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Oklahoma Historical Society

(TRUSTEE OF THE STATE)

Oklahoma City

January 15, 1921.

Dear Doctor Buck:-

Several months have passed since there has been any correspondence between us. Much has been happening in the mean time. After many delays, the work of cataloging and indexing the library and documentary material has been inaugurated and is under way. The Library of Congress classification was adopted and the cataloger in charge is a trained librarian who spent two years in the service of the Library of Congress.

The annual meeting of the Society was held on the 11th instant. As I had suspected, one unduly ambitious employe of the Society attempted to pack the meeting with new members (the constitution having no provisions to the contrary) and capture the organization with a view to her own promotion--in fact, she had planned to personally supercede Mr. Campbell, the custodian who was the real founder of the Society and who has been in charge of its operations for nearly two decades. I was also slated to go--to be superceded by a party who did not know there was a historical society in the state ten days before the meeting. However, the attempt to turn things upside down was frustrated and I have no desire to weary you with tales of petticoat politics. Suffice it to say, that a repetition of such a thing will be made impossible. Several members of the Legislature were present in the meeting and are conversant with conditions and the probability is that there will be some radical reorganization provided for by legislative enactment.

A bill has been prepared for the creation of a state library and museum, with a board of trustees or regents of limited eligibility, the Historical Society, the Educational Association, the Press Association, the Academy of Science and the Librarians' Association being the contributory and constituent organizations. If this measure is passed and approved in the form in which it has been drawn, it will mean that the superintendent or executive director must be a trained man and that he must be secured from outside of the state, as I know of no one now residing in the state who would be possessed of the requisite qualifications. I know that many of my friends will think that the place should go to me but I am not a candidate, even in a receptive sense. As I may have explained before, I had to train myself for this work and of course that means that there is much in the way of minutiae and detail and administrative methods of which I have little or no knowledge and, at this stage of development, no disposition to undertake. Moreover, there are other plans with which it would interfere, later on.

I am taking the liberty of writing thus frankly and confidentially to you for the reason that I want you to understand that my interest in the ultimate outcome is not based upon any selfish ground and because I will be pleased to receive any advice or suggestions which you may see fit to offer at this juncture or while the matter is pending. After the bill has been introduced--it is being handled by outside parties who have the real interests of the institution at heart--and printed, I will send you a copy for examination. In the past, your advice and suggestions have come more nearly meeting the needs and requirements of our conditions than those derived from similar sources in other states, hence I am writing to you in a way that I would not feel free to do in many if any other instances.

The initial number of "Chronicles of Oklahoma," the new quarterly of this Society, will appear shortly, the copy being now in the hands of the printer. I am not on the editorial board, though I feel that I was entitled to have been and there will be many others who will take a similar view of the matter. However, that is a personal matter and my interest in seeing the establishment of a creditable publication must be and is based upon a higher plane than any personal consideration whatever.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph B. Thoburn.

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

P. S. I might add that the position of superintendent or active director of such an institution as now proposed will afford a wonderful opportunity for the right man. We should therefore be in a position to act advisedly in making the selection when the time comes for such action. It would be better to take a home man and break him in and train him than to make a mistake in not getting the right man from elsewhere. You are familiar with what the requirements will be, having put through reorganization of the work of your society, and you also have a wide acquaintance with people who are engaged in this work in your own and other states. I will write again in a day or two and outline my own ideas as to the composition of the staff of officials and employes needed for the work of such an institution for the present and the immediate future.

January 27, 1921

Mr. Joseph B. Thoburn, secretary
Oklahoma Historical Society
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

My dear Mr. Thoburn:-

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 15, which has interested me very much. I hope that you will be successful in getting through the bill about which you write. At any rate, I should like very much to receive a copy of the bill as soon as it is printed.

It happens that I am chairman of a committee of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association on the organization of state historical work, which is planning to present a report at the meeting next April. Your scheme of organization and administration seems to be somewhat out of the ordinary, and I should like to know as much as possible about it. Moreover, I can make much more satisfactory suggestions, of course, after knowing more of the details of this plan, than is possible at present. It strikes me that the sort of man whom you want for superintendent or director would depend entirely upon whether your institution is to be predominantly a state library or predominantly an historical society.

I am especially glad to know that your new quarterly is about to be launched. I assume that the Minnesota Historical Society will receive exchange copies, and I should be glad to receive personal copies if it is consistent with your policy.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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JOSEPH B. THOBURN, SECRETARY
MRS. JESSIE R. MOORE, TREASURER
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Oklahoma Historical Society

TRUSTEE OF THE STATE

Oklahoma City November 7, 1923.

Dear Doctor Buck:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that, at a meeting of the board of directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society held yesterday, you were elected a corresponding member of the Society. A certificate of such membership will be forwarded to you in due time.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Joseph B. Thoburn.

Secretary.

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

November 10, 1923

Mr. Joseph B. Thoburn, Secretary
Oklahoma Historical Society
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Thoburn:-

I am in receipt of your letter of November 7 and want to express to you and to the board of directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society my appreciation of my election to corresponding membership in the society. It gives me great pleasure to accept the election and I shall be glad to be of assistance to the society whenever possible.

Sincerely yours

B/P

67-27th Ave. S.E.,
Mpls., Minn.,
March 2, 1926.

Mr. S. J. Buck,
Columbia University,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Buck:

I have taken the privilege of using your name as a reference, for use by the Bureau of Recommendations at the University of Minnesota. I shall appreciate it very much if you can find time to say a word concerning my ability.

I hope that you are enjoying your new work. I am looking forward to your return in the fall as I have about concluded to postpone my final oral examinations until that time.

Thanking you for this favor,
I am

Yours very truly,

(Mrs) Dorothy Uhl Page.

March 5, 1926

Mrs. Dorothy Uhl Page
67 - 27th Avenue., S. E.,
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Page:

I received your note of March 2nd and have sent in the blank to the Bureau of Recommendations. I was very glad to do this for you and hope that you secure a satisfactory position.

I trust also that you are making some progress on your thesis. Your subject is somewhat of an experiment and I am much interested in its possibilities.

Sincerely yours,

SJB DRW

Mrs. Page did very good work in the above courses and so far as intellectual attainments are concerned, she has the qualifications for a good teacher and for major work in history.

I do not know her well enough to have a definite opinion about her personality. She is of pleasing appearance, but has a sort of drawling manner that might possibly detract from her success as a teacher.

Professor of History

Please remember us to them all -
to Cousin Alford in particular.

I have had a happy busy life of it
since marriage. My work has been as
enjoyable as ever, furnishing our
flat a pleasure, and enjoying the many
good things Florida offers. Most pleasurable

was Parker and I had a delightful
trip into New England this October.

The autumn of Niagara in southern New
Hampshire was in the perfection of
its gorgeous glory and relatives vied
with old friends in giving us a
cordial reception. We wound up
our trip with a few days in Kitterville.
Broadway and 5th Ave. was as gay

154 Seligfield St. Jacksonville, Florida 19 Dec 22.

My dear Buck:

I am delighted to hear of
Roger Couant's arrival and Mrs Parker and
I congratulate you and Mrs Buck
heartily. It is a splendid thing to have
a son. I feel, and I am sure you do, that
one of earth's greatest blessings is yours.
I trust he will attain distinction and
lead a useful life, one in which you
may always have pride and pleasure.

