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MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Office of the Chairman of the Executive Committee

St. Paul, October 11, 1923

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

Most of you have doubtless heard by this time of the resignation of Mr. Alvord as editor of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review occasioned by the fact that he is leaving for England, where he expects to spend the next two years or more in research and writing.

The original appointment of Mr. Alvord to this position was made by the executive committee of the Association and it would seem that his successor should be named in the same way. The following procedure has been decided upon, therefore, in consultation with Mr. Barker, the president of the Association, subject, of course, to revision if it does not meet with the approval of the committee: Mr. Shippee of the University of Minnesota, who was appointed assistant managing editor last March and who, for several years before, had taken charge of the sections of the Review devoted to book reviews and news and comment, will serve as acting managing editor until the next annual meeting of the Association. In the meantime, a sub-committee of three members of the executive committee will be appointed to canvass the situation thoroughly, giving all members of the executive committee and of the board of editors an opportunity to make suggestions; and, finally, to make a nomination to the committee at its regular meeting in the spring.

In order that this sub-committee may be satisfactory to the members of the executive committee, you are asked to indicate your choice for members of this committee. A list of all the members of the executive committee is enclosed herewith, which can be returned to me with your preferences checked. An indication of your choice for chairman of the committee will also be appreciated. As soon as the returns are in, they will be canvassed, and the wishes of the majority of the members of the executive committee will be followed so far as is possible in naming the sub-committee.

I trust that you will give this matter your attention as promptly as possible, as the sooner the committee is appointed, the more thorough can be its canvass of the situation.

Sincerely yours

Chairman, Executive Committee

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Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul

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April 6, 1923

Mrs. Clara S. Paine
Lincoln, Nebraska

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

Mr. Shippee, Mr. Buck, and I have been talking over the situation here at the University of Minnesota, and have reached the conclusion that one of the difficulties with the editorial office is lack of assistance. I have come to realize how much work was done by the various members of my staff at the University of Illinois and feel the lack of that skilled help very much. We are also agreed that from the present financial situation of the Association, it might be possible to secure the sum of \$375 to be added to the \$225 given by the University of Minnesota, thus creating a \$500 assistanceship which would give us all the assistance that is required.

I am writing to you for your opinion on the subject. It certainly would make things go a great deal more easily if I could have half time of some person to look after matters; so please do figure the budget over very carefully with this in mind.

There are certain expenses that would be saved. Mrs. Buck, for instance, has been obliged to pay for the services of a collator in reading proof and Miss Wheelhouse has occasionally been obliged to secure the services of a typist and collator. Also, we were obliged to pay extra for making an index last year and this year, it will probably be more. This would be saved so that the extra expense undoubtedly would not be more than \$250, and, very probably, some less.

I enclose a voucher for expenses.

Sincerely yours

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Extract from a letter from Mr. Alvord to Mrs. Paine
dated April 20, 1923

I think I overestimated the extra cost of an assistant. We should pay the assistant \$275.00. We are paying now about \$100.00 for the copying of an index every year so the extra expense would be only \$175.00.

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The University of Chicago

Department of History

Oct. 13, 1923.

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

My dear friend, Buck:

Your communication of the 11th regarding the Managing Editorship of the Review just reached me. The plan of procedure suggested by you seems entirely proper and fair.

My choice for the sub-committee is as follows:

Solon J. Buck, chairman; St. George L. Sioussat; Arthur C. Cole.

We have certainly reached a critical stage in the career of the Review, and it seems to me that its very fate is bound up in the selection of Alvord's successor. We must have a man of maturity and ripeness of scholarship with a well-established reputation as a scholar and editor throughout the profession. If we do not secure such a man the Review is sure to go down and eventually out.

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely,

C. S. Baucher

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W. C. COCHRAN
~~24 G. C. COCHRAN STREET~~
WASHINGTON

No. 100 B.St., N.E.,
Washington, D.C.

Oct. 18, 1923.

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

Dear Sir:-

Yours of 11th inst., with enclosure was forwarded to me from Cincinnati.

I am glad Mr. Alvord is to have two years for research and writing in England. We may hear more of the Georges and other interesting-- if not altogether pleasing---makers of history.

I am sorry to lose his editorship of the Mississippi Valley Historical Magazine. We must shift the responsibility to some other capable and equally willing person.

I have indicated as my choice for the special committee, Messrs. Connelley, Buck and Shambaugh and recommend the latter for chairman.

I shall be at work here in Washington for some six weeks to come and can be reached at the address given at the head of this letter.

With best wishes for yourself and all members of The M.V. H.A., I am

Yours sincerely,

W. C. Cochran

OCT 20 1923

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

October 18, 1923

Dear Buck:

In reply to your communication of October 11th in reference to a sub-committee on nominations for filling the managing editorship of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review, I would submit the following names:

Solon J. Buck, Chairman

Eugene C. Barker

Harlow Lindley

When the committee is appointed I would be pleased to make suggestions for filling the position at the proper time -- if such suggestions should be desired by the committee.

Very cordially yours,

Bryant T. Shaubough
Superintendent

Dr. Solon J. Buck

Minnesota Historical Society

St. Paul, Minn.

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THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MISSOURI
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
COLUMBIA

October 20, 1923.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I am returning your list of members of the Executive Committee and have checked Lindley, Connelley, and Fuller for the sub-committee. I have indicated Lindley as my preference for Chairman.

Sincerely,

Floyd S. Shoemaker
Secretary.

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Madison Wis

Oct 20, 1923

Dear Mr. Bush:

In members of the committee

I suggest Messrs Connelley,
Trinity, and Fuller.

Very Truly Yours,

Wm W. Graff

2110 Chamberlain Ave

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KANSAS
STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WILLIAM E. CONNELLEY, SECRETARY
TOPEKA

October 22, 1923

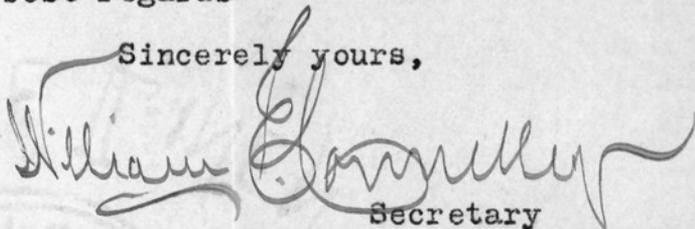
Dr. Solon J Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Dr. Buck:-

In reply to your favor of the 11th inst. I am returning you the list of the Executive Committee with my selections checked. They are Dr. Lindley, Dr. Fuller, and my old time friend Shoemaker of Missouri.

I think your plan is the best one that could be devised to settle this matter. With best regards

Sincerely yours,


Secretary

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

Oct. 25, 1923

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

I desire to vote for the following men
as members of the committee to consider the selection
of a managing editor for the Review.

Harlow Lindley, Indiana Historical Commission, Indianapolis

Chauncey S. Boucher, Univ. of Chicago

William E. Connelley, Topeka

Yours truly,

Clara S. Paine

OCT 30 1923

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT
MALLERS BUILDING
5 S. WABASH AVE. CHICAGO

Oct. 28, 1923.

Dr. Tolson J. Bueh,

Chairman of the Executive Committee

of the Mississippi Valley Hist. Association.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor of submitting the

following three names for membership on the Sub-Committee for Nominations of Editor: William E. Connelley, George M. Fuller, and Harlow Lindley.

Yours very truly,

O. L. Schmidt

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UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA
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HISTORY

November 2, 1923.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

I am sorry that you had to jog my memory in the matter of your request for suggestions as to the committee which you intend to nominate with reference to the selection of a successor to Dr. Alvord. As a matter of fact, I had just brought your first letter out to answer when the second came.

I think part of my delay has been due to the subconscious feeling that inasmuch as the Executive Committee would have a chance to pass on the suggestions for nomination later, the appointment of this committee of three might very well be left to the chairman. I suppose that all of the members of the Executive Committee are, in a sense, qualified to serve on such a sub-committee but I feel that the appointees should be men who would have in mind as the first necessity of the situation the resolution to keep the standard of the Review up to the high level set by Mr. Alvord. My chief fear is that a new editor may try to make it more popular in an unfortunate sense.

If you wish definite suggestions, I should say that with you yourself acting ex-officio, any two selected from Messrs. Quaife, Boucher, Sharpbaugh and Cole would, I feel sure, make a good sub-committee.

With assurance of my warm regards and regret for my delay, I am

Cordially yours,

Alfred S. Souders

Dec. 1923

To the Members of the Executive Committee and the Board of Editors of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association

The undersigned, having been elected your sub-committee to make recommendations for the managing editorship of the Review, would like to receive suggestions from each member of the executive committee and of the board of editors. The following has been drawn up as a tentative statement of the qualifications which seem to be essential.

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First and foremost the man selected for the position should have high ideals of scholarship and of literary excellence in order that the Review may maintain its present high standards. He must also be a man of sufficient tact and business ability to enable him to maintain relations with editors, contributors, reviewers, ~~and~~ those whose books are reviewed, the printers, and the members of the Association generally. He should be in a position to devote a reasonable amount of time to the work, which practically means that he must be connected with some institution which will relieve him from part of his work for that institution without relieving him of any of his salary. Finally he must be so located that he and his editorial assistants have access to a large collection of books and periodicals in the field of American history, and to a depository catalogue of Library of Congress cards, in order that references may be checked up and revised without delay.

The co-operation of the institution with which the editor is connected would seem to be particularly important. In the case of Professor Alvord, the University of Minnesota not only gave him a very light teaching program but also supplied him with stenographic service and with the part time assistance of a graduate student to look after the handling of books for review, exchanges, etc. The Association is not yet in a position to pay for these services and it can hardly be expected that the editor will do them himself or pay for them out of his own pocket.

Please write fully about any possible candidates for the position and address your reply to the chairman of the sub-committee, in care of the Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul. The committee will consider it as confidential.

Very truly yours

Wm. E. Connelley
Harlow Lindley
Solon J. Buck, Chairman

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The Mississippi Valley Historical Review

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MANAGING EDITORS:
CLARENCE W. ALVORD
LESTER B. SHIPPEE

December 27, 1923.

My dear Mr. Buck,

I wish to present for your consideration as managing editor of the Mississippi valley historical review the name of Professor Thomas M. Marshall of Washington University, St. Louis.

It seems to me that Professor Marshall has as many of the qualifications which you enumerate in your rather formidable list as any one person is likely to have, judging from a knowledge of his work as a student, rather than from personal acquaintance with him. I think there can be no question about his scholarship; located at St. Louis he has access to large libraries and to a depository catalog of the Library of Congress cards at the St. Louis Public Library. His connection with a reputable university meets another of the desiderata you mention.

I am, of course, unable to state whether Professor Marshall's relations with the university could be so arranged as to allow him the requisite time for the editorial work, nor can I speak from personal acquaintance as to his tact in handling the various people the editorship would bring in touch with him.

Very truly yours,

Lester B. Shippee

Mr. S. J. Buck, Chairman,
Sub-committee on editorship of Review,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
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HISTORY DEPARTMENT



December 31, 1923.

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Minneapolis.

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Please use this letter in a confidential manner. I have been very frank, but I see no other way. You and your colleagues on the committee ought to have all the cards on the table. I regretted exceedingly that you were not at Columbus.

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T. M. Marshall

JAN 4 1924

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

January 2, 1924

Dear Buck:

I had hoped to see you at Columbus and discuss with you the problem of filling the position of Managing Editor of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review.

The qualifications set forth in your letter of December 20th constitute an ideal which we should have in mind in making the selection. I doubt, however, whether we would be able to find anyone who would measure up to all of the qualifications mentioned.

There is one matter in connection with the appointment that I had hoped to discuss with you in some detail. I refer to the financial contribution which might be made by the institution with which the Managing Editor is connected. It seems to me that the editorial and proof reading assistance, as well as stenographic assistance, might well come from the institution with which the Managing Editor happens to be connected. It has seemed to me that the Mississippi Valley Historical Association has been paying more than the Association could afford for such assistance. I do not mean to suggest that the assistance is not worth what it has cost the Association. On the contrary, I do not think that such service has been adequately compensated. My point is that we should, if possible, choose a Managing Editor who could secure such assistance from the institution with which he is connected in order that the Association might be relieved of the expense.

In this connection I recall that the first seven volumes of the Proceedings of the Association were edited and published without one cent of expense to the Association in the way of editorial assistance, proof reading, stenographic work, and the like.

Very cordially yours,

Bryant A. Shambaugh
Superintendent

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

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THE REGISTRY OFFICE

The University of Oklahoma
Norman, Oklahoma

January 3, 1924.

Mrs. Clarence S. Payne,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Mrs. Payne:

I should like for Mr. Buck to accept the editorship of the Review if he can. The only other name that I can suggest is that of Mr. C. S. Boucher of the University of Chicago.

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My dear Mr. Buck:

Replying specifically to your letter of December 20th in reference to filling the managing editorship of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review, I wish to say that I am confident that Mr. Solon J. Buck of the Minnesota Historical Society meets the qualifications set forth in the letter referred to.

I am making this suggestion in writing to both Mr. Connelley and Mr. Lindley.

Very sincerely yours,

Bry. F. Shambaugh
Superintendent

Mr. Solon J. Buck

Minnesota Historical Society

St. Paul, Minn.

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January 7th, 1924

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I enclose a letter which has been sent direct to me in order I suppose to protect you from personal embarrassment. However, it seems to me all this data should be filed in one place, and the logical place of course is with the Chairman of the Committee, so I am forwarding the communication on to you.

