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MAR 31 1924

# Mississippi Valley Historical Association

PRESIDENT  
EUGENE C. BARKER  
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS  
AUSTIN, TEXAS

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

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

March 28, 1924.

To the Members of the Executive Committee  
Mississippi Valley Historical Association:

Gentlemen:-For your information I enclose the following resume  
of the year 1923-24:

Committees - Appointments of members of the various committees  
were made as soon as possible after the annual meeting in  
Oklahoma City.

Committee on co-operation in historical work, Mr. Herbert A.  
Kellar, chairman. No preliminary report has been sent in but  
Mr. Kellar will attend the meeting in Louisville and render  
report.

Committee on publicity. This is a new committee and its work  
will mean much to the association. Two chairmen have been  
appointed but have found it impossible to serve. A new chair-  
man will take up the work after May 1st.

Committee on public historical museums, Mr. W.M. Babcock, Jr.,  
chairman. He reports that a questionnaire has been sent out  
to the various institutions interested and he expects to  
draw out much practical information about the administration  
of historical museums for future reference. Mr. Babcock will  
offer a report at the coming meeting.

Committee on museums in Normal schools, Mr. E. C. Page, chair-  
man. Several preliminary reports of this committee have been  
given in the past two years and Mr. Page has been requested  
to offer a final report on May 1st.

Nominating committee, Mr. David Y. Thomas, chairman, Mr. Thomas  
writes that, he is not able to submit preliminary report at  
this time but it will be sent in a later communication before  
May 1st.

Program committee, Mr. Chas. H. Ambler, chairman. Mr. Ambler  
states that the final program is in the hands of the local  
committee for printing. It is expected that the programs  
will be distributed by April 15th.

Mr. Solon J. Buck, chairman of the special committee to canvass  
the situation regarding the appointment of a managing editor,  
has communicated with the members of the executive  
committee and you are already informed regarding the work of  
this committee.

Finances. The association has had one of the best years in its history. We are not affluent but by economy we are able to meet all obligations this year and there will be a small balance remaining. The bill for the forth coming volume of Proceedings will not be in before March 31st but all editorial expense upon the Proceedings has been paid. The chart that Mr. Buck recently sent to the members of the executive committee shows the growth of the association which should be most encouraging.

Fiscal year. It has been customary in the past to close the financial accounts just before the annual meeting. This sometimes makes the fiscal year a period of eleven months and occasionally, thirteen months. It has been suggested that the financial accounts of the association be from March 31st to March 31st. This date for closing the books has been set for this year and will be continued unless the plan is not favored by the executive committee.

Dues. Shall the annual dues be raised to five dollars? The past two years members have been requested to remit five dollars but they are informed that the annual dues have not been raised and that they will not be dropped from membership if only three dollars are paid. This plan has been very effective and about three-fourths of the members have become sustaining members. In my annual report I will state the exact number of members who have remitted \$5.00 and \$3.00 outside of the libraries and institutions which are required to pay \$5.00 each year. This small contribution per member has been of great benefit to the association.

Permanent fund. The association has a permanent fund, derived from life membership dues, amounting to \$2,000 which is invested in liberty bonds. The American Historical Association has a committee with plans underway to increase its endowment fund from \$40,000 to \$100,000. Your secretary has long desired to see the permanent fund of the M.V.H.A. increased so that the interest thereof would guaranty the printing of the Review. It can be done. Your president favors such an effort. Think about it and be ready to express an opinion at the meeting in Louisville.

Proceedings. It has been suggested that the Proceedings might be discontinued after volume XI without disaster to the Association. A resume of the annual meeting is always included in the Review and if, in addition, a very brief account of the business is added the cost of printing the Proceedings might be saved.

Review. It has been suggested by another member of the executive committee that provision should be made for the publication of the business transactions in the Review which gives an account of the annual meeting and that the new officers and list of committees be published therein; also that a definite statement be made (preferably on the inside cover of the Review each issue) that the board of editors is the publication committee for the association. Names of officers should also

be printed in each issue of the Review. The Review would then show clearly and at a glance the officers of the association, the board of editors, and that the Review is the official organ of the association which now appears only by inference.

Members. Over 100 new members have been added to the association since last report. The exact number will appear in my annual report also the exact number of sustaining members, library members, and exchanges. The long desired membership list is in the press and will be published in the Proceedings soon to be issued and a few as a separate pamphlet. The publication of this list will doubtless assist in increasing the membership.

What is the Valley? The question has been raised by the chairman of the nominating committee as to what is the territory included in the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. Always the secretary has bounded the Valley by the Allegheny Mountains on the east and the Rocky Mountains on the west, the vast territory drained by the Mississippi River and its tributaries including the Great Lakes region. Members are welcomed into the association from all parts of the world but officers and editors should not be elected who reside outside the confines of the Valley. Consider whether a definite boundary should be included in the by-laws.

Minutes. The executive committee held a brief session in Columbus in December and an account of the same is attached hereto.

1924-25. We desire to make the coming year a record year for the association. If you have any suggestions to make regarding committees, administration, publication, etc. please send to the undersigned for consideration at the coming annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Clara S. Paine

Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes of the meeting of the executive committee of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, Dec. 28, 1923.

The executive committee of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association met in Columbus, Ohio, Friday morning, December 28th, 1923. In the absence of the chairman of the committee, Mr. Buck, the meeting was called to order by the president, Eugene C. Barker. Those present in addition to the president were: Arthur C. Cole, Chauncey S. Boucher, Milo M. Quaife, Floyd Shoemaker, Benjamin F. Shambaugh, Wilson P. Shortridge and the secretary. Mr. Cotterill, chairman of the committee of arrangements for the meeting to be held in Louisville, and Chas. H. Ambler, chairman of the program committee, met with the executive committee.

The budget for the year 1923-24 approved by a majority of the finance committee, was submitted to the executive committee and approved.

The time selected for the annual meeting in Louisville, May 1-3, was approved.

The request for money to carry on the work of two standing committees was denied.

The secretary reported that a large percent of the members were paying sustaining membership dues as requested in the annual statements. Whether this plan should be continued another year or the dues permanently raised to five dollars was generally discussed but left in abeyance until the next meeting of the committee.

Adjourned.