How goes it with you and my
other good friends in Minneapolis? I
hope they are all as happy and pros-
perous as I found them a year ago.

and busy as ever but they have lost much of
their gloss for us, whether owing old age,
or prohibition of emigration are responsible
for this feeling I leave to your imagination.
Sorry, I couldn't make the Daily show this
year. I had such a good time amongst you
that the pull was strong.

Once again a handshake all round and a
very specially nice cluck under the skin to R.C.

With congratulations

Henri Newton Parker

HORATIO NEWTON PARKER
154 SCHOFIELD STREET
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

10 December 23.

My dear Solon:

This is a bit of a note to tell you
of the arrival of Jeanette's Harriet on 1 Decem-
ber. She is a lovely baby and we are very happy
over her advent.

With best wishes,

Horatio Newton Parker

P.S.

Please tell Cousin Alvord.

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HORATIO NEWTON PARKER
2215 PARK STREET
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

23 November 24.

My dear Buck:

Margaret and I congratulate both Mrs. Buck and you on the arrival of Mary Margaret. I know she will bring you much happiness and I trust a happy life is in store for her.

I trust you and my numerous old friends are all prospering. I see you helped the Clinic but that Pandey spoiled you off. Wait till you try the "Haters".

Fairlie needed a short call this summer and gave us a little Urbana news. Apparently it is the same despicable scandal shop that we know. So we can't be the guilty parties.

HORATIO NEWTON PARKER
2215 PARK STREET
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Fairlie said that Alford has left your
midst. Where is he and what is he at?

Had a letter from Kelly in Italy this
summer taunting me for my dry and
dusty throat. I referred to the Art Institute
in Chicago which I think is his hang
out. If you have his address I wish
you would give it me. We have
changed ours as you note from
the heading.

I have little to report of myself except
that I am happy and making nice
meat in Florida. When you get sick
or unwilling show come down.

With best wishes
Horatio Newton Parker

HORATIO NEWTON PARKER
2215 PARK STREET
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

15 February 25.

My dear Buck

You and I seem to be following each other in reverse order. Figure it out this way. You have a son and a bit later I have a daughter; then you have a daughter and on 12 January Horatio Newton junior arrives. We ought to get together all of us and have a jubilation. It would be fine and I am sure when it was over we could properly use the words B. L. T. used to say on my "a good time was had by all".

Please give my regards to your good wife and tell her Florida is a worthy objective.

Also tell my old friends, whom you must that I miss them and hope they will not forget me when they take that Florida trip. With best wishes,
Horatio Newton Parker

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Since whether or not a candidate is inclined
towards economic radicalism is apparently
to be a factor in the selection of
your instructor, we prefer not to be
involved in the matter.

Buck, Stephenson Henry.

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University Station
Grand Forks, North Dakota

October 21, 1922.

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

Dear Professor Buck:

Please accept my hearty thanks for your prompt telegram
answering my request for information about George Hendricks.

Very truly yours,

Clarence Perkins

Professor of European History.

CP/EL

*Stephenson
Please return
to S. J. B.*

FRANK J. MACKEY,
PRESIDENT.

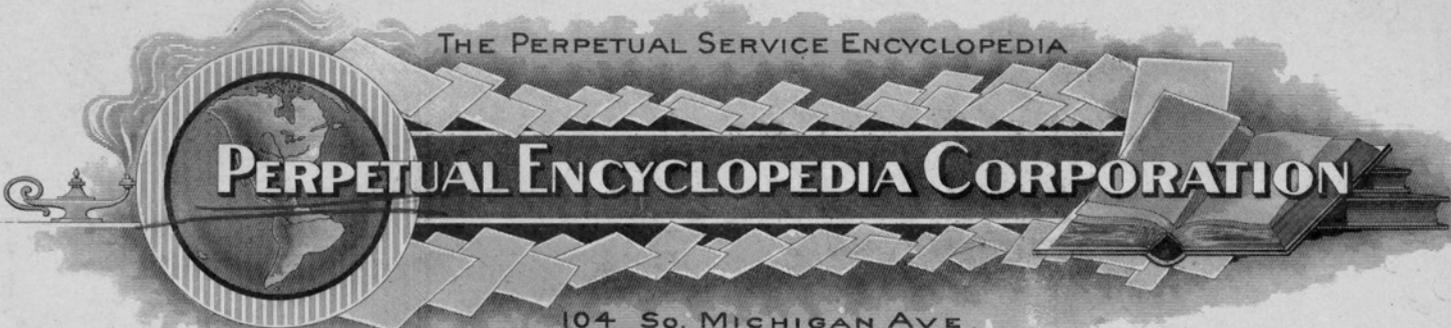
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September 26, 1924.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

Dr. Harding writes that you have kindly consented to look over an article on the state of Minnesota which has been prepared for our encyclopedia, The Source Book, and I am enclosing a copy of the article herewith. We wish it to be thoroughly accurate and up to date, and will welcome any criticisms that you may have to make. It was written by Miss Jessie Kile, whom you will probably remember.

May we hope to have the article with your suggestions within a month or so? We shall be glad to send you a small honorarium for this service and will deeply appreciate your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Hobert

Editor.

October 3, 1924

Miss Margaret Hobart, Editor
Perpetual Encyclopedia Corporation
104 So. Michigan Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Miss Hobart:-

Enclosed herewith I am returning to you the copy of the article on Minnesota for your encyclopedia with my corrections and suggestions in the margin.

On the whole it seems to me that the article is well written and conveys a large amount of information in a few words. The principal general criticism I would make of it is that it says nothing about who the people were who settled Minnesota. Surely there ought to be some indication of the large part which the Scandinavian and German elements, along with the New England element, have had in building the state of Minnesota.

Miss Kile was a member of our staff at one time and I should be glad to be remembered to her.

Sincerely yours

B/P

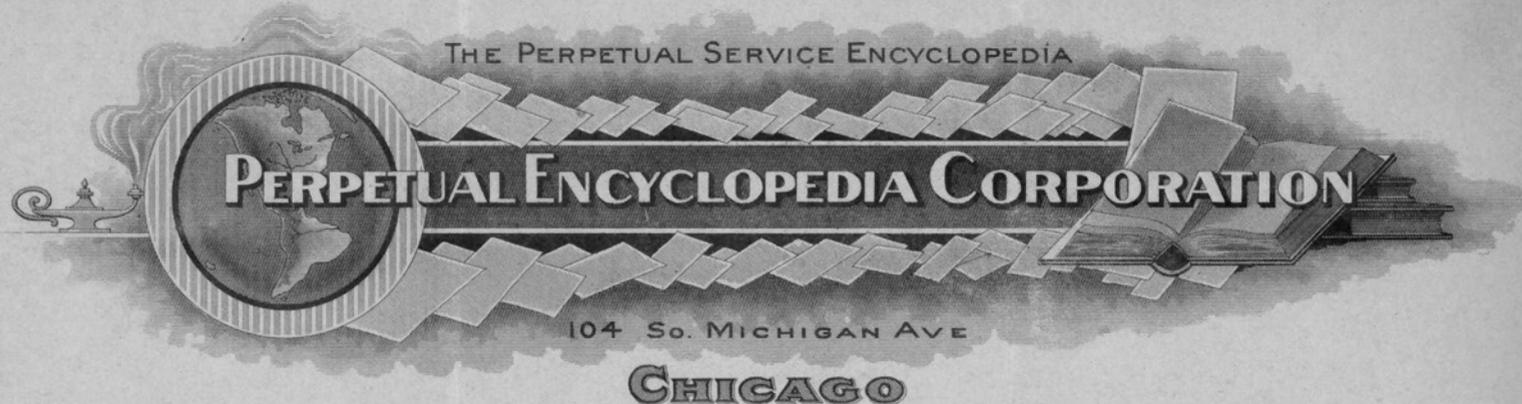
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TREASURER.