I shall be very willing to assume the responsibility of presenting to the Committee the suggestions contained therewith when the time comes for the Committee to meet.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

I am

Very sincerely

Harlow Lindley
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Professor Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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*For letter to
M.H.S. file
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Professor Solon J. Buck - 2

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Theodore C. Peare

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The University of Texas
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Is any consideration being given to the question of broadening the scope of the Review? I am inclined to oppose it for two reasons: (1) It will probably arouse some opposition; and (2) the Valley is wide enough to bring most topics within the sphere of the Review. They either happen in the Valley or begin or end in it or pass through it. In other words, I think we can appropriately include nearly as much without formally changing the scope as we can by expanding.

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Sincerely yours,

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How Miss Paine

Jan. 19, 1924

Dr. C.S. Boucher
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Boucher:

In reply to your letter will say that I attach to this letter the cost of the editorial work upon the Review since its beginning in 1914. These figures include editorial work, postage, letterheads for the editorial office and all incidental expenses.

Dr. Alvord never received any salary and only about \$25 a year for book postage and incidental expenses when he was with the University of Illinois. After removing to Minneapolis he requested the budget to include \$50 a month for editorial work and around \$30 a year for postage, etc. Of this \$50 per month 1/2 was paid to Miss Wheelhouse and 1/2 to Mrs. Buck for the editorial work upon the Review. When the Proceedings were issued as an extra number he asked that \$100 additional be allowed. The cost of making the index for vol. IX was in addition also.

After Mr. Shippee was made assistant managing editor and Dr. Alvord knew he was to leave Minnesota he requested me to include an additional \$250 in the budget for Mr. Shippee. Since I knew several of the guaranters had stated that they were not to be counted upon for this year I ventured to say to Mr. Alvord that I did not see how this amount could be added then but if it was possible later I would add it to the budget and submit it to the finance committee. This was the reason I did not present the budget until the December meeting. I did not include this \$250 in the budget nor the \$100 extra for the Proceedings thinking that the Proceedings might not be ready before the annual meeting. The budget called for \$600 for the Review and \$50 incidental expense.

The letter you saw from Dr. Buck, which should have come to me before the meeting of the executive committee meeting, asked that \$150 be allowed for the editorial work upon the Proceedings now in preparation stating that the editorial work upon each Review was \$150 and that the Proceedings were more work than a single issue of the Review.

While Mr. Alvord was in Illinois we paid for editorial work at the rate of 50 cents per hour. Miss Wheelhouse went from Illinois to Minnesota with Mr. Alvord. She is very competent but did not have time in Minnesota to do all the editorial work so Mrs. Buck took over half of it.

I am not a judge of what is a fair price for editorial work and I am only concerned about being able to raise sufficient money each year to meet the necessary expenses. I do think Dr. Buck's letter to the members of the executive committee was misleading. From his letter anyone would infer that the Association was under very great obligations to the University of Minnesota for the expense of editing the Review and that we paid out little or nothing from our treasury.

I will be glad to give you any further information that is in my power.

Yours very truly,

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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Jan. 28, 1924.

Solon J. Buck, Wm. E. Connelley, Harlow Lindley,
Sub-Committee to make recommendation for the
managing editorship of the Review.

Gentlemen:

Permit me to state at once that my interest in the selection of a Managing Editor of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review is centered on two points: first, the maintenance of a high editorial standard, and secondly, the financial security of the M. V. H. Association. I am not interested in seeing the editorship go to any particular man, and am not interested in having the Review attached to any particular institution.

In considering the selection of a permanent managing editor for the Review, certain facts which are a matter of record should be faced. While Mr. Alvord was managing editor and located at the University of Illinois, he never received any salary and drew from the Association only about \$25 a year for book postage and incidental expenses; of course he had to hire some editorial assistance, and the average cost to the Association for editorial work during those fiscal years, 1914-15 to 1919-20 inclusive, was \$341.84 per year. After removing to Minneapolis Mr. Alvord requested that the budget include \$50 a month for editorial expense, and about \$30 a year for postage, etc. Of this \$50 per month one-half was to be paid to Miss Mary Wheelhouse, who had been trained by Mr. Alvord at Illinois and went with him to Minnesota, and one-half to Mrs. Solon J. Buck for the editorial work upon the Review. When the Proceedings were issued as an extra number, Mr. Alvord asked that \$100 additional be allowed. The cost of making the index for Vol. IX was in addition also. The result has been that the average cost to the Association for editorial work during the fiscal years, 1920-1921 to 1922-23 inclusive, has been \$676.72 per year. Thus, during the first six years while the Review headquarters were at Illinois, the cost to the Association for editorial work averaged \$341.84 per year; during the last three years, since the Review headquarters have been at Minnesota, the cost to the Association for editorial work has averaged \$676.72 per year--almost double. This is editorial expense; not printing expense.

After Mr. Shippee was made assistant managing editor and Mr. Alvord knew that he was to leave Minnesota, the request was made that an additional \$250 be placed in the budget for Mr. Shippee. Mrs. Paine, the secretary-treasurer, knowing that several of the guarantors had stated that they were not to be counted upon for this year, suggested that the additional expense could not safely be added. Still more recently, just before the meeting of the executive committee at the Columbus meeting last December, Mr. Buck asked that \$150 be allowed for the editorial work upon the Proceedings now in preparation, stating that the editorial work upon each Review was \$150 and that the Proceedings were more work than a single issue of the Review.

Accordingly, with the Review headquarters at Minnesota the editorial expense is to be \$600 for four numbers of the Review and \$150 more for the Proceedings; and if a salary of \$250 for the managing editor, which has been requested, is to be added,

CHAUNCEY B. BARKER
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

the editorial expense account will be \$1000 per year. If the Association had plenty of money, and if editorial services could be remunerated at their worth, that would not be an unreasonable figure. But, in its present financial condition the Association cannot carry such a burden, and will have to rely on donated editorial service together with financial cooperation by some institution for part of the funds which editorial assistants are compensated.

It seems, therefore, that the location of the Review headquarters at Minnesota has proven not an advantage but a decided financial liability to the Association, and that an effort should be made to place the editorial headquarters at an institution which will give financial cooperation--taking for granted that this can be done without any sacrifice in editorial standards.

At least two possible arrangements are available which, I believe, would not entail any sacrifice in editorial standards and which would lighten the financial burden.

My first suggestion is to elect Professor E. C. Barker, of the University of Texas, managing editor. He is a scholar of the highest standards and very remarkable attainments, and has had long, varied and successful editorial experience. If he were elected he would resign from the managing editorship of the Southwestern Historical Quarterly, which would be taken over by Professor C. W. Ramsdell. Professor Barker could get able editorial assistants and the editorial expense could be kept within \$600, and possibly less. Barker is my first choice.

Secondly, Professor Louis Pelzer of Iowa could be elected. He is an able and careful scholar, thoroughly efficient, always faithful to the Association in attendance at meetings, and has a pleasing personality. I have been assured by his colleagues that the State University of Iowa would cooperate financially, and that the departmental budget would take care of compensation for editorial assistance. Here, too, the editorial expense to the Association could be kept below \$600.

Neither one of these men is an active candidate for the position, so far as I know, and I have not received any prompting from either one of them. In the event of the election of either one of them, I think that editorial standards of the Review would suffer no set-back, and the financial load of the Association would certainly be lightened.

Let me state again in conclusion that I am not interested in any individual and am not interested in any institution, but am interested simply in the welfare of the Review and the Association.

Yours truly,

C. S. Boucher

Member of the Executive Committee
of the Association, and of the
Board of Editors of the Review.

From Mrs. Paine

Feb. 28, 1924

Dr. C. S. Boucher
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Boucher:

I have your letter dated Jan. 28th which you sent to the members of the special committee. About a month ago Dr. Buck wrote to me and quoted from this letter of yours. He seems not to have known about the request for the \$250 although Mr. Alvord, in his letter, states that he had consulted with "Shippee and Buck."

"After Mr. Shippee was made assistant managing editor and Mr. Alvord knew he was to leave Minnesota, the request was made that an additional \$250 be placed in the budget for Mr. Shippee." Mr. Buck objects to the statement that it was for Mr. Shippee. I find that Mr. Alvord says for "assistantship" in his letter. Mr. Buck also does not believe that at the time the request was made Mr. Alvord knew he was leaving Minnesota. The meeting in Oklahoma City was held March 29-31 and Mr. Alvord made the request for the increase on April 6th. Mr. Shippee was made assistant managing editor at the meeting in Okl. City.

Mr. Buck also says that he did not ask for \$150 for the Proceedings but that he only called attention to the fact that the budget that I had offered did not carry an adequate amount for the editorial work on the Proceedings. "It is fully as much of a job to get out the Proceedings as any single number of the Review, the allowance for which averages \$150." As I explained to you I omitted the \$100 always allowed for the Proceedings thinking that the bill would hardly be presented before the annual meeting and would come in next year's budget.

Upon looking up the matter I find that \$50 instead of \$30 has been set aside for postage and miscellaneous expense of the editorial office the past two years. The actual expense has not been quite that sum, however.

With these explanations you can judge whether there is anything incorrect in the letter you sent out. If you send a letter to the other members of the executive committee please revise it on these matters in question. Personally I would advise waiting. Mr. Buck is preparing another letter. In it he will doubtless mention the names of those who have been proposed as candidates which would include the men you name.

Do you expect to be in Louisville? I imagine that this question of the managing editorship will not be settled until the whole executive committee meet in Louisville. I hope that the matter will be settled without causing any break in the harmony that has always characterized the Association.

Sincerely yours,

February 29, 1924

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

Dear Mr. Shambaugh:-

Your two letters of January 2 and January 4 with reference to the managing editorship of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review were duly received. I will answer the last one first by saying that the compliment involved in your suggestion of me for the position is very much appreciated but that I am not even a receptive candidate and, had I been, I should certainly not have accepted a position on the committee.

With reference to the financial contributions to be expected from the institution with which the managing editor is connected, I am sorry to be unable to agree with you. I realize that, for the present at least, some such contribution is necessary but it seems to me that the minimum required should be fixed as low as possible and I feel, as indicated in my circular letter, that the amount now being contributed by the University of Minnesota is all that should be insisted upon. That consists of (1) releasing the editor from some work in order that he may have time to devote to the job; (2) the use of the department's stenographer for Review correspondence; and (3) the services of a graduate "scholar" who is supposed to devote about ten hours a week principally to the clerical work in connection with material for review and exchanges. More than this might well be accepted, of course, in case the institution is in a position to grant it freely but; on the other hand, I think that the Association should look forward to the time when it can stand on its own feet and need not require any such contributions from the institution with which its editor is connected.

It seems to me that the more we insist upon from the institution concerned, the more our selection will have the character of auctioning off the managing editorship to the institution that will bid the most for it. My own feeling is that the qualifications of the man should be the primary consideration, and that the institution with which he is connected should be taken into consideration only for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not he is so situated as to handle the work effectively.

I note what you say with reference to the editorial work on the first seven volumes of the Proceedings and I think that every member of the Association who is aware of the facts is very grateful to you and to the State Historical Society of Iowa for this material aid to the Association at a critical time. It should be noted, however, (1) that the financial situation of the Association was very different then from what it is now; and (2) that you found the burden too heavy to carry after seven years, and Quaipe after one

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year. I then edited the Proceedings for two years, drawing on the staff of the Minnesota Historical Society for some assistance and on the Association to the amount of fifty dollars or less for other assistance. I found it necessary to put so much time on the work myself that I felt that it was impossible for me to continue it and Mr. Alvord was unable to find anyone else who was willing to undertake the job so he took it over himself.

The implication in the last paragraph of your letter that Minnesota institutions have not contributed so much editorial assistance to the Association proportionally as did the State Historical Society of Iowa is a true one, but it should not be forgotten that the Minnesota Historical Society has contributed eight or nine hundred dollars to the guaranty fund which has made possible the publication of the Review, and additional contributions have been made by a Minnesota citizen. The contributions of the Minnesota Historical Society, moreover, were begun five or six years before the editorial office was moved to Minnesota. So far as I am aware no contribution to this fund has ever been made by any Iowa institution or citizen.

Sincerely yours

J. J. Buck

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March 3, 1924

Professor C. S. Boucher
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Boucher:-

Your letter of January 28 addressed to the Sub-Committee of the executive committee of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association on the managing editorship of the Review was duly received and the suggestions contained therein will be given careful consideration by the committee. In the case of Professor Barker, however, his selection would seem to be precluded by a letter of his dated January 13 in which he says very definitely that he is not "even a receptive candidate."

The statistics which you use in your comparison of the cost of editorial work while the Review was located at Illinois with that since it has been in Minnesota are doubtless correct, but I cannot agree with your inference that this is primarily a result of the removal of the editorial office from Illinois to Minnesota. It is probably true that more gratuitous service was rendered to the Review by the institutions with which Mr. Alvord was connected in Illinois than has been so rendered by the University of Minnesota, for at Illinois he had at his disposal the editorial staffs of the Illinois Historical Survey and the Illinois State Historical Library. No such organizations existed at the University of Minnesota but the University allowed him to use the department stenographer and the services of a graduate scholar in Review work.

The primary and fundamental cause, however, of the increase in editorial expense is the same as that of the increase of nearly all other expenses during the last decade; that is, the drop in the purchasing power of money. Since, according to government statistics and private computations of price indexes, the dollar of today is worth only about sixty per cent of the dollar of 1914, it is not strange that editorial work costs more now than it did in the early years of the Review.