Mrs. C. S. Paine, Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Financial Report of Secretary-Treasurer  
March 24, 1923 to March 31, 1924

Cash on Hand March 24, 1923:

Checking Account	\$ 493.27
Savings Account	<u>1,922.63</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,415.90</b>

Receipts March 24, 1923 to March 31, 1924:

Individual Membership Fees	113.50
Library Membership Fees	1,397.00
Sustaining Membership Fees	1,350.00
Guarantee for Printing Publications	850.00
Book Sales	330.47
Dues of New Members	306.50
Advertising & Miscellaneous	66.62
Interest on Liberty Bonds & Savings Account	<u>79.27</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b><u>4,493.36</u></b>
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>6,909.26</b>

Disbursements:

Publications	2,420.49
Clerical Salary	780.00
Editorial Salaries	782.50
Postage	156.54
Commissions	319.23
Traveling Expense	172.89
Miscellaneous Printing	65.71
Miscellaneous Office Expense	29.15
Drayage	<u>2.50</u>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b><u>4,729.01</u></b>

Balance 2,180.25

Liberty Bonds Purchased (Face Value \$2500.00) 1,994.00

Cash Balance April 1, 1924 \$ 186.25

Cash in Bank as per Bank Statement 444.89

Add Deposit of April 1, 1924, not shown on statement 535.00

**Total** 979.89

Less Outstanding Checks 836.14

**Actual Bank Balance-Checking Account** 143.75

Cash in Bank-Savings Account 42.50

**Total** \$ 186.25

Lincoln, Nebraska, April 17, 1924.

This is to certify that we have audited the accounts of Clara Paine, Secretary of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, for the period March 24, 1923 to March 31, 1924, and that the foregoing is a correct statement of receipts and disbursements for the period.

All receipts were verified by checking stubs of cash receipts retained by the Secretary, and all disbursements have been verified by checking approved vouchers and cancelled checks for same. The balance on hand has been verified by the statement and pass book of the National Bank of Commerce, of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,

WIGGINS-BABCOCK COMPANY  
Public Accountants

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Estimated Budget

Receipts

1924-25

Cash on hand in checking account April 1st, 1924.....	\$143.75
Membership dues , all sources.....	3500.
Registration fee, book sales, adv. & miscel.....	500.
Guaranty fund.....	500.
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Total estimate upon which to count.....	4643.75

Disbursements:

Printing publications.....	\$2400
Clerical allowance.....	750
Editorial allowance.....	150
Postage.....	200
Miscel. printing & office expense.....	250
Traveling.....	200
Commissions.....	200
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Total estimate.....	4150

May 14, 1924

Mr. Charles W. Edwards  
47 Conant Hall  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:-

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I am very much interested in the third paragraph of your letter in which you speak of a proposed fund in honor of Professor Turner. I should like to suggest that this take the form of a "Frederick Jackson Turner Research and Publication Fund" and that it be administered by the Mississippi Valley Historical Association in conjunction with some trust company to handle matters of investment. I am not in favor of using such a fund to establish prizes, for it seems to me that we have all such prizes as are needed at present and that they do very little any way to promote historical work. It is my idea that the money should be used primarily for promoting the publication of documentary material in the field of western history. Perhaps part of the fund could be used as soon as collected as a revolving fund, the publications to be sold and the proceeds turned back into the fund, and the remainder could be invested with only the interest available for use. The proposed volumes could be brought out as "Frederick Jackson Turner Fund Publications" and would constitute a perpetual and ever growing memorial to Mr. Turner.

At the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association referred to above I was appointed chairman of a special committee to work out plans for starting a series of Collections and for raising an endowment fund to finance the work. I am sure that the Mississippi Valley Historical Association would be very glad to combine these two projects, and it seems to me that this would be an ideal arrangement. It would be my idea that contributions to the fund would be solicited not only from friends and former students of Professor Turner but also from all members of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association and from anyone interested in the work which the fund would make possible.

If these suggestions interest your committee I should be glad to elaborate them more fully.

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Very truly yours,

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

LAWRENCE

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

1115 Louisiana St.  
November 13, 1924.

My dear Dr. Buck:

I was just upon the point of writing you when your card came. Let us congratulate you. We know by experience that it is very nice to have two children that they may play together and learn not to be selfish. It may be nicer to have more. We do not know about that. Among other things you took us very much by surprise as we did not suspect that arrangements of this kind had been made. The thing that I was going to write you about was to ask whether you would be in Richmond. I wanted to talk over the nominating committee with you there if you were. I feel pretty sure now that you will not be going. In that event please write me immediately your advice and desires in the matter.

I remember that you said that you were especially interested in that committee but I do not recall that we came to a head on any particular individuals. I think that you suggested Hicks, whom I would not have thought of because I do not know him, and also suggested that the ex-presidents might be drawn upon. Quaife wrote suggesting Connelley and when I called his attention to the fact that all his recommendations were historical society men, he substituted Harlow Lindley. I think that he was an historical society man but is now at Earlham college.

Mrs. Paine writes me that it is the custom to appoint a hold over member. If that is the case I will continue D.Y. Thomas. Let me know what you think about this and the other members. Mrs. Paine is always writing me that there is a standing rule about this that and the other. I have written her asking her to send me these standing rules but I did not get any rise. I suppose that by standing rule she means custom or

*Wote  
Hicks  
Barber  
Quaife  
Lindley  
Connelley*

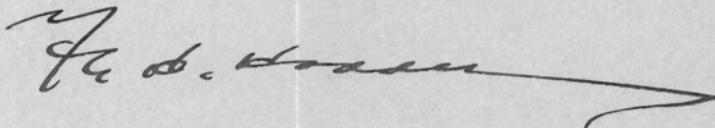
tradition. I rather incline toward Cole for one member but if Fuller uses Hockett for the program committee, that might be taking rather too many from Ohio State. I suppose it would be proper to take one historical society man. Would Doane Robinson be a good one. Write me whatever you think upon all the points raised.

Mr. Burton is chairman of the committee of arrangements with Quaife as secretary and Fuller is chairman of the committee on program. For the most part they are making up their own committees. The committee on the Ann Arbor meeting is N.V. Russell, Van Tyne and Cross. James seems to be doing a good job on the joint meeting at Richmond but is having some difficulties.

Mrs. Paine has recently written me that Sanford and Tryon were elected members of the executive committee of the teachers section. I am glad that they were but the action did not appear in the copy of the minutes of the executive committee that Mrs. Paine sent me. Every little while something filters through Mrs. Paine's mind. I wish that she would unburden it all at once.

Trust that mother and child are doing splendidly.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "F. D. Hodson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

November 18, 1924

Mr. Frank H. Hodder  
1115 Louisiana St.,  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Hodder:--

I was glad to receive your letter of November 13 with information about the progress of M. V. H. A. affairs. In the matter of the nominating committee Mrs. Paine is right in stating that it is customary to appoint a hold over member. It is my recollection that a resolution to that effect was adopted by the executive committee at the Madison meeting. I should think that it would be quite appropriate to reappoint Thomas as you propose.

As to the others, I am unable to join in either of Quaife's recommendations. Connelley and Lindley, along with Fuller, were primarily responsible for Quaife's election and it is not strange that he should recommend them. What I think about Connelley is already known to you. Lindley is an opportunist with no very high ideals. He has recently resigned from the directorship of the Indiana Historical Commission and gone back to Earlham, but he still retains, I think, his place as director of the Department of Archives and History of the Indiana State Library, which he had before he took on the Commission work, so, like a number of others, he belongs in both categories.