October 7, 1924

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

I have the article on Minnesota with your corrections and suggestions. Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter. I will see that something is included on the influence of the Scandinavian, German and New England elements in building the State.

I am sending you herewith a check in the amount of \$15.00, as a slight token of appreciation for your services.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Hobert
Editor

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October 9, 1924

Miss Margaret Hobert
Perpetual Encyclopedia
Corporation
104 So. Michigan Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Miss Hobert:-

I am in receipt
of your letter of October 7 with
check enclosed. Thank you very much.
I shall be very glad if my sugges-
tions prove serviceable to you.

Sincerely yours

B/P

A Message to Chapter Officers and Interested Members of Phi Beta Kappa

September 28, 1922

It is expected that the delegates who represented your chapter at the recent Phi Beta Kappa Council will prepare and forward their reports of that memorable gathering. If such reports are not at hand they should be requested so that careful consideration may be given to the actions of the Council that will require the attention of your chapter officers, and of your chapter.

You will note that six charters were granted in behalf of
Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pa.
Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa
The University of Maine, Orono
Davidson College, Davidson, N. C.
The University of Oregon, Eugene, and
Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa.

The institutions are listed in the chronological order of their applications. When these charters have been put into effect the number of chapters will be ninety-nine.

You will also note that the two matters received favorable action that were brought to the attention of delegates in the message of President Birge that was printed on the folder containing Information for Delegates, a copy of which was sent you. The adoption of the new By-Law VI will place upon your chapter the pleasant duty of joining with the other chapters in your district in recommending to the Senate not more than three institutions that, after a careful survey, are deemed most worthy of consideration for Phi Beta Kappa Charters.

The senior chapters in the districts are

- District 1—The Alpha of Connecticut at Yale
- District 2—The Alpha of Virginia at William and Mary
- District 3—The Alpha of Ohio at Western Reserve
- District 4—The Alpha of Alabama at the University
- District 5—The Alpha of California at the University

A special communication will be sent to these chapters shortly, and your chapter may expect in due time word from one of them as to the method to be pursued in carrying the By-Law into effect.

The record of the action of the Council on the endowment project has been prepared and is as follows:

The Senate reported to the Council, through a committee of which Senator Northup was chairman, the acceptance with sincere thanks of two offers from an anonymous member, the first to provide Headquarters in New York City in an apartment on the fourteenth floor of No. 145 West 55th Street for a period of five years from May 1st, 1920, and the second to pay the salary of the Secretary on full time for three years from February 1st, 1922; and recommended the adoption of the following: Resolved—

"1st. That this Council express its hearty appreciation of the gift of a generous member who has provided for Phi Beta Kappa Headquarters in New York City for a period of five years, and also has covenanted to pay for three years the salary of the Secretary of the United Chapters so that he may give his entire time to the promotion of Phi Beta Kappa interests, and that the Council approves the action of the Senate in accepting these offers: and

"Whereas, by a communication dated January 5th, 1922, this same generous member makes an additional proposal which reads as follows:

'To the Senate of the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa:

'On condition that each Chapter of our forward-looking and progressive Society through its duly appointed committee shall endeavor to secure from each of its members a pledge to subscribe five dollars a year for a period of five years in order to establish an endowment fund, commensurate with the greatness of our Society, and fittingly and appropriately to commemorate its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary, I anonymously hereby offer to subscribe yearly for a period of five years one-tenth of the amount thus yearly secured. In the case of undergraduates, many of whom will be working their way through college or university and who therefore may be unable to make such pledge, a pledge to pay the total amount, namely twenty-five dollars, as soon after graduation as convenient, shall be regarded as an equivalent.

'The endowment fund thus created shall be for the following purposes:

'First. An amount not to exceed \$100,000 shall be taken from the endowment fund in order to erect at the College of William and Mary a building as a memorial to the Fifty Founders of Phi Beta Kappa.

'Second. For the encouraging and developing of true Scholarship in the High Schools, Colleges and Universities of our land and also of encouraging and developing high character and inspired leadership among our members by pointing the way to this end through systematized practical idealism in ways to be outlined and perhaps superintended by committees appointed by the Senate of the United Chapters.'" And,

"Whereas, this proposal has been placed before the Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa in an official communication, and, through the pages of the PHI BETA KAPPA KEY, has been called to the attention of a large circle of members so that there has been abundant opportunity for its consideration; Resolved—

"2d. That this third proposal be also accepted with the hearty thanks of the Council, not only for the evidence of the large liberality of the offer, but also for the confidence expressed in our great Society, that it is fitted for the special tasks outlined, and is fully able to meet both the intellectual and financial obligations involved.

"3rd. That the Senate is hereby directed and empowered to take the necessary steps to secure legal incorporation which will enable it to hold and administer any endowment funds which may be secured.

"4th. That as members of this Council we individually and collectively pledge ourselves to do all in our power to foster the memorial endowment fund and thus give real evidence of our appreciation of the abounding generosity of our liberal and farseeing member and of our own faith in the future of the Fraternity."

The report was accepted, and its recommendations taken up in order. Resolutions 1 and 3 were adopted unanimously. Resolution 2 was fully discussed, the discussion occupying nearly an hour, and was adopted by a rising vote, 75 voting in the affirmative and 8 in the negative. This was afterwards made unanimous. Resolution 4 was adopted by a rising vote 62 to 23.

The report was then adopted as a whole.

Word is at hand that many chapters have already appointed committees to co-operate in the task of giving all the members of their chapters an opportunity to contribute to the fund. All are advised that within six weeks the Senate is to meet in special session to outline plans for carrying forward this project, and you are requested to await a communication from the Senate before taking definite action.

Meanwhile chapter officers are encouraged to plan for a meeting to be held on or near December 5th—the Society's 146th anniversary—before which time the Senate's plan of campaign will be prepared and forwarded, at which meeting your chapter's campaign can be launched. The advisability of making preliminary notice of the project in college periodicals should be taken into consideration. Anything that will help to a clear understanding of the project and encourage a proper enthusiasm for it should have your cordial support. A re-reading is advised of the statement respecting it that was printed in the May number of THE PHI BETA KAPPA KEY, pages 718-720.

Meanwhile work on the Phi Beta Kappa Catalog will be pushed to completion. As soon as the Geographical Directory is printed copies of the pages covering your section will be sent you so that you will be more fully informed than hitherto of the Phi Beta Kappa members who reside therein. It is hoped that this information will encourage the holding of anniversary gatherings in many cities, and if your chapter can encourage such gatherings by furnishing speakers and otherwise the aid will be sincerely appreciated.

