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September 28, 1927

My dear Mary:

I planned to write you some time ago, but have been living in a hideous nightmare since early July due to serious illness of Cl., the character of which was so baffling we lived in terror of what we might be facing--I even more than he, for he has never seemed to realize just how serious it has been. It has been diagnosed by one dr. as small particle (he says from heart) lodged in brain; another thinks slight hemorrhage. They may be right or wrong, but one or the other sounds plausible, though my own feeling is that it has some connection with the trouble with his spine, a recurrence of old trouble. Whatever the cause he has been and is in a distressing condition and in his helplessness has wanted me with him all the time, and this I have done, taking only the odd moments I could to write Gen and Nat. All other letters have had to go that could be postponed. At first only his speech was affected; he found he could not say some words nor could he read. My terror was his mind would become involved but as yet his mind is perfectly clear. Later he grew weaker physically and this month we dispaired of his life, during which time I had neither sleep nor rest as only I could get anything he said and he was more restless if I left. He has again rallied, but there is no assurance of what we may expect. Perfect quiet is all that can be done, and with his active mind and restlessness you can understand what that means. No one is allowed to see him but myself and an English friend who comes for an hour every morning and reads to him, while I get the necessary things looked after. I stay by him night and day, or he frets. From the first I have read from 4 to 7 hours. It is terribly harrowing to see his struggle to say things. We try to keep him from talking and our reading is the best means but he does want to say things and can't, and the hideous thing--knows he cannot. All I can hope for is--if the clot is absorbed and no complications he will gradually recover, but I fear the if is a very frail hope.

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I have thought much of you all since my letter of June and certainly would have written again, but for my constant care of Clarence. He has been cheerful and hopeful most of the time; enjoys being read to, which isn't the best thing for him, only better than his having only himself to think of and there is no other way to pass time for him. He is always interested in the mail and would enjoy one of your letters.

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I am finishing this the 30th. Cl. seems some better; is having a little nap.

Casa Rustica  
Diano Marina, Riviera di Ponente  
Italy

*Address should be  
Mary Whitkouse*

Copy

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CASA RUSTICA  
Diano Marina

February 6, 1928.

My dear Mr. Ford:

Nat's message has told you of Mr. Alvord's death on the 25th. I need not tell you that it has left me inexpressibly lonely, with the added feeling of being so terribly alone so far away. Everyone, even strangers, have been wonderfully kind, but it is only time that can help one. Mr. Alvord continued to improve, and seemed practically well at Christmas time, except not feeling quite strong. He walked about the house and was up most of the day. He was quite full of hope and plans, saying he felt as if he were going to do better work than he had ever done. He was eager to get to work again. It may be he forced himself, for it was his heart the doctor said that caused his death. He said it was much enlarged and leaking badly, none of which he told me before his death, though he did say his heart was bad, but doctors had been saying that for years.

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Sincerely,

Idress H. Alvord.

American University Union  
173 Blv. St. Germain  
Paris France.

Prof. A. P. Newton "For the Editorial  
Board of the B. H. B. E." To Mrs. Wood.  
Feb. 7, 1928.

"I wish to convey to you in the name of  
the Editors of the Cambridge History of  
the British Empire our very deep  
sympathy with you and our regret  
that the untimely death of Professor  
Wood should have deprived the  
world of scholarship of such a  
striking and outstanding figure.  
The loss to our own co-operative  
work is particularly severe for all  
that Professor Wood wrote was  
marked with an historic insight  
and a pungency of style that are  
quite unusual. . . . [His] life  
and work will long remain in the  
memories of English historians."

Lord Chamwood to Mrs. Alford.

Feb. 6, 1928

"As you know I had a very high regard for Professor Alford's work, and, though you probably do not know, I tried to help to secure for him the Professorship at Oxford for which he had such qualifications — (when, I believe, the historical people there wanted him but the Ambassador had a candidate of his own. His services to important historical truth will be greatly missed."