As I happen to know from my experience with the staff of the Minnesota Historical Society, the cost of editorial and library work remained stationary for several years after the general rise in prices began, but finally the cumulative effect made itself felt about 1920 and prices rose for such work very rapidly. We are paying now eighteen hundred dollars to people holding positions which formerly we were able to fill at a thousand or twelve hundred, and our salary level is low as compared with that of other institutions.

So far as your letter deals with the actual cost of the editorial work in the past, therefore, my only objection is to the inference which you evidently expect to be drawn from your statement of the facts. When, however, you come to deal with other matters you seem not to have given the supposed "facts which are a matter of record" the critical scrutiny which one would expect from a person who has had your training in scientific historical scholarship. Your statement that "after Mr. Shippee was made assistant managing editor and Mr. Alvord knew that he was to leave Minnesota, the request was made that an additional \$250 be placed in the budget for Mr. Shippee" is absolutely without foundation of fact.

I have before me the correspondence between Mr. Alvord and Mrs. Paine in April, 1923, which doubtless gave rise to this misapprehension on your part. On April 6, Mr. Alvord suggested to Mrs. Paine that, if the Association could add \$375 a year to the \$225 given by the University of Minnesota to the scholar who works for the Review, it would be possible to create a five hundred dollar assistantship. Since the scholar assigned to the Review changes every year his services are not, as a rule, very helpful. It was Mr. Alvord's idea that if the stipend could be increased to \$500 a graduate student who would remain for two or three years or longer might be secured as half time assistant, and that this would greatly facilitate the handling of the office work connected with the Review. He also thought that such assistant could assist the editorial assistant in typing, collating, and indexing, so that the total extra expense to the Association would not exceed \$250.

In this letter Mr. Alvord made the mathematical error of adding \$225 and \$375 to make \$500. Later he discovered his mistake and in another letter of April 25 he wrote Mrs. Paine to the effect that the sum necessary for the Association to pay in order to secure a half time assistant for the Review office would be only \$275, and that the additional expense to the Association would certainly not exceed \$175. Such are the actual "facts which are a matter of record" and how they can be interpreted into a request for \$250 "for Mr. Shippee" is more than I can see. Moreover, the request, such as it was, was made not after, as you state, but nearly two months before "Mr. Alvord knew that he was to leave Minnesota."

Your next statement that "Mr. Buck asked that \$150 be allowed for editorial work upon the Proceedings now being prepared" is also inaccurate, as appears from my letter of December 26 to Mrs. Paine, which I believe you had the privilege of reading. Mrs. Paine had sent the proposed budget to me as a member of the Finance Committee, which is supposed under the rules of the Association to approve and adopt the budget for the year. On looking it over I observed that the allotment for editorial expenses was insufficient to cover the obligations which had already been entered into. (The budget should, of course, have been adopted at the beginning of the fiscal year, in which case this complication

might have been avoided.) I called the attention of Mrs. Paine to this defect in the budget but I certainly did not ask for anything for myself or anyone else. I did state that it seemed to me that the editorial work on the Proceedings was fully equal to that on each number of the Review and should be paid for accordingly. I have since learned, however, that, under the arrangements entered into by Mr. Alvord, the editorial work on this issue of the Proceedings will cost the Association only one hundred dollars. Such payments for work on the Proceedings, moreover, are not something new or added to the budget as your letter seems to indicate; they have been made in varying amounts ever since the Proceedings were taken over for publication as extra numbers of the Review in every year in which an issue of the Proceedings has been brought out. No issue was published during 1922-23 which accounts for the fact that the editorial expense for that year was only \$650. The number which is going through, therefore, is a double one, covering two years.

There are various other factors which should be taken into consideration in any criticism of the editorial expenses; one of these is that the correspondence of the editor's office, as can readily be seen by an examination of the files, is much larger now than it was some years ago, which would account, of course, for increased expenditures for postage and stationery and the desirability of additional office assistance. More important than this, however, is the fact that a large proportion of the income of the Association since the Review was founded has been in the shape of contributions from individuals and societies to a so-called Guaranty Fund, the purpose of which was to make possible the editing and publication of the Review. The records show that Mr. Alvord was primarily responsible for establishing this fund in the first place, although both Mr. Paine and Mrs. Paine had a large share in keeping it up. The percentage of the expenditures of the Association for "editorial expenses" during the last three years has been a little over fifteen; it was fourteen in 1918-19, so it seems that the proportion of our income which is spent for editorial work has not increased very greatly. It is my opinion, moreover, that the publications of the Association are its most important activity and that more money, rather than less, should be spent upon improving the quality and increasing the quantity of those publications whenever the resources of the Association will permit.

To come back now to the specific consideration of the principles which should govern in the selection of a managing editor; if I interpret your letter correctly, you feel that no one should be considered eligible for the position who will not agree to keep the editorial expense below \$600. Since there is little likelihood that a competent person could be secured to do the work on the Review and Proceedings which is now done by the editorial assistants, for \$600, that means, of course, either that the editor must do more of this work himself or must get it out of the institution with which he is connected. I am totally unable to agree with you in this. In the circular letter which was sent out by the

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sub-committee to the members of the executive committee, we recognized the fact that a certain amount of assistance and co-operation from the institution with which the editor is connected is necessary for the present. I feel, however, that this minimum should be fixed as low as possible, for the more we insist upon from the institution concerned, the more our selection will have the character of auctioning off the managing editorship to the institution that will bid the most for it. My own feeling is that the qualifications of the man should be the primary consideration and that the institution with which he is connected should be taken into consideration only for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not he is so situated as to handle the work effectively.

What I have written above has been written not in the spirit of controversy but solely for the purpose of making what seemed to me to be important corrections to statements and implications in your letter.

Sincerely yours

B/P

March 7, 1924

Professor T. M. Marshall
Washington University
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Marshall:-

I have been letting the matter of the managing editorship drag along somewhat in the hopes that time might clarify the situation a little and that more of the editors or members of the executive committee might send in their suggestions. Now, however, I am going to take the matter up again and see if a satisfactory solution cannot be worked out in advance of the Louisville meeting. I shall, in a few days, send out another circular letter outlining the suggestions which have been made and urging the others to send in their suggestions. In the meantime, however, I want to acknowledge and thank you for your frank letter of December 31, which will, I am sure, be very helpful to the committee.

The question of editorial expense, to which you refer, has been raised by Boucher and Shanbaugh in their letters to the subcommittee. Both of them take the position that the institution with which the editor is connected should contribute more in the way of editorial assistance, etc., than has been the case during recent years. Boucher points out that editorial expenses have been higher since the Review was moved to Minnesota than they were before, without giving any consideration to the fact that the dollar of today is worth only about sixty per cent of that of 1914. I recognize that some co-operation must be expected from the institution with which the editor is connected, but I think that the minimum to be insisted upon should be as low as possible as otherwise the selection will have the appearance of auctioning off the editorship to the institution which will bid the most for it.

The opposition to Shippee on the ground that he seldom attends meetings does not seem to me to be well founded; that his failure to attend has not been due to a lack of interest in the association is shown by his many contributions to its publications, and by the editorial work which he has done on the Review since it was moved to Minnesota -- he edited the reviews and news and comment for a year or two before he was made assistant editor.

Your suggestion that he be made acting managing editor for a year is practically in operation at present, as he has been entirely responsible for the September and December issues of the Review and the March issue now in press. He will also have to edit the June number if it is to come out in time, but the result will not be available, of course, before the annual meeting. I am

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quite sure that he would not accept a further appointment as acting managing editor, and it is by no means certain that he would accept the regular appointment if it should come to him. This year he has been doing not only the work which Alvord did on the Review but also that which he himself has done before as assistant editor, and besides has been carrying a full program at the University, serving as secretary of the department, and trying to write a book. He feels that he cannot continue on this basis and the situation in the department is such that I am not sure we can arrange to relieve him of any appreciable amount of his University work. He certainly will not take the editorship if the ideas of Boucher and Shambaugh with reference to editorial expense meet with the approval of the executive committee. It seems to me that whoever is selected should, if possible, have an assistant managing editor to handle the reviews and news and comment sections, and preferably this should be someone in the same institution. If such an arrangement can be made (say with Stephenson as assistant managing editor) I think perhaps Shippee will take it.

Boucher has suggested two men, Barker and Pelzer, but Barker writes me that he would not accept, and I find it difficult to believe that Boucher expects the name of Pelzer to be given very serious consideration.

I am glad to have your opinion on the proposition to expand the field of the magazine, particularly as it coincides exactly with mine. Barker feels the same way about it, and I think we will have no difficulty in preventing a move in that direction. I very much hope that you will attend the Louisville meeting, for the development of the association in the future will depend to a large extent upon actions taken at this meeting.

Sincerely yours

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This letter and the enclosures are confidential. I feel that you as president of the assn. are entitled to know what is going on.

S. J. B.

March 7, 1924

Professor E. C. Barker
University of Texas
Austin, Texas

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In the first place I want to say that your frank letter of January 13 will be very helpful to the committee, and I am personally very glad to know your ideas on the various points taken up. The question of editorial expense, to which you refer, has been raised by Boucher and Shambaugh in their letters to the sub-committee. This is a very vital issue and, in order that you may be fully informed of the situation, I am sending you herewith copies of their letters and of my replies thereto; the latter, if you have time to read them, will leave you in no doubt as to my position on the subject.

I am sorry that Marshall seems to be unwilling to tackle the job, as he seems to me to be one of the most eligible. There is no doubt as to his thorough scholarship and high standards, but there might be some question as to his tact. Some of his reviews, particularly of State Historical Society publications, have probably made him some enemies. I should much prefer, however, to take a chance on a man of this sort than on one of the Pollyannatypes.

As for myself, my acceptance of the chairmanship of the sub-committee precludes my consideration, and I am not even a receptive candidate.

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I have already written you my ideas about Shippee; I still think that he would be an excellent selection -- perhaps the best -- but there is some doubt at present as to whether he would accept the position. / This year he has been doing not only the work which Alvord did on the Review but also that which he himself has done before as assistant editor, and besides has been carrying a full program at the University, serving as secretary of the department, and trying to write a book. He feels that he cannot continue on this basis and the situation in the department is such that I am not sure we can arrange to relieve him of any appreciable amount of his University work. He certainly will not take the editorship if the ideas of Boucher and Shambaugh with reference to editorial --

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Paxson seems to me to be quite eligible for the position; while he has had no editorial experience so far as I know, his scholarship is unquestioned. I doubt if he has attended any more meetings than has Shippee but he has served the Association as president and has contributed many book reviews. Whether or not he would accept I have no means of knowing as yet.

As regards Shambaugh, I may as well say frankly that I could not favor his selection. It would, it seems to me, tend to make the Review merely one of the publications of the State Historical Society of Iowa. Moreover, Shambaugh's standards and ideals for historical work, as they have been manifested in the work of his society, while they may be entirely admirable, are not the ideals and standards which I should like to see maintained by the Review.

I think very highly of Cole, and quite agree with you that he might come in very well as a compromise.

As for Quaife, I doubt very much if the Wisconsin group would support him and, still more, his availability. With him, as you doubtless know, the difficulty is one of personality. I understand, by the way, that he has accepted a position as editor for the Burton Historical Collection of the Detroit Public Library.

I am particularly glad to know your opinion on the question of broadening the scope of the Review, as it coincides exactly with mine. This is a matter upon which Alvord and I have differed ever since the Review was founded. Marshall also is opposed to the expansion but he writes me that Boucher is strongly in favor of it.

Sincerely yours

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P. S. Since Boucher calls attention to Mrs. Buck's employment as an editorial assistant, and, since rumor has it that it was reported at Columbus that I was trying to keep the Review at Minnesota in order that she might not lose her job, it may be well for me to say that she has no intention of continuing the work whatever may happen to the Review.

March 8, 1924

Mr. Harlow Lindley
334 State House
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mr. Lindley:-

I am sending you herewith copies of all the letters received from members of the executive committee and the board of editors of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association with reference to the managing editorship; with these I am including copies of my personal replies to Boucher and Shambaugh. The only other member from whom I have heard with reference to the managing editorship is Shortridge of the executive committee, who, in a personal letter to me on another subject, states that he is in favor of Shippee.

I am sending also a draft of a preliminary report of the sub-committee, together with a financial statement of the association which I will send out if it meets with the approval of yourself and Connelley.

Please let me hear from you as promptly as convenient, as the time is getting short and we ought, I think, to try to reach a definite decision in advance of the meeting at Louisville. If you have received any suggestions or comments with reference to the managing editorship, particularly any additional names, let me know and I will incorporate them in this preliminary report.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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Topeka, Kansas

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March 12th, 1924

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I have just received your favor of March 8th with enclosures. I approve of the letter which you have prepared to be sent to the members of the Executive Committee and the Board of Editors of the Mississippi Valley Historical Society. I have received two or three suggestions direct, but I think I have passed them all on to you, at least those suggested are incorporated in your list and preliminary report which you have prepared.

It seems to me that this situation is reaching what might be called the embarrassing stage. I think you have outlined the situation very fairly, but of course it will be a difficult proposition to make people see, scattered as the interested members are. It does seem to me there is some pretty good argument in the suggestion that the headquarters of the Review ought to be connected with some institution which would bear a good deal of the expense, although I recognize the validity of your criticism in regard to such a policy.

If you will not accept the editorship, my choice of the names presented, everything considered, would be Mr. Shambaugh. If this is not possible, I think my next suggestion would be that of Professor Marshall's, to make Shippee ^{Editor} Managing Editor for a year. I think something is lost by moving the headquarters from place to place.

Very cordially yours

Harlow Lindley
Director.

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WILLIAM E. CONNELLEY, SECRETARY
TOPEKA

March 12, 1924

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

My dear Mr. Buck:-

I thank you for sending me the correspondence relating to the selection of an editor for the Review. I should like for you to know my position in this matter, and will state it as frankly as I can.