The publication of the General Phi Beta Kappa Catalog is expected before the end of the year, and your chapter is advised that only about 1200 copies will be available, the balance of the

edition having been sold. Your assistance in disposing of these copies is requested. If your chapter and your College library have not sent in subscriptions these should be forwarded promptly. The price is now \$4.50, payable at once or on the delivery of the volume. If you feel justified in ordering a few copies for your members this will be appreciated. We cannot hope to circularize all our members who have not subscribed. We will, however, send the October number of THE PHI BETA KAPPA KEY, which will contain a special announcement and a subscription blank, to a selected list of your members if it is forwarded promptly.

You are invited to study the subject "Disseminating the Spirit of Phi Beta Kappa" as set forth in recent numbers of THE KEY. See pages 584, 669 and 739, and especially the address on the subject by Senator Northup on pages 722-24. We advise a careful discussion of the possibility of doing something in your section along the lines suggested. The time to begin on these larger tasks is now. The Council gave the project hearty support.

In conclusion we quote the resolution that was adopted with enthusiasm as the concluding act of the Council in the hope that its clear and earnest call may reach all the Chapters and many members who were not privileged to serve as delegates.

"In recognition of the many forceful and pertinent suggestions made before this Council regarding changed academic conditions, and the necessity of the adaptation of the Chapter life of the Society to the demands evidently now incumbent upon us, be it therefore, Resolved—

"That we return to our respective colleges with the determination to put into active operation such measures as are possible and practical to insure a livelier co-ordination of Phi Beta Kappa interests with the activities now so increasingly evident in our educational life."

Our new president, Dr. Charles F. Thwing, joins me in sincere congratulations on the outcome of the Council, and in a cordial call to enthusiasm in working out the plans outlined, so that the ensuing triennium may be one of real progress, and a fitting preparation for the celebration in 1926 of the 150th anniversary of Phi Beta Kappa.

Very sincerely yours,

OSCAR M. VOORHEES,

Secretary.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Office of the Registrar

Dear Professor Buck: I am sending you here
with copies of a communication which I
have received from National Secretary
Doobers.

I presume it will be
courteous to call a special meeting in

his honor in order to give him an opportunity to meet our members and deliver whatever message he may have. Please let me know about this, so that I can send out the notices.

Very truly,

Clara H. Koenig

A MANUAL
FOR
PHI BETA KAPPA
CHAPTER SECRETARIES.

Second Edition, October, 1923

FOREWORD.

The Secretaries of the ninety-nine chapters of Phi Beta Kappa are the means of communication between these chapters and the United Chapters. The Constitution and By-Laws of the United Chapters, and various acts of the National Council, outline a variety of duties which require no little care and labor. Those who have had long experience as chapter secretaries have little difficulty in performing these duties satisfactorily. Those more recently chosen are at times at a loss to know just what is expected of them. This manual is prepared to supply needed information as to these duties. The Secretary of the United Chapters has been appealed to so often for direction that he feels justified in offering his correspondents this friendly assistance.

NATIONAL PHI BETA KAPPA HEADQUARTERS
145 West 55th Street
New York, N. Y.

PHI BETA KAPPA MANUAL

I. THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

Since 1883 the National Council of the United Chapters, which meets every third year, has been Phi Beta Kappa's supreme legislative body. Under the provisions of its constitution the National Council at each session elects its own officers, and also ten members of the Senate for a term of six years. This body constitutes a permanent executive committee during the interval of the Councils. The officers of the Council are also officers of the Senate, and have general executive authority, subject always to the constitution and rules of the United Chapters and the directions of the Senate. Thus far all the Councils have convened in September, that of 1922 at Cleveland, Ohio, by invitation of the Alpha Chapter at Western Reserve University.

DELEGATES

Each chapter is entitled "to send three delegates, who shall be graduates of at least five years' standing and members of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, but not necessarily of the chapter by which they are chosen." Notice of the time and place of the meeting is given before the preceding annual meetings of chapters, if these are held in March, April, May, or June. Delegates should be chosen with a view to their ability to attend. One at least may well be chosen from among the members living near the place of meeting so as to insure representation.

Delegates should be expected to report to their chapters in writing.

ALTERNATES

It is well to select alternates, or better still to authorize an officer of the chapter to fill vacancies that may occur because of the inability of those selected to attend.

A card is provided on which to report the selection of delegates. Secretaries should follow directions carefully, as all information asked is important.

II. CHARTERS FOR NEW CHAPTERS

The National Council has full power to grant charters, but no application will be considered that has not been before the Senate at least nine months before the Council convenes, and is not accompanied by the Senate's recommendation as to appropriate action. A two-thirds vote of the delegations from all the existing chapters is required before a charter can be granted.

A new by-law was adopted by the Council of 1922 to govern applications for charters. It divides the United States into five districts and provides that the chapters in each district shall after consultation select and present to the Senate the three institutions situated within its bounds that they deem most worthy of receiving charters. From the fifteen institutions thus nominated the Senate shall select those it deems worthy of consideration by the Council, shall encourage from them applications, and present them to the Council with its reasons for recommending them favorably. Nominations are to be made by the chapters within two years after the meeting of the Council, i. e., before September, 1924, 1927, etc. Your chapter should be encouraged to take appropriate action on all communications that may be received in this matter.

III. MEMBERSHIP

Under authority granted by its charter each chapter elects and receives each year a number of members, who thus become members of the Fraternity as well as of the chapter. In Article III of the constitution provided by the National Council, and adopted by all chapters instituted under its charters, the principles underlying membership are thus stated:

The members of the chapter shall be elected *primarily* from the best scholars of the graduating classes of the college; *secondly* from those graduates of said college whose post-graduate work entitles them to such honor, and *lastly* from any persons distinguished in letters, science or education; provided, however, that the selection from each graduating class shall not exceed one-fourth of the number graduated. But the chapter may make further limitations or restrictions.

Three classes of members are here clearly distinguished, which for the sake of uniformity the Council has designated, members *In Course*, *Alumni* (*Alumnae*) members, and *Honorary* members.

I. MEMBERS IN COURSE. Few, if any, chapters elect the full one-fourth of the graduating classes. The proportion elected varies from one-sixth to one-tenth. The Council definitely encourages the election of a few of the best scholars on Junior standing, i. e., at the end of two and one-half or three years' work. In such cases initiations do not usually occur until the opening of the Senior year, when it is quite evident that members elect propose to complete their course. The Council has also encouraged meetings of undergraduates, preferably under the leadership of older members, to discuss the his-

tory and principles of Phi Beta Kappa. Many chapters now make a second selection at the end of the first semester of the Senior year. Thus between their initiation and graduation there is opportunity for the chapter to encourage in the new members a due appreciation of the privileges and obligations of membership.

A few chapters in great universities have extended membership to the leading students in their graduate schools at the time they receive the Ph.D. or some other higher degree. The Council has directed that these be designated Members in Course, and be listed as of the academic year of their reception, but with the designation of the degree conferred placed in brackets after the year. Thus: "John Jones '24 (Ph. D.)." Members elected on Junior standing are listed with their respective college classes, but may have (Jr.) placed after their names by way of distinction.

The Senators and officers of the United Chapters provide a booklet setting forth the history and principles of the Fraternity, a copy of which should be presented at the initiation to each new member.