My suggestion for the other members of the nominating committee would be that they be selected from the following: Cole, Barker, Shippee, Miss Kellogg, Carter. It does not seem to me that the fact of Hockett's serving on the program committee would be a serious objection to the use of Cole on the nominating committee. Barker, as ex-president, is in an excellent position to know the situation and the active people. Moreover, he belongs to the historical society group although he is also an academic man. Miss Kellogg has been urging the election of Schafer as president ever since he came to Wisconsin, and perhaps it might be well to put her on the committee and let her see what she can do. I think myself that Schafer should be elected president before long, but would be inclined to give him a term on the executive committee first. Carter (Clarence E.) is a professor at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. He was trained by Alvord at Illinois and is a first rate scholar. He served a term on the executive committee some ten years or so ago.

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I should not like to see Hicks placed on the nominating committee because I hope to persuade the committee to nominate him to the executive committee.

An idea which has just occurred to me with reference to the presidency and to which I have not given much thought as yet is that it might be appropriate to elect Frederick J. Turner. We could not, of course, confer any honor upon him, but he might be willing to honor the association by accepting the position. Undoubtedly he would have been president of the association long ago, had it not been for the fact that he went to Harvard a few years after the association was formed. Now he has gone back to reside at Madison and would probably be able to devote some time to the affairs of the association.

On looking at your letter again I note you refer to Doane Robinson. I like Mr. Robinson personally very much, but he is not a scholar in any sense of the word, nor has he, in my opinion, the slightest inkling of what scholarship is or what should be the function of our association.

The executive committee of the teachers section is elected by the section itself and not by the executive committee of the association.

Mrs. Paine has just written me to ask if I want to call a meeting of the executive committee at Richmond. I am replying to the effect that I know of no particular business which should come before such a meeting but will be glad to co-operate if there is any such business.

Thank you very much for your congratulations. Naturally we are very much pleased. In spite of the new arrival, I expect now to attend the Richmond meeting and hope to have a talk with you there.

Sincerely yours

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THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

LAWRENCE

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

1115 Louisiana St.  
Nov. 25, 1924.

My dear Buck:

I want to thank you for your letter. It was a great help to me. I don't know that you will think so, when you find that I did not do precisely any of the things that you suggested. On the other hand I did not do any of the things you told me not to do. I took a lot of pains with the job. I went over the list and plotted the geographical distribution of the membership. Probably I could have got this data ready made had I known where to go for it. I once told a woman with whom I was playing whist that she would play better if she would not think so hard. Possibly I would have done better with the committee if I had spent less time on it.

I gave Fuller carte blanche in making up his committee but made some suggestions but he did not adopt any one of them. That left some men free that I had expected would go on to the program committee. I put Carter on. I had expected to put Cole on but found that he was already a member of the executive committee. To have put on Hockett would have been to add another man from the same institution. Carter is chairman and will undoubtedly be at the meeting.

I found that Iowa has next to the largest membership and I put Pelzer on. Iowa is already represented by Shambaugh on the executive committee but you know that is another element. I did not put Barker on because the south west is represented by Thomas, who holds over, and because the appointment would not mean anything to Barker. I think that we ought to reach as many different people as possible. I wanted to put an a woman but could not find one. I did not want Miss Kellogg.

I thought of Miss Hebart but found that she was not a member. I wanted to go further into the north west but found that beyond Minnesota and Nebraska ~~that~~ our membership is negligible, and both states are already represented on the committees. I would have very much liked to use Shippee but with you as chairman of the executive committee and Blegan on the program committee, I thought that it would not do. Turner I did not consider because I understand that he is far from well and declines all engagements. James asked him to speak in Richmond but he replied that he would not be well enough to attend the meeting. It also occurred to me that, if he is well enough, he ought to be put in as next president. I know a lot about Shafer but I will not go into that now. I am in a hurry as I am going out this afternoon for the rest of the week.

Glad that YOU ALL are well enough so that you can go to Richmond and also that you have enough money left. Remember us kindly to Mrs. Buck.

Cordially yours,

*F. H. Hooper*

November 29, 1924

Professor F. H. Hodder  
1115 Louisiana St.,  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Hodder:-

I think you have secured an excellent committee and I like the systematic way in which you went about it.

I am glad to know that the idea of electing Furner president appeals to you, and I think it might be well for some of us to suggest it to the nominating committee. An effort ought to be made also by the program committee to get him to the Detroit meeting. A report which I received a couple of weeks ago indicates that he is now in good health.

Sincerely yours

B/P

April 3<sup>o</sup> 1925

To the Members of the Executive Committee  
Mississippi Valley Historical Association:

For the information of the members of the executive committee the following preliminary report is submitted by the secretary-treasurer:

Committees--Members of the several standing committees were re-appointed to serve for the year 1924-25 in order to complete the work already under way.

Committee on Publicity- Mr. James Sellers, chairman. The committee offers three possible lines of action:

- 1.-Publicity through the office of the secretary to reach various state historical societies and their members.
- 2.-That popularized digests of some of the best articles in the Review which may have a special significance for some section or for the general public be offered to the press as the work which the Association is sponsoring.
- 3.-That programs of the annual meetings be sent to school and local papers where officials of the Association and persons appearing on the program reside.

Committee on Public Historical Museums, W.M. Babcock, chairman. Mr. Babcock has presented a complete report of the work of his committee. Over 200 questionnaires were sent out bearing upon the operation of historical museums and the replies classified. Mr. Babcock offers in conclusion the modern idea of the historical museum. His report in full will be presented at the business meeting.

Committee on Co-operation in Historical Work, Herbert A. Kellar, chairman. ~~No report received.~~

Committee on Special Publications, Solon J. Buck, chairman. No report received.

Professors W.J. Chase and Howard C. Hill represented the teachers' section of this Association on a joint committee of teachers' historical associations for New England, the Middle states and Maryland and for the Mississippi Valley. The report of the committee was published in full in the Historical Outlook of October 1924. A detailed report by Mr. Hill is on file and he would like to see some part of it published in the Review if considered practicable.

Membership committee, Mrs. C.S. Paine, chairman. Up to the end of the fiscal year seventy members have been added. A campaign for members was in progress when the chairman fell ill and its postponement for several weeks delayed returns for the year ending April 1st. A letter stressing the value of the Review with suitable printed matter has been sent to every university normal school and college listed in the United States not already on the mailing list. Replies are being received to a satisfactory degree. Another letter was sent to public libraries of the larger towns and cities. Returns are being received

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but these results will appear in next year's report. Because of the excess of back numbers of the Proceedings and Review except in certain cases and the overcrowded condition of the storage room, the secretary has made an effort to place the publication in every library possible.

Review--The Review has been edited at a minimum expense and the Association is indebted to Milo M. Quaife who has been able, through the courtesy of Mr. C.M. Burton of Detroit, to place his editorial assistants at work in editing the Review without expense except for postage. The size of the Review has been increased by a number of pages.

Executive Committee: No meeting has been held since last May in Louisville. The minutes of that meeting were submitted to the members by mail and approved therefore are not read at this time. A meeting was called by the secretary for Richmond in December but owing to the inability of the chairman to attend the meeting went by default. The date of the meeting in Detroit was decided by a mail vote.

