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THE SAINT PAUL ASSOCIATION

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

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Address all Communications

to the General Secretary

July 18, 1924.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

In reply to your letter of recent date,  
you are advised that we have canceled your member-  
ship in the Association in view of circumstances  
outlined in your letter.

It has been a pleasure to have you as  
a member in the past; we have much appreciated  
the interest you have expressed in our program,  
and we hope that at an early date you will find  
yourself in a position to again affiliate with us.

Very truly yours,

*R. E. Hilton*  
General Secretary.

REH:BG

JUN 16 1925

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

(TRUSTEE OF THE STATE)

MADISON

JOSEPH SCHAFER  
Superintendent

June 15 1925

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

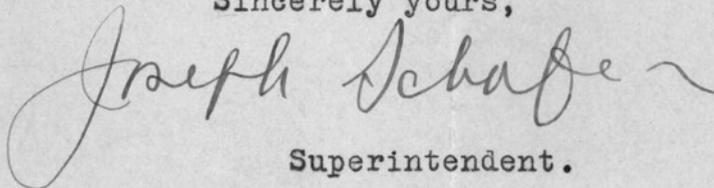
Dear Mr. Buck:

Your letter of June 13 finds me in the throes of marking over one-hundred examination papers of my class in History of the West. This, and other arrangements for getting away will keep me excessively busy until Wednesday evening, when I take the train. However, I wanted to write you a few lines to acknowledge receipt of your careful analysis of the Mississippi Valley Historical Society situation.

If you could really see your way clear to take the secretaryship, that would be the best solution. I can't consider it myself because I already hold several secretaryships (local and otherwise) which enable me to perform all of that kind of service that my time will permit. I know nothing about Pelzer's personality, and I am interested to learn the reactions you received in regard to him. One thing is certain-- that the Association, in order to get on its feet at all, must have in its secretary a strong leader. If you will agree to take the job we will all lay ourselves out at the next meeting to put the thing over.

Trusting you may have a very pleasant summer at Madison, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Superintendent.

JS:LM

Note: The June number of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review has just been laid upon my desk. However, I have received an advance copy of your review of "Domesday Book" which I consider very fair and also very helpful.

June 22, 1925

Dr. Joseph Schafer  
Department of History  
University of Oregon  
Eugene, Oregon

Dear Mr. Schafer:-

I am not at all certain that my election to the secretaryship of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association would be desirable or that it could be brought about, primarily for the reason that I have been rather closely identified with what is sometimes called the "academic" element in the Association and probably have antagonized some of the other element. I will not back down from what I said, however, and if it is "thrust upon me" I will accept it. As I have said before, personally I should very much prefer that it go to someone else.

I am glad that you find my review of the Domesday Book fair and particularly gratified that you find it helpful. While it is not changed very much from what it was when you first saw it in manuscript, the changes are rather important, particularly the one which avoids the possible implication that I considered the census schedules, etc., less valuable than miscellaneous and reminiscent material. I feel much indebted to you for your suggestions on this point.

You may be interested to know that I have two students writing master's theses on the settlement of local communities and that in my research course this last term each of the eight students prepared a paper on the settlement of a township in Minnesota, principally during the decade of the seventies, the townships selected being among those that were on the frontier at that time. The students were told to examine the Domesday Book for ideas and the results of their work were surprisingly good. In some cases the correlation between racial element and political affiliation is startling; thus, in one township in Otter Tail County, the settlers were practically all German Catholic and voted the Democratic ticket during the seventies, while in another township in the same county, the settlers were all Norwegian and Republican.

Our summer meeting in Winona and the historical tour which preceded it were very successful. About thirty people went down from the Twin Cities and there were some ten or twelve from other places in attendance. Unfortunately the Winona people

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did not turn out very well so that the meetings were not large. Miss Kellogg was the hit of the meeting. Her address was an excellent one well delivered, and the people who came in contact with her, especially members of my staff, were charmed with her personality. We certainly appreciate very much your arranging to have her attend the meeting.

As you doubtless recall, I leave for Madison at the end of this week to teach in the summer school there. I am sorry you are not to be there but I shall make good use of your library.

Sincerely yours

B/P

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

(TRUSTEE OF THE STATE)

MADISON

JOSEPH SCHAFER  
Superintendent

August 17, 1926.

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

My dear Doctor Buck:

A copy of the Turner paper you requested  
has been mailed to you.

We have just emerged from the first  
Homecoming of the State Historical Society  
which was held Saturday. It proved a  
decided success though the numbers were not  
excessively large. We hope to make it an  
annual pilgrimage of constantly increasing  
numbers and significance.

Sincerely yours,

*Joseph Schaffer*  
Superintendent.

S/B

August 27, 1926

Dr. Joseph Schafer  
The State Historical Society of Wisconsin  
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Dr. Schafer:

Thank you very much for the copy  
of Turner's paper

I have been reading with interest  
about the plans for your homecoming and am  
glad to know that it was a success. It seems  
to me that it is an excellent idea and one  
that might well be adopted by other institu-  
tions.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:W

NOV 14 1923

THE IOWA STATE COLLEGE OF  
AGRICULTURE AND MECHANIC ARTS

AMES, IOWA

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

LOUIS BERNARD SCHMIDT  
EARLE DUDLEY ROSS  
HERMAN CLARENCE NIXON  
MILLARD PECK

Ames, Iowa,  
Nov. 13, 1923.

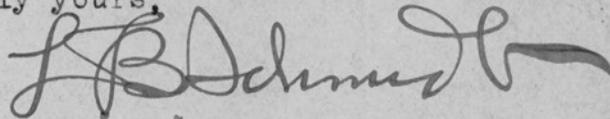
My dear Dr. Buck:

Dr. Ross and I are preparing for publication a book of Readings in the Economic History of American Agriculture. Among the selections which we would like to incorporate in this volume is Solon Justus Buck: The Granger Movement, Harvard Historical Studies, Vol. XIX, (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1913) Ch. I.

Will you grant us permission to use this selection, provided the publishers who hold the copyright, are willing to give their approval?

Awaiting your reply, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,



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

LBS/VH

November 15, 1923

Dr. L. B. Schmidt  
Iowa State College of  
Agriculture and Mechanic Arts  
Ames, Iowa

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

In response to your letter of November 3, I take pleasure in giving my permission for the use of selections from The Granger Movement, provided, of course, the publishers give their approval. I am glad to know of your project and shall look forward with interest to the publication of the book.

Give my regards to Ross  
and Nixon.

Sincerely yours

B/P

December 20, 1922

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt  
1615 Mallers Building  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

Doubtless you have seen the program for the meeting of the American Historical Association at New Haven and know that there is to be a dinner of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, and a joint meeting of the two associations. Alvord has arranged the programs for both of these events, but is not planning to go to the meeting on account of the expense involved. There is also to be a meeting of the executive committee of the M. V. H. A.; and I feel that Alvord, as editor of the Review, ought to be there if possible. I believe that he might be able to accomplish a good deal for the welfare of the Association.

Knowing your friendship for him and your interest in the Association, it has occurred to me that you might like to help out on this occasion. I am writing this, of course, without Alvord's knowing anything about it, but believe that he would go if his expenses could be taken care of. They ought, of course, to be paid by the Association, but unfortunately the Association cannot afford to pay both his expenses and those of Mrs. Paine. The matter might be handled through Mrs. Paine as a contribution to the Association to enable it to pay the expenses of the editor in attending this meeting. It might be well to notify Alvord directly, however, so that he could make his plans to attend, as the time is rather limited.

I have hesitated to write to you about this matter and I trust that you will not think me presumptuous. If, for any reason whatever, you do not feel like taking up the suggestion, just forget all about it and I will do the same.

Sincerely yours

B/P

DEC 21 1926

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

December 18, 1926.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
c/o Minnesota Historical Society,  
Saint Paul, Minn.

Dear Dr. Buck:-

Thanks for your letter. I have not been able to find the one I received. Having read it in a great hurry, my memory is vague, but I believe it did speak of a committee meeting, if possible.

I will, of course, forgoe anything excepting my direct work to attend.

Sincerely yours,

O. L. Schmidt

Minnesota Historical Society  
St. Paul, Minnesota  
December 20, 1926

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt  
1615 Mallers Building  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

In view of our conversation about Alvord, it occurs to me that you might be interested in the following paragraph from a letter that I have just received from him:

"Life goes along with me very happily. Except for the absence of Idress, I have not felt in such good humour for years as I am at the present time. Writing goes, however, rather hard. I am behind with my chapters for the Cambridge History of British Empire and Newton is putting on the thumb screws. But I shrug my shoulders at him. He'll get them in plenty of time. In fact they are going fairly well."

He has an engagement to talk with Lady Astor about the endowment fund for the A. H. A. and is going to attempt to get a contribution from her.

Sincerely yours

SJB/B

SEP 29 1925

MINNESOTA EDUCATION  
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TEACHERS COLLEGE  
MOORHEAD

C. G. SCHULZ, SECRETARY  
919 PIONEER BUILDING  
ST. PAUL

ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION  
NOVEMBER 5, 6, 7, 1925  
ST. PAUL

September 28, 1925.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:--

Will you kindly look over the text of the following advertisement, which has been sent us to appear in the October issue of the JOURNAL, and tell me if the statements herein are correctly stated. I will thank you for a reply as soon as convenient and will not send copy to the printer until after I hear from you. The advertisement reads as follows:

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For Your Fourth Grade History Course  
Supply Your Classes With  
STORIES OF EARLY MINNESOTA

By

Solon J. Buck and Elizabeth Hawthorn Buck.

The authors are well known to Minnesota historians. Dr. Buck is Superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society and a professor of history in the University of Minnesota. Mrs. Buck was formerly an instructor in the English department at the University.