2. ALUMNI MEMBERS. The provision of the constitution respecting Alumni membership, though very definite, has not always been fully understood. Some chapters formerly designated both graduates and non-graduates elected *honoris causa* as Honorary members, and by so doing adopted the principle that Members in Course are chosen in the faith that, following undergraduate prominence, they *will* attain, while alumni and others are elected to Honorary membership on the ground that they *have* attained. The constitution, however, clearly

distinguishes between the two classes, and graduates thus elected are properly designated Alumni members. In order to make clear the honorary character of Alumni membership, the officers of the United Chapters strongly recommend that graduates shall not be made eligible until fifteen years after receiving their first degree, unless unusual prominence is earlier attained. If provision is made for the examination of the records of members of the fifteen-year class and a few are elected "whose post-graduate work entitles them to such honor," the provision of the constitution will be fully complied with, and Alumni membership given its rightful prominence. The whole number elected from any one class must not in any case exceed one-fourth of its members at the time of their graduation.

3. HONORARY MEMBERS. Phi Beta Kappa has from the first elected a few to Honorary membership who were not graduates of the college, and in some cases not of any college. Thus Washington Irving was in 1833 elected an Honorary member of both the Harvard and Yale Chapters. Many thus elected have become interested and useful members, and have rendered important service in the development of Phi Beta Kappa. Perhaps Elisha Parmele is the most notable instance, for, being thus honored by the original society, he carried charters to Harvard and Yale and thus made possible the perpetuation of Phi Beta Kappa in spite of the disbanding of the society at William and Mary.

Elections to Honorary membership should be few, and on the basis of especial attainments, and then by a nine-tenths vote. A statement of the reasons for the election should be entered upon

the chapter records, read at the time of the initiation, and a copy sent to the secretary of the United Chapters. A certificate properly sealed and signed by him will then be forwarded to be filled out and presented by the chapter in such manner as may seem most appropriate. If sufficient time intervenes between the election and the initiation, the certificate may be made ready for presentation at the time of initiation.

4. OTHER CLASSES OF MEMBERS. "In addition to the above each chapter may recognize the following classes of members

"CHARTER members—named in the charter as responsible for the organization of the chapter.

"FOUNDATION members—chosen by the Charter members to assist in the organization of the chapter, according to the terms of the charter.

"ASSOCIATE members—members of other chapters temporarily associated in the conduct of the chapter while teachers or students in the institution."

For the action of the Council defining the classes of members, see *The Key*, volume 2, no. 1, pp. 35-36.

In the general conduct of any chapter no distinctions are made by reason of the class or group to which any member belongs. Each chapter determines what group of members shall have a vote in the election of members and officers, and in the conduct of its internal affairs.

INITIATIONS

It is expected that each member-elect who accepts his election shall be received or initiated before being accorded the privileges of the chapter and the right to wear a Phi Beta Kappa key. The Council has provided that where, by reason

of distance or a conflict of engagements, a member-elect cannot readily present himself for initiation, he may on request be initiated by another chapter, and, the fact of the initiation being duly reported, be entered upon the records of the electing chapter and thenceforth entitled to full privileges of membership, bearing, however, no particular relationship to the initiating chapter.

No person should be initiated whose dues have not been paid.

CERTIFICATES OF MEMBERSHIP

Some chapters give to each person received in Course or to Alumnus membership a suitable certificate. The United Chapters has had prepared an appropriate certificate which is sold to chapters practically at cost—\$40 for the first 100, and \$25 for each 100 subsequently ordered. The copper plate containing the name of the college and the official designation of the chapter remains the property of the chapter. The cost of engrossing the member's name and date of reception is not great. Write for detailed information.

Honorary members are entitled to a special certificate which is furnished by the United Chapters without cost. Our charge for engrossing the name, the chapter, and the date of reception is \$1.25 per certificate, but the chapter may arrange to have this work done locally.

REGISTRATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Each new member should be duly registered in the office of the United Chapters, should receive a subscription to THE PHI BETA KAPPA KEY, and be presented with a Phi Beta Kappa key, or with authority to purchase one. Suitable blanks are provided which should be filled out

with care as directed. The use of a typewriter for this work is commended.

For these purposes a supply of blanks is provided, each consisting of three cards;—the first a Registration card, the second a Subscription card, and the third a Key Order card.

One registration card should be filled out with the full name of each new member (surname first), the date of reception, and class of membership. These cards properly filled out and signed should be forwarded to the central office immediately after the initiation.

The subscription card and the attached key order card should be handed to each member at the time of reception, the subscription card bearing the name of the member and the signature of the Secretary; the key order card, the signature only. The instructions on the back of these cards give definite information respecting their use.

IV. PHI BETA KAPPA KEYS

By direction of the Council of 1901 all jewelers known to be manufacturing keys were requested not to deliver keys except on orders countersigned by an officer of a chapter. Later legislation adopted a standard design to be made in four sizes only, and placed the control of the manufacture and sale of keys in the hands of the officers of the United Chapters, so that no chapter officer can authorize the purchase of keys elsewhere without violating a rule of the Fraternity. Hence secretaries are expected to authorize the securing of keys only on blanks provided by the central office. The royalty derived from the sale of keys is an important financial resource of the United Chapters. Secretaries will therefore see that loyalty yields a double reward. Our keys

are guaranteed as to pattern, weight, and fineness, and the prices are not greater than those quoted elsewhere.

If the chapter plans to present keys to members at the time of their initiation, the key order cards can be detached, filled out, signed, and forwarded, as soon as the elections have occurred, and keys should be ready in time for presentation. If the interval between the election and the initiation is brief, the central office should be notified in advance, so that sufficient keys may be set aside ready for immediate engraving on the receipt of orders.

A commission of ten per cent is allowed on chapter orders of five keys or more when paid for by one check.

For the convenience of the Pacific Coast chapters the L. G. Balfour Co., Official Jeweler, has arranged for the distribution of keys from their San Francisco office, for which special blanks have been provided.

V. REPORTS

Near the conclusion of each academic year blanks will be sent for certain chapter reports. The first requests the list of officers for the ensuing year. Kindly be careful to follow directions.

The second sets forth changes in the membership of the chapter through additions and deaths. The number of additions should correspond with the registration cards forwarded. It is important to check up.

The third has to do with amounts due as registration fees, and is in the form of a warrant to the chapter treasurer for making remittance. It will be returned to him as a receipt for the amount

forwarded. The registration fee is \$1.00 for each member received into membership in any class except Associate.

Reports are also requested of activities of members of the chapter, especially along educational lines, of promotions or changes in occupation, and of books, or important articles published; also the names of members who have died with obituary notices when available. The college publication with the names of deceased Phi Beta Kappa members marked will be especially welcomed.

VI. PUBLICATIONS

The official organ of the United Chapters is THE PHI BETA KAPPA KEY, a quarterly publication first issued in November, 1910. The twelve numbers of a triennium form a volume, those of 1922 to 1925 being volume 5. All new members are given a year's subscription in the hope that through a growing knowledge they will come to entertain an abiding interest in the principles and purposes of the society.

In 1915 a volume entitled Representative Phi Beta Kappa Orations was issued from the press of The Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston. The balance of the edition has been purchased by the United Chapters and copies are offered for \$1.50, or \$1.75 if they are to be sent beyond the Mississippi River.

The Phi Beta Kappa Catalog of 1922 is our newest publication, and the only complete catalog of the Fraternity ever published. It contains the names of more than 55,000 members, and the addresses of the 40,800 who were living in 1922. It is of 1500 pages, and the price is \$6.00 delivered.