Nominating Committee: Clarence E. Carter, chairman. Mr. Carter presents the name of Dr. James A. Woodburn of Indiana for president, Mrs. C.S. Paine for secretary-treasurer, Joseph Schafer, Erik Ericksson, John D. Hicks for members of the Executive Committee for three years, for the executive committee of the teachers' section, subject to the approval of that section, the names of Howard C. Hill and Miss Nellie Jackson are presented for the term of three years.

The National Council of Social Studies have asked whether this Association considers the National Council worth maintaining. The Council desires to know if arrangements can be made to pay the traveling expenses of a representative once a year to a conference of the directors of the Council for Social Studies. Correspondence forwarded to the secretary by R.M. Tryon.

The American Peace Award Committee earnestly and frequently request the co-operation of this Association in forwarding the plan for World Peace.

Finances: The total receipts this year are \$5,299.24 as against \$4,493.36 for last year. Disbursements \$5,140.96 against \$4,729.01. The bank balance after all bills were paid on April 1st was \$345.23 of which \$111.72 is in the Savings Bank.

Property of the Association--The Review and Proceedings are stored in the basement of the Nebraska State Historical Society in Lincoln at 16th & H streets except a certain number of each issue stored for convenience at the residence of the secretary, 1970 Prospect St. The archives of the Association are also stored in these two places. The card file of members and all material in daily use, check book, journal and ledger, etc. are in the desk of the secretary. Wiggins & Babcock, accountants of Lincoln, have audited the books for ten years and can easily make them ready to turn over to another. While not borrowing

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trouble my recent illness made me feel the necessity of putting upon record these few facts. Two liberty bonds for \$1000, registered in the name of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, are held for safety in the vault of the National Bank of Commerce.

Meetings-- The Association will meet in Springfield, Ill. in 1926 according to the decision of the executive committee at Louisville. An invitation was ~~about to be issued~~ by the city of New Orleans for 1926 and it ~~may be extended~~ for 1927. The mid year meeting will be held in Ann Arbor, Mich. Dec. 28-31 of this year. The chairman of the program committee for the American Association is William E. Dodd of Chicago.

Respectfully submitted,

Clara S. Paine,

Secretary-treasurer.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Financial Report of Secretary-Treasurer  
April 1, 1924 to April 1, 1925

Cash Balance April 1, 1924:			
Checking Account		\$	143.75
Savings Account			<u>42.50</u>
Total			\$ 186.25
Receipts, April 1, 1924 to April 1, 1925:			
Individual Membership Fees			168.00
Library Membership Fees	1,516.50		
Less: Bad Checks	<u>5.00</u>		1,511.50
Sustaining Membership Fees			1,310.00
Guarantee for Printing Publications			1,150.00
Book Sales			643.07
Dues of New Members			264.00
Advertising & Miscellaneous			124.15
Interest on Liberty Bonds & Savings Account			<u>129.22</u>
Total Receipts			<u>5,299.94</u>
Total			\$ 5,486.19
Disbursements:			
Publications		\$3,076.76	
Clerical Salary		780.00	
Editorial Salaries		262.00	
Postage		156.62	
Commissions		447.03	
Traveling Expense		235.97	
Miscellaneous Printing		100.85	
Miscellaneous Office Expense		75.47	
Drayage		<u>6.26</u>	
Total Disbursements			<u>5,140.96</u>
Cash Balance, April 1, 1925,			\$ 345.23
Cash in Bank, per Bank Statement, Mar. 31, 1925.		\$	891.04
Plus: Deposit not shown on statement			<u>387.50</u>
Total			1,278.54
Less: Checks outstanding			<u>1,050.03</u>
Cash in Savings Account			228.51
Cash item in office			111.72
			<u>5.00</u>
Cash Balance, April 1, 1925.			\$ 345.23

Estimated Budget

1925-1926

Receipts...

Cash on hand in checking account April 1, 1925.....	\$228.51
Membership dues, all sources.....	3500.
Registration fee, book sales, adv. & miscel.....	600.
Guaranty fund.....	600.
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	4928.51

Disbursements

Printing publications.....	\$2800.
Clerical allowance.....	750
Editorial allowance.....	100
Postage.....	200
Miscel. printing & office expense.....	200
Traveling.....	200
Commissions.....	300
Total estimate	<hr/>
	4550

# Mississippi Valley Historical Association

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MAY 5 1925

American University Union  
173 Blvd St. Germain  
Paris, France

Dear Helen:

This is a brief note on  
business. I wrote to Thalder. He poor  
fellow last fall was run over by  
a London bus and was in the hospital  
for two months and laid up for  
a long time. Then extra work was  
put on him when he got back to  
school. So all hope of his editing the  
pamphlets must be given up.

Who can do it, I don't know.  
Possibly I may be in a position to  
do it myself next winter, but  
cannot promise. Carter I would not  
recommend for this particular job.  
Crane might do it and would be  
a good one. Volavider also might be  
willing to undertake the job. Now I

think of it, I believe that he is the  
man to do it. His study of Croghan  
has given him the background. His  
address is in the list of Members of  
the A. H. A.

In June the American Mercury  
publishes ~~my~~ very much altered St. Louis  
paper on Amer. Revolution. Menckner  
is now considering a revised edition  
of my Musings of an Inebriated  
Historian. I hope she takes it. I  
haven't had much luck with the  
major American magazines, but  
still have hopes. I have sent the  
series three excellent articles.  
The Nineteenth Century published  
an article of mine last month  
and the National one this month,  
and the Contemporary will have  
another June or July.

Love to Elizabeth  
Sincerely yours  
C. W. Flood

P.S. The British Academy has asked me to give the  
Raleigh lecture on history this fall. Not to be given  
at least year.

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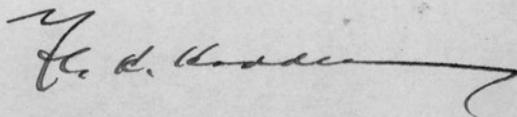
May 7, 1925.

My dear Buck:

I thank you for the financial report. I am sending you the budget for next year. I did not have the budget and report of last year in hand, so this is my first chance to compare them with the budget of next year. I swallowed it absolutely blind. The reasons for some increases are plain by comparing them with absolute expenditures. The reasons for other changes are not clear. I do not see why editorial allowance should be decreased and misc. printing and office expenses increased. I shall write Mrs. Faine to explain. I have now landed in the worst job that I have got into. When it comes to figures I am absolutely non compos. I never in my life have been able to keep my own bank balance. If I was not lucky enough to have money to pay my bills the Lord only knows where I would land.

Glad you had the talk with Libby. I think that his coming so far for the meeting was wonderful. I guess his wanting to pick up some men was one reason for it. If we can get enough people to unite on it I think there is some chance of reorganization. I am not without hope that Mrs. Faine will withdraw if once she realized that the body of the membership want a change. Carter is a good man but he is not very logically located. I never got on very well with Schafer but Wisconsin is a pretty logical location. I imagine that they would rather like to take things over. What would you think of that?

