.20)
We are all grateful for your help &
hope it was not too much trouble.
Sincerely - Grace Ford.

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February 2, 1923

St. Paul Book & Stationery Co.,
St. Paul, Minnesota

Attention Mr. Dance

Gentlemen:-

I am returning to you here-
with a statement which I have just re-
ceived and will appreciate it if you
will send me an itemized bill for this,
as no such bill has ever been received.

I make a practice of saving
the purchase slips when I have things
charged and the only slip which I have
on hand is for a total of \$3.40 in-
stead of \$17. It is possible that
there were other purchases but I cannot
check them up without an itemized bill.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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ERRORS:—We make them; so does everyone, and we will cheerfully correct them if you will write to us.

Try to write good naturedly, but if you cannot, then write any way. Do not complain to anyone else or let it pass.

We want to promptly adjust any errors we may make. DO NOT return goods if wrong, but write us first.

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ST. PAUL, MINN.

April 18, 1923.

Minnesota Historical Society,
Cedar and Central Aves.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Gentlemen:- Attention - Mr. Solon J. Buck, Supt.

We enclose herewith statement of your account to date, and duplicate bills covering our charge of April 23rd and Feb. 7th for \$6.80 and 67¢ respectively.

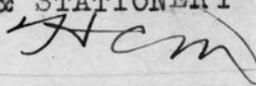
As we have received remittance from you for invoices of a later date than the above two, we have been wondering whether or not these charges are correct.

Kindly check over the enclosed duplicate bills, and advise whether correct, we remain

Yours truly,

ST. PAUL BOOK & STATIONERY CO.

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OCT 20 1923

My dear Mr. Buck

Dean Ford informed the
Committee in charge of our
little book club that you
most kindly agreed to purchase
the books for us this year.

I am enclosing our list.
We are all most grateful to
you for your kindness -

yours Truly

Helen L. Brooke -

416 Walnut St. S. E.
Mpls.

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March 9, 1922

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

My dear Mr. Branson:-

In response
to your request of December 21, 1920,
I now take pleasure in informing
you that the Yale University Press
has finally issued its series of
the Chronicles of America in a
"Textbook Edition" and that my work
on The Agrarian Crusade can now
be purchased in this edition at \$1.50.

Sincerely yours

B/P

67 Barton Ave., S.E.
Minneapolis, Minn.
June 27, 1925.

Mr. Charles E. Buckbee,
Newton Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Mr. Buck and I have written a book entitled
STORIES OF EARLY MINNESOTA, which is to be published
by the Macmillan Company. Among the illustrations
which we should like to use are three which were re-
cently presented by you to the Historical Society
and which bear on the back the words "Rights of
Reproduction Reserved to Buckbee & Mears."

We spoke to your Mr. Marsh about this recently,
and he said that there would be no objection to our
using these pictures. Mr. Babcock, however, thinks
that we should have your personal permission for
their use; so I am writing to you to ask if you will
be so generous as to grant it.

The pictures are one of a Sioux tepee, one of
two Indians and a squaw in front of an Ojibway lodge,
and one of logs and wigwags on the St. Croix River.
We are not sure, of course, that the publishers
will want to use these, as we are forwarding them
with a good many others for their approval. They
will be sent and returned by registered mail, so
you need feel no apprehensions for their safety.

I trust you will not object to our using
the pictures.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs. Solon J. Buck)

August 13, 1926

Mr. Ralph Budd, President
Great Northern Railroad
St. Paul, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Budd:

Much to my chagrin it occurs to me that as a result of the quantity of work that was awaiting me when I got back from the Columbia River Historical Expedition I have neglected to write to you to express my very deep appreciation of the opportunity that you gave me of participating in the expedition. It was an interesting and enjoyable trip from every point of view, not the least agreeable part of it being the opportunity of meeting and getting acquainted with some very interesting people.

I believe that you and the Great Northern Railroad are performing a very valuable service to the American people in calling attention, by means of these expeditions, to the interesting and important history of the great Northwest, and I think that they will result in stimulating interest in and appreciation of history throughout the country.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:W

August 27, 1926

Mr. Lawrence J. Burpee, Secretary
International Joint Commission
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Burpee:

Your letter of August 20 inquiring about the western journals has been forwarded to me here, but I am returning it to Miss Nute, the curator of our manuscript collection, and asking her to reply to it for me, as the information is available there and not here. I expect to be back in Minnesota for a few weeks about the first of October and shall be glad to look into the matter myself at that time.

I had the pleasure of calling on friend Greenbie at his home in South Hadley a few days ago as I was driving through.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:W

Handwritten signature

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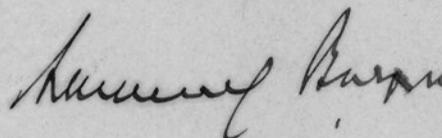
30 August 1926.

My dear Buck,

Very many thanks for your letter of the 27th.
I shall be very interested to know what journals may be available
in Minnesota.

You have a tremendous job ahead of you in the
Endowment Fund, and I wish you all possible success. I have to
undertake something similar for the Royal Society of Canada,
and am not looking forward to it with much joy.

Yours sincerely



Dr Solon J. Buck

Executive Secretary
A.H.A. Endowment Fund
New York.