An elementary book. The stories combine simplicity and literary excellence with historical accuracy. They cover explorations, settlement, Indian customs, dress and ceremonies, and present authentic and vivid pictures of the life of the Minnesota pioneer. Numerous illustrations of historic and artistic value. Animated sketch maps showing routes of travel and location of important happenings.

Published by

THE MACMILLAN COMPANY,  
Prairie Ave. and 25th St.

Chicago, Ill.

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Yours very truly,

S-C

*C. G. Schulz*  
Secretary

September 30, 1925

Mr. C. G. Schulz  
Minnesota Education Association  
Pioneer Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Schulz:-

I have your letter of September 28 concerning the advertisement of our Stories of Early Minnesota. It happens that Mr. Hines of the Macmillan Company had already read it to me over the telephone, but I am glad to have an opportunity to read it myself. ~~So far as I observe,~~ To the best of my knowledge the statements in the advertisement are correct.

Sincerely yours

SJB/B

FEB 13 1925



CHARLES SCRIBNER'S SONS  
PUBLISHERS-IMPORTERS

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT  
TEXT-BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

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FIFTH AVENUE AT 48TH STREET  
NEW YORK  
320 EAST 21ST STREET  
CHICAGO  
136 FEDERAL STREET  
BOSTON  
186 SPRING STREET  
ATLANTA  
165 POST STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO

February 11, 1925.

My dear Buck:

Your letter to our house has been referred to me. I was delighted to see something from your hand, and I am much interested in the plan of your book. We shall be very glad to examine the manuscript, and let you know our decision promptly.

I hope that everything is going well with you at St. Paul.

With best wishes, I am

Yours cordially,

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

February 24, 1925

Mr. W. D. Howe  
Charles Scribner's Sons  
Fifth Ave. at 48 St.,  
New York City

My dear Howe:-

Your note of February 11 was duly received, and I am sending you under separate cover a copy of the manuscript of our "Stories of Early Minnesota." I should be glad to know what you think of this at your early conven-  
ence.

I estimate that, with a liberal supply of pictures, it would make a book of about 140 pages. It would, of course, have no market outside of Minnesota, but I am sure that there would be a considerable sale for it in our schools, as the curriculum issued by the State Department of Education calls for the teaching of Minnesota history in the fourth grade and there is nothing available now that is suitable for this purpose. Since this curriculum has been published we have received a great many letters from teachers throughout the state asking us for information as to where they could get material for the work. There ought also, it seems to me, to be some sale to the public libraries and to the general public through the book stores.

If you are interested in the book, I should like to know something about your facilities for pushing it in the Minnesota schools. What would be your attitude toward a proposition to run part or all of the stories in advance in one of the city newspapers, or perhaps in a number of country weeklies? One of our Minneapolis papers is quite anxious to do this and it seems to me that publication would, not only not interfere with the sale of the book, but actually promote it by giving it publicity.

Sincerely yours

B/P



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SAN FRANCISCO

New York, February 27, 1925.

Dear Professor Buck:

Your manuscript, STORIES  
OF EARLY MINNESOTA, has reached the  
office during Mr. Howe's absence.  
When he returns to the city next, he  
will, I am sure, be glad to examine  
it.

Sincerely yours,

*Ethel M. Tracy*

Professor Solon J. Buck,  
University of Minnesota,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

MAR 12 1925

CHARLES SCRIBNER'S SONS  
PUBLISHERS  
FIFTH AVENUE AT 48<sup>TH</sup> STREET

NEW YORK March 10, 1925.

My dear Buck:

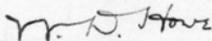
I have read with interest most of your Stories. There is good material here, but I think it has not been treated to the best advantage. May I write frankly?

There is a certain monotony in the stories, a lack of picturesqueness, and a lack of vitality, if you please, so that I cannot tell whether one would read many of the stories for the sake of the stories, and after all that must be the test. If I were in your place, I should spend some more time on these with the particular aim to bring out in a more striking way bits of color and striking situations. In other words, make some of these things live.

I am very grateful that you let me read the stories, and I think you will find there is something in what I say.

We are returning the manuscript by express.

Yours sincerely,



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



CHARLES SCRIBNER'S SONS  
PUBLISHERS - IMPORTERS  
FIFTH AVENUE AT 48<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
NEW YORK

November 22, 1926.

My dear Buck:

I have read your "Journal of L. C. Boynton," and have been much interested in it. We do not see any book in this, though. It occurred to me that it might be so selected that it would be the basis of one or two articles for Scribners. I asked one of the editors to look over the material with that in mind, but he says that they cannot find a place for it. Just now it seems that material of this sort must be very interesting, or must have to do with a very interesting person. As you realize, it is something with a fine flavor which you like to sit down with in the evening, but I fear as a book it would have very little sale. I am returning the manuscript to you by first-class mail, and I shall be glad to talk it over more in detail when we meet after you return from the West.

Yours cordially,

*M. D. Howe*

Professor Solon J. Buck,  
Room 120, Library,  
Columbia University,  
New York City.

December 7, 1926

Mr. Will D. Howe  
Charles Scribner's Sons  
Fifth Avenue at 48 Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Howe:

Thank you for taking the trouble to return the extracts from the "Journal of L. C. Boynton" by mail. I should have acknowledged this before, but the accumulation of work was such when I got back to New York that I am just now beginning to dig out from under it.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:A

*Letter for Mylo Journal. May 6, 1925*

Dear Mr. Shambaugh:

I was sorry to miss you last summer when you went through Minneapolis en route to British Columbia. I hope I shall have better luck this summer. In fact, I'm trying to make better luck for myself by suggesting that you vary your ordinary summer program and try Minnesota for your vacation. We haven't the mountains and glaciers of the Canadian Rockies, but we are different enough from your own state of Iowa to give you the changed environment which is essential to a good vacation. And think of the saving in railroad fare!

With the difference between your British Columbia trip and the fare to Minnesota you could hire a guide and make a trip de luxe through a region which combines the attractions of the wilderness with a multitude of historical associations. You could start for example, at International Falls opposite Fort Francis, where the Hudson's Bay Company had one of its trading posts. Imagining yourself a bourgeois in command of a brigade of voyageurs coming down from the Canadian Northwest with the winter's packs of furs, in the latter part of the Eighteenth Century, you could follow the regular route of the traders, now the international boundary, toward Lake Superior, and you would find the scenery as wild and the fishing as good as it was in the days of the fur trade.

Shortly after making the portage around Partridge Falls, you would reach the site of Fort Charlotte, which stood at the western end of the grand portage to Lake Superior. Here you could trace the outlines of the old buildings and stockades which were located by our Historical Society a few years ago. Before starting across the portage you should not fail to drop down stream about half a mile to see the cascades of the Pigeon River where the water tumbles

through a rocky canyon and reverses its direction in a hairpin turn. While making the nine-mile portage, you can console yourself with the thought that the voyageurs used to make two trips a day each way with two ninety pound packs on their backs. The trail, which is an international highway under the Webster-Ashburton Treaty, will ultimately lead you to Grand Portage on a beautiful bay of Lake Superior. Here you will find a most interesting village of Chippewa Indians where flourished for many years the western headquarters of the fur trade of half a continent.

After a side trip to the Pigeon Falls, you could travel along the wonderful north shore of Lake Superior either by steamer or by automobile to Duluth and Fond du Lac, another center of the fur<sup>se</sup> trade. From here another grand portage of nine miles -- you see I want you to get plenty of exercise -- will lead you to the St. Louis River above the falls and you will be on your way along the old trade route to the Mississippi. This will bring you out at Sandy Lake, where the Northwest Company had a post as early as 1794. Once on the Father of Waters you can dispense with your guide and paddle or float past a multitude of historic sites and interesting communities, clear back to your beloved Iowa.

This is of course only a sketch of one or two possible trips you might take which would combine scenic and historic interest. I could suggest many others, but won't take up any more of your time just now. Only I do want to urge you to consider Minnesota for your vacation. Instead of railroad trains and summer hotels at a distance, try a canoe and a tent nearby.

Sincerely yours,

April 11, 1922

Mr. R. E. Anderson, Director  
The Appointments Bureau  
Board of Education of the  
Methodist Episcopal Church  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of  
April 3 inquiring about Mr. Malcolm C. Shurtleff.

*File*

Mr. Shurtleff was a student in my  
graduate seminar in American history last term  
and did good work. He impresses me as an earnest  
and conscientious student, not particularly  
brilliant, but interested in his work and likely  
to make a successful teacher. My opportunities  
for observing him have been very limited, and  
consequently I am not in a position to make very  
positive statements about him.

Very truly yours

B/P

*for one term last year*

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THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
150 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

ABRAM W. HARRIS  
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

April 3, 1922.

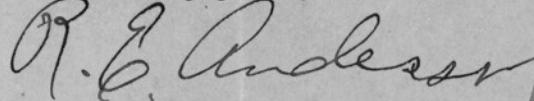
Prof. Solon J. Buck,  
Minnesota University,  
Minneapolis, Minn

My dear Prof. Buck:

We have been referred to you by Mr. Malcolm C. Shurtleff who is an applicant for a position through our Bureau. Will you kindly give us your estimate of the candidate's qualifications for a position in one of our Methodist schools. Information with reference to character, personality, and teaching ability is especially important as well as a definite statement of other factors which in your judgment are likely to operate for or against the applicant's success. Whatever you may choose to say will be treated confidentially as far as the candidate is concerned.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,



Director  
THE APPOINTMENTS BUREAU

The University of Minnesota  
College of Science, Literature, and the Arts  
Minneapolis

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

April 19, 1926.

Dear Steve,

Since receiving your note relative to a literary secretary for Senator Beveridge I have talked it over with Ford and one or two others and have also sought help from my inner consciousness. The net result is zero. I do not know of any one who has those qualities necessary to swing the job. There are two or three who might do if it were not for the shorthand, but I do not know a single person who has had training along the lines this secretary needs to be and at the same time has stenography.