Cordially yours,



June 3, 1925

Professor Frank H. Hodder  
1115 Louisiana St.,  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Hodder:-

I have not, I think, replied to your letter of May 7. I wonder if you have heard from Libby. He said, I believe, that he was going to write to you and suggest that you appoint a special committee on the state of the Association, so to speak; in other words, a committee to work out such changes in our ways of doing business as may be desirable; to codify the rules and regulations, and to lay the foundation for a change in management, if desirable.

For my own convenience in interpreting the financial situation of the Association, I have compiled a table showing, as best the data can be worked out from Mrs. Paine's unsystematic reports and budgets, the actual expenditures for 1923-24 and 1924-25, and the budgets for 1924-25 and 1925-26. If you examine this table you will see that the budgets bear very little relationship, either to the actual income and expenditures of the previous year, or those of the year for which the budget is drawn. *copy  
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You state in your letter that you do not see why the editorial allowance should be decreased. I think that I can explain that. Quaife did not take up the work on the Review until some time after the beginning of the last fiscal year, and consequently \$150 were spent for editorial assistance for Chippee. What I do not understand, however, is the actual expenditure of \$112 more or why there should be any allowance for editorial salaries in the current budget. When the Michigan people bought the editorship for Quaife, their offer was that all expense for editorial services would be taken care of. It seems to me that they ought to live up to their bargain.

With reference to a possible secretary, it does not seem to me that location makes a great deal of difference, as the business is practically all transacted by mail anyway. If any place is more suited than any other for the secretary's habitat, it is Chicago, but I do not know of anyone in Chicago who seems exactly to fill the bill unless it is Kellar. He is a very thorough sort of person and is doing a good job as secretary of the Agricul- tural Historical Society. There might be an advantage in combining the secretaryships of these two organizations, and the McCormick Historical Library would make a very convenient headquarters for the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. I have no idea whether or not Kellar would consider the proposition. Boucher is the only other possibility in Chicago I can think of and, to be perfectly frank, I don't entirely trust him.

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I doubt if Schafer would accept the position, although he might if necessary to save the Association. He is in line, of course, for the presidency before long and his election as secretary would complicate the situation. It might be that Miss Kellogg would serve but I presume there would be objections to selecting a woman again.

I am inclined to think that Sharbaugh would accept it and he would certainly run things efficiently. The money which is spent for clerical salaries and commissions would provide a competent assistant so that the work ought to take very little of the secretary's time. As a matter of fact, if no one else could be found to take the place, I would undertake it myself if allowed \$1000 or \$1200 for assistance. I don't want the job and I do not think there is any danger of its coming to me, but I say this to counteract the statement that no one else could be found to do the work as cheaply as Mrs. Paine does it. I believe, moreover, that with an efficient secretariat the income could be materially increased.

With reference to Mrs. Paine's commissions, you may be interested in the following quotation from the minutes of the meeting of the executive committee at which the commissions were authorized. "It was suggested by the finance committee that fifty per cent of the money collected from new membership dues and the sale of publications be additional allowance for clerical work." The minutes go on to state that the suggestion was approved by the executive committee. I do not think myself that the thing should be handled on a commission basis but, if it is to be so done, it seems to me that there should be some more definite and specific rule about it. As it stands, for example, the secretary might claim fifty per cent commission on the dues of new life members, although Mrs. Paine has never done so, I believe.

Sincerely yours

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M. V. H. A. Budgets and Expenditures

	Actual 1923-24	Budget 1924-25	Actual 1924-25	Budget 1925-26
<b>Receipts</b>				
Balance . . . . .	\$ 493.27	\$ 143.75	\$ 143.75	\$ 228.51
Dues . . . . .	3,167.00	3,500.00	3,253.50	3,500.00
Book sales and misc.	397.09	500.00	767.22	600.00
Guarantee . . . . .	850.00	500.00	1,150.00	600.00
Interest . . . . .	79.27		129.22	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,986.63</b>	<b>\$4,643.75</b>	<b>\$5,443.69</b>	<b>\$4,928.51</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>				
Publications . . . . .	\$2,420.49	\$2,400.00	\$3,076.76	\$2,800.00
Clerical salaries . . . . .	780.00	750.00	780.00	750.00
Editorial salaries . . . . .	782.50	150.00	262.00	100.00
Postage . . . . .	156.54	200.00	156.62	200.00
Commissions . . . . .	319.23	200.00	447.03	300.00
Travel . . . . .	172.89	200.00	235.97	200.00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	97.36	250.00	182.58	200.00
Added to savings . . . . .	113.87		69.22	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,842.88</b>	<b>\$4,150.00</b>	<b>\$5,210.18</b>	<b>\$4,550.00</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>143.75</b>	<b>493.75</b>	<b>233.51</b>	<b>378.51</b>
	<b>\$4,986.63</b>	<b>\$4,643.75</b>	<b>\$5,443.69</b>	<b>\$4,928.51</b>

June 13, 1925

Dr. Joseph Schafer  
Wisconsin Historical Society  
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Schafer:-

I believe I promised to write you about the situation in the Mississippi Valley Historical Association as it developed at the meeting. It got postponed, however, along with many other things and I am not sure that this will reach you before your departure for the west.

It is perfectly clear that the Association will not make any progress as it is organized at present. The influential members fall into three classes: Those who are ready to start something along the line of my proposal for "Collections", with the idea that if we once get the thing under way money can be raised to support it; (2) Those who think highly of the plan but are too cautious to approve of starting anything without having the money in sight with which to finish it; and (3) Those who are opposed to the whole idea but do not openly admit their opposition. The second group, I think, is the largest, and the trouble with its position is that it will probably not be possible to raise any money until some new project worth supporting is actually under way.

Mrs. Paine, Quaife, Connelly, & Co., apparently think that the proposition was designed as a subtle attack upon the present editorial arrangement. I soon decided that nothing could be accomplished at present and, as I dislike responsibility without any corresponding authority, I decided not to accept the chairmanship of the executive committee for another year.

After the meeting was all over Hodder told me that he was approached by Connelly and Quaife the night before the meeting began and asked if he would accept the chairmanship. They told him that Mrs. Paine was talking of resigning unless a change was made (apparently I asked too many questions about the administration of the Association). Hodder told them that he thought the best thing to do then would be to let her resign but they contended that no one else could or would do the work without greater expense to the Association. Apparently when they discovered Hodder's attitude toward Mrs. Paine, they dropped the idea of making him chairman. Whether or not they had anyone else in mind I do not know. At the dinner preceding the meeting of the executive committee, I canvassed the situation with a few people and it was arranged that Viles would nominate Hodder for the chairmanship. We were all ignorant of the previous proposition on the part of Quaife and Connelly. Our plan was carried through; Hodder was nominated; I refused to be considered; and Hodder, taken by surprise, was practically forced to accept. I strongly suspect that Mrs. Paine will

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find him fully as troublesome as I have been. I had a long talk with him on the way home and also talked the matter over with Libby. Hodder thinks that someone else should be found for the secretaryship and that the procedure of the Association should be revised and codified. Libby suggested that a special committee be appointed by Hodder to consider these matters. Whether or not this will be done I do not know.