There has always been the closest relations between this Society and the Wisconsin Society, in fact, our Society was organized exactly as that of Wisconsin, and it was so organized at the suggestion of Mr. Draper when Judge Adams visited him to discuss the matter of establishing a society in Kansas. We have kept in closer relations with Wisconsin than with any other Society. There has existed a personal friendship between the officers of the two societies all these years. That friendship was close between Mr. Quaife and myself.

I feel that Mr. Quaife is qualified for the editorship of the Review and I know that he desires the editorship. I would not be in favor of giving it to him unless he would accept it at what the Mississippi Valley Association can pay. Just what that is I am not prepared to say at this time.

In saying this I do not wish to be understood as being against any one else or against any arrangement which is for the best interest of the Association. I hope I have many friends in the Mississippi Valley Association and I feel that the Kansas and Minnesota societies have come pretty close together in the last three or four years. I can say the same for the Kansas and Iowa societies. I feel a cordial friendship for Mr. Shambaugh and yourself and I would not wish to take any action in this matter which would give offense to either of you. So you see my position is rather a delicate one and I have not stated it so frankly to any other person, not even to Mrs. Paine.

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If Mr. Quaife could not afford to take this editorship for what the Association is able to pay, I would not be for him. There has been some complaint that \$1000 a year is too much to pay for editing the Review. I am not prepared to say that it is too much, in fact I do not think it is too much. It may be more however, than the Association feels that it can pay. In that case I hope that it can be arranged so the Minnesota Society can retain the editorship. If that could not be arranged I should like for it to go to the Iowa Society.

I doubt the possibility of settling this matter or reaching an agreement which will end in a settlement before we assemble at Louisville. I hope it will be so arranged that there will be no hard feelings and that there will result no injury to the Review. The Review is certainly a credit to our Association and I would do every thing possible to keep it at the front.

I am returning herewith the copies of the letters which you sent me.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William J. Connelley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name "Secretary".

Secretary

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Mississippi Valley Historical Association

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

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

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Dear Buck:

When you and I were in Cambridge I used to be a good deal entertained by the advertisements of a sheet for advertising agency. You may remember their cards in all the trolly cars with pithy aphorisms and original quips. One of them read: "Never explain. Your friends don't need it and your enemies won't believe it anyway."

What you say is absolutely right, and the desire to answer back is the most human trait in the world; but it wears you out, and I doubt if it gets any-

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March 5, 1924

To the Members of the Executive Committee and the
Board of Editors of the Mississippi Valley
Historical Association

The sub-committee on the managing editorship of the Review
presents the following preliminary report.

Suggestions have been received from about half of the members of the executive committee exclusive of the members of the sub-committee and from two members of the board of editors; and several have written their ideas on the subject at considerable length. Nine people have been suggested as possibilities for the position. They are E. C. Barker, Texas; S. J. Buck, Minnesota; A. C. Cole, Ohio; T. M. Marshall, Washington University, St. Louis; F. L. Paxson, Wisconsin; Louis Pelzer, Iowa; M. M. Quafe; Benj. F. Shambaugh, Iowa; and L. B. Shippee, Minnesota. The first two on the list state that they would not accept the position; comments upon the qualifications of the others and additional suggestions would be welcomed by the sub-committee and would be treated as confidential.

Two members of the executive committee have raised a question which must have an important bearing on the selection, and the sub-committee would like to know the attitude of the other members of the executive committee and of the board of editors on this question. These two members feel that the institution with which the managing editor is connected should bear a larger proportion of the editorial expense than that suggested in the letter sent out by the sub-committee last December, which represented the present situation. One of them points out that the first seven volumes of the Proceedings were edited without expense to the association, and the other calls attention to the fact that the editorial expenses have been larger during the last three years than they were while the Review was at Illinois. If such increased co-operation on the part of the institution with which the editor is connected is to be a requirement, the field from which selection can be made will be considerably restricted, of course.

In order that the financial situation of the association and the relation of the editorial expenses to other expenditures and to income may be comprehended, a financial exhibit of the association from its organization to date has been compiled and a copy thereof is enclosed herewith. In considering this exhibit, it should be borne in mind, of course, that for the last three years the purchasing power of a dollar has averaged only about sixty per cent of what it was in 1914.

A reply at your early convenience, addressed to the chairman at the Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, will greatly facilitate the work of the sub-committee.

Very truly yours

P. S. The contribution which the University of Minnesota has been making and which was suggested as a minimum in the letter sent out in December consists of stenographic service and the part-time assistance of a graduate student for clerical work in connection with exchanges and books for review, etc. In addition Mr. Alvord was given a light teaching program to allow time for the work.

March 14, 1924

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MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
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	Dues etc. ²	Quar- anty	Total	Admin- istra. ³	Publi- cations	Edit- orial ⁴	Total		% edit.
1907-08	\$ 80		\$ 80	\$ 77			\$ 77		\$ 03
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1909-10	566		566	218	\$ 213		431		135
1910-11	827		827	337	476		803		24
1911-12	1658		1658	611	835		1646		12
1912-13	1628		1628	972	746		1718		- 30
1913-14	1508	\$ 450	1958	1528	349	\$ 66	1943	3	15
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1915-16	2589	2250	4839	1557	2794	279	4630	6	209
1916-17	2436	1925	4361	951	3113	282	4346	7	15
1917-18	2137	1425	3562	1062	1705	348	3115	11	447
1918-19	2473	1200	3673	980	1601	413	2994	14	679
1919-20	2404	1500	3904	1548	1625	369	3602	10	302
1920-21	3535	1050	4585	1740	2305	622	4667	13	- 82
1921-22	3359	1212	4571	1879	1797	758	4434	17	137
1922-23	3222	1394	5216	1698	2172	650	4520	14	696
Total	\$31328	\$13581	\$44909	\$16540	\$21807	\$4146	\$42493	11.5	\$2416

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March 14, 1924

Mr. Harlow Lindley
334 State House
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Lindley:-

Your letter of March 12 is received this morning and one from Connelley on the same mail. The preliminary report will be sent out in a day or two.

With reference to the matter of contributions from the institution with which the editor is connected, my objections to requiring an increase are twofold. The first is the feeling that the personal qualifications of the editor should be the first consideration and that we ought not to restrict our field of selection for the sake of a few hundred dollars. The second is the feeling that too large contributions from the institution would have a tendency to give the Review the status of a publication of that institution rather than of the Association and would give the institution a sort of mortgage upon it. Further it seems to me that the finances of the Association are in such condition that it can well afford from seven hundred to a thousand dollars a year for editorial expenses, and I know of no other use to which the money can be more appropriately applied.

I note your reference to myself in connection with the editorship. The principal reason why I have not been willing to be a candidate is the fact that I think the editor should be primarily a university man rather than an historical society man. Thus, if Shambaugh should be elected, for example, it seems to me that the public at large would be inclined to look upon the Review as merely one of the many publications put forth by the State Historical Society of Iowa.

With reference to Shippee, there is some doubt as to whether he would accept the appointment. His work on the Review this year has prevented him from completing a book which he has under way and he feels that he could not continue unless some arrangement can be made to give him more time. Whether or not that will be possible will depend somewhat upon the outcome of negotiations now under way for additions to the department. I am quite certain that he would not accept a further appointment as acting managing editor, and I think he would be justified inasmuch as he has already served nearly a year in that capacity.

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There are three other men who, it seems to me, might well be considered; they are Paxson, Cole, and Marshall. All three of them, it seems to me, possess the requisite qualifications, and any one of them would, I believe, maintain the Review at its present high standard.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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Mr. William E. Connelley, Secretary
Kansas State Historical Society
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Connelley:-

Your letter of March 12 arrived this morning with one from Lindley in the same mail. The preliminary report will be sent out, therefore, in a few days.

I am very glad to have the frank statement of your position which you make in your letter. With reference to Quaife, I am somewhat up in the air. You speak of him as still at Wisconsin but he has not, of course, been connected with the Wisconsin Historical Society or any other institution for some time, and I wonder if he would be in a position to handle it. I have heard a report to the effect that he has accepted a position in connection with the Burton Historical Collection of the Detroit Public Library but I am not certain of this. I have some doubts as to what the attitude of the Wisconsin people toward his selection, ~~and~~ I have a very high opinion of Mr. Quaife's scholarship and believe that the Review, under his editorship, would continue its present high standards. I have some doubts, however, as to his tact, and more as to the possibility of electing him.

The principal objection to Shambaugh, it seems to me, is the fact that he is already editing so many things. Should he be selected there would be a tendency on the part of the public at large to look upon the Review as merely one of the many publications put forth by the State Historical Society of Iowa. It seems to me that it is better for the editor to be connected primarily with a university rather than with a state historical society, and that is one of the reasons why I decided not to be a candidate for the position. If I had understood the situation as fully last fall as I do now, however, I might have been willing to consider the position, with the idea that the editorial office should be at the University in Minneapolis, not at the Historical Society in St. Paul; but my acceptance of the chairmanship of the sub-committee would seem to preclude any possibility of my consideration.

I have felt that Shippee was demonstrating his ability as editor and was inclined to favor his continuance. In this I was influenced, of course, by my thorough acquaintance with Shippee's character and ability but not, I think, by the fact that he is connected with the University of Minnesota. I have tried to look upon this matter entirely apart from personal and institutional considerations and solely from the point of view of the welfare of the Association, and I think that I have succeeded. The only objection I have heard to Shippee is based on the fact that he has not

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attended very many meetings of the Association. That this was not due to lack of interest is evident from the number of articles which Shippee has contributed to the publications of the Association and from the editorial work on the Review which he has done during the last three or four years -- much of it with very little recognition.

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March 17th, 1924

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

My dear friend:

I have your favor of March 14th and I think your points in reference to the Review and its management are well made. If the finances of the Association will warrant it, I think the more independent the Review is of any interests which might be considered of local or personal nature the better.

If a choice is to be made on the basis of the three men whom you suggest for consideration, I would vote for them in the order named in your letter; that is, Paxson, first; Cole, second; and Marshall, third.

Very sincerely yours

Harlow Lindley

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MAR 18 1924

DR. OTTO L. SCHMIDT
MALLERS BUILDING
5 S. WABASH AVENUE, CHICAGO
TEL. CENTRAL 1779

March 17, 1924.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:-

Please accept my thanks for
the financial report of the Minnesota Valley
Historical Association.

In regard to the editorial expenses
I feel that the Association should not be
obligated to any special university unduly,
such as a larger financial aid from such an
institution might bring with it. The fact of
the editor being a member of the faculty ap-
pears to me to carry quite a compliment with
it.

I will try my best this year to attend
the meeting.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

O. L. Schmidt

MAR 17 1934

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

March 17, 1934

Dear Buck:

Since it might be inferred from the circular letter of March 14th, addressed to the members of the Executive Committee and the Board of Editors of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, that I am in a receptive attitude of mind relative to the editorship of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review, I wish that you would advise the members of the Executive Committee and the Board of Editors that I could not possibly accept appointment, and therefore should be eliminated from the list of possibilities.

Very sincerely yours,

Bryant Shambaugh
Superintendent

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

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THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

(TRUSTEE OF THE STATE)

MADISON

JOSEPH SCHAFER
Superintendent

March 18, 1924

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I am not one of the executive committee or board of editors of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association; but your circular letter of March fourteenth, which came to Miss Kellogg, was shown to me, and I feel sure that you will not resent the comment which follows.

In the first place, I think you are doing absolutely the right thing in declining to be a candidate for editor. This I say because your situation is practically identical with mine and I would think it quite improper for me, as editor of a state publication, to assume the editorship of the more general publication; for the interests of the two publications could not always be successfully harmonized if controlled by the same hand. On the other hand, I know that a number of prominent members of the Association will regret your withdrawal, for they had hoped you could be induced to take the editorship, overlooking, apparently, the point referred to above.

I was not aware that Mr. Paxson was interested on his own account. In fact, I heard him speak of you as a person in whom he would have full confidence as editor. Should I find that Paxson is willing to take the job and that he can make the proper arrangements locally, I should naturally feel that it ought to go to him because of Wisconsin's place in the historiography of the Middle West. The Paxson candidacy, however, is a new idea to me, and I may say that it had been my purpose - and it will continue to be so provided Paxson steps out - to support Mr. Shippee. I have known Shippee for a number of years; in fact, before he went to Minnesota. He has always appeared to me to be a man of extraordinarily good sense, good judgment, and good scholarship. Moreover, another point is wholly in his favor - he is a man of catholic sympathies, capable of appreciating the efforts of all kinds of people writing history from all different angles. At least, that is my interpretation of him. There is such a thing as

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

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MADISON

JOSEPH SCHAFER
Superintendent

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historical orthodoxy; perhaps I ought to say historical "fundamentalism". It would be fatal for a review to become fundamentalized in the sense I mean, that is, devoted to just one type of history, produced according to one stereotyped method. The historical reviews should pay attention to what is going on in the historical field both as represented by the American Historical Review and as represented in many other quarters. I believe that Shippee is capable of doing what is wanted in that line, and I should be glad to see him continue for several years as editor of the Review.