Moe came to my mind, because not long ago I had a blank from an agency regarding him; Moore has the carefulness and accuracy.

Ford says that Beveridge had been forget about the social qualifications and get a bright young Jew who would insist on accuracy and have the guts to stand up to the Senator when he had the facts.

From the meagre crumbs which have dropped from Elizabeth's table we learn that you are busy, but that is about all. When you take this trip to Springfield and Minneapolis I trust that we may have a few moments conversation; incidentally I want your signature on the thesis blank of Alice Smith, and probably on that of Tohill. The former took her examination last Friday and conducted herself well. Tohill's thesis has been read by the people here, providing Koos has done his stuff as I urged him to, and the final examination will come soon. Alice Tyler has taken her written preliminaries and will have the oral on Wednesday.

Stephenson told me this morning that he expected to take in the M. V. H. A. meeting, but I do not; Ann Arbor was all I could stand for one season.

Yours,

Lester. [Shipped]

April 26, 1926.

Prof. Lester B. Shippee,  
Department of History,  
The University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Lester:

I was very glad to hear from you even though you are unable to supply Beveridge's perfect gentleman. I am going to try to get away from here Thursday and be home for the week end, but I may have to postpone my visit to Minneapolis until after the Springfield meeting. It was a pleasure to see Ford here last week.

Sincerely yours,

SJB/JM

May 14, 1926.

Prof. Lester B. Shippee,  
University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Lester:

I have read Mrs. Hartwig's paper and it is passable. I wish I could be at the examination to ask her some questions about things that apparently never occurred to her. It is my opinion that she ought not to be encouraged to go on for a doctor's degree. Probably she has no intention of doing so.

I had a very pleasant though somewhat strenuous time in Illinois. Spent Monday in Pittsburgh, and have been on the jump since getting back here Tuesday morning. We have got Turner to agree to speak at our New York dinner.

Sincerely yours,

SJB/JM

124 Church St., Iowa City,  
June 27, 1926.

Dear Steve,

We've wondered how the Buck family stood the trip and found the roads and all that. A note from Alice told us that you got off in proper shape, but after that a blank. Incidentally I suppose that Alice told you she was delayed in getting away from Minneapolis by what turned out to be whooping cough for Bob.

Your friends and acquaintances here desired to be remembered to you, Shambaugh and Root especially.

By this time I am getting to feel quite at home in Iowa City which quite appeals to me, since I like a little town, and the location is delightful. I had no idea that southeastern Iowa had so many trees and hills, consequently so many pretty drives. The institution is enough like Minnesota in its general spirit so that it is not at all difficult to settle into the routine, and now, with the summer term one-third over, it moves along about as it usually does at the stage in the game. One thing is different: I was shocked most out of recovery by learning that a check for one-half of the summer session's salary was ready this past week. However, I took it without looking a gift-horse in the mouth.

Classes are comfortably large but not enormous; in my lecture course of have some 33 or 34 and in the seminar 8. With five meetings for the first and two 2-hour meetings for the second the program is not very strenuous, especially since I'm not attempting to work up much new stuff for them. Root, Plum, Brandt and Livingston are teaching this first term, with Bessie Pierce on the job part of the time.

Tomorrow begins a Commonwealth Conference engineered by Shambaugh. Beard and Hall are two of the head-liners expected and Shambaugh told me Anderson and Lambie are expected down from Minnesota. This seems to be as great a place for "conferences" as does our own great and noble institution. This past week there was a religious conference of some sort or other; unfortunately I was unable to attend many meetings.

By this time I suppose you and Elizabeth and the rest are more or less settled for the summer. Hope the gold-digging is getting on famously and that signs of color are appearing. One hell of a job, I should call it, but no doubt your "executive mind" eats it up. Too bad it's going to prevent your being at the Lake this summer. I suppose you'll get in a little vacation somewhere, hope so?

Regards from Edna at al to you and Bess and the younks.

Yours,

Lester

Battle Lake, Minn.,  
August 11, 1926.

Dear Steve,

If we must get along without your inspiring presence, I suppose we must. Smaller causes must yield to greater. But for the long of Mike! don't let them tie you on for the rest of next year! Last winter or spring Stephenson said he was not going to do a seminar any more - he did have a pubk lot, take them all together - that you and I would have to bear the burden alone. I think he'll have to come in on some of the bib. work in the fall term and you'll have to dig up your notes of your part so that I won't have to work it all up.

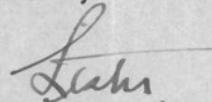
Ford is not yet up here. You probably know he has been adding a couple of rooms and a bathroom to his house, and the Ford family have had to stick around to work and supervise. Mrs. Coffman yesterday said that she had had a note from Mrs. F. who said they hoped to get up here some time this week. Ford, then, must have got your letter at the university. I do not imagine that he will raise any objections to continuing your leave.

We got up here a week ago Saturday, the 31st. ult., the date on which we could first get the Paulson house. Which house, by the way, serves very well, and this part of the lake front is not so bad. Indeed, except when she goes down and looks at our lots, Edna plays around with the idea of selling those to Hines and trying to buy this place. However, I think she has about made up her mind to stick by the old love: the trees there are superior, among other things.

Speaking of Hines, he was telling me the other day that the Minnesota book is going very well; you probably have all the dope on it, including your royalty statement for the year. Hines said he expected to see 25,000 sold during the first eighteen months. Hoorah!

Wish you and the family might be up here with the gang. Edna sends love to the Buck family.

Yours,



August 16, 1926

Professor Lester B. Shippee  
Stony Point  
Battle Lake  
Minnesota

Dear Lester:

I was sure that you would be willing to do whatever would be necessary to let me off for the fall term. Ford has written me that he is agreeable but wants to consult with you about it.

I shall certainly do what I can to help you out with the seminar, perhaps to the extent of giving some lectures when I am there.

Hines is more optimistic about the book than the New York office. They have recently put through the third printing, bringing the total up to about 16,000 and they think that that will carry them through the next year. The sales up to April 30th as reported in the royalty statement were about 7,500.

Elizabeth left yesterday with her father and mother to spend a week with her sister in Vermont. I am going to Boston on business on Wednesday and will join her later in the week.

I hope that you and Edna do not decide to purchase the Paulson place as we should not like to lose the prospect of having you for next door neighbors.

Sincerely,

SJB:A

University of Minnesota  
College of Science, Literature, and the Arts  
Minneapolis

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Dec. 5, 1926

Dear Steve,

Could you send me so that I can get it before Saturday morning the topic you intend to take up in your part of the seminar when you are back among us? The last meeting of the class for this term comes then and I want to be able to indicate the different lines of work so that their choice can be guided. You might even indulge in a night letter if there should not be time to get a regular one back.

Nothing new in these parts except about 6 inches of snow.

Yours,  
Lesho.

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T. Deegan

December 8, 1926

Professor Lester B. Shippee  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Lester:

I don't like to have to make up my mind in a hurry, but I managed to decide on something for a seminar subject and have wired you that I will deal with the Advance of the Frontier in the Northwest from 1796 to 1815. By the way, if I have a seminar in addition to an intensive course and the history of Minnesota in the spring term, that will be eleven credit hours, or nine actual hours in the class room, a pretty heavy program for half time.

Munro brought up again the other day the question of our proposed book. I think we had better do it for him. He gave me some figures as to royalties and I will tell you about them when I get back, which will be next Monday.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:A

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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

December 22 - 1926.

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

My dear Mr. Buck,

I am in receipt of your  
letter of the 18th instant in regard to  
the amendment introduced by Senator Fess  
to the Act of Congress of March 3, 1925.

I desire to thank you for  
the information contained in your letter  
and I can assure you that this matter  
will receive my very best attention.

Very truly yours,

*Henrik Shipstead*

CENTURY CLUB  
7 WEST FORTY THIRD STREET  
NEW YORK

Sunday

My dear Professor Buck:

You did not suffer from  
much more melting, I hope.  
~~Do you~~ <sup>In</sup> this <sup>quarter</sup> way the down-  
pour soon lessened, and I  
was sorry we did not wait  
longer at the Club; but  
it was impossible to predict,  
and I knew you wanted to  
get home.

Thanks for your opinions on  
the hypotheses that I suggested.  
I wanted to get your real  
reactions upon them.

Sincerely yours  
Justin S. Smith

propose them both.

As you see, I am determined to do a trifle for the Society.

One's off-hand reaction to an idea is often about as valuable as a studied opinion, I think.

Sincerely yours,  
Justin K. Smith

CENTURY CLUB  
7 WEST FORTY THIRD STREET  
NEW YORK

May!  
My dear Professor:  
Please keep the check.  
If the Society admits women, I will make my wife a life member.  
Her name is Mrs. H. L. McClintock, 119 Bedford St., S. E., Minneapolis.  
In case women are not admitted, let her husband, Prof. H. L. McC. be the beneficiary.

If, being already (?) a life member, I cannot pay for myself, I will

May 14, 1926.

Dr. Justin H. Smith,  
Century Club,  
7 W. 43 St., New York City.

My dear Dr. Smith:

On my return from a western trip, I found your generous note of May 1st. I am forwarding the check to Dr. Blegen, the acting superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society, and I am sure that he will be very glad indeed to transfer you from corresponding to life membership and to enroll Mrs. McClintock as a life member.

You will be interested to know that the arrangements for our New York dinner are developing very nicely. The invitations are going out in the names of Judge Hughes, Mr. Morrow, and Professor Greene, and Mr. Morrow is paying the bill. Senator Beveridge and Professor F. J. Turner are to be the speakers. You will receive an invitation in a few days, but in the meantime I trust that you will hold open the evening of May 27th.