*Incorporated 1844.*

MAR 2 1928

*State Mutual Life Assurance Company  
of Worcester, Massachusetts.*

NATHANIEL P. BLANCHARD,  
GENERAL AGENT.  
430 ILLINOIS BUILDING.

CHAMPAIGN, ILL.,

February 29, 1928.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of  
February 27th enclosing me one for Mrs. Alvord  
which I am today forwarding to her.

In compliance with your request, the  
present address of Mrs. Alvord is in care of the  
American University Union, 173 Blvd. St. Germaine  
Paris, France. This is all I can tell you with  
respect to her movements as my last letter from  
her stated that she expected to leave Italy the  
middle of this month and to write her at the above  
address. However, as soon as I do hear from her  
further and know more about her movements, I shall  
be glad to communicate with you and let you know.

If there happens to be any information  
which you do not possess and I can secure for you  
with respect to the sketch of Mr. Alvord which you  
are preparing for the Dictionary of American Biography,  
I shall be glad to do so at any time. With very  
best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Nathaniel P. Blanchard*

NPB:CK

H. J. Stewart to Mrs. Alford.  
Sydney, Oct. 28, 1928.

"How I shall miss ~~the~~ his kindly  
welcome and the flash of his wit. I  
know, now I think better, the loss  
his nation and the branch of literature  
he adorned so much, have sustained.  
His place is secure and high among  
the eminent men of America for his  
work challenged and successfully  
that of great and honored Americans  
and Englishmen, and his is the high  
honour of having put both before  
all else."

Look of in Whistler.

March + Sept., 1928

See File of Articles etc  
by S. J. B. for blood  
material

December 17, 1928

Mrs. Idress Head Alvord  
Palmyra, Missouri

Dear Idress:-

A complication has arisen over the exact date of Clarence's death and you seem to be the only person who can settle it. Mary Wheelhouse has a letter from Genevieve which gives January twenty-fourth as the date, and Quaife used that date in the first notice published in the Mississippi Valley Historical Review, getting it from Pease. I have a copy of part of a letter from you to Mr. Ford, written on February 6, in which the date is given as January 25, and that is the date that I used in my article for the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. I find, however, that I used January 24, getting the date from Mary Wheelhouse, in my article in the Dictionary of American Biography. To complicate the matter still further, the newspapers, apparently using an Associated Press Dispatch, gave the date as January 27. Mr. Brigham of the American Antiquarian Society wants the correct date for a notice that they are to publish, and I will appreciate it if you will give me such information at your earliest convenience.

The article and bibliography were published, as you may know, in the December number of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review, and I am expecting to receive the separates most any day now. I had intended to ship half of them to you as soon as received, but it occurs to me that some time and trouble might be saved by asking the Torch Press of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to ship one hundred copies directly to you. It may be that they are already on their way here, of course, and in that case I will send them. I trust that you will supply me with a list of the people to whom you send copies in order that I may avoid duplication and also may make use of the list in connection with the proposed memorial fund.

Sincerely yours

B/P

DEC 19 1928

Palmyra, Mo.  
Dec. 17. 28

Dear Solon:-

I have at last gotten my list typed - i.e. those I can think of now. Such addresses as are not in, some you may know, others I will send later. There will probably be other names to add. When I come in Jan. I should like to look over your list - as there are numbers of other people I want to have a copy.

I am anxious to send

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out a few of mine at once, & wonder  
if you would kindly mail me about  
12 to Yehawka, Nebraska - Care R. C. Pollard.

I am leaving here Wed. night 19<sup>th</sup> - to  
spend Xmas with them. Will return  
to Minneapolis about Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> - & start  
east about the 6<sup>th</sup> -

It looks now as if I were going to  
need about 100 of the Biographies. & can  
send you check if you will let me  
know the amount or pay you when I  
come including postage on those  
you send me to Yehawka.