VII. FOSTERING FRATERNITY INTERESTS

To mark the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Phi Beta Kappa an Endowment Fund is being raised, and a Memorial Building is to be erected in honor of the Fifty Founders at the College of William and Mary. Chapter officers should do all in their power to foster this anniversary project.

In view of the varied duties herein set forth the position of chapter secretary is one of great importance, not only to the chapter, but also to the Fraternity at large. The chapter records should be neatly kept and all important papers carefully preserved. To facilitate this work, the Council of 1922 recommended that each institution provide a desk and office space where the records of the chapter will be readily accessible and the work of the secretary can be done satisfactorily.

It is important that you familiarize yourself with Phi Beta Kappa history, and with the traditions and methods of the chapter; that you report to your chapter for consideration all matters of general fraternity interest; encourage in all your members loyal support of our quarterly, **THE PHI BETA KAPPA KEY**; and send statedly to the general secretary for its pages reports of the activities of your chapter; in a word, you should be alert in your efforts to foster all worthy fraternity interests and to keep your chapter in full accord with the general trend of Phi Beta Kappa affairs. Doing this you will find the work increasingly interesting and inspiring, and will become impressed with the unique position and opportunities of our venerable Fraternity.

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The University of Minnesota
Minneapolis

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

THE UNITED CHAPTERS OF PHI BETA KAPPA
145 West 55 th Street,
New York City.

November 2, 1923.

Mrs. Clara H. Koenig,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Mrs. Koenig:

From my circular letter you know that I plan a visit to your section, and I shall of course want to see the University. I expect to come from Lawrence College, Appleton, and hope to visit also on this occasion Hamline and Macalester, and to plan a trip to Carleton.

It would please me greatly if I might have the privilege of meeting the Phi Beta Kappa group and also some members from Minneapolis and St. Paul who would be sufficiently interested to attend. It is important that we arrange for a definite campaign throughout the Twin Cities.

As my plans are now, I hope it may be possible to reach Minneapolis by the evening of the 21st and to spend the remainder of the week in and about the city.

I shall be glad to hear from you as to your convenience and to be assured of your cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Oscar M. Voorhees,
SECRETARY.

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NATIONAL PHI BETA KAPPA HEADQUARTERS
145 West 55th Street,
New York, N.Y.

November 1, 1923.

To the Chapters:-

A meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa Senate was held on October 27, and I am writing at once that your chapter may know the situation as it has developed.

1. The Senate expressed great satisfaction that the Catalog is at last completed. It is expected that every chapter will aid in disposing of the remaining volumes. If there is a library in your vicinity that ought to have a copy kindly send the enclosed folder to their librarian. If your college library has not ordered a copy encourage such action. I would suggest also that a note be prepared respecting the Catalog for your college periodical.

2. Eight hundred subscriptions to the Endowment Fund have come from over sixty chapters, totaling over \$17,000. It is to be regretted that some chapters did not send out their folders more promptly. Nevertheless, we have responses from every state in the Union except ten, and from five foreign countries.

3. The plan to set up committees in as many cities and towns as possible to supplement the work of the chapter committees was approved, and also the suggestion that local meetings be encouraged on or near Founders' Day--December 5, that the plan of the fund may be brought before as many members as possible. It is expected that committees will continue in existence at least until the 150th anniversary in 1926, by which time the canvass must be completed.

4. It was arranged that the Treasurer should give a much larger portion of his time to the work of the office in view of increasing demands, and also to release the Secretary for field work. Hence I am planning to visit during the coming months many chapters, and also many cities and towns en route to foster interest in Phi Beta Kappa, and especially in the Anniversary Endowment Fund.

5. Your chapter should take up at once the work of arranging a meeting on or near Founders' Day to which representative members, if not all the members, living in your city or community will be invited, at which the whole matter should be thoroughly discussed and appropriate committees appointed to work throughout the campaign. Some information will be sent you later suitable to be offered for publication in the local papers. A report of your plans, and of the meeting when held is confidently anticipated.

6. While the original plan looking for a subscription from every member will not be relaxed, special subscriptions in amounts of \$100, \$200, \$500, and \$1,000 are to be invited. Already we have eleven of \$100, one of \$500 and two of \$1,000. Your chapter can help by suggesting members who are able to contribute these larger amounts.

7. Your attention is directed to the announcement in the October Key of two new departments to be begun in the January number, entitled "Phi Beta Kappa Authors", and "In the Busy World". To make these complete will require united effort. I shall

appreciate clippings or marked copies of college publications containing items of interest respecting Phi Beta Kappa members, or notices of books written by them.

8. I am enclosing two copies of the promised Manual which I trust will prove helpful. One is for the President and the other for the Secretary of your chapter.

9. To carry out the directions of the Senate I am planning an early trip into the North Central District, going possibly as far as the University of North Dakota, and returning by way of Nebraska and Iowa, visiting as many chapters and Phi Beta Kappa centers along the way as may be found possible. If the chapters in that section will indicate the cities they think I should visit it will aid me in an itinerary.

10. A similar tour into the South Central District is also contemplated to begin possibly in January. This will take me as far south as New Orleans, and if the way be clear, into Texas, returning by way of Kansas and Missouri. I sincerely trust that the chapters will tell me frankly in what way they think I may serve them most effectually. In the interval of these longer tours I shall hold myself in readiness to visit chapters and cities in the North Central District where the distances are not so great.

Fraternally yours,

Oscar M. Voorhees
SECRETARY.

JUN 27 1924

PHI BETA KAPPA
ALPHA OF WISCONSIN
MADISON

June 13, 1924.

To the Members
of the Wisconsin Alpha Chapter
of Phi Beta Kappa:

We believe you will be interested in the enclosed folder relating to a future program for Phi Beta Kappa.

It may come as a surprise to you to learn that the oldest and most distinguished intercollegiate organization in America has no permanent national headquarters and no means for employing a permanent secretary and developing an aggressive, constructive program.

Members are being asked for subscriptions which will make it possible to establish headquarters, pay a secretary, develop a constructive program, and erect a building to house the archives of the society.

The generosity of an unknown donor will care for a part of this undertaking. The amount of his contribution, however, will be measured by the amounts subscribed by the other members.

Will you as a wearer of the Key consider carefully the enclosed folder, and then draw your check for the amount you feel you can give and send it at once to Mr. Oscar M. Voorhees, Secretary, 145 West 55th St., New York City, with the subscription blank?

Yours very sincerely,

Charles C. Parlin, Chairman
Harry E. Benedict,
Mrs. G. A. Buckstaff,
Mrs. Howard Greene,
B. H. Meyer,
Richard F. Scholz,

Committee.

July 1, 1924

Dr. H. M. Quaife
Burton Historical Collection
Detroit Public Library
Detroit, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Quaife:-

Enclosed herewith I am sending you a review of Arnett's Populist Movement in Georgia. This was written originally for the American Political Science Review and was published in the last number of that magazine. Since the book had not been reviewed in the Mississippi Valley Historical Review and no arrangements had been made for reviewing it, and since there is probably very little overlapping in the clientele of the two magazines, Shippee and I thought that it would be desirable to print this review also in the M. V. H. R. It was the intention that it should be included in the June number but it was omitted by an oversight; therefore, I am sending it on to you for inclusion in a later number if you so desire.