Sincerely yours,

SJB/JM

CENTURY CLUB  
7 WEST FORTYTHIRD STREET  
NEW YORK

May 15

My dear Professor:

Glad to hear of  
your safe return.

Thanks for your  
favor of yesterday

Sincerely yours,

Justin H. Smith

Mr. Snell was a student in a general course in history which I gave last fall, and also in my graduate seminar in American history. By his work in both of these courses, he impressed me as a man of exceptional ability and high scholarship. He is young, has a pleasing personality, and will, I believe, be a successful teacher.

Having had only one year of graduate work, he would hardly seem to be ready for a responsible college position, but I should take pleasure in recommending him for any position for which his training might be considered sufficient.

University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Professor of History

March 3, 1926

Snell

May 4, 1926

The Rocky Mountain Teachers' Agency  
813 Lumber Exchange  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Gentlemen:-

I regret to say that your request for information about Mr. Donald W. Snell, dated February 26, has just come to my attention. I have been away from Minneapolis for the last three months and through some misunderstanding it was not forwarded to me.

I cannot answer your questions in detail because of lack of information but I will be glad to give you a general statement about Mr. Snell. He came to the University of Minnesota last fall as a graduate student and was in my seminar in history during the fall term. He seems to be a man of considerable ability, has a pleasing appearance, and I should expect him to be a successful teacher.

Very truly yours

Professor of History

SJB/B

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December 21, 1926

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

Mr. George Stephenson has applied for a Social Science Research Council fellowship and has given your name as a reference.

The Committee on Fellowships asks your confidential opinion concerning the applicant's ability to carry on independent scientific research of a constructive character. If possible please tell us on what evidence your opinion rests.

Further than this, we should be glad to know the financial needs of the applicant. If you can estimate what sum of money he requires to complete the investigation which he suggests, kindly do so.

Any other information which will help to select the fittest applicants for appointment will be gratefully received.

An early reply will be advantageous to the candidate and much appreciated by the Committee.

Sincerely yours,

*F. S. Chapin*  
F. Stuart Chapin, Secretary

FSC:B

Suggested Research: A History of Swedish Immigration and of the Swedish-Americans.

*See See  
Research Council*

December 24, 1926

Prof. F. Stuart Chapin  
Room 17, Folwell Hall  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Chapin:-

Your letter of December 21, inquiring about Dr. George M. Stephenson in connection with his application for a Social Science Research Council fellowship, has been received.

I have had opportunity to observe Dr. Stephenson's work for a number of years and I consider him exceptionally well qualified to carry on "independent scientific research of a constructive character," particularly along the lines that he has suggested. He has shown a great deal of initiative in locating hitherto unknown manuscripts and newspaper sources and has, I believe, a more extensive acquaintance with the material for work on the history of Swedish immigration and the Swedish Americans than anyone else. Moreover, the articles that he has written in this and other fields show that he is thoroughly competent to assimilate and interpret the materials and that he is able to present the results of his work in good literary form. I feel sure that he would make advantageous use of any grant that might be given him by the Social Science Research Council.

As I have been away from Minnesota most of the time during the past year, I have not had an opportunity to talk with Dr. Stephenson about specific plans for the investigation in question. Consequently, I do not know how extensive a work he has in mind and I am not in a position to estimate the amount of money that will be required. I do know, however, that his financial resources are limited.

Sincerely yours

SJB/B

OCT 23 1926

EDWIN D. SOLENBERGER  
43 BRANDON ROAD  
UPPER DARBY  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

October 20, 1926.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I am planning a trip through Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, in connection with a study of state programs for crippled children, which I am making for the <sup>U.S.</sup> Children's Bureau. I shall be so busy after I have once started on my way that I am using the opportunity before I leave home to send notes to people whom I hope to see at various points in the three states.

I expect to reach Minneapolis about November 11th or 12th, and shall probably be there for three days. I shall be very busy visiting hospitals and the school for crippled children but I certainly hope to find time to see some of the other public buildings in both Minneapolis and St. Paul, including that of the State Historical Society. I hope that I may see you there. I should also like very much to meet Mrs. Buck if she is free during any of my leisure hours.

My visits to the institutions for crippled children will be arranged by the Secretary of the <sup>New</sup> Society for Crippled Children, Miss Helen Katen.

*October*  
From ~~December~~ 26th to November 3rd, I shall be in Michigan where I can be reached in care of Miss Alberta Chase, care of the Michigan Society for Crippled Children, Ann Arbor, Michigan; from November 4th to November 8th, I shall be in Chicago; I am not sure what Hotel I shall use but letters sent in care of Willard Solenberger, Sigma Nu, #5541 Woodlawn Avenue, will reach me. Just before coming to Minneapolis I shall be in Madison, Wisconsin. My address there will be in care of Miss Marguerite Lison, Wisconsin Association for the Disabled, Room #214 N.W., State Capitol, Madison, Wisconsin.

Cordially yours,

Edith Reeves Solenberger  
(Mrs. Edwin D.)

ERS:JI

October 29, 1926

Mrs. Edwin D. Solenberger  
C/o Miss Alberta Chase  
Michigan Society for Crippled Children  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

My dear Mrs. Solenberger:

Your letter of October 20th was forwarded to me here and I am very glad to know of your plan to visit Minnesota. This fall I am commuting between Minnesota and New York, but it happens that I expect to get back there about November 8th or 9th, so I shall probably be there when you arrive.

It will give me much pleasure to have the privilege of showing you about the Minnesota Historical Society and arranging for you to meet my wife. I would suggest that you call up as soon as it is convenient after your arrival. If you are in St. Paul, you might call the State Capitol, Cedar 3020, ask for the Historical Society, and then for me; if you are in Minneapolis, you might call my home, Dinsmore 2803. I am usually at home until about 8:30 in the morning and after 5:30 at night, and at any rate you could locate me there.

Cordially yours,

SJB:A

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Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
American Historical Ass'n Endowment Fund,  
110 Library, Columbia University,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Buck:

Your letter of October 29 reached me here. I expect to be in Minneapolis and St. Paul from November 12 to 16 approximately. I shall be glad to arrange by telephone to see you and spend a little time in the Historical Association Building.

I am not yet sure of my address in Minneapolis but my visits to institutions will be arranged by Miss Helen Katen, Minneapolis Association for Crippled Children.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Edith Reeves Solenberger

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WALTER SCHROEDER  
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Room 314 n. w.  
Madison, Wis.  
Nov. 11, 1926

~~HOTEL RETLAW~~  
~~FOND DU LAC, WIS.~~

My dear Mr. Buck,

I find that I

cannot reach Minneapolis  
until November 15 or 16. I shall  
remain for at least three days.  
I am sorry for the unavoidable  
change in date.

Cordially yours,  
Edith Reeves Schenberger.



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HOTEL LORAINÉ  
MADISON, WIS.

November 12, 1926

Mrs. Edith R. Solenberger  
State Capitol  
Room 314 N. W.  
Madison, Wisconsin

My dear Mrs. Solenberger:-

I shall be here  
all of next week and hope that you  
will get in touch with me soon after  
your arrival.

Cordially yours

SJB/B

The University of Minnesota  
College of Science, Literature, and the Arts  
~~Minneapolis~~

165 East Northwood Ave.

Columbus, Ohio, November 13, 1824.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Dear friends: -

Not being able to congratulate anybody on the outcome of the election, we are doubly glad to be able to congratulate you on the arrival of Mary Margaret Budy. We hope she will live to be a congenial playmate with Roger and will in all respects live up to the high standards of her parents.

Columbus agrees with us - all except the coal smoke. Snow is not needed - Post takes its place.

For the information of the father let me say that I am resuing his "Wrot" syllabled word for word and am funding it

very useful and satisfactory. As you see if I cannot carry my own  
torch of civilization, I can carry somebody else's.  
With the best of wishes.

Geo. M. Stephenson.

APR 1 1922

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE  
HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

*Stevens*

April 1, 1922.

Dear Solon:

This is the first day of our "spring" recess but it is anything but springlike out of doors. There must be a foot of newly-fallen snow on the ground and more coming down every minute. It is impossible to go out of doors so I am devoting my time to the writing of a few letters.

The year has passed very quickly indeed and I have really enjoyed it very much. In spite of its isolation there is something about the life here that is rather attractive. Of course I suppose that the novelty of it has appealed to me during this first year. My plans for next year are not entirely completed as yet but it is quite possible that I shall be back here. They have offered me a slight increase in salary and I feel that they have been satisfied with my work. They have been quite considerate and if anything more advantageous should present itself I believe that they would be perfectly willing for me to consider it, that is, up to a certain time when they must complete their own arrangements.

Do you happen to know whether they have filled the place at Carleton College yet? I have had two or three letters from Professor Robinson asking for information, which I have always answered promptly. The last time I heard from him he said that their president might be coming east and that he might want to see me. That has been some little time ago and I have heard nothing since. They impress me as having been somewhat dilatory in the whole proceeding. For more than three months they have apparently been considering the matter and I know as little about it as I did at Christmas time. What is your opinion of the place? Personally I feel that I should want to consider pretty carefully before accepting a place in an institution of just that character.

I haven't heard anything more from the Detroit proposition of which I told you at Christmas time. They weren't planning to reach a decision until sometime in the spring but of course it is very possible that they have offered it to someone else. In that case again it seems to me that there is a good deal to be said on both sides. I should hate to leave academic work now that I have definitely taken it up again.

I had a very nice letter from Mr. Leland yesterday. He was just about to sail for France. I believe he expects to be over there a year or two. At any rate he intends to remain until he has completed his survey of the Paris archives. He has been most friendly and helpful to me and I have enjoyed his acquaintance a great deal. I used to drop in and chat with him quite frequently when I was in

Washington.