Very sincerely yours,

Joseph Schaffer

Superintendent

MAR 20 1924

KANSAS
STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WILLIAM E. CONNELLEY, SECRETARY
TOPEKA

March 18, 1924

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

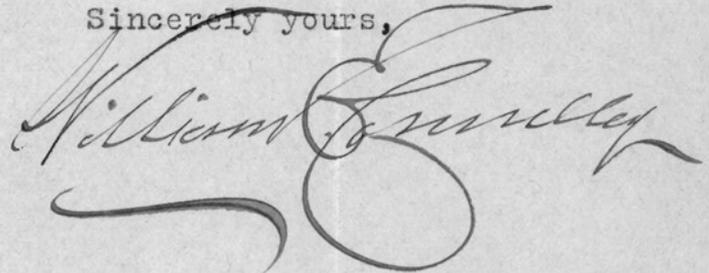
My dear Mr. Buck:

I am very much pleased with your letter of the 14th inst. I was not entirely familiar with the conditions surrounding Mr. Quaife. If things develop at Louisville so that he is not available I think the editorship of the Review ought to remain with the Minnesota Historical Society. That will be my position at that time. I feel sure that you could accept the editorship. That is what I should like to see come to pass in case I am released from my obligation to Mr. Quaife.

I rather believe that I am prone to work out matters on my personal preferences and attachments. Still I do not wish to forget the interests of the Review. There ^{are} Mr. Quaife, Mr. Shambaugh, Dr. Lindley, and yourself to whom I am warmly attached. Of course I have great regard for many other members of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association but I am apt to have favorites and I have them in this instance. I will gladly cooperate with you to work out some satisfactory solution of this editorship.

With kindest personal regards

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William E. Connelley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Sincerely yours,".

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UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA
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HISTORY

March 19, 1924.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

I have the letter of your committee dated March 14th in regard to the Managing Editorship of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. I note with regret your determination not to accept the position of Managing Editor. In the case of Professor Barker, I feel that his personal equipment is beyond question; only his geographic situation stands seriously against his election.

Turning to the contents of your letter, I must say I feel some regret that the election of a managing editor should in any way be conditioned by the financial relations to the editorial expense of the institution with which the Managing Editor is connected. It seems to me that it ought to be possible to raise funds in Chicago, St. Louis and the other Mississippi Valley Cities and the State Historical Society to ~~pay~~ the compensation of the editor beyond any such practical consideration. I do not think this should be a requirement.

Of the last seven in your list, I feel that Professor Paxson and Professor Shambaugh both possess the necessary qualities for the Managing Editorship to the highest degree. I say this without the slightest disparagement to the other gentlemen. I am only considering matters of experience and executive capacity. I fear that Professor Paxson will not consider it. If he would do so, and if the matter of local finance is to be considered, the Wisconsin Historical Society would be as able as any place, I suppose, to help with funds. I do not know how Iowa stands in this regard.

I am encouraged to note that with the highest disbursements of any year, the Association shows the highest balance. I may say that I have made considerable effort to interest my students in membership in the Association and shall continue to do so.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Alfred H. Sioussat

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Mar. 21, 1924

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

Dear Buck:

It seems to me that the editorial costs have not been excessive. I am more inclined to think that the place to cut is in administration. From the standpoint of good business, the secretaryship should be located at the same institution as the editorial office. One stenographer could then do all the work.

I was surprised to see my name in the list of three mentioned for the editorship. I am certain that I would be opposed by certain men from Wisconsin, and no one would care for the position unless he were certain of unanimous and whole-hearted support. In addition to

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this I do not see how I could find the time to edit the Review. In November I was elected secretary of the Missouri Historical Society. The Society is now undertaking the publication of some of its valuable documentary materials and this editorial work falls upon me. I am now preparing for publication the Edward Bates papers and these will be followed by other volumes at the rate of one or two a year. I am also in the midst of two books which I am trying to complete by the middle of 1925. In addition to this my administrative duties in the University are very heavy. I am damned with membership in five important committees, including the Chancellor's Executive Council. Under such circumstances, I do

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not see how I could undertake the editorship
of the Review.

Of the men who are mentioned I prefer
to let Shippa continue. If this ^{does} not seem
desirable, my second choice would be Cole. He
would carry on the Alford tradition. He is an
excellent scholar, is generally popular, and
has energy and push. His appointment would
remove the element of petty politics which I
fear has crept into the Society.

Yours very truly,
J. M. Marshall

March 22, 1924

Dr. Benjamin F. Shambaugh
State Historical Society of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Shambaugh:-

There was no intention in the circular letter of March 14 sent out by the sub-committee on the managing editorship for the Mississippi Valley Historical Review to imply that the people named were candidates for the position. We simply put down the names of all who had been suggested to any member of the sub-committee. We shall be sending out another circular letter on the subject before very long and the announcement that you could not accept will be included therein.

I might add that it seems to me best to select someone who is not primarily an historical society man and thus identified with the publications of another institution.

Among the outstanding possibilities, as it has appeared to me, are Cole, Marshall, Paxson, and Shippee. Just recently, however, I have learned that Marshall has become secretary and editor of the publications of the Missouri Historical Society, which would reduce his availability, to my mind. He writes also that he is too busy to undertake it but does not definitely state that he would not accept. I have no line as yet as to whether or not either Cole or Paxson would accept.

In the case of Shippee, his attitude would probably depend upon the outcome of negotiations now under way for additions to the department of history at the University. He certainly ought not to accept unless some arrangement can be made to reduce the amount of his University work.

Sincerely yours

B/P

March 22, 1924

Mr. Harlow Lindley
Indiana Historical Commission
State House
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Lindley:-

In arranging the names of Paxson, Cole, and Marshall in my recent letter to you, I did not consciously put them in the order of my preference, but actually it worked out that way, so that you and I are in complete accord thus far. I think, however, that my first choice will be Shippee, provided things work out in such a way that he will be in a position to give an adequate amount of time to the work without overburdening himself. I am open to conviction, however.

Shambaugh writes me that he could not accept and asks me to notify the members of the executive committee and the board of editors, which I shall do a little later.

I am getting in a number of additional letters and will send you copies of them in the course of time.

Sincerely yours

B/P

MAR 24 1924

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

LAWRENCE

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

March 22, 1924.

My dear Buck:

I did not reply to your former letter because I confidently expected to see you in Columbus and talk it over with you. There are some things that one would rather not put on paper and the discussion of the personal qualifications belongs in that category. In my opinion there is only one thing to do with the Review and that is for you and Shippee to run it as Editor and Associate Editor. You are doing it now and the machine is all set and in running order. There is no question about your ability to edit the Review acceptably. There is one other question and that is the ability to get enough money to keep up the guarantees and if possible increase them. It seems to me that the best chance of doing that would be in the Twin Cities. There is lots of money there and it seems to me that you ought to be able to get it. My idea is that you would be the outside man and Shippee would do the bulk of the editorial work and I assume that the University would lighten his teaching schedule sufficiently to admit of his doing so. In what he has written he has shown a broad and tolerant ^{and} ~~but~~ at the same time a progressive spirit. I am sorry that you are a member of the Committee. I assume that it is on this account that you have indicated an unwillingness to consider the position. I can well understand your embarrassment in the matter but you ought not to let it stand in the way of the very important duty of saving the Review. If you absolutely refuse to consider it, my next choice is Shippee.

I do not know him very well but I have an impression that he is not enough of a mixer to get out and hustle the money and, even if he is, the whole job is too much for one man, if he has anything else to do. There is absolutely nothing else to do with the Review and you two have got to take hold and save it if it is going to be saved. Geographically you just in the right place at the head of the Mississippi Valley.

Barker is an excellent man but out of the question. He could not possibly take it. He has a Review of his own to take care of, is interested in a distinctly different field and is not even in the Valley.

I suppose everybody knows the situation in Iowa. It would be impossible to give the Review to Shambaugh and probably not wise to give it to Pelzer although he is a good man. In a place like Iowa City, it would not be possible to raise the necessary money, even if there were no other objection.

I do not believe that Paxson would want the Review or that he would take very good care of it. It is ~~destinetly~~ out of his line. Quaife's inability to get along with anybody bars him absolutely. I heard a rumor that Shafer wanted the Review or that they wanted it in Wisconsin for him. I do not know that there was any truth in it. Schafer is able and energetic but arbitrary and opinionated and entirely unsuited to the job.

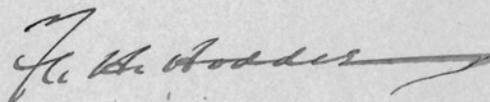
Marshall is well located geographically and has a good many qualifications for the job but has poor judgment. I understand that it was Marshall that got Paltsits to make the campaign for Bolton for the presidency of the American Historical Association a couple of years ago. That was a prize bonehead.

Cole is a good man but I do not believe that he would want ~~KHE~~

this job or would be the kind of man to raise the money for it. Neither is he in the right place for it. You can see, therefore, that there is nothing for you and Shippee to do but to take it and carry on. It is just the right combination representing both the colleges and the historical societies.

I should very strongly urge discontinuing the Proceedings and putting all the money obtainable into the Review. You have an even ten volumes and that is the time to stop. You could run an account of the annual meeting similar to the one in the American Historical Review. I sincerely hope the Review will be kept going and I believe that it will be possible to strengthen it before long. Every other magazine of western history has gone to pieces and I hope this one can be saved. I do not know when or how you are going to settle this question. It will be impossible for me to go to Louisville.

Cordially yours,

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

MAR 26 1924

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MISSOURI
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
COLUMBIA

March 24, 1924.

Mr. Solon J. Buck, Chairman,
Sub-Committee on Managing Editorship,
Mississippi Valley Historical Review,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Buck:

I have no further suggestions to make regarding my choice for editorship of The Mississippi Valley Historical Review. The names set forth in your favor of the 14th inst. appealed to me as prospects qualified in every respect. I have no comments to make regarding the question raised concerning what should be done by the institution with which the manager ^{Editor} is connected, other than it seems to me that little more should be expected from such institution than what Minnesota is already doing.

Sincerely,

Floyd S. Shorwater

Secretary.

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MAR 25 1924

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

March 24, 1924

Dear Buck:

Among those who are possibly available for the editorship of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review, it occurs to me that perhaps Shippee is the most promising. However, a satisfactory conclusion can be arrived at only after all of the returns are in.

Very cordially yours,

Bryant Shambaugh
Superintendent

Mr. Solon J. Buck

Minnesota Historical Society

St. Paul, Minnesota

S-M

March 24, 1924

Professor E. C. Barker
University of Texas
Austin, Texas

Dear Barker:-

You are probably right about the uselessness of answering back but my one-eighth or thereabouts of Scotch-Irish blood would not let me remain silent.

It seems to me that your suggestion as to procedure is an excellent one and I will put it up to the other members of the sub-committee. I shall wait a while, however, in the hopes of receiving more replies to the latest circular letter. The atmosphere seems to be clearing up and I am now inclined to think that no serious contest will develop.

The most favored possibilities are Cole, Marshall, Paxson, and Shippee (arranged alphabetically), all of whom are on your list and would be on mine also. I have just learned from Marshall that he is now secretary of the Missouri Historical Society and this would seem to reduce his availability. Shambaugh writes that he would not accept. Connelley, who is on the sub-committee, is in favor of Quaife but I do not think there is any possibility of his selection. Lindley, who is the other member of the sub-committee, seems to favor a selection from the group listed above.

I have asked Ambler to send me an outline of the program, with a view to selecting a time for the meeting of the executive committee, and it may be feasible to adopt your suggestion of holding it the day before the program begins.

Sincerely yours

B/P

March 24, 1924

Dr. Joseph Schafer
Wisconsin Historical Society
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Schafer:-

Thank you very much for your letter of March 16 with reference to the managing editorship of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. I have been thinking of writing to you and a number of other members of the Association who are not on the executive committee or the board of editors.

I have no information as to whether or not Paxson would accept the position and, if you gather any clues on the point, I would be glad to have you pass them on to me. I don't exactly like to ask a man to commit himself in advance but it certainly would do no harm to let him know that he is being mentioned for the place.

I am very much pleased by what you have to say about Shippee because I have felt for some time that his abilities have not been fully appreciated. He is not at all eager for the job and probably would not accept it unless it is possible for the department to release him from some of his University work, and that will depend upon negotiations now under way for additions to the department. The principal objections to Shippee seem to result from the fact that he is not very well known to the members of the Association. For financial reasons he has not been able to attend many meetings and this is interpreted by some as indicating a lack of interest. It seems to me, however, that his numerous contributions to the Review and Proceedings, and the editorial work which he has done on the Review ever since it was moved to Minnesota -- at first with very little recognition -- is a sufficient indication of interest.

concerned in this matter about
I am more concerned in this matter about preventing the Review from falling into the wrong hands than about securing the job for any particular man. I am confident that it would be carried on successfully and with high standards by either Shippee or Paxson. If neither of them should be available I would be inclined to turn to Cole of Ohio. Marshall of St. Louis would, I believe, be an excellent editor but I have just learned that he is now secretary of the Missouri Historical Society, and that would seem to diminish his availability.

Sincerely yours

B/P

MAR 26 1924

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

(TRUSTEE OF THE STATE)

JOSEPH SCHAFER
Superintendent

MADISON

March 25, 1924

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I have just had a conference with Paxson, who sends his kindest regards to you. I find that Paxson would decline to be considered for the place we have been writing about, he having a program of authorship work laid out to occupy practically all of his years. He is prepared, however, to join us in doing all that can possibly be done for Shippee. He has also a very warm regard for Louis Pelzer, who would probably be his next choice, inasmuch as he believes that Cole ought not to be tempted away from historical authorship by the offer of an editorship.

I sincerely hope that Shippee will get matters arranged at Minnesota so as to enable him to take the editorship if it is offered.

Very sincerely yours,

Joseph Schaffer

MAR 27 1924

The University of Chicago

Department of History

March 26, 1924.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

When you wrote your letter of March 3, you evidently had forgotten what you had said in your circular letter of December 20.