Am having a nice visit, but  
keeping busy - drove to St Louis with  
my mother on 3 day visit -

A letter from Dr Schmidt says  
his heart attacks are becoming more  
frequent - I am so sorry & doubt  
his lasting long - Was shocked &  
distressed to hear of Mrs Whiles death.

With love to the family.  
Address.

DEC 21 1928

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J. W. HEAD  
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

Dec. 19. 28.

Dear Solon:-

Our letters must have crossed - yours reached me today - Clarence died on January 25<sup>th</sup> about 4 o'clock in the afternoon -

As you know I have asked you to send me 12 copies of the biography to Yehawka - Mo. If mine have gone to 56 Clarence Ave - will you send me the 12 from yours if I will return from my 100 if you wish them. Am anxious to send a few at once, if hope they have reached you -

With all good wishes to all of you -  
I dress.

Keep the remainder until I come back if they come to your office.

December 20, 1938

Mrs. Clarence W. Alvord  
Care R. C. Pollard  
Nehawka, Nebraska

Dear Idress:-

Your letter of December 17 crossed one of mine of the same date, and I hope that it reached you before you left Palmyra. The point to it was that a question has arisen as to the exact date of Clarence's death. For my article in the Dictionary of American Biography I used the date January 24, getting it from Miss Wheelhouse, who had it from Genevieve. For my Mississippi Valley Historical Review article I used the date January 25, taking it from a copy of a letter from you to Mr. Ford. Of course I did not realize then that I was using a different date; now I find that the newspaper account, doubtless taken from the Associated Press, gives the date as January 27. I should like to have you settle the matter positively before I send out copies of the pamphlet, and, if the twenty-fifth is not correct, I want to change it in each copy. Perhaps you can recall the day of the week more definitely than the day of the month, and, if so, we can, of course, identify it from a calendar.

The two hundred copies of the pamphlet have just reached me, and I am sending a dozen to you as requested. If the date referred to above, which you will find on page 10, is wrong, I would suggest that you correct it in these copies before you send them out. I take it that you have decided to let me send to the people on your list that you enclosed. If you care to send me some of your cards, I might enclosed one with each copy.

I am sorry to learn that Dr. Schmidt is in such bad condition. I hope to see him in Chicago on my way to the American Historical Association meeting. I have written to him and I am sending him a copy of the pamphlet today. No other copies will go out, however, until I am certain about the date.

Sincerely yours

B/P

December 21, 1928

Mrs. Clarence W. Alvord  
c/o Mr. Pollard  
Nehawka, Nebraska

Dear Idress:

Thank you very much for the information in your letter of December 19. I take it from this letter that you want me to hold the remainder of the pamphlets until you arrive in Minneapolis instead of sending them out to the people on your list, and I shall do that unless I hear from you to the contrary.

Sincerely yours

SJB/H

CHARLES L. NICHOLS  
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LIBRARIAN

## AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

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WORCESTER, MASS., U.S.A.

Jan. 11, 1928

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Buck:

We have long wanted you to read a Paper before one of the meetings of the American Antiquarian Society. You were elected to membership in 1916, but we have not had the pleasure of seeing you at the meetings. Of course this is natural, as you live a long distance from both Boston and Worcester, and also we realize that membership in this organization is purely honorary.

At any rate, have you mind any Paper on a topic of American history which you could read at the meeting of the Society in Boston on April 18 next. Probably you will have classes at the University at this time, but it is also possible that it would fall in the vacation period. Therefore we are taking this chance.

Although we are particularly desirous of having you at the April meeting, in case you could not come, would it be possible for you to come to the meeting at Worcester on October 17 next? Incidentally, we have just secured a valuable small collection of letters regarding the Overland Mail in the period just previous to the Civil War. I thought that we might print these letters verbatim in the Proceedings with an introductory note. Whoever wrote the note could annotate the letters, if this were necessary, and also could read a Paper before the Society, which would consist mostly of quoting interesting extracts from the letters. We intend to have the letters typewritten within a few days. Ordinarily the reading of a Paper consumes about thirty minutes, but in the printing the Paper could take as much as sixty pages.