Foster is abroad this semester, while Anderson is planning to go to France in June. He will return in September and then go back again for the second semester of next year. Lingley is also taking his sabbatical year the first semester of next year. If I am back here I shall probably take Anderson's course on the history of the World War. I believe that I shall find it very interesting in view of the work I have already done along that line and I am looking forward to it.

I haven't made any definite plans for the summer. I want to find a job if possible but if I am not successful in that I am quite seriously considering attending the Institute of Politics at Williams-town, Massachusetts in August. I am sure that it would be an interesting experience while I believe it would also be quite helpful in a professional way. It is possible that I may be able to locate a position for the summer in Washington.

Is Shirk still with you? I haven't heard anything from him in a long time. I wish that you would remember me to him and also to Holbrook, when you see them. Holbrook did me a great favor by getting some data concerning some records in Washington which Conger asked me about. By the way, how are the service records coming? I suppose that all parties concerned will be glad when the job is finished.

I have enjoyed the out of door life a great deal here this winter. I bought a pair of skis and was becoming fairly proficient when the snow began to disappear. But from the look of things just now I may have another opportunity to try them out. I have never been in better health than I have this winter.

Please give my regards to Elizabeth and also to Mr. Ford and Krey when you see them. Mr. White is still at Michigan I suppose. I hope you will let me hear from you when you have a little leisure. Probably your combination of academic and of executive duties keeps you pretty well occupied most of the time, but I am always more than glad to have a word from you. Oh yes, I nearly forgot Mr. Alvord. I should like to be remembered to him too.

If you should hear of any summer position which I might be capable of filling I should be very glad if you would keep me in mind. I suppose that under normal circumstances a younger man has little chance of securing a position of that sort, but occasionally vacancies do occur at the last moment.

I wish that I might attend the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association but I shall have to wait and see you all at the meeting next Christmas time.

Most sincerely,

Wayne.

NOV 20 1922

Graduate Club,  
Harvard, U. S.

November 17, 1922.

Dear Helen:

I received the announcement a couple of weeks ago and I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you and Elizabeth with all my heart. I suppose that Roger Conant is a fine big boy and I am looking forward to seeing him sometime. With a new home and a new baby I should think life must seem pretty good to you. I hope you will write soon and give me a few more of the details.

My week at home passed very quickly and before I knew it I was back here at work. And never, in my whole life, Helen, have I been busier. My teaching schedule is a little heavier than last year, while I also have some other work on hand which

I can run myself. The large general courses are run on a somewhat cooperative basis and we all share about equally in the work and responsibility but it will be a pleasure to have some work of my own.

I enjoyed my summer in St. Paul a great deal and the time passed by very quickly. I had a letter from Miss Nuts a while back inquiring about the photostats. I have kept delaying my answer as I have been intending to do some checking from them before sending them on. But I believe I had better send them right away and use them after she has printed. At any rate, I want to write her in a day or two about it.

Are you planning to attend the meeting at New Haven? If you are, I wish you would let me know when you plan to leave Chicago. I am planning to go home at Christmas time and I shall probably be leaving Chicago a day or so before the meeting is scheduled to begin. Perhaps we might travel on the same train. I suppose our department will send down a full delegation this time.

I had a letter from Margaret a while ago. You may remember that he visited the Society one afternoon while I was there. He didn't return to Princeton this year but is doing some industrial research in chemistry.

Please write to me when you have time and I shall be very eager to hear news about the baby. And please remember me to Elizabeth, too.

Most sincerely,  
Wayne.

I am trying to get done. On the whole, though, I am enjoying the year up here even more than last. There is something in the atmosphere up here which grows on one.

I was recently invited to join one of the fraternities here and, having accepted, I am to ride the goat sometime next week. Both Anderson and Fortin expressed considerable pleasure at my joining, somewhat to my surprise, as I wasn't at all sure that they might think of it. They both seemed to think that I would find it pleasant and that I might be able to do the boys some good, too. The fraternity contains some very good men and I believe I shall enjoy my association with them very much.

Anderson is planning to go abroad again next semester and I am getting ready to take over his course on the history of the World War. It will be a pretty big job but I am looking forward with the keenest satisfaction to having a course which

December 16, 1922

Dr. Wayne E. Stevens  
Graduate Club  
Hanover, New Hampshire

Dear Wayne:-

I had hoped to find time before this to write personally in reply to your much appreciated letter of November 17, but it has not been possible, and so I will just send you a note with regard to my plans for the trip east.

I expect to leave here Christmas night and take a train out of Chicago sometime the next forenoon. I will probably go on the New York Central, via New York City, as I may want to stop over there on the way back. I have not made any definite plans as yet, however, because I have been waiting for the program of the meeting, which is unconscionably late.

Sincerely yours

B/P

*Copy to Arora*

December 20, 1922

Dr. Wayne E. Stevens  
Avon, Illinois

Dear Wayne:-

I expect to leave Chicago on the Transcontinental Express via the New York Central Tuesday, December 26, at 8:25 A. M. I am going by way of Springfield instead of New York City. This train arrives at Springfield at 8:08 Wednesday morning, and connects with a train for New Haven which gets there at 10:41, in time for the first meeting.

Ford is going on the same train, and I hope that you will find it possible to join us.

Sincerely yours

B/P

JUN 20 1923

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE  
HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

June 16, 1923.

Dear Solon:

I have been intending to write for a long while but it is only recently that I have really had any time. But the smoke of battle has now cleared away and I am getting ready to leave for the summer. You probably know my general plans for the summer. I am going up to Montreal to look up the manuscript material which ~~we~~ spoke to ~~you~~ about and from there I shall go out to St. Paul to do some work for Holbrook. It may be that I shall stop at home for a few days on my way out. I am particularly anxious to see my father and mother as soon as I can. You may have heard that I lost my sister at Easter time and I suspect that they are pretty lonely.

Two or three weeks ago I wrote to the Campus Club to inquire about a room but haven't had any answer. I also suggested to Holbrook that he might make inquiry also if it were convenient. I should like to stay at the Club if possible as I found it very convenient last summer. If you should see any of the responsible persons would you put in a word for me? Perhaps I shall hear in a few days anyhow.

A few days ago I received notice from the President that I had been appointed assistant professor beginning next year, which naturally pleased me greatly. Almost simultaneously I received the offer of a position as "secretary-editor" of the Burton Collection at Detroit at a very tempting salary. I thought the matter over very carefully and decided not to accept. I thought, and everyone else ~~##~~ with whom I talked seemed to think, that I could ultimately go farther in teaching. It would have meant severing all my academic connections which I hated to do at this time.

Late as it is, I want to thank you for the copies of the Minnesota History Bulletin which you sent me. I received your letter with regard to the extra copies at just about the time that I was called home in the spring. However, I believe that I have enough copies.

Two weeks ago I went down to Amherst for the week end at the invitation of Marjorie Carr McFall. I had a very pleasant visit. They are very nicely situated and they have two very sweet little girls, one about five and the other nine months old. Alice, the five-year old girl, is as bright and pretty as she can be and we became great friends. I also saw Alice Tyler while I was there. She seemed pretty well I thought considering all that she has been through. I was very sorry to hear of her husband's death.

I am looking forward to seeing your boy this summer. I suppose he is growing fast these days. I feel rather slow and out of date when I see the progress all of my friends have made. Nearly all the people I knew while I was in Washington are married and have families.

I must write to Miss Nute regarding some of the details of my work in Montreal. In all probability I shall go up there in about three days. I shall have my mail sent in care of the library at McGill University.

Sincerely yours,

*Wayne.*

(copy)

University of Illinois

315 Lincoln Hall,  
February 4, 1924.

Professor Wayne E. Stevens,  
Dartmouth College,  
Hanover, New Hampshire.

My dear Stevens:

We have been for some time looking about for a suitable man to continue the work that Professor Greene left when he took his new position at Columbia. Of course, we do not expect anyone to do exactly the sort of work that he did, but we would like to find someone who could give courses in early American history. Among others we have considered yourself as a likely candidate, and President Kinley has authorized me to ask you whether you could be induced to take an assistant professorship at the University of Illinois. Last spring we set aside about \$2500.00 for a position of that sort, but I have been authorized to offer \$2800.00. Kindly let me know whether this in any way appeals to you.

We are hoping to get a man who will not only give courses in early American history, but who will also do some research along that line. It is because I believe that you have the necessary qualifications for that sort of work that I have urged your appointment. I believe the opportunities for a study of colonial history at Illinois are quite good, and we can surely improve them as time goes on.

I should say that, to begin with, the thing to do would be to get your thesis in shape for early publication. It is possible that

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE  
HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

BOND  
MERRILL  
February 10, 1924.

Dear Solon:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I received a short time ago from Professor Larson. It contains all the information which I have concerning the position in question. It came as considerable of a surprise to me and my decision will involve a number of different considerations. It occurred to me that I should like to tell you about it and ask you two or three questions.

I have just finished writing to Professor Larson and in my letter I took occasion to ask him about the policy of the University with regard to advancement. For the next year or two I doubt whether there will be much difference, financially, between the position which I now hold and the one at Illinois. With regard to the situation over a period of four or five years, or longer, I am a little more doubtful. The policy here at Dartmouth is, I feel rather liberal, comparatively speaking. I have an impression that advancement in salary is *at Illinois* likely to be rather slow. At any rate, Illinois seems to have lost a number of very good men for that reason. I am wondering whether you have any definite impression on that subject.