There are three perfectly good reasons why you may not wish to print this review: (1) The book was published nearly two years ago; (2) The review has already been published elsewhere; (3) You did not ask for it. Any one of these reasons would be perfectly valid, and I shall not be in the least aggrieved if you do not print the review. I have no personal interest in the matter at all and would not have bothered you with it were it not for the fact that Arnett's book is such an excellent piece of work that it seems to me that it ought to be called to the attention of the readers of the M. V. H. R.

I hope that you are finding your work in Detroit agreeable. I have read with interest a couple of your articles in the leaflet that comes to me from your institution.

Sincerely yours

Quaife

THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL REVIEW
DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY

MANAGING EDITOR
M. M. QUAIFE

July 3, 1926.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
110 Library,
Columbia University,
New York.

Dear Mr. Buck:

We are very glad indeed that you are willing to write the review of Marshall's Papers of Frederick Bates, and are sending you the books by today's mail. If possible, we should of course be glad to have the review by the first of October.

Very truly yours,
Howie Ram
Editorial Assistant
Burton Collection

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August 11, 1926

Dr. M. M. Quaife
Detroit Public Library
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Quaife:

I wonder if you have made arrangements as yet for a review of the publication recently put out by the Norwegian American Historical Association under Blegen's editorship.

If not, and unless you have some one else specifically in mind, I should like to suggest Mr. Oliver W. Holmes, International House, Riverside Drive, New York City, as a reviewer. Mr. Holmes was a graduate student of mine at the University of Minnesota at one time and is just finishing up his work for the doctorate at Columbia. He comes from a Norwegian community in Minnesota, is much interested in the subject, has ideas and expresses them well, and would, I am sure, write a good review.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:W

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August 13, 1926

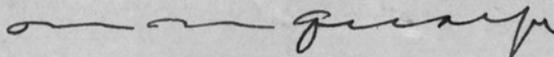
Professor Solon J. Buck
110 Library
Columbia University
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Buck:

The Norwegian-American volume has already been offered to Julius Olson. In case he should not accept the assignment we will be very glad to offer it to Mr. Holmes. I am greatly obliged to you for taking the trouble to call him to our attention in this connection.

I am glad to have your comment also on the matter of avenues of publication open to historical students. Quite possibly I am wrong in the judgment expressed in the REVIEW. At any rate Professor Turner's opinion is worthy of serious consideration. I may possibly conclude to comment further on this matter in a future issue of the REVIEW, in which case I may perhaps see fit to cite your opinion in the premises.

Sincerely yours,



M. M. QUAIFE.

Q/M

AUG 22 1925

ILLINOIS COLLEGE
JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS

Old Mission, Mich,

August 20, 1925.

My dear Dr. Buck:-

We are having an unexpected vacancy in our position of professor of history. We have just the one man in history and must therefore try to find a man of somewhat general training in European and American history. In view of the short notice, the appointment may be ^{to} an acting-professorship, although there will, of course, be an opportunity for a man to demonstrate his fitness for the permanent place. The salary will be between \$2600 and \$2900 depending upon training and experience. I shall greatly appreciate the favor if you can give me any suggestions. Kindly address me here by letter or wire at my expense. A telegram should be sent care of Floyd Wilber. I expect to be in Chicago, University Club, next week Friday and Saturday on my way home.

I hope all goes well with you.

Sincerely yours,

C. H. Remmelkamp

If you do not happen to know of a man, perhaps you will refer this inquiry to the Department at the University.

August 24, 1925

Dr. C. H. Rammelkamp
Old Mission, Michigan

My dear Dr. Rammelkamp:-

I am writing instead of wiring because I could not get all that I ought to say into a telegram. It is very difficult to find just the right person for jobs in history these days. Recently I was called on to recommend someone for a good position at the Winona State Teachers College and I shall give you much the same recommendations. I do not know what action President Maxwell has taken as yet, if any.

Mr. Stanley H. Perry has been an assistant in the Department of History at Minnesota for several years and has done considerable teaching. He has not had any work with me but I understand from other members of the department that he is very good. He is a mature man, around thirty-five I should think, and has had considerable secondary school experience. He has completed about two years of graduate work and is engaged to do the extension work in history in the University for next year but could doubtless be released for your position.

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Dr. C. H. R. 8/24/25--2

Mr. Winworth Williams has taught history for about ten years in the North High School, Minneapolis. He is a man around forty years old and has a master's degree in history from Columbia. Last summer he took a course with me at the University and during the year he carried a seminar. He and Holmes were in the same class last summer and were both of them as good students as anyone could ask for. Holmes perhaps has more promise because he is younger but Williams has had much teaching experience. I do not know that Williams would be interested in your position but he ought to be in college work. He has been talking of taking a year off from his high school work to do some more graduate work looking to a Ph. D.

I presume that what you would like to have is a young man who has got his doctor's degree and had a year or two of experience in teaching but I do not know of any such person who might be available. You could probably get more recommendations from Harvard, Columbia, or Chicago, where they turn out many more doctors in history than do we. I would not hesitate, however, to recommend anyone of those whom I have suggested above. I am not certain, however, that they are available and you might have some difficulty in getting in touch with them just now.

Mr. Perry's address is 618 - 29 Ave. No., Minneapolis. I tried to call him on the telephone to see if he would be interested but got no response and presume he is out of town.

Mr. Moe left here about a week ago and I do not know his plans or how to reach him, but I suppose he will be in Virginia early in September and a letter addressed to him there would probably reach him.

Mr. Holmes's home is in Rushford, Minnesota, and I presume that he is still there, although he may have gone on to New York City. A letter addressed to him there would doubtless be forwarded, however.

Mr. Williams's address is 1216 Sheridan Ave. No., Minneapolis.

I have talked this matter over with Krey who was the only other member of the department available and he knew of no other person to suggest. If anyone of the group I have named interests you particularly I will be glad to give you more information about him. I expect to leave about September 1, however, for Stony Point at Battle Lake, Minnesota, where I will be for two weeks.

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Dr. G. H. R. 8/24/25--3

You have a difficult problem on your hands in locating and securing a good man at this time of the year after the summer schools have closed, and I hope that you are successful.

Sincerely yours

(Signed in Mr. Buck's absence)

B/P

SEP 3 1925

ILLINOIS COLLEGE
JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS

September 1, 1925.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

I certainly appreciate the pains which you have taken to give me suggestions regarding a possible man for our vacancy in history. We have recently appointed one Marion Dargan, now at Charleston, South Carolina, to our professorship. Dargan has practically completed his work for the doctorate at Chicago and seems to have had successful teaching experience of several years.

Very sincerely yours,

C. H. Rammelkamp

CHR.S

Dear Mr. B. :-

I think you
will want to
reply to this
personally. I have
sent a note to
Mr. R. explaining
that you are away
and saying that
his letter is being
forwarded to you.

T. C. B.

MAR 12 1926

ILLINOIS COLLEGE
JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS

March 9, 1926.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

Again I wish to bother you for a little advice. As one of the results of our Jacksonville centennial, we are trying to bring the Morgan County Historical Society back into life. We are planning to have an annual meeting and supper on April 26. If you were not so far away, we should like very much to have you come down to speak to us but I suppose such a thought is hopeless.