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In view of the statement made last year, when the Michigan people bought the editorship for Quaife, that all expenses for editorial services would be taken care of, you will be interested to note that \$112 was spent last year for editorial salaries after the transfer from Shippee to Quaife and that \$100 is put down in the budget this year for the same purpose. It seems to me that they ought to live up to their bargain.

I do not think it ought to be very difficult to find a competent person who would take the secretaryship without salary, with the understanding that a thousand or twelve hundred dollars be available for office assistance. I should like very much to see the secretary's office in Madison and think that you could handle it very easily if you would do so. The only objection to this arrangement that occurs to me is the fact that you will probably be elected president of the Association in a year or two and that complicates the situation. I should be glad to see Miss Kellogg elected but there might be objections to selecting another woman. Among others whom I have suggested to Hodder as possibilities are Carter, Kellar, and Shambaugh. With reference to Pelzer, there seems to be a feeling on the part of a number that his selection would be unwise. He is said to be extremely sensitive and his relations with Shambaugh are not of the best.

In order to counteract the statement that no one else could be found to do the work as cheaply as Mrs. Paine, I told Hodder that if necessary I would undertake it myself (provided \$1000 or \$1200 were allowed for assistance). I don't want the job, however, and I do not think there is any danger of its coming to me. I do believe, however, that with an efficient secretariat the income of the Association could be materially increased and the way paved to make it a more efficient organization.

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Sincerely yours

B/P

June 23, 1925

Professor C. W. Alvord  
American University Union  
173 Boulevard St. Germain  
Paris, France

Dear Clarence:-

As usual I am somewhat slow in replying to your letter. I think the best way for me to give you an idea of the situation in the M. V. H. A. will be to send you a copy of a letter which I wrote the other day to Schafer. Perhaps you had better read that letter first before you go on with this.

In reply to the letter, Schafer indicated that he agreed with me as to the necessity of reorganization and that he thinks I should take the secretaryship. I have written him that I think it would be easier to get it for someone else and probably more advisable, because I have been rather closely identified with the so-called "academic" element and have antagonized some of the others. I will take it, however, if it is "thrust upon me."

I still hope that some arrangement can be made for publishing the volume of pamphlets and, if the Association can't do it, there are other possibilities. One of these is to have it brought out by a group of state historical agencies in the west. At the Detroit meeting our old Conference of State Historical Agencies in the Upper Mississippi Valley was somewhat expanded by inviting in all directors of state historical work and it was decided to have similar conferences at future meetings of the Association. Our original group is now pretty well accustomed to work together and the Missouri Historical Society under Marshall is ready to join us. I think it would be possible to work out a plan for co-operation in publication on the part of this group. If a plan for the publication of the volume can be worked out, the ideal arrangement, of course, would be for you to finish the editorial work but, if that could not be done, I think that your suggestion of Volwiler is a good one.

I read your article in American Mercury with much interest and hope to have the pleasure of seeing the other one there also. Unfortunately I do not see the English magazines in which your articles have been appearing, with the exception of the Bulletin of the Institute of History.

Our fourth State Historical Convention has just been held at Winona and was very successful. We took about thirty people from here in six cars and a bus; had exercises at the Villa Maria Academy on the site of the old Fort Beauharnois and made one or two other stops on the way. You will be interested to know that Mrs.

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Morris started out to ride with us but found our back seat uncomfortable and transferred to another car.

When we selected Winona we hoped to have a joint convention with Wisconsin at Winona and La Crosse, but the Wisconsin side of it fizzled out. Miss Kellogg came up, however, to give us the principal address and it was a very good one.

The Buck family has acquired a new car -- an Overland two-door sedan. This is somewhat of a come down socially from a Studebaker, but it will serve our needs more satisfactorily than the open car.

I am leaving here the end of this week for Madison where I am to teach in summer school. I expect to put in enough time searching the manuscripts of the Wisconsin Historical Society for Minnesota material to justify the M. H. S. in continuing my salary. The family remains here, but Elizabeth may go down for a week at the end of the term.

I have just learned that Genevieve is in town. Mary has been somewhat perturbed as to what had become of her but doubtless all is now well. I trust that you will take good care of Mary while she is there and see that nothing happens to divert her permanently from our editorial staff.

Have I told you that Elizabeth and I, (mainly Elizabeth) have written a book entitled "Stories of Early Minnesota" which is to be published by Macmillans. It will be out in the fall and is designed for use in the fourth grades. Elizabeth is very busy just now selecting illustrations for it. If she knew I were writing to you, she would want to join me in sending our love to you and address.

Sincerely yours

B/P

FRANK HEYWOOD HODDER  
1115 LOUISIANA STREET  
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

December 23.

1925

My dear Buck:

This note is intended to reach you in time to wish you and Mrs. Buck and the little bucks A Merry Christmas but I am afraid that with the heavy mails it may not reach in time. I have been owing you a letter a long time. It takes only a little thing to keep me from writing a letter and when your letter came I did not know whether you were up in the Dakotas or over at Madison. He who hesitates is lost. What there is to say I will talk over with you in Ann Arbor if you come down. I would not go over did I not have to look for a man to take Davis's place for the second semester. We have received no program here as yet. I think it is scandalous and do not know what to make of it. All that I know is that the meeting begins Monday but I do not know what time Monday. I suppose there is no occasion for an executive committee meeting and possibly there will not be enough there for one. Mrs. Paine drew \$250 in commissions besides her \$60 per month. It gave me an awful paine. I do not see any way out except to get someone to take the job for the expense of running the office. Or think that Carter is the best bet but the thing will have to be set up. I have tried to have a talk with Connelley about it in order to break it gently but have not succeeded.

Cordially yours,

Frank Heywood Hodder

January 6, 1926

Prof. Frank H. Hodder  
1115 Louisiana Street  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Hodder:-

Your letter of December 23 reached me, as I told you at Ann Arbor, just before I left and was read with much interest. I don't know as there is anything we can do about the situation in the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. Certainly the Association will never make any progress under its present management, but there seems to be no one who is willing or in a position to take the lead in bringing about a change. Certainly I can do nothing in the matter until next year at least. It was very amusing at the meeting of the executive committee to see the watchdogs of the treasury attempt to prevent the expenditure of any money except for their purposes.

I trust that you have fully recovered from the cold which you were "enjoying" at Ann Arbor. I picked up one just before I left there but got over it in a few days.

Sincerely yours

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Feb. 28, 1926

Dr. Frank H. Hodder,  
Lawrence, Kas.

My dear Dr. Hodder:

I have your letter of the 17th and note what you say regarding commissions.