It was this letter of December 20 which caused me to write my

letter of January 28. I refer particularly to the paragraph beginning "The co-operation of the institution with which the editor is connected would seem to be particularly important," in your letter of December 20. I simply wanted it understood, in view of this paragraph in your letter, that at the University of Minnesota the Review was getting no more co-operation than it was likely to get at any other institution, and not as much as it could get at some others. I agree with you that the editorship should not be put up at auction; but also being in agreement with the paragraph of your letter of December 20, already referred to, I think that the editorial headquarters should be moved if the prospects of drain on the Association financially can be lessened, and at the same time the editorial standard not be endangered.

In your letter of March 14, you state "The first two on the list state that they would not accept the position." If your only basis for that statement, as far as Barker is concerned, is a phrase quoted in your letter of March 3, that Barker "says very definitely that he is not 'even a receptive candidate'", I do not think that you had sufficient warrant to declare him eliminated from our consideration. Of course he is not a "candidate" willing to take part in preliminary campaigning; but I still have good reason to believe that he feels that the man chosen should be drafted to meet a duty and perform a service, and that any man chosen in such spirit might be induced to accept under such circumstances -- would be very likely to accept.

In regard to your comment on "facts which are a matter of record" in your letter of March 3, referring to my letter of January 28, I can reply again that they are a matter of record -- recorded in a letter to me by our Secretary-Treasurer, January 19 -- a letter written in answer to a request of mine for facts and information. After reading your communications, and another letter from the Secretary-Treasurer, written February 28, I am inclined to believe that the Secretary-Treasurer is correct in every essential point.

Yours truly,

C. S. Baucher.

March 31, 1924

Dr. St. George L. Sioussat
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Sioussat:-

Thank you for
your letter of March 19 in regard
to the managing editorship of the
Mississippi Valley Historical Review.
It will be referred to the committee
and will help us in reaching a de-
cision.

Sincerely yours

B/P

March 31, 1924

Professor T. M. Marshall
Washington University
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Marshall:-

First of all I want to express my great delight at your election to the secretaryship of the Missouri Historical Society. Your letter was the first indication I had had of this, and I assure you that I rejoiced mightily. Years ago, when Alvord and I were together at Illinois, we used to discuss the possibilities of the regeneration of the Missouri Historical Society, but the obstacles then seemed to be insurmountable. I am not sure that you are to be congratulated, for you have a big job on your hands, but I am very sure that the Missouri Historical Society is to be congratulated on the arrangement.

Turning to the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, there is something in what you say about the desirability of locating the secretaryship and the editorial office at the same institution, but it would be unwise to make any move in that direction at present. Mrs. Paine is really handling the administrative work very well and any attempt to make a change would arouse a great deal of opposition; also the combination of the two offices at one institution would probably increase the jealousy which is manifesting itself in certain quarters.

I know nothing about the possible objections to you as editor by "certain men from Wisconsin" and doubt if it would be serious, but the fact that you are now actively associated with a local institution would seem to make you somewhat less available than would otherwise be the case. A number of members of the executive committee feel that the editor should not be too closely identified with a state or local society and I am inclined to agree with them, this being one of the reasons why I am unwilling to consider the position myself.

The atmosphere seems to be clearing up and I think that a selection will be made without serious opposition. Both Shambaugh and Paxson have indicated that they would not accept which narrows the field considerably.

Sincerely yours

B/P

March 31, 1924

Professor F. H. Hodder
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Hodder:-

Thank you very much for your communication of March 22 with reference to the managing editorship. It is just the sort of frank statement which the committee needs in order to enable it to know the sentiment of the Association.

The principal reason why I am unwilling to accept the editorship is the fact that I think it unwise to elect anyone who is as much identified as I am with a state historical society. The result of such a selection would be a tendency for people to think of the Review as merely a part of the output of the state society. A second reason is that I have my hands more than full at the present time, and I do not have Alvord's facility for getting other people to do work for me. On the whole, I think that the best solution will be the election of Shippee, provided we can make some arrangement with the Department to relieve him of some of his University work. This year he has found the burden of the Review a very heavy one when piled on top of a full University program. If such an arrangement is made, I shall be just as active in securing financial support for the Review and the Association as I would be were I the editor.

Both Shambaugh and Paxson have indicated that they would not accept and the same is true of Schafer. He feels as I do that a state historical man should not be selected and is in favor of Shippee. Marshall does not want the job and his appointment as secretary of the Missouri Historical Society reduces his availability.

Boucher has been making an attack upon the management of the Review in the matter of editorial expense -- probably with the idea that if he could pry it loose from Minnesota, it might settle down at Chicago. He seems to have very little support, however.

This letter is confidential, of course. I am sorry that you cannot come to the meeting, but I think now that no serious difficulties will develop.

B/P

Sincerely yours

April 11, 1924

Mr. Harlow Lindley
334 State House
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mr. Lindley:-

Herewith I am sending you another batch of correspondence about the managing editorship. I will appreciate it if you will note particularly the second paragraph of Barker's letter and tell me whether or not you think the procedure which he suggests would be desirable.

I should like to know also your opinion as to the form which the report of the committee should take. Do you think that we should make a definite recommendation to the executive committee that a specific person be elected to the position, provided, of course, we can agree upon someone, or should we suggest several names and recommend that the committee ballot on them? The latter procedure might be embarrassing to some of the people present.

I wonder if we can arrange for a meeting of our sub-committee in advance, either at Louisville or on the way there. How do you expect to go and when will you arrive?

Three members of the board of editors are to be chosen in addition to the managing editor, provided the managing editor is selected from someone on the board; otherwise there will be two vacancies to be filled. In the past the procedure has been for the managing editor to make recommendations to the executive committee. Mr. Shippee feels — and rightly so I think — that he is not in a position to make such recommendations since he is only acting managing editor, and it seems to me that it might be well for our committee to handle this matter also. Among the names which occur to me are John D. Hicks of Nebraska, Homer C. Hockett of Ohio, Charles M. Ramsdell of Texas, and George M. Stephenson of Minnesota. Stephenson will be at Ohio next year on a leave of absence from Minnesota, so perhaps he and Hockett should not both be selected.

I trust that you will let me hear from you as soon as possible, as the time is getting short, particularly if we are going to attempt the canvass which Barker suggests.

Mrs. Paine has sent me proof of the program, and I find that it is a very heavy one. The executive committee meeting is scheduled for one o'clock on Thursday, and I am down to preside at the afternoon session, which begins at two or two-thirty. I can probably arrange to trade with Woodburn, who is down to preside at a session on Friday, and then it won't matter seriously if the executive committee meeting runs all the afternoon. Mrs. Paine thinks that it would not do to schedule the executive committee meeting the day before as suggested by Barker, because many members would not get there in time, and I think she is right.

B/P

Sincerely yours

April 11, 1924

Mr. William E. Connelley
Kansas State Historical Society
Topeka, Kansas

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April 14th, 1924

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

I have your late letter of April 11th together with the various enclosures. My main concern now is that this problem shall be solved if possible so as not to detract from the usefulness of the association. Professor Barker's suggestion concerning method of procedure seems to me to be a very fair one, and a rather representative way to handle the problem provided there is time. However, I am wondering whether we could get satisfactory results in the brief time left.

While it may not be pleasant under the existing circumstances to make a definite recommendation to the Executive Committee that a specific person be elected to the position, provided we could agree upon someone, yet on the other hand, I suppose that is the real purpose of having the committee. However, it seems to me because of the various phases of this situation that if it is possible to gradually evolve a recommendation through the Executive Committee which will be satisfactory, it might leave better feeling in the long run.

You ask me when I expect to arrive in Louisville, and how I make the trip. I am willing to arrange to be there at any reasonable time. I haven't seen the program and I do not know when the Association holds its first session. I simply know the dates are May 1, 2, 3. You speak of an Executive Committee meeting scheduled for one o'clock on Thursday, and that you are scheduled to preside at the afternoon session Thursday. Is there a regular session Thursday forenoon? If not, it seems to me it might be a very convenient arrangement for us to meet Thursday forenoon. I should think that those coming from the Northwest through Chicago or from the West through St. Louis would probably make the latter part of their trip Wednesday night, reaching Louisville Thursday morning. I have had no advance information concerning hotels or anything else. We have a direct

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Dr. Solon J. Buck

line on the Pennsylvania Railroad from Indianapolis to Louisville and we also have a traction line which really offers as good, if not better service than the Pennsylvania Railroad.

As I see things now it seems to me that Professor Hodder has come nearer expressing my convictions than anyone else. In the main I think he has made a pretty clear estimate of the situation, and it seems to me the Review had better be left where it is.

Since our Committee was not appointed to consider the problem of making recommendations concerning the members of the Board of Editors I do not know whether we should assume that or leave it to the Executive Committee. If it seems best for our Committee to make recommendations, I am willing. In making this selection I suppose it is well enough to distribute the representation as much as possible, since I suppose their action is secured by means of correspondence more than personal meetings. I will keep this in mind, so that if the matter does come up when we ~~leave~~, I will have some idea to express without having to delay matters.

Personally, I regret that this matter has assumed the proportions it has, but after all if it can be worked out in a straight-forward sort of way, it may eventually re-act to the strength of the Association. Please let me know whatever plans you make for a Committee meeting, and I will make my plans accordingly. Believe me

Very sincerely yours

Harlow Lindley
Director.

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APR 19 1924

DR. OTTO L. SCHMIDT
MALLERS BUILDING
5 S. WABASH AVENUE, CHICAGO
TEL. CENTRAL 1779

April 16, 1924.

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

My dear Professor Buck:-

I am sorry that you cannot come this spring, but let me know any time when your paper is ready so that we can have it in fall.

I am trying hard to get down to the Louisville meeting, but I doubt that I can arrange it on account of being very active in the drive for money for the Chicago Historical Society.

I readily understand that the editorship of the Review takes up quite a lot of your time.

I heard from Alvord some four weeks ago. He does not seem particularly happy.

Sincerely yours,

O. L. Schmidt

April 16, 1924

Professor E. C. Barker
University of Texas
Austin, Texas

Dear Barker:-

I am sending you herewith another batch of correspondence concerning the managing editorship. ✓

You will doubtless be interested to observe that Boucher thinks I have misrepresented you; also that he still prefers his interpretation of Mrs. Paine's interpretation of what Alvord proposed last spring rather than the evidence of the original correspondence. I have not replied to his letter yet but suppose I will have to some time in order to let him know that you really did say that you "would not take the job."

Will you let me know as soon as possible when you expect to arrive at Louisville? I should like to have a meeting with you and Mrs. Paine Thursday A. M. if possible; perhaps we could have breakfast together.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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Joseph Schaefer
M. M. QUATRE
Superintendent

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

(TRUSTEE OF THE STATE)

MADISON

April 16, 1924

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

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express to him my appreciation of his work.

May I also suggest that this would be a good year to elect Dr. Schaefer president of the Association. You may be quite certain that he knows nothing of this suggestion on my part, but you know his ability as a presiding officer and an administrator, as well as his whole-hearted devotion to our profession.

Mrs. Buck did not write me what she thought of my Duluth exploration. I hope you both thought I had not stretched my limit.

Hoping to see you at Louisville, I remain

Yours very sincerely
Linnie Phelps Kellogg

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

Madison

April 16, 1924

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Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota

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(Signed) Louise Phelps Kellogg

Confidential

AP 19, 1924

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Miss. Valley
Hist. Assn

April 21, 1924

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

Let me urge you to make every effort to attend the Louisville meeting, and especially the meeting of the Executive Committee which will be held at 1:00 P. M., on Thursday, May 1. Besides the managing editorship of the Review, numerous other matters of great importance to the Association will come up for consideration at this meeting.

Mr. Shanbaugh has asked me, in view of the inclusion of his name in the list of those who had been suggested for the managing editorship, to state to the committee that he "could not possibly accept" the position. Mr. Panson also declined to have his name considered and it is understood that he expects to be abroad next year.

In case you find it impossible to attend the meeting, it is suggested that you send a statement of your preferences for the managing editorship unless you have already done so. They will receive careful consideration and will be treated as confidential.

Very truly yours

Chairman of the Executive Committee
and of the Sub-Committee on the
Managing Editorship

B/P

April 21, 1924

Miss Louise Phelps Kellogg
State Historical Society of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Miss Kellogg:-

Thank you very much for your letter of April 16 concerning the managing editorship.

With reference to the presidency, I should be glad to see Mr. Schafer elected but I am not in a position to influence the decision. There are some members of the Association who think that I am trying to boss the whole show. Professor David Y. Thomas of the University of Arkansas has been appointed chairman of the nominating committee by President Barker, and I am sure that he would welcome a suggestion from you. If Mr. Schafer is not elected this year, he undoubtedly will be in a very few years. It is only a very short time, of course, since he became active in the affairs of the Association, and it may be that for that reason the committee will feel that some other people should receive the recognition first.

Sincerely yours

B/P

April 21, 1924

Professor C. S. Boucher
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Boucher:-

I suppose I ought to ease your mind with reference to my statement about Barker in connection with the managing editorship. In a letter to me dated January 13, he wrote "I may say that I would not take the job." Unless my ability to understand the English language is even worse than you seem to think it, that is exactly equivalent to the statement that he "would not accept the position." I might add further that I did not, as you imply, "declare him eliminated from our consideration." I did not even say that he would not accept, but merely that he stated that he would not accept.

With reference to the transactions concerning editorial expenses I can only say that to my mind the original documents embodying those transactions are more authentic records than Mrs. Paine's interpretation of those transactions or than your interpretation of her interpretation.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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Dear Buck:

Thanks for the new returns. While from one point of view they do not seem to get very far, I think they point toward Shippee.