Awaiting a reply, I am,

Yours sincerely,

*Clarence S. Brigham*

CSB.N

Librarian.

January 16, 1928

Mr. Clarence S. Brigham, Librarian  
American Antiquarian Society  
Worcester, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Brigham:-

Naturally I am very much pleased at the invitation to read a paper before the American Antiquarian Society, and I should like very much to accept. I regret to have to say, however, that the expense of making the trip from here to Worcester is so great that I don't see how I could present a paper in person. I expect to be in the East during the summer to teach in the Harvard summer school, but that does not coincide with the meeting of your society.

I take it that you meant to suggest the possibility of my editing the letters regarding the Overland Mail to which you refer, and using them as a basis for a paper. I have no special knowledge of the subject, however, and I am inclined to think that if I should prepare anything for your society it had better be in some field with which I am more familiar.

I shall certainly make it a point to visit your library while I am in the East next summer, and I may want to do considerable work there. The American Historical Association has finally made an appropriation for continuing the work on its Bibliography of Travel and I hope to have some of the checking in eastern libraries done during the summer while I can give it some supervision.

I value my membership in the American Antiquarian Society and the publications that I receive from it very much, and it is a matter of sincere regret to me that distance prevents me from attending its meetings.

Sincerely yours

B/P

February 1, 1928

Mr. Clarence S. Brigham  
American Antiquarian Society  
Worcester, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Brigham:-

Congratulations on the progress of your campaign for an endowment. Wilbur is certainly contributing liberally to the support of historical work.

While the campaign of the American Historical Association is still a long way from its goal, I feel that this campaign and yours have had considerable influence in interesting people of wealth in the possibilities of historical work, and I believe that contributions to various organizations for such purposes will be more common in the future.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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## SURVEY OF RESEARCH

FREDERIC A. OGG, DIRECTOR  
1133 WOODWARD BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Aided by a subvention from the Carnegie Corporation, the American Council of Learned Societies is undertaking a systematic survey of research in the United States in the humanistic and social sciences. The object is to obtain a more adequate picture than can be had at present of the quantity, variety, tendencies, and general conditions of research in these fields, including aid to and facilities for both research itself and the publication of its products. It is believed that the results of the survey (which will be put into print as soon as practicable) will serve the interests of scholarship in many ways, among them by contributing something to the more adequate appreciation and support of research in fields which at present are in danger of being cultivated less assiduously than the domains of natural science.

The research facilities and activities of national and local societies, academies, foundations, institutes, bureaus, and other organized or institutional agencies (including, for colleges and universities, the facilities for research, but not the work being done by individual faculty members) are being inquired into through the natural channels; and this will yield a valuable mass of information. Obviously, however, any approach to completeness of data requires that personal reports be obtained from individual scholars, and accordingly this appeal for information is being sent to substantially all members of the twelve constituent societies named above, and to some other groups besides. It is highly important that a careful and reasonably full reply be made—and *at an early date*—by all who consider themselves to be, or likely soon to be, engaged in research of any kind in any humanistic or social field. Personal activities pertaining to the encouragement or direction of research, or editing or publishing the products of research, should, of course, be included.

This request is being sent out through the offices of the secretaries of the several constituent societies, and there will be some advantage if persons receiving more than one copy will make their returns on the copy bearing the label of the society whose field constitutes their primary interest. After the survey is completed these forms will be turned over to the respective societies for such disposition as they may care to make of them.

Frederic A. Ogg

[For purposes of this survey, research is considered to be work of any kind that has for its object the increase of human knowledge.]

1. What pieces of research work have you brought to completion within the past five years?

2. Upon what research projects are you engaged at present? (Please answer this question in more detail than the foregoing one.)

3. If you contemplate research work during the next few years on projects or in fields different from those already mentioned, kindly indicate them.