You must certainly understand that I would not have been following this procedure if it was not the plan agreed upon. It was voted after due deliberation on the part of the executive committee and stated in the Proceedings.

There is no doubt in my mind but that you very much underestimate the work of the Association. You do not appreciate the time and thought that is necessary to make it the going organization that it has become. I do not wish to talk of my own work but it has received much commendation.

You suggest that a stipulated sum be allowed the secretary. That has been done. \$15 a week was allowed, about \$750 a year. This is \$250 less than was expended for clerical work every year for many years previous to the time I took hold. That is a small sum to pay for the mechanical work, the daily pounding of the typewriter, book keeping, etc. The work was not given to me as a favor and I made no suggestions regarding remuneration but accepted exactly what was offered.

Upon the death of my husband I took hold because I felt I knew more about the work than anyone else and I was more interested because of my husband's interest. The  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the dues of new members was intended as compensation for the work of increasing the membership. In order to increase the income of the Association it was voted to allow  $\frac{1}{2}$  the sale of publications.

Your suggestion that orders for sets come without solicitation is amusing to me. You have never sold books or you would know differently and it makes very little difference how desirable the books. I worked for years trying out many ways of selling sets and had very indifferent success. I learned by experience, however, and last year got rather better results. This year I put forth every effort of which I was capable. I employed assistance for which I myself paid, of course. I have added a good deal this year to the financial success of the Association. I have not received a penny that I have not rightly earned. One library refused six times to enroll as a member or purchase the publications. My last appeal a few months ago brought results.

The mail of the Association is heavy. A few remit dues promptly but it is necessary to keep after every member in a

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diplomatic way in order to keep the membership dues paid. The book keeping is quite an item also, as well as the general correspondence.

The Association has become my hobby but I need the money I have been able to earn or I would not pound the typewriter night after night until after midnight. I would employ a stenographer and save myself much physical fatigue.

In regard to the time of meeting of the executive committee in Springfield, will say that it is hard to please everybody. We have set the hour for one o'clock and the session to begin at 2.30. If we are prompt I think we ought to get through by the time the session begins.

Please sign the enclosed vouchers for February and return. I hope you will pardon this long letter.

Sincerely yours,

*Clara S. Paine*  
Secretary



# Mississippi Valley Historical Association

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April 6, 1926

To the Members of the Executive Committee  
Mississippi Valley Historical Association:

For your information the following report is submitted by the Secretary-Treasurer:

As you will remember this Association, at the meeting in Detroit, adopted a resolution that we urge Congress to make the appropriation authorized by the Act approved by the president, March 2nd, 1925, relating to territorial papers; that the papers be published as a unified collection, etc. In November a letter, embodying the resolution, was sent to members of Congress from a checked list furnished by Mr. Coleman, author of the resolution. A majority of the letters was acknowledged by the members of Congress or their secretaries. Note further action regarding these papers in December.

The minutes of the meeting of the executive committee at Ann Arbor, not having been submitted to all members for approval, are included herewith.

"The Mississippi Valley Historical Association held the usual joint session with the American Historical Association, Dec. 30th, at 3:30 P.M., chairman C.B. Coleman.

At six o'clock the Association convened at dinner with about 200 present. Mr. Woodburn, president, presiding. Dr. Nathaniel Stephenson of Yale University Press read a paper on John C. Calhoun. 1812 and after Dr. Tyler Dennett of the Division of Publication of the Department of State spoke upon the recent legislation pertaining to territorial papers.

The executive committee and others met after the program in informal discussion of the legislation regarding the territorial papers and it was voted that the executive committee be requested to consider taking some steps to extend the scope of the movement, and, if possible, secure the printing of these papers

After an extended discussion of methods by Messrs. Barker, Quaife, Dennett, Woodburn and others, the members of the executive committee went into executive session upon the call of the chairman, Mr. Hodder. Those present and voting were: Woodburn, Hodder, Schafer, Barker, Buck, Bond, Hicks, Quaife, Paine. It was voted that a committee of three be appointed with Mr. Woodburn, chairman, and that the committee be authorized and directed to make a study of the problems involved in the project and take such action as might be needed, reporting to the executive committee at the next meeting. It was voted that the expense of the committee be allowed up to \$50. The committee in addition to Dr. Woodburn included John D. Oliver and Joseph Schafer.

It was voted that the annual meeting be held May 6-8 according to the wishes of the local committee of arrangements in Springfield."

The Program Committee, appointed to prepare the program for the mid year meeting, Mr. C.B. Coleman, chairman, Dr C.S. Boucher and Mrs. C.S. Paine, was continued for the program for the annual meeting. Final copy has been prepared by Mr. Coleman and is in the hands of the printers. A notice of the date and place of meeting has been sent to every member and the programs will be distributed in good season.

The chairman of the Local Committee of Arrangements is Dr. Otto L. Schmidt of Chicago and the secretary, Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber of the Illinois Historical Society, Springfield.

The Committee on Nominations is William O. Lynch, Bloomington, Ind., Louis Pelzer, Iowa City, William E. Connelley, Topeka.

Committee on Cooperation in Historical Work was continued with Herbert A. Kellar, chairman.

Committee on Special Publications, continued, Solon J. Buck, chairman.

Finances: The question which most concerns the executive committee and the officers of the Association is the financial condition. While the past twelve months have not been considered a very prosperous period in general the Association has just completed on March 31st the best year it has ever had. Every bill is paid and there is a balance on hand of about \$1,000. The books are in the hands of the auditor and the financial statement will show details of the year's receipts and disbursements.

Review: The cost of printing the Review, volume 12, was about \$2452. The size of the Review has been much increased and the last volume is as large as the Review and the extra number, printed as Proceedings, combined.

Volume 8 of the Review contained 420 pages and no Proceedings were printed that year. Volume 9, Review, contained 363 pages and the Proceedings, 121 pages, a total of 484. Volume 10, Review, contained 495 pages and the Proceedings for that year, 164 pages. Volumes 11 and 12, Review, have 632 pages each. A list of members was printed in April, 1924, and the same might be done to advantage the coming year.

The Review has been entered recently as second class matter from Lincoln as well as from Cedar Rapids and this has made a very great saving in postage the past few months. The change in postal regulation last May made it impossible to mail at second class rate except at the general mailing from Cedar Rapids. A Review that could be sent to New York or any place in the United States for 3 cents required 19 cents to mail to New York. The same number would go to Germany for 7 cents.

New Members: 116 new members have been added the past year including one life member, Sister Mary Angela Brennan, Omaha, who writes under the name of Gilbert Guest. No members have been solicited this year under the annual dues of \$3 and to the few old and new members who have paid the minimum dues it has been carefully explained that an amendment was pending to the constitution which, if adopted, would make all dues \$5 after June 1926. An especial effort has been made to enroll libraries this year and to persuade them to purchase the complete files of the Proceedings and Review. More Libraries should be upon our mailing list.

They do not cancel or die. Total membership is 915 of which number 334 are libraries.