I have told Boucher just what I wrote you. I never wanted this job, because I am perfectly happy as I am. Naturally I like to do the thing I like to do — that is, more or less the thing I've been doing. I would have to work a good deal harder if the Review were looked on me, and other matters that are not so interesting to me as some I am now doing. Nevertheless (and I never said this to Boucher or implied it), if this investigation

remitted in such an impasse that
I should be chosen as a last resort,
which I do not remotely anticipate,
I should feel under strong obligation
to try to handle the thing; and
I think you or any other man in
the Association should do the same
thing.

It is inconceivable to me that
the fate of the River should be
seriously in peril. I do not believe
that it is. As I wrote you, I
think, nearly a year ago, there are
a dozen men at least who could
do the job acceptably. It would
be too silly to become entangled
in personal or institutional jealousy
and let such a good enterprise
go on the rocks.

I think there is a good deal
of sense in Marshall's suggestion,

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but it would be a long time before any body else could be trained to Mrs. Paine's interest, knowledge, and efficiency. I should hesitate a long time before throwing her over, and should want to be very sure of my ground.

I may be entirely mistaken, but it seems to me that it ought to be fairly easy to raise a considerable endowment by subscription from the members. On the other hand, I can't see any particular reason why the Twin Cities should feel any particular call to subscribe — except that they contain half a million inhabitants of the Valley.

Now about the conference with Mrs. Paine and me. I shall go by

St. Louis, taking the Southern from there.
I shall reach St. Louis about mid-
day April 30 and leave St. Louis
9:20 p.m., and arrive at Louisville
May 1 at 6:50 a.m. It occurs
to me that we might all meet
in St. Louis and go on to Louis-
ville together. If you like this
suggestion, take it up with Mrs. Paine,
and fix time & place in St. Louis. I
should think the Station or the
Terminal Hotel would do.

Sincerely yours,
E. E. Barker.

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AUSTIN

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Replying
to yours of
the 19th.

4/22/24.

Dear Buck:

Personally I see no reason why
the Sub-Committee should not nominate
Shippee. That should be entirely aside
from the matter of finance. A
Committee should be appointed to work
on an endowment fund so as to
ease the strain on editor and secre-
tary. And until the money, or some
of it, comes in, I'm inclined to
think that Shippee will simply have
to reconcile himself to doing more
of the drudgery.

The breakfast is all right,
if our trains are on time.

Sincerely,
E. Barker.

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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

April 22, 1924

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

Enclosed please find copies of my letters
which you desired to have.

I have no complete docket as yet for the
business to come before the executive committee but enclose
a slip with a few topics for consideration. If you have
additional subjects to add to this I would be glad to have
them. Letters will not reach me in Lincoln after Saturday.
Monday and Tuesday I will be in Omaha; address, Wellington Inn.

I believe I am due to arrive in Louisville
about 7.30 A.M. Thursday and will meet you at breakfast.

Yours truly,

Clara S. Paine

P.S. My letters of Jan. 19th and Feb. 28th are sent with
the knowledge and permission of Mr. Boucher. I dislike a
three cornered correspondence and hope it will not lead
to any trouble between you.

From Miss Paine

Feb. 28, 1924

Dr. C. S. Boucher
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Boucher:

I have your letter dated Jan. 28th which you sent to the members of the special committee. About a month ago Dr. Buck wrote to me and quoted from this letter of yours. He seems not to have known about the request for the \$250 although Mr. Alvord, in his letter, states that he had consulted with "Shippee and Buck."

"After Mr. Shippee was made assistant managing editor and Mr. Alvord knew he was to leave Minnesota, the request was made that an additional \$250 be placed in the budget for Mr. Shippee." Mr. Buck objects to the statement that it was for Mr. Shippee. I find that Mr. Alvord says for "assistantship" in his letter. Mr. Buck also does not believe that at the time the request was made Mr. Alvord knew he was leaving Minnesota. The meeting in Oklahoma City was held March 29-31 and Mr. Alvord made the request for the increase on April 6th. Mr. Shippee was made assistant managing editor at the meeting in Okl. City.

Mr. Buck also says that he did not ask for \$150 for the Proceedings but that he only called attention to the fact that the budget that I had offered did not carry an adequate amount for the editorial work on the Proceedings. "It is fully as much of a job to get out the Proceedings as any single number of the Review, the allowance for which averages \$150." As I explained to you I omitted the \$100 always allowed for the Proceedings thinking that the bill would hardly be presented before the annual meeting and would come in next year's budget.

Upon looking up the matter I find that \$50 instead of \$30 has been set aside for postage and miscellaneous expense of the editorial office the past two years. The actual expense has not been quite that sum, however.

With these explanations you can judge whether there is anything incorrect in the letter you sent out. If you send a letter to the other members of the executive committee please revise it on these matters in question. Personally I would advise waiting. Mr. Buck is preparing another letter. In it he will doubtless mention the names of those who have been proposed as candidates which would include the men you name.

Do you expect to be in Louisville? I imagine that this question of the managing editorship will not be settled until the whole executive committee meet in Louisville. I hope that the matter will be settled without causing any break in the harmony that has always characterized the Association.

Sincerely yours,

Jan. 19, 1924

From Mrs. Paine

Dr. C.S. Boucher
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Boucher:

In reply to your letter will say that I attach to this letter the cost of the editorial work upon the Review since its beginning in 1914. These figures include editorial work, postage, letterheads for the editorial office and all incidental expenses.

Dr. Alvord never received any salary and only about \$25 a year for book postage and incidental expenses when he was with the University of Illinois. After removing to Minneapolis he requested the budget to include \$50 a month for editorial work and around \$30 a year for postage, etc. Of this \$50 per month 1/2 was paid to Miss Wheelhouse and 1/2 to Mrs. Buck for the editorial work upon the Review. When the Proceedings were issued as an extra number he asked that \$100 additional be allowed. The cost of making the index for vol. IX was in addition also.

After Mr. Shippee was made assistant managing editor and Dr. Alvord knew he was to leave Minnesota he requested me to include an additional \$250 in the budget for Mr. Shippee. Since I knew several of the guaranters had stated that they were not to be counted upon for this year I ventured to say to Mr. Alvord that I did not see how this amount could be added then but if it was possible later I would add it to the budget and submit it to the finance committee. This was the reason I did not present the budget until the December meeting. I did not include this \$250 in the budget nor the \$100 extra for the Proceedings thinking that the Proceedings might not be ready before the annual meeting. The budget called for \$600 for the Review and \$50 incidental expense.

The letter you saw from Dr. Buck, which should have come to me before the meeting of the executive committee meeting, asked that \$150 be allowed for the editorial work upon the Proceedings now in preparation stating that the editorial work upon each Review was \$150 and that the Proceedings were more work than a single issue of the Review.

While Mr. Alvord was in Illinois we paid for editorial work at the rate of 50 cents per hour. Miss Wheelhouse went from Illinois to Minnesota with Mr. Alvord. She is very competent but did not have time in Minnesota to do all the editorial work so Mrs. Buck took over half of it.

I am not a judge of what is a fair price for editorial work and I am only concerned about being able to raise sufficient money each year to meet the necessary expenses. I do think Dr. Buck's letter to the members of the executive committee was misleading. From his letter anyone would infer that the Association was under very great obligations to the University of Minnesota for the expense of editing the Review and that we paid out little or nothing from our treasury.

I will be glad to give you any further information that is in my power.

Yours very truly,

GOV. ALEXANDER J. GROESBECK, EX OFFICIO
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GEORGE N. FULLER, PH. D., SECRETARY AND EDITOR
LANSING

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
67 Barton Ave. S.E.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

April
23,
1924

My dear Doctor Buck:

Respecting the editorship of the Review, about which you ask me to make a statement of my preference: I am for Dr. Quaife, strongly, for the following reasons.

According to your several circular letters, in seeking a successor to Dr. Alvord the Committee should try to find a man who has the backing of an institution able and willing to furnish the editor with all necessary help free of expense to the Association. I agree heartily with this position, inasmuch as the cost of this help is now, according to your statement, in the neighborhood of \$700 a year. Dr. Quaife now has back of him the Detroit Public Library, which stands ready to give him such editorial and clerical assistance as he may need.

I have been strongly in favor of Dr. Quaife from the beginning, so strongly that the fact of his now being in Michigan adds nothing.

As to Dr. Quaife's qualifications for the position, the committee is too well informed to need instruction.

I do not wish my position in the matter to be treated as confidential, as you might be inclined to treat it in deference to a long standing friendship, but

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rather I should be pleased to have all members of the executive committee know.

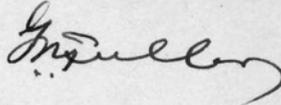
I have high regard for all persons, without exception, who have been mentioned as candidates, but to my mind Dr. Quaife's qualifications, including scholarship, his practical editorial experience, financial backing, and his past services to the Association, make him preeminently eligible.

If it is possible for me to get to Louisville, I shall be there.

With kindest regards,

Very respectfully yours,

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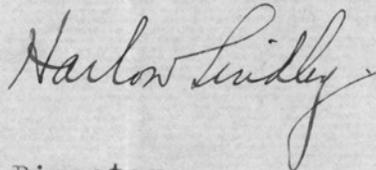
Dr. Solon J. Buck
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear friend:

A reply to your letter of April 19th has been delayed by the death of my father which has kept me away from the office for three or four days. I will plan to be in Louisville in time for the breakfast session which you suggest. I shall probably go down there Wednesday evening as I have a reservation at the Seelbach.

Everything considered I am very well satisfied with the summary report which you have prepared. While I would be very glad to have you as Editor of the publication, yet considering every angle I think it is just as well to go ahead with Shippee at present. Believe me

Very sincerely



Director.

L-R

April 25, 1924

Professor E. C. Barker
University of Texas
Austin, Texas

Dear Barker:-

I have your letters of the twenty-first and the twenty-second. It will be impossible for me to meet you at St. Louis as I have made plans to go by way of Chicago. Will expect to see you, however, at breakfast in Louisville on Thursday.

I think I understand how you feel about the managing editorship with reference to yourself.

Mrs. Paine has finally sent me copies of her letters to Boucher about the editorial expenses and I find that the misconceptions were hers in the main. I do not think that she intended to misstate the facts but she certainly got things badly mixed; also she stated that she thought my letter (meaning the first letter of the sub-committee) "to the members of the executive committee was misleading. From the letter anyone would infer that the Association was under very great obligations to the University of Minnesota for the expense of editing the Review and that we paid little or nothing from our treasury."

I had, of course, no intention of conveying any such impression when I drafted the letter, and it was approved by both of the other members of the sub-committee before it was sent out, nor does it seem to have made such an impression upon any other member of the executive committee or of the board of editors from whom I have heard with the exception, of course, of Boucher. As a matter of fact I do not think and never have thought that the Association was under great obligations to the University, and I am well aware of the fact that the Illinois institutions bore a much larger share of the editorial expense. My intention was merely to indicate that it was necessary, for the time being at least, to select someone connected with an institution which would give approximately the same amount of assistance, and apparently most people interpreted it that way. Boucher, however, having convinced himself that I would stoop to anything to keep the Review at Minnesota interpreted everything I did as part of a campaign to that end.

There is absolutely no personal advantage to me in keeping the Review at Minnesota, and I doubt if there is much advantage to the University. Moreover, Shippee's attitude in the matter is not such as to lead me to be influenced in the matter by my friendship for him. My reason for supporting him, therefore, is the fact that I honestly believe that his selection will be for the

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best interests of the Association. This does not mean that I do not think there are a number of others fully as capable as he of handling the job but, taking all the circumstances into consideration, I think that his selection will be the best for the Association. Moreover, if he is not selected, there would be great danger that the Review might fall into the hands, not of one of the other competent men, but of someone who would not make a success of it.

I do not know why I should bother to write all of this to you when I will see you very soon, but the fact is that I feel Boucher's attack very keenly and I do not know, of course, to what extent he has been spreading his charges. I doubt if there is anyone connected with the Association, except Mrs. Paine, ^{and Alford, of course} who has devoted more time and energy to it than have I, and I do not like to have my good faith impugned.

While it is true, as I have said above, that the misstatements about what happened with reference to editorial expenses a year ago were first made by Mrs. Paine, ~~I think that~~ Boucher made them his own by repeating them without investigation and still clings to them in spite of the statement of facts which I sent to him based upon the original correspondence.

In spite of her carelessness in this matter, I am distinctly opposed to any movement to supplant Mrs. Paine at the present time. I think she has rendered great services to the Association and do not know of any suitable person to take her place.

Sincerely yours

P. S. I am sending you a copy of Alford's letter to Mrs. Paine of April 6/. How anyone can believe that he was asking for money for Shippee is more than I can understand. Certainly it is not reasonable to suppose that Shippee would accept a half time assistantship at five hundred dollars. In view of the amount of services which he has given to the Association without charge and without thought of charge, it seems to me very unfortunate that anyone should accuse him of trying to get money out of the Association for himself, or rather accuse Alford of trying to get it for him.

B/P

April 26, 1924

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Wellington Inn
Omaha, Nebraska

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

I have your letter of April 22 with enclosures. The only addition I have to suggest to the docket is that of the elections to the board of editors. I should think that this ought to follow immediately after the election of the managing editor. There are one or two other matters that I want to bring up but they can come in under the head of "Miscellaneous Business."