Of even more importance, probably, will be the effect of my decision on my future professional career. Basing my plans upon the assumption that I should remain at Dartmouth for some little time, I had planned my work somewhat as follows. I want first of all, to do as Professor Larson suggests and get my thesis in shape for early publication. Then I had planned to devote as much time as possible during the next two or three years, or possibly even longer, to the editorial work you and I had planned. It had been my hope that the material gathered during the course of that work might serve as a basis for further research and writing along the line of my thesis subject. Mr. Alvord had also gotten me rather interested in Sir William Johnson and I had hoped to do some work on that subject some day, since again, it would be very closely related to the field of my thesis. So you can see that it was my intention to do as much in the way of original research as possible, assuming that I should stay on at Dartmouth. My courses are all running smoothly and I feel myself more free to start in now than at any time previously. As a matter of fact I suppose that a change now would tie me up again for a time with the planning and organization of new courses, just as I have been to a certain extent tied up since coming to Dartmouth.

I see no reason why I should not continue work on our editorial

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enterprise, if I were to decide to go to Illinois. On the other hand, I see no reason why I cannot go on with my general plans for research while teaching here as well as anywhere else. My decision will have to be governed to a certain extent by its effect on the possibility for advancement in years to come. A University position has certain advantages, I suppose, over one in a college such as Dartmouth, though probably a more important factor would be the amount and quality of writing which one might do. What do you think of the position at Illinois, so far as the future is concerned?

I can't help feeling that ~~the~~ early American, or colonial, history, is a promising field just now. Mr. Shippee, in a recent letter with regard to summer school, asked me to consider a course in colonial history and indicated that they were a little weak along that line, at least so far as summer school was concerned. That is one reason why I have considered going on with the subject of the fur trade and related matters.

In any case, I shall in many ways be sorry to leave Dartmouth, if I should take the Illinois position. I have enjoyed my work immensely and I have enjoyed even more my associations within the history department here. Conditions of life here are pleasant and I believe I have enjoyed better health than I ever did before. Financially, as I indicated before, I don't believe there is a great deal of difference between the two positions, although whatever difference there may be I should rather expect to be in favor of Dartmouth.

I intend to write to Professor Greene, too. Having been at Illinois so recently, I believe that he should be able to give me some worth-while suggestions. If you could write me soon and pass on to me any reactions which you may have, I shall be very grateful to you, I am sure. Since you have done so much for me at so many times since the beginning of my graduate work, I rather naturally turn to you when things of this sort arise. And if you know anything about conditions at Illinois, I should be particularly glad if you would tell me what you feel free to.

For the present, perhaps it would be advisable not to show Professor Larson's letter to anyone else. I don't know that he would object and I hadn't any hesitation in sending you a copy of it but perhaps until I decide I oughtn't to show it to too many. I felt rather pleased to receive his letter, whatever my decision may be.

I am going to talk with the members of the department here before I decide and I am hoping that the matter can also be brought to the attention of the President. In that way I can be a little surer of my probable future status here.

I hope you and the other members of the family are all well. We are now having some real winter, although it has been considerably delayed in coming. I hope to write again soon and tell you more in the way of general news and also about the editorial work.

Sincerely yours,

*Wayne.*

you would not be able to do very much in the line of actual research this next year, as we should have to call on you for considerable work in connection with our introductory course in American history, in as much as professor Robertson, who has been in charge of that course, will go abroad on leave. In addition we should probably ask you to give one, or possibly two, courses open to juniors and seniors. Of course, these are details which we can discuss later if you should decide to accept an appointment here.

Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Laurence M. Larson.

February 13, 1924

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Graduate Club  
Hanover, New Hampshire

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Another thing which ought to be considered is the fact that the history department there is pretty well shot to pieces, Larson being the only man of distinction left in it. I doubt, moreover, if you would find it a particularly congenial group to work with, although perhaps I ought not to say this, as Larson, Robertson, and Pease are the only members of the department whom I know at all well. You would be, I suppose, to a certain extent, subordinate to Robertson, and I doubt if you would find that an agreeable situation. I have nothing specific against him, but I was never able to establish an entente cordiale with him; Larson I like very much, and Pease, I understand, has improved somewhat of recent years.

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W. E. S. 2/13/24--2

So far as research work is concerned, it seems to me that you could do as much at Dartmouth as at Illinois, although I suppose there would be less pressure and less stimulus for such work at Dartmouth. With regard to materials, one has to travel about to get them anyway, and you have fairly easy access to the libraries in Boston and New York.

I have been doing considerable work on our project and I am getting very much interested in it. I read the Rogers and Carver documents which you secured in Montreal recently and thought we had a very great find until I discovered that the most important of these documents has been printed in a recent number of the Oregon Historical Quarterly. I knew of this article, and in fact had written a note on it for the Bulletin, but I had not paid much attention to its contents.

I am planning to write a paper on "The Advent of the British in the Upper Northwest" or "Early British Imperialistic Plans and Explorations in the Upper Northwest" or "The True Jonathan Carver" or something along this line to read before the Chicago Historical Society, probably in April. Have you any suggestions?

I am wondering if we had not better make some division of the period for intensive work in order to avoid too much duplication. For instance, to start with, I might take 1760-1774, and you 1774-1783. Of course, both of us would be on the lookout for anything relating to the whole period, but we might concentrate somewhat on the briefer period. How does this strike you?

We are all well now, after a round of colic with touches of the flu.

Sincerely yours,

B/P

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Graduate Club.

Hannover, N. H.

February 22, 1924.

Dear Helen:

I wanted to drop you just a line to tell you how grateful I am for your very prompt reply to my inquiry a few days ago. I have not returned an answer to the people at Illinois yet as there are one or two factors in the situation here which need clearing up first. They are doing everything possible here to persuade me to stay and they may succeed. In some respects the Illinois offer is rather tempting but I feel in a good many respects doesn't exactly as you do about it.

Your suggestion regarding a division of the period in which we are interested in a good one, I think, and I shall be glad to

proceed on that basis. However, as soon as I can I want to  
write you rather a long letter with regard to the work in general.

I shall also let you know what I decide to do.

Sincerely yours,

W. Ayer.



June 24, 1926

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

Dear Mr. Thoburn:

On my return from a trip in the Middle West I find your letter of June 18, in which you suggest that Mr. Colcord be invited to participate in the Columbia River Historical Expedition.

I am passing on the suggestion to the officers of the Great Northern Railway who have been sending out the invitations, and I presume that one will be sent to him. I very much hope that he will find it possible to take in the expedition as I should like to have the pleasure of meeting him.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:W

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS  
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
FAYETTEVILLE

DEPARTMENT OF  
HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

April 24, 1926.

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

Dear Professor Buck:

I hand you herewith a copy of a set of resolutions which needs little explanation, especially if you have read two articles on Military Training in the April Current History. The resolutions are the outgrowth of the proposal made in one of the articles to put training for peace through the cultivation of friendly relations on an equality with military training so far as requirement is concerned. It seemed best, however, not to mention that in these resolutions, leaving each <sup>institution</sup> free to act as it sees fit on that matter.

The resolutions have not yet been presented to our Senate. Before doing so I should like to get some idea of how the proposal is likely to be received elsewhere. What is your reaction? If presented to the Senate of the University of Minnesota, do you believe that you could support them? Do you have any idea whether they would be favorably received by the body as a whole?

Awaiting your reply with interest, I am,

Very truly yours,

*D. Y. Thomas*

D. Y. Thomas.

*Please consider this also as a member of the American Historical Association. If the matter should come before the Association, what do you think that it should do about it? D.Y.T.*

resolutions respecting a policy of training for international peace.

Whereas, right-thinking and forward-looking people are desirous of bringing about a more stable condition of international peace, and

Whereas, the peace of the world for another generation will soon be dependent to a large extent upon the generation now in college, therefore

Be it resolved by the Senate of the University of Arkansas

1. That we believe that the time has come when the colleges and universities should offer special courses in international relations.
2. That these courses should be definitely directed to a study of the causes of war, the best ways of avoiding conflict when disputes arise, and the cultivation of understanding, friendship and good will as means of establishing permanent peace.
3. That the social science associations of this and other countries be requested to co-operate in mapping out a definite course of study and determining the prerequisites thereof for carrying out this policy.
4. That, when such a course is worked out, it should be open to, if not actually required of, all students of the grade to which it adapted.
5. That copies of these resolutions be sent to other universities and colleges for endorsement and that, when so endorsed by a sufficient number of such institutions, copies be sent to the officers of the social science associations for such action as they see fit.

Note. It is recognized that some institutions are now offering courses in international relations and that many instructors have in view the ends indicated above. It is not intended that any rigid course should be adopted for use by all institutions without change, but it is believed that the "best minds" among our social science teachers can map out a course of study that will commend itself to most of our teachers and that the influence of having a great number of students in our different institutions working upon such courses at the same time with a definite end in view will be more effective in implanting a peace psychology than could be realized in other ways.

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Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
Superintendent of the State Historical Society,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Dr. Buck:

At the request of Miss Dondore we are sending you a complimentary copy of her book THE PRAIRIE AND THE MAKING OF MIDDLE AMERICA. As you doubtless know, although Miss Dondore expects to make this only the first of a series of books tracing the influence of the frontier on literature, it is a distinct unit in itself, a survey of the interpretations of the Middle West from its earliest exploration to the present day. We should be very glad indeed to know your opinion of the book and <sup>to have</sup> an estimate of its usefulness not only to specialists like yourself but to general readers and students of the history of the West.

Yours very truly,

THE TORCH PRESS

By *Edw. F. Misk*

EFM/M

HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

*July 17, 1924*

DEAR SIR:

The Committee of Professor Turner's seminar wishes to thank all of his former students who participated in the dinner in his honor either in person, or by message or in spirit.

The dinner was a marked success. Dean Haskins as toastmaster carried the occasion off with a swing. Letters and telegrams of greeting from every part of the country were read. The present seminar, in the name of present and former students, presented to Harvard University a crayon portrait of Professor Turner by the eminent artist, Alexander James. This beautiful work with which Professor and Mrs. Turner are much pleased was accepted for the History Department by Professor Ferguson, and is to hang in the History Seminar Room in Widener Library. Professors Farrand, Crane, Smith, and Young spoke each for a group of Turner students. Professor Turner, who was deeply moved, brought the evening to a close with words of appreciation and modest protest.