Amendment: It has been recommended that Article VI of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Anyone contributing one thousand dollars or more to the permanent fund of the association shall be enrolled as a patron. A similar contribution of one hundred dollars shall entitle the contributor to be enrolled as a life member. The annual dues shall be five dollars.

The coming meeting in Springfield, Ill. is the 19th annual meeting of this Association which was organized in Lincoln, Nebr., Oct 17 and 18, 1907 by seven men. A second meeting was held Dec. 28th of the same year in Madison, Wis. and the organization perfected. An annual meeting has been held in the spring of each year and next year will be the 20th anniversary of the beginning of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. Listed below is the date and place of each meeting and name of the president.

	1907, Oct. 17-18	Lincoln, Nebr.	Francis A. Sampson, Columbia, Mo.
	Dec. 28	Madison, Wis.	
(1)	1908, June 22-23	Lake Minnetanka, Minn.	
		Thomas M. Owen, Montgomery, Ala.	
(2)	1909, June 17-19	St. Louis, Mo.	
		Clarence W. Alvord, Urbana, Ill.	
(3)	1910, May 25-27	Iowa City, Ia.	
		Orin G. Libby, Grand Forks, N.D.	
(4)	1911, May 18-20	Chicago & Evanston, Ill.	
		Benjamin F. Shambaugh, Iowa City.	
(5)	1912, May 23-25	Bloomington, Ind.	
		Andrew C. McLaughlin, Chicago, Ill.	
(6)	1913, May 8-10	Omaha, Nebr.	
		Reuben Gold Thwaites, Madison, Wis.	
(7)	1914, May 26-28	Grand Forks, N.D.	
		James A. James, Evanston, Ill.	
(8)	1915, Apr. 22-24	New Orleans, La.	
		Isaac J. Cox, Cincinnati, Ohio.	
(9)	1916, Apr. 27-29	Nashville, Tenn.	
		Dunbar Rowland, Jackson, Miss.	
(10)	1917, Apr. 26-28	Chicago, Ill.	
		Frederick L. Paxson, Madison, Wis.	
(11)	1918, May 9-11	St. Paul, Minn.	
		St. George L. Sioussat, Nashville, Tenn.	
(12)	1919, May 8-10	St. Louis, Mo.	
		Harlow Lindly, Richmond, Ind.	
(13)	1920, Apr. 29-May 1	Greencastle, Ind.	
		Milo M. Quaife, Madison, Wis.	
(14)	1921, Apr. 14-16	Madison, Wis.	
		Chauncey S. Boucher, St. Louis, Mo.	
(15)	1922, May 11-13	Iowa City, Ia.	
		William E. Connelley, Topeka, Kas.	
(16)	1923, Mar. 29-31	Oklahoma City, Okla.	
		Solon J. Buck, St. Paul, Minn.	
(17)	1924, May 1-3	Louisville, Ky.	
		Eugene C. Barker, Austin, Texas.	
(18)	1925, Apr. 30-May 1	Detroit, Mich.	
		Frank H. Hodder, Lawrence, Kas.	

Note--Residence of presidents given at time of election.

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Invitations are on file from Cincinnati, Ohio and New Orleans, La., for the annual meeting in 1927. An invitation has also recently been received from Memphis, Tenn.

The following deaths have been reported the past year: William Jennings Bryan, Mrs. J.M. Campbell of Grand Rapids, Mich., Isaac W. Carpenter, Omaha, John T. Christian, New Orleans, Henry D. Funk, St. Paul, Minn., Paul F. Peck, Grinnell, Iowa, Rt. Rev. Edwin G. Weed, Jacksonville, Fla.

The secretary was honored by an invitation last July to attend The Upper Missouri Historical Expedition, planned by the president of the Great Northern Railroad and the states of Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota "To commemorate fittingly the notable explorations and discoveries of several distinguished pathfinders of the Great Northwest".

Respectfully submitted,

*Clara S. Paine*

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2	Arizona	3	New Mexico
5	Arkansas	44	New York
19	California	5	North Carolina
13	Colorado	7	North Dakota
5	Connecticut	54	Ohio
6	Florida	19	Oklahoma
10	Georgia	3	Oregon
2	Idaho	32	Pennsylvania
93	Illinois	4	Rhode Island
54	Indiana	1	South Carolina
59	Iowa	12	South Dakota
17	Kansas	18	Tennessee
29	Kentucky	38	Texas
19	Louisiana	4	Utah
3	Maine	2	Vermont
6	Maryland	5	Virginia
36	Massachusetts	9	Washington, D.C.
46	Michigan	5	Washington
37	Minnesota	12	West Virginia
3	Mississippi	41	Wisconsin
42	Missouri	6	Wyoming
6	Montana	16	Canada
30	Nebraska	7	England
1	Nevada	4	France
7	New Hampshire	.1	Germany
5	New Jersey	1	Peru
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June 11, 1926

To the members of the Executive  
Committee of the Mississippi  
Valley Historical Association:

It is necessary to settle the question as to where the annual meeting will be held in 1927. Therefore please register your vote for your choice of the following places.

Cincinnati.....Date....April 28-30, 1927

Memphis.....Date.... to be decided

New Orleans.....Date.... to be decided

Cincinnati--Dr. Bond has offered an urgent invitation on behalf of the University of Cincinnati, the Historical and Philosophical Society, the Chamber of Commerce. These organizations agree to print the programs and defray all incidental expenses of the meeting. The University will entertain the Association at luncheon and will probably invite some distinguished speaker to address the Association. The Hotel Sinton offers a special rate of \$2.50 room with bath.

Memphis--The Chamber of Commerce presented the first invitation for Memphis which has been supplemented by invitations from the Goodwyn Institute and the Cossitt Library. They offer to meet the necessary requirements to bring the Association to Memphis.

New Orleans--Mr. Wm. O. Hart presented a most urgent invitation on behalf of the Louisiana Historical Society to meet in New Orleans. Mr. Hart has the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce, of the Department of Public Affairs, the educational institutions including Tulane University. Mr. Hart states that everything will be done to make the meeting a success from a social, educational, and historical standpoint.

Railroad rates from all parts of the country to New Orleans will be about one and one half fare for the round trip. These are the regular winter rates and will not necessitate a certificate plan or a specified attendance.

Yours truly,

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To the Members of the Mississippi  
Valley Historical Association:

The minutes of the business transacted  
at the recent annual meeting held in Springfield, Ill.,  
are submitted to you as a member of the executive  
committee. Please approve or correct and return to the  
secretary.

Yours truly,

*Clara S. Paine*

Secretary-Treasurer.

June 23, 1926

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

My dear Mrs. Paine:

On my return from a trip through the West, I find your letters of June 11 and enclosure. I have no changes to suggest in the minutes and am returning them to you herewith. ✓

As for the place of meeting I shall vote, with some hesitation, for New Orleans. Cincinnati is my second choice and I think probably we should go there in 1928 if we do not go in 1927. I very much doubt the advisability of meeting in Memphis under present conditions.

Sincerely yours,

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