I thought there might be somebody in St. Louis or Columbia or possibly in Indianapolis whom we might get - possibly some secretary or officer of one of those two state societies. We do not need an orator but, as you will appreciate, we need someone who could speak on a general subject of western history or on the importance of state and local history in such a way as to command the attention of an average group which thinks it is interested in history. If you can give me any suggestions, I shall be deeply obliged to you.

Sincerely yours,

C. H. Hammele

CHR.S

March 15, 1926.

Fred. C. H. Rammellkamp,
Illinois College,
Jacksonville, Ill.

My dear Dr. Rammellkamp:

Your letter of March 9th has been forwarded to me here where, as you will observe from the letter-head, I have a difficult but temporary job on my hands.

If your meeting were a little later I might possibly make it as I expect to attend the Mississippi Valley Historical Association meeting in Springfield early in May. I would suggest, however, that you ask Professor Thomas W. Marshall of Washington University, St. Louis, to give your talk. He is now secretary of the Missouri Historical Society at St. Louis and has transformed that institution in a very short time from a moribund one to a very active one. He has a vigorous personality and will, I am sure, give you a good talk if you can get him.

Other possibilities are Floyd Shoemaker, Secretary of the State Historical Society of Missouri at Columbia, and C. B. Coleman, Director of the Indiana Historical Bureau at Indianapolis. I think, however, that Marshall is the best of the group for your purposes, and, of course, he is the nearest. Another possibility would be B. F. Shambaugh of the State Historical Society of Iowa at Iowa City, or one of his assistants.

I hope that your movement to revive your local society will be entirely successful.

Sincerely yours,

SJB/JM

ILLINOIS COLLEGE
JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS

March 22, 1926.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

I am exceedingly obliged to you for your advice in your letter of March 15. I intend to call a meeting of our committee and suggest Professor Marshall as our speaker.

We wish, if possible, to use the date of April 26 since we want to emphasize that date in the future in our historical observances. Otherwise, I should be greatly tempted to delay our meeting in order to have you with us. I hope to see you in Springfield. Much luck to you in the great piece of work which you are undertaking for the American Historical Association!

Sincerely yours,

C. H. Russell

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ILLINOIS COLLEGE
JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS

April 6, 1926.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

I enclose a copy of the night letter which I sent you on Monday. Neither Professor Marsh, nor Mr. Shoemaker can come and since, because of a local conflict, we have to postpone our meeting, we are very anxious to have you. We shall, of course, be glad to pay any necessary additional expense to which you may be put on account of attendance at our meeting. It would be a great personal pleasure to Mrs. Rammelkamp and me to have you in our home.

Sincerely and hopefully yours,

C. A. Rammelkamp

ILLINOIS COLLEGE
JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS

April 24, 1926.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

Your letter of April 21
to President Rammelkamp regarding the
title of your address has been received.
As soon as President Rammelkamp returns
to the office, I shall bring your letter
to his attention.

Sincerely yours,

G. Van Houten
Secretary.

Telegram sent to: President Charles H. Rammelkamp

(Collect)

Illinois College

Jacksonville, Illinois

May 4.

Arriving on the Wabash Wednesday 5:57 P.M.

Solon J. Buck

ILLINOIS COLLEGE
JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS

June 16, 1926.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
No. 10 Library,
Columbia University,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Buck:

I am wondering if you have any suggestions regarding a possible successor to Mrs. Weber. I am writing more in a personal than in an official capacity. I look of course to Dr. Schmidt, the president of our Board, to take the initiative in this matter, but I should like to have a little information so that when we meet in conference, I may be able to make suggestions - especially if asked to do so. I shall be interested not only in your suggestions regarding some individual, but also in any general advice which you may care to give - for example: Do you think that we ought to seek a man or a woman for this position? Of course I am sure that whether it is a man or a woman, it must be someone who has the right kind of personality as well as some professional training.

I hope all goes well with you.

Sincerely yours,

C. H. Ramm

June 23, 1926

Dr. C. H. Rammelkamp
Illinois College
Jacksonville, Illinois

My dear Dr. Rammelkamp:

On my return from an absence of several weeks I found your letter of June 16.

The problem of getting a satisfactory successor to Mrs. Weber strikes me as a very difficult one. There would be some advantages in having a man, of course, but I understand the salary is only three thousand dollars and I doubt if the right man could be retained very long for that salary. Certainly the position ought to be filled with some one who has had training for historical work; but at the same time, as you well know, personality is also very important, particularly in view of the necessity of dealing with politicians. The situation is complicated furthermore by the fact that the principal editorial work is handled at Urbana. In addition to historical training the person appointed ought, if possible, to know something about library work, and people with that combination of qualifications are not very common.

I should think that Miss Norton of the Archives Division might be able to handle the work very well, but perhaps she is more valuable in her present position. Miss Esther McNitt, who has charge of the Historical Division of the Indiana State Library, is also a very competent woman with experience in both fields. I understand that Mr. Angle, the secretary of the Lincoln Centennial Association, is a promising young man who has had a year or two of graduate work in history at the University of Illinois. I regret to say that I did not meet him at the Springfield meeting, but I know that Greene thinks highly of him. Probably he knows little about library work but he might be willing to learn and his experience with the Lincoln Centennial Association probably has given him some valuable contacts. On the whole, I should think it would be better to take a young man of promise than second-rate man of experience.

If the board would consider a candidate from outside the state and would care to have me do so, I should be glad to make some inquiries around Columbia. Naturally I am very much interested in the matter in view of the close relations of the historical agencies in the Northwest, and I certainly hope that the person appointed has the professional rather than the amateur point of view concerning history.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:W

November 1, 1926

Miss Anne Ratterman
Sanford Annex
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Miss Ratterman:

Since Dr. Nute is so much more familiar with the fur trade than am I, I asked her to look over the outline for your thesis and then to send it to me. She did this very promptly and made some excellent suggestions, but I have been too busy to look it over myself until now. It seems to me that you have an interesting and important subject and quantities of valuable and hitherto unused material, and that if you work out a good organization and write it up effectively, the thesis ought to be a very good one.

*returned
outline*

Instead of trying to pass on to you Miss Nute's suggestions, I am going to ask you to talk the matter over with her and I am sure that she will be glad to assist you in any way possible.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:A

JUL 9 - 1926

113 S. 3rd St.,
Richmond, Va.,
July 4, 1926.

Dear Buck:

I am celebrating The Fourth of July by sending my belated thanks for the handsome invitation to join the trip to the Columbia River Historical Exposition,- together with apologies for my long delay,- and this in spite of the fact that there is not the least hope that I shall be able to attend. However, I am hoping that you will have a splendid success in the matter and that I shall have an opportunity to hear some of the details at the Association Meeting in Rochester next Christmas. A near-death in the family cancelled all reservations and sold my ticket for the meeting at Ann Arbor.

Also, my thanks for the copies of your Bulletin and the more recent Minnesota History, - the latter the more especially for your resumé of the activities of the Association and for Blegen's readable and suggestive article on advertisements: in fact, I have already used it to interest two locally in similar work in this state.

I am glad to say that the recent "awakening" in matters historical in the passed few years seems to have maintained its force hereabouts and to be steadily growing.

Although writing on The Fourth of July, I fear that postal regulations and the need of a stamp will defer mailing until to-morrow.

Best wishes and thanks for your kindnesses from

Yours very sincerely,

Morgan P. Robinson

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