Professor Turner was touched by the proposal made known to him by his seminar to raise a history fund in his honor, and also by the generous suggestions in the letters sent in by his students. But he has begged the Committee not to proceed further with this plan for the present, and in deference to his wishes it has been reluctantly given up.

Very truly yours,

FREDERICK JACKSON TURNER SEMINAR OF 1923-24

CHARLES W. EDWARDS, *Secretary*  
47 CONANT HALL  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

January 20, 1925

Professor Frederick J. Turner  
2214 Van Hise Ave.,  
Madison, Wisconsin

My dear Mr. Turner:-

The committee of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, appointed to make nominations at the next annual meeting, which will be held in Detroit in the spring, has decided unanimously to present your name for the presidency of the Association for the ensuing year, provided this will be acceptable to you. If this is done, you will undoubtedly be unanimously elected. The committee feels that in accepting election to this position you would confer an honor upon the Association instead of the other way around as is usually supposed to be the case, and consequently that you should be consulted in advance.

I am not a member of this committee but hold the position of chairman of the executive committee, and the nominating committee has asked me to take the matter up with you.

The duties of the president, as you doubtless realize, are very light, since the activities of the Association are carried on by the secretary and the editor under the supervision of the executive committee. About all that is expected of the president is the delivery of his address at the next meeting following his election and perhaps the appointment of a few committees.

I very much hope that you will consent to this election, as I feel sure that it would be a valuable asset to the Association.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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2214 VAN HISE AVENUE  
MADISON  
WISCONSIN

January 31 1925

Dear Dr. Buet

Have given careful <sup>con-</sup>sideration to your suggestion in your letter of January 20.

I need not tell you that selection to its presidency would be an honor to me (instead of "the other way around" as you put it).

But I am trying to really retire from honors as well as from the routine of teaching, and I am uncertain of just what date

The Association meets in the  
Spring and whether it will  
be possible for me to be present  
at the time.

Have lecture engagements  
in March and April, the dates  
of which are not yet definitely  
fixed <sup>and also I ought (in view of my</sup>  
<sup>health)</sup> to avoid the strain of a presidential  
address. <sup>So</sup> everything considered,  
I think you would better pass  
the honor to some other mem-  
ber of the Association, and let me  
do what I can in the

2214 VAN HISE AVENUE  
MADISON  
WISCONSIN

way of a regular member.  
If you wish, and if the dates  
of the meeting permit, I should  
like to read a paper at the  
meeting. There is less wear and tear  
in a paper than in a presidential address.

I am going to lecture in the  
Logan, Utah, summer school  
from June 15 to August, and then  
go to my summer home in  
Maine, so I fear I shall

miss the companionship  
which your summer visit  
would give me. Love sorry.

With thanks and regrets

Love

Sincerely yours

Fredrick Furness

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY  
WASHINGTON

June 16, 1924.

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

Sir:

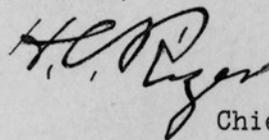
The inclosed circular, which is free, is sent in reply to your letter concerning maps.

Order only the maps whose names are printed in red on the index map in the quadrangles representing the areas covered. The quadrangles shown without names in red have been surveyed, but the maps have not yet been published. Surveys have not been completed for the remaining areas.

Maps of the standard size (16 1/2 x 20 inches) sell for 10 cents each if less than 50 are purchased. If 50 or more are supplied they are sold at 6 cents a copy. Larger maps are sold at the rates given in the circular.

Remit by money order payable to the Director of the United States Geological Survey. Please give full address, including city, county, and State.

Yours very truly,



Chief Clerk.

Under another cover, I am sending you a set of available indexes of the United States.

67 Barton Ave. S. E.

June 25, 1924

United States Geological Survey  
Washington, D. C.

Attention Mr. H. C. Rizer, Chief Clerk

Gentlemen:-

I want to thank you for your  
courtesy in sending me a set of the index maps  
covering the United States. They will be very  
useful to me in connection with some historical  
work upon which I am engaged.

Very truly yours

B/P

67 Barton Ave. S. E.

December 10, 1923

Superintendent of Documents  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Please send me copies of your price lists of  
Government Publications as follows:

10. Laws. Federal Statutes, and compilations of laws on various subjects.
15. Geological Survey. Covers geology, mineral resources, and water supply.
20. Public Domain. Public lands, homesteading, railroad land-grants.
24. Indians. Ethnology, mounds, antiquities, Indian wars, etc.
25. Transportation. Railroads, shipping, Postal service, telegraphs, etc.
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33. Labor. Cost of living, food control, employers' liability, strikes, wages, insurance, child-labor, control of prices.
35. Geography and Explorations. Natural scenery, fossils, explorations, etc.
49. Proceedings of Congress. Bound vols. of Congressional Record, Globe, etc.
50. American History and Biography. The Revolution, Civil War, etc.
53. Maps. Government maps, and directions for obtaining them.
54. Political Science. Prohibition, District of Columbia, woman suffrage, elections.
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65. Foreign Relations. Diplomacy, international law, Mexico, European war.
67. Immigration. Alien enlistment, Chinese, Japanese, Negroes, citizenship, naturalization, and illiteracy.
68. Farm Management. Agricultural statistics, farm accounts, credits, marketing, and conveniences for farm homes.
69. Pacific States: California, Oregon, Washington. All material relating to these States.
70. Census. Statistics, population, manufactures, agriculture, mining, etc.
71. Children's Bureau, and other publications relating to children.

Very truly yours

B/P

The University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis

ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
AND  
DIRECTOR OF THE SUMMER SESSION

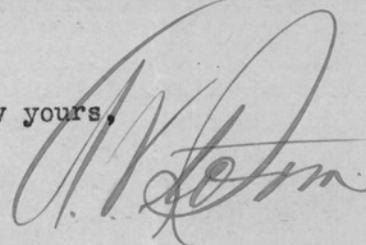
May 4, 1923.

Professor Solon J. Buck  
History Department.

My dear Professor Buck:

You have been appointed professor in the Department of History for the first term of the Summer Session of 1923, from June 26 to August 3, at a salary of \$266.50 for part time. This appointment is made with the understanding that classes in the first term not enrolling six students will be cancelled and the salary of the instructor reduced proportionately. The question of cancelling courses, however, will be left to the discretion of the Director of the Summer Session.

Sincerely yours,



A. V. Storm  
Director, Summer Session.

The University of Minnesota  
Department of Physical Education and Athletics  
Minneapolis

Office of Intra-Mural Athletics

October 25, 1923

Dear Sir:

Many men on the University Faculty have expressed a desire to take part in some athletic activity such as volley ball, indoor baseball, basketball, handball, group games, apparatus work and swimming. After dinner hours are usually very inconvenient. Arrangements have been made whereby on Tuesday and Thursday of each week all men in Teaching and Administrative Departments may have unlimited use of the gymnasium with its equipment and the pool between the hours of 11:30 and 1:30. I believe this will be an exceptional opportunity for us to keep physically fit, likewise, to become acquainted with men we should know here on the campus.

If you are interested in this plan will you give me your name, the game you most enjoy and your second choice of game. If you can participate in this recreation only part of the time, from 11:30 to 12:30 or from 12:30 to 1:30 be certain to notify me. From this list I intend to select teams and arrange a schedule of games. We plan to have our first play hour the first week in November.

Kindly attend to this matter before you do any other work.

Very truly yours,

W.R. Smith,

Director of Intra-Mural Athletics

Please check the days and hours on which you can attend.

Tuesdays	( 11:30	—	Activity	
	( 12:30	—		
Thursdays	( 11:30	—	1st choice	_____
	( 12:30	—	2nd choice	_____

October 30, 1923

Mr. W. R. Smith  
Director of Intra-Mural Athletics  
University of Minnesota  
~~Minneapolis, Minnesota~~

Dear Mr. Smith:-

I am in receipt of your form letter of October 25 and want to express my appreciation of the arrangement which has been made to give members of the faculty an opportunity to make use of the gymnasium.

Unfortunately for me it happens that I spend Tuesday and Thursday of each week in St. Paul at present, and consequently cannot take advantage of the opportunity. Next term, however, I expect to have my classes at the University on Tuesday and Thursday, and, if the arrangement is continued, I shall certainly want to take advantage of it. Swimming and volley ball are the activities that most appeal to me.

Sincerely yours

B/P

U. of Minn  
Adm. Sec.

March 28, 1924

Dean H. E. Haggerty  
103 Education Building  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Haggerty:-

I regret to have to inform you that three students who are seniors in the College of Education, Miss Evande Becker, Miss Helen Hunt, and Miss Gladys Lompan, have been guilty of plagiarism on an extensive scale in papers prepared for my course entitled "~~Select~~" Topics in the History of the West" (History 152 W). This was an intensive course and the preparation of these papers was the principal work of the course. They were handed in at the end of the term and took the place of an examination.

Inasmuch as the elimination of the parts of the papers which are plagiarized would leave very little, I have felt obliged to report the grade of F for each of these students.

I am ready to submit the papers, together with some of the books from which the writers copied, to the proper authorities whenever desired.

Sincerely yours

B/P

The University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis

DIRECTOR OF THE SUMMER SESSION

April 17th,  
1924.

Solon J. Buck, Professor,  
History Dept.

At their regular meeting on April 11th the Board of Regents approved your appointment as a member of the teaching staff of the University of Minnesota for the first term of the Summer Session, 1924, at a salary of \$281.25 for the term.