I am very glad that you sent me the copies of your letters to Boucher, for I think that absolute frankness in this matter is necessary if we are going to maintain harmony in the Association. Your first letter to Boucher contains, as you realize, of course, practically all the statements made by Boucher to which I took exception -- in fact he has used your language verbatim. I wish that you had informed me of this when I first took exception to these statements as repeated in Boucher's letter to the sub-committee. Since the statements actually did originate with you I think that you should have a copy of the letter which I wrote to Boucher in reply, and I am sending it to you herewith. There is not the slightest doubt in my mind that you supposed that you were representing the situation correctly with reference to Mr. Alvord's suggestion that additional funds be made available for editorial expenses, nor do I think for one moment that you realized that the statements which you made amounted to a reflection on the professional honor of Alvord and Shippee. It is inconceivable to me that a man of Shippee's standing would attempt to secure payment for his editorial services on the Review or that Alvord would attempt to secure them for him. If you will read Alvord's letter over again (a copy of it is enclosed) I am sure that you will recognize the fact that you misinterpreted it. You will note, for instance, that he speaks of "creating a \$500 assistanceship." You will also note that he speaks of having the "half time of some person." Surely you do not think that Shippee would give half of his time for \$500. I know absolutely, not only from the language of the letters, but from the conversation to which Alvord alludes at the beginning of the letter, that what he had in mind was clerical assistance rather than the type of work done by Shippee as assistant editor, and the two things had absolutely no connection with each other. As I recall the conversation referred to it was a very general one, amounting merely to an agreement that a half time clerical assistant in the editor's office would facilitate matters very much.

Your statement, however, when relayed to me by Boucher was so entirely different that it did not recall this conversation to my mind at all. I was unable to believe, however, that Alvord had made any such request. Naturally I asked Shippee if he

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knew anything about it and he was equally astonished. At last I wrote to you about it and received a copy of Alvord's letter which I saw at once did not justify the statements made.

It seems to me further that it was ~~an~~ unwise or at least unnecessary for you to say anything about this matter to Boucher. A careful reading of Alvord's letter discloses the fact that it was not even a request for money for a clerical assistant but merely a statement of needs and a request for your opinion on the subject. He, as a member of the finance committee was writing to you in a tentative way as another member of the finance committee and, since the matter went no further, it should not, I think, have been revealed outside of that committee. There would, however, have been no particular harm in such revelation provided the letter had not been misinterpreted. The same is true, of course, of my letter to you with reference to an allotment for the Proceedings.

With reference to whether or not Alvord knew that he was leaving Minnesota at the time when he wrote this letter, I observe that in your second letter to Boucher you merely state that I do not believe that he did. Your letter distinctly gives the impression that you think he did. Unless he deliberately deceived me and his other associates here he did not know it until some six weeks later. I expect, however, to have definite evidence on this point before I get to Louisville.

There is one other matter in your first letter to Boucher to which I must allude. You state that you think my "letter to the members of the executive committee was misleading" and that from it "anyone would infer that the association was under very great obligations to the University of Minnesota for the expense of editing the Review, and that we paid out little or nothing from our treasury." It is unfortunate that you did not make this statement directly to me instead of to Boucher. The letter in question was drafted by me but it was approved by both the other members before it was sent out as a letter from the sub-committee. Apparently neither of them got the impression of it which you did, nor has anyone else so far as I can judge from my extensive correspondence, with the exception of Boucher. Certainly the creating of such an impression was the farthest from my intentions. I did not think then and do not think now that the contribution of the University of Minnesota to the Review was a particularly large one. In my letter to Boucher, I stated explicitly that the institutions with which Alvord was connected in Illinois made larger contributions, and I am well aware that there are various institutions which would be willing to make larger contributions. I made no mention of the payments by the association for editorial work because they had no bearing on the point which I was making, which was that a certain minimum amount of assistance from the institution would be essential, and the assistance rendered by Minnesota was definitely stated as an indication of what that minimum should be.

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The whole difficulty lies, of course, in the assumption that I have been acting in this matter primarily for the purpose of keeping the Review at Minnesota. It is quite useless, of course, to enter into any discussion of my motives, for that is something on which it is impossible to offer proof. I can only assert that I have been motivated entirely by what I believe to be the best interests of the association. Certainly my friendship for Shippee cannot be the motive of my actions, for he is so lukewarm on the subject that I have had great difficulty in getting him to agree to take the position if it is offered to him. The advantage to the University in having the Review located here is a very intangible thing, and some members of our department doubt if there is any appreciable advantage involved. Certainly it is not such as to influence me in such a matter to the detriment of the association to which I have, for many years, given freely of my time and energy, and in the welfare of which I am deeply interested.

I am extremely sorry that anything of this sort has come up to interfere with the harmonious relations which have always existed between us heretofore. I hope that you may see your way clear to admit and to inform Boucher that your interpretation of Alvord's letter was incorrect; but, however this may be, I shall continue to give you my loyal support and coöperation because I believe that you are sincerely devoted to the welfare of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association.

Sincerely yours

B/P

April 26, 1924

Prof. C. S. Boucher
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Boucher:-

Mrs. Paine has sent me with your knowledge and permission, I understand, copies of her letters of January 19 and February 28 to which you refer in your letter of March 26, and several things are now clear to me which I have been unable to understand before.

In the first place, I find that practically all the statements to which I took exception in your letter of January 28 to the sub-committee are taken almost verbatim from Mrs. Paine's letter to you of January 19. It is clear, therefore, that the responsibility for originating the statements belongs not to you but to Mrs. Paine, although you made them your own by incorporating them in your letter. Mrs. Paine's interpretation of my statement about the contribution of the University of Minnesota to editorial expenses gives me a clue to your procedure in the matter. Adopting, apparently, this interpretation, you proceeded to refute it, but in so doing you were setting up a man of straw, for I certainly never had any intention of making any claims for Minnesota. I am sending you herewith a copy of Alvord's letter to Mrs. Paine on which she based her statements. If you will read this letter carefully, I am certain that you will have to admit, to yourself at least, that her interpretation of the letter was wrong and that what Alvord was suggesting was not compensation for Shippee but an arrangement whereby a half-time clerical assistant might be provided for the editorial office.

In such matters as these it seems to me that perfect frankness is necessary if misunderstandings are to be avoided. Consequently I am sending you herewith also a copy of the letter which I have just written to Mrs. Paine.

I sincerely hope that the misunderstandings in this matter will not prevent us all from working together for the best interests of the M.V.H.A, so far at least as we are able to harmonize our ideas as to what are the best interests of that association.

Sincerely yours

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THE REGISTRY OFFICE

The University of Oklahoma
Norman, Oklahoma

April 26, 1924.

Mr. Solon J. Buck, Chairman,
Executive Committee on the
Managing Editorship,
Mississippi Valley Historical Association,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I shall not be able to attend the meeting at
Louisville, Ky., Any of the men who have been named are
suitable candidates as far as I know for the managing-editor-
ship of the Review.

I regret exceedingly my inability to be with
you.

Yours very truly,

Roy Gittinger

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COLUMBUS

April 28, 1924.

Professor S. J. Buck,
Louisville, Kentucky.

Dear Buck: I have your recent letter to the members of the Executive Committee of the M. V. H. A. I expect to be present at Louisville, but as I shall drive down, I may not arrive until later on Thursday than the one o'clock meeting.

As regards the managing editorship, I think that, if financial arrangements satisfactory to Mrs. Paine can be made, it ought to be kept at Minnesota. I wish that you would take charge yourself. But, according to reports, Shippee is holding down the job in a satisfactory way.

Very truly yours,
Arthur C. Cole.

June 9, 1924

Miss Louise P. Kellogg
Wisconsin Historical Society
Madison, Wisconsin

My dear Miss Kellogg:--

I have been intending ever since I got back from Louisville to write to you but have not got around to it. Miss Nutt told me about seeing you and your kindness to her, and yesterday Shippee showed me your recent letter to him. The story of what happened at Louisville is a long and complicated one and doubtless you have heard much of it.

Since you seem to feel that you were in part responsible for the result because of your failure to attend the meeting, I think I ought to explain that, while the members of the board of editors were consulted by the sub-committee in order to ascertain their wishes, only members of the executive committee were present and participated in the election, as, under the constitution of the Association, the authority in such matters rests with the executive committee. While you might, of course, have exerted some influence had you been in Louisville, I doubt if you would have had much opportunity for you would not have supposed that there was any need for it.

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At the Columbus meeting in December, she made such a wail about the Association's finances that she succeeded in making many people think that the greatest possible economy was necessary. Thereafter she circulated a report to the effect that Alvord, after he knew that he was leaving, tried to get some money out of the Association "for Shippee." She now claims that what she meant was for editorial expenses under Shippee's direction. As a matter of fact, the only basis for this was a suggestion by Alvord in April, 1923, several months before he knew that he was going to

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With reference to Mrs. Paine, I do not mean to say that she was working from the beginning for the election of Quaife. She was, however, I am convinced, determined to take the Review away from Minnesota if possible. I think that her original candidate was Boucher, but it soon developed that Boucher had almost no support. Her attitude toward Minnesota, was probably influenced in part by the fact that I have taken my position as chairman of the executive committee too seriously to suit her. Instead of being merely a rubber stamp, I have asked questions about the budget and the bills and have insisted on things being done in a businesslike manner.

It will probably surprise you to know that in spite of the fact that, according to her own statement, she does her work for the Association mainly during office hours and receives, I suppose, a full time salary as librarian of the Nebraska Historical Society, she also receives fifteen dollars a week or \$750 a year from the Association for "clerical allowance," and one half of the first dues of all new members as a commission, making a total of over a thousand dollars a year. Her payment is put through as clerical allowance instead of salary in order that she may tell the Nebraska people without too much strain on her conscience that no officer of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association receives a salary.

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This letter is confidential, of course, but I have no objections to your showing it to Dr. Schafer, Miss Munns, and any of the other Wisconsin people who might be interested and in whom you have confidence.

Sincerely yours

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The Wisconsinian
Seattle, July 17.

My dear Mr. Pack:

I am wondering if you will be at home the last of August? We are scheduled to reach Minneapolis the afternoon of the 28th from Bauff on the Soo line. If you are going to be there I would like to see you & if you are please let me know immediately as I have only barely time to get ready. We sail for Alaska the 30th but may leave here the 25th.

I am very much concerned about the annual meeting & do not all hope it can possibly be made a success. There are only seven members in Detroit including 21 Junco & only two in Ann Arbor - Van Tuyl & Cross & neither of them much interested. If I can get back of the influence that took the meeting to Detroit perhaps it can be made to go. Locating the meeting of the Miss. Valley Hist Assoc & its Review outside the Valley is the strongest thing I ever heard of.

Had intended to write you before but time has passed so rapidly that I have not realized its passage. Sincerely,
H. H. Hodder

July 21, 1924

Mr. F. H. Hodder
The Wilsonian
Seattle, Washington

My dear Mr. Hodder:

I too have been intending to write to you ever since the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association but have neglected it along with a great many other things this spring. I wanted, first, to congratulate you on your election. I was very much pleased at this, both because it is a recognition which you should have had some time ago and because I am glad to have a man with your ideas in the position during what is likely to be a critical year for the Association. In the second place I had intended to tell you all about the affair of the managing editorship.

It is impossible for me to say positively that I will be here on August 28 but it is probable that I will be and I shall keep that in mind in making my arrangements for the rest of the summer. I have got to have some vacation before fall but because of a number of matters which are up in the air I have been unable to make any definite plans as yet. It is just possible that things will work out so that the only time I can go will cover the latter part of August, but I do not think so. If you will get in touch with my home in Minneapolis (there will be someone there) when you get in, you can find out where to locate me. I am very anxious indeed to have a talk with you about various matters connected with the Mississippi Valley Historical Association and if we do not meet this fall, I hope we can meet at Washington during the holidays.

I do not think that we will have much difficulty in arranging a reasonably successful meeting at Detroit. George M. Fuller, secretary of the Michigan Historical Commission, Lansing, was the man who secured the meeting for Detroit. I am sure that C. M. Burton and the other local people there, regardless of their membership in the Association, will take care of the local arrangements and I think there will be a fairly large attendance. I do not feel as you do about the geographical objection to Detroit as a place of meeting or as the location of the editorial office of the

Review. I have always interpreted "Mississippi Valley" in the name of the Association and of the Review in the broad sense as including the entire area of the United States from the Appalachian Mountains to the Rockies. It seems to me that historically and economically the Great Lakes region is so intimately connected with the upper Mississippi and Ohio valleys that it should be included in the field of the Association. If the term were to be interpreted literally as including only the territory drained by the Mississippi River, we should have to leave out Chicago (at least before the construction of the drainage canal), much of Alabama and Mississippi and most of Texas.

I was very much dissatisfied, however, with the outcome of the election, -- not because the Review was taken away from Minnesota, as most people will probably think, but in the first place, because I doubt if Quaife has the requisite qualities to make a success of it, and most important of all, I object to the way in which the thing was put through. As you doubtless know, the Detroit Public Library offered to pay all editorial expenses -- a matter of about six hundred dollars a year -- if Quaife were made the editor.

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It seems to me that the difficulties of the Association can be traced back very largely to the cleavage between the ideals of the professional and the non-professional members; or perhaps I should say the trained and the untrained. If the Association is going to be of real service, we shall have to see to it that it is controlled in the main by the professional element. For that reason, it seems to me that the nominating committee for next year should be selected with great care and should be given some appropriate suggestions. I have written very frankly in this letter and I should not, of course, want the things I have said to get to the interested parties and make additional trouble for the Association. It seems to me, however, that you as president are entitled to this information.

Sincerely yours

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UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
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July 25, 1924

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(Signed) F. H. Hodder