The same regulations as have prevailed in past summer sessions will hold during the coming summer with reference to a minimum of twelve lecture or discussion hours per week, or the equivalent in other forms of teaching. Also, the director of the Summer Session reserves the right to cancel classes where the enrollment is very small. However, it will be his policy to allow all advanced courses to be given without regard to enrollment of 10, unless forced to a change of policy by a decrease in total Summer Session registration or by some unexpected large increase in demands in certain departments. It is his hope to make the courses advertised for the Summer Session carry the same assurance that they will be offered as prevails with reference to courses advertised for any other part of the college year.

Respectfully yours,

F. J. Kelly,  
Director of the Summer Session.

April 23, 1924

Mr. F. J. Kelley  
Director of the Summer Session  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Kelley:-

I am in receipt of your form letter of April 17 announcing my appointment for the first term of the summer session, and note the statement with reference to a minimum of twelve hours per week.

My appointment was supposed to be on a half time basis. If you have no record of this, I would suggest that you ask Dean Ford to confirm it.

Sincerely yours

B/P

The University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis

DIRECTOR OF THE SUMMER SESSION

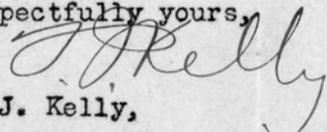
April 25th,  
1924.

Solon J. Buck, Professor,  
History Dept.

At their regular meeting on April 11th the Board of Regents approved your appointment as a member of the teaching staff of the University of Minnesota for the first term of the Summer Session, 1924, at a salary of \$261.25 for the term, on a half time basis.

The same regulations as have prevailed in part summer sessions will hold during the coming summer with reference to a minimum of twelve lecture or discussion hours per week, or the equivalent in other forms of teaching. Also, the director of the Summer Session reserves the right to cancel classes where the enrollment is very small. However, it will be his policy to allow all advanced courses to be given without regard to enrollment of 10, unless forced to a change of policy by a decrease in total Summer Session registration or by some unexpected large increase in demands in certain departments. It is his hope to make the courses advertised for the Summer Session carry the same assurance that they will be offered as prevails with reference to courses advertised for any other part of the college year.

Respectfully yours,

  
F. J. Kelly,  
Director of the Summer Session.

The above is to correct our previous letter of April 17th.

The University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

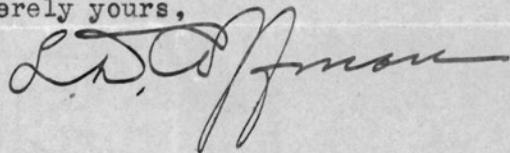
September 29, 1924.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
History Department.

My dear Mr. Buck:

The Board of Regents at its meeting September 24th voted to approve the adjustment of your appointment from \$1600, BH, 33%, to \$2400 for the year 1924-25, Class BH, 50%.

Very sincerely yours,



October 4, 1924

Dr. L. D. Goffman, President  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Goffman:--

I am in receipt of your note of September 29 with reference to the adjustment of my appointment at the University from a thirty-three per cent to a fifty per cent basis. This adjustment is entirely satisfactory to me and the corresponding adjustment of my services for the Minnesota Historical Society has been informally approved by the executive committee of that organization.

Sincerely yours

B/P

The University of Minnesota  
University Extension Service  
Minneapolis

GENERAL EXTENSION DIVISION  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

September 13, 1924

Mr. Solon J. Buck  
Prof. History  
University of Minnesota

My dear Mr. Buck:

If you can devote any time to lecturing for clubs or general audiences during the school year we will be pleased to have you file with us a list of lecture titles.

The policy of paying a fifteen dollar fee and expenses for each lecture booked through this office will continue for the next year. You may refer all requests to us.

Sincerely yours,

Department of Community Service

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**The University of Minnesota**

**University Extension Service**

**Minneapolis**

September 26, 1924

GENERAL EXTENSION DIVISION

BUREAU OF VISUAL EDUCATION

Mr. Solon J. Buck  
Prof History  
University of Minnesota

My dear Mr. Buck:

Some days ago we mailed a note asking whether you would consider to make some Extension lectures during the school year at our regular fee of \$15.00 and expenses. To date we have had no reply to this inquiry and we request that whatever your decision may be you drop us a note. If you decide to lecture, please inclose titles in your communication.

Sincerely yours,

Department of Community Service

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September 30, 1924

Department of Community Service  
General Extension Division  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Gentlemen:-

My delay in replying to your note of September 13 regarding lectures for the coming year was occasioned by the fact that I was trying to locate a copy of one of the old bulletins containing a list of lecture subjects. I have finally succeeded in locating one of these for 1922-23, in which it appears that I am down for eight topics. To these might be added "The Finding of Vinland" and a commencement address entitled "The Challenge to American Democracy."

I might add that, while I have frequently been called on for lectures during the last few years, none of these calls has come through the Extension Division except one to serve as substitute for a commencement speaker last spring.

I have spoken sometimes for expenses only but when I have charged a fee it has been twenty-five dollars in addition to expenses. I would not be willing to go out for fifteen dollars and expenses unless the town were so situated that not a great deal of my time would be consumed in going and coming. It seems to me that fifteen dollars is a very low rate for such services by competent people. When this rate was originally fixed, I think, the purchasing power of a dollar was nearly twice what it is today. If a lecture is worth any fee at all, it is worth at least twenty-five dollars.

Very truly yours

Professor of History

The University of Minnesota  
College of Science, Literature, and the Arts  
Minneapolis

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT DEAN  
FOR STUDENTS' WORK

January 8, 1925.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I am returning herewith the papers in the case of  
Mr. George L. Heleniak. The Committee voted to instruct  
you to count the paper as a Failure in considering Mr. Heleniak's  
grade for the quarter. I understand that this will result in  
a Failure in the course for Mr. Heleniak.

Very truly yours,

*Royal R. Shureway*

Assistant Dean.

RRS/J

February 21, 1925

Mr. Rodney M. West, Registrar  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. West:-

Miss Mary A. Cole, a graduate student in history, has asked me to explain about her grade in History 144f. (History of Minnesota) last term.

Miss Cole failed to take the final examination at the end of the term and, as I heard nothing from her about it and her mid term was an E, I turned in her report as a failure. At the beginning of this term she requested a special examination and claimed that she had been sick at the time of the regular examination and had left work in my office to that effect.

Dean Ford, before he left in December, had written her a note advising her to give up the attempt to get an advanced degree and I believe that she failed to make the grade of B in any of her courses last term. She contends, however, that her difficulties were due to an attempt to carry too many courses and she proposed to drop one and continue the rest. I did not think there was any prospect of her making in my course a grade which would be acceptable for graduate work and I told her so. I did not want, however, to go to the trouble of getting her grade for the first term changed to an incomplete and then giving her a special examination which I was sure she could not pass creditably, so I finally told her that she might go on in the course and, if she did creditable work this term, I would endeavor to arrange for her to take a special examination on the work of the first term.

Perhaps I had no authority to do this but I understood that it would be permissible, at least in the case of a graduate student.

Sincerely yours

B/P

The University of Minnesota  
Graduate School  
Minneapolis

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

June 18, 1925

Professor Solon J. Buck  
219 Old Library Building

Dear Professor Buck:

The Executive Committee of the Graduate School at its meeting on June 8th, 1925, made you an assignment of \$200.00 from the Research Fund to be used for an assistant in connection with your research work.

This fund will be available on and after July 1st, 1925. A separate bill and requisition are necessary for each expenditure, and these should be made out in quadruplicate on the regular University blank approved by the person to whom the assignment is made as head of the Department and all four copies should be sent to the Dean for his signature.

Your budget number will be 463B.

Very truly yours

*M. Frances Pierce (ms)*

Secretary

MFP:VH

**University of Minnesota**  
**University Extension Service**  
**Minneapolis**

GENERAL EXTENSION DIVISION  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

December 15, 1926

Prof. Solon J. Buck  
Old Library 219  
University of Minnesota

My dear Mr. Buck:

It has become necessary to make an up-to-date list of available speakers at the University. You are listed with us with the following subjects:

- "The Exploration of Minnesota"
- "Indian and White Man in Minnesota"
- "The Story of Old Fort Snelling"
- "How Minnesota Became a State"
- "Farmer's Movement in Minnesota, 1870-96"
- "The History of Railroads in Minnesota"
- "Local History and Community Solidarity"
- "The Introspections of a Belated Puritan"
- "The Finding of Vinland"
- "The Challenge to American Democracy" (Commencement)

If you care to make any changes in the list of subjects or otherwise, kindly let us know at once. If we do not hear from you within a few days, we shall assume that you wish no changes made.

Sincerely yours,

Department of Community Service  
General Extension Division  
University of Minnesota

University of Minnesota

The University Library  
Minneapolis

December 10, 1926

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
Old Library 219,  
University of Minn.

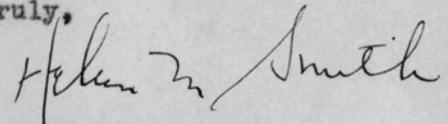
Dear Sir:

Congestion and delay will be avoided if members of the faculty will send in their second quarter reserve lists to the library at the earliest possible date.

Please cooperate so that the library staff may have these lists to work on during Christmas vacation.

All departments are asked to use the enclosed blanks in making out their reserve lists. If more blanks are needed, please notify the Circulation Department.

Yours truly,



Head of Circulation Department

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December 21, 1926

Miss Helen M. Smith  
Circulation Department  
University Library  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Smith:-

Your communication of December 10 asking for reserve lists for the second quarter did not reach me until two days ago, as it was addressed to my University office and I was on leave during the last quarter.

It will not be possible for me to make out a list on the regular forms before January, but I find that I have on hand a copy of the list that was used for this course two years ago and I am sending it herewith in the hope that it will serve your purpose. A few items have been added and there will be a few others to be added later, but they can doubtless be taken care of as they come up.

The "History of Minnesota" is to be given this year in the winter and spring terms and this list includes the books for both terms.

Sincerely yours

SJB/B