4. To what extent is your present research work being done independently and to what extent under the auspices (financial or otherwise) of a research bureau, council, or other institution?

Name .....

Address.....

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25th November 1927

TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROGRAMS  
OF THE ASSOCIATIONS MEETING IN  
WASHINGTON DECEMBER 28-30:

The American Council of Learned Societies, in co-operation with the various Associations that are holding their annual meetings in Washington at the end of December, is organizing a joint press bureau through which it is hoped to keep the newspapers fully and accurately informed with respect to the Associations and their activities, the meetings themselves, the papers presented at the meetings, and other related matters. This is the first time that a systematic effort has been made on a large scale to interest the newspapers of the country in the meetings of these Associations, and its success will depend very largely upon the cooperation that can be secured from the participants in the programs.

With the consent of the Secretaries of the various Associations, I am asking all who are on the programs of the coming meetings to send to this office as soon as possible, either an abstract of the paper which they plan to read or, in any event, a forecast of the paper, in which they will give particular attention to such matters, opinions, or facts as are likely to be of interest to the newspaper public. These abstracts or forecasts need not be more than 300 to 500 words in length, although they may be longer, but they are essential to any adequate and intelligent presentation of the views to be expressed by the various speakers. Abstracts as sent in will be preserved and held at the disposal of the Secretaries or Editors of the various Associations for such uses as they may wish to make of them after the meetings.

Please, therefore, send your abstract or forecast to the above address as early as you conveniently can.

Very sincerely yours,



Waldo G. Leland,  
Permanent Secretary.

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The American Council of Learned Societies

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*Mr. Buck's*

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at a dinner

on Tuesday, November the thirteenth

at seven o'clock

Hotel Roosevelt

New York City

Please reply before November the eighth  
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907 Fifteenth Street

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*Ans Council*

October 26, 1928

Mr. Waldo G. Leland  
907 Fifteenth St.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Leland:-

I am glad to learn that the first volume of the Dictionary of American Biography is about to appear, and also that the occasion is going to be properly celebrated by a dinner. Much to my regret it will not be possible for me to be present, but I appreciate very much your remembering me with an invitation.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY  
BROADWAY AT 156th STREET NEW YORK

To Solon J Buck

I am instructed by the Council of the  
AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY  
to ask if it will be agreeable to you to become  
a Fellow of the Society.

It will give the Council pleasure to be  
authorized to present your name for election at  
the next meeting of the Society.

Please reply on the enclosed card.

Faithfully yours,

*Saiah Bowman*

Director

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BROADWAY AT 156TH STREET  
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\_\_\_\_\_19\_\_

SIR:

You are authorized to have my name presented to the American Geographical Society for election to Fellowship.

*Name in full* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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THE AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY  
BROADWAY AT 156TH STREET  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

SIR:

Please send a copy of *China: Land of Famine* to me at the following address. (Every Fellow of the Society, not in arrears, is entitled to a copy free of charge; additional copies may be purchased at three dollars.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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*If you prefer one of the other books listed in the accompanying circular please cross out the title in the first line above and substitute your choice.*

Vol. III (*Six authors*) Mexico, Indo-China, India and Burma, New Zealand, New Guinea, Morocco.

Vol. IV (*Nine authors*) Egypt, Angola, Australia, Antarctica, Venezuela, Haiti.

Vol. V (*Six authors*) Ecuador, Eastern Congo, North Manchuria and Russian Far East, Malay Peninsula.

## The Geographical Review

THE GEOGRAPHICAL REVIEW, the quarterly journal of the Society, is now regarded as the leading scientific periodical in the world devoted exclusively to geography. It contains the best articles on modern exploration and discovery, boundary changes and related matters in the field of political geography, the geography of great cities, folk studies, and the origin of the earth's scenic features. New books of travel or research and important events in the geographical world are noted in its current record. Its maps and photographs are both original and distinguished in character, and occasionally there is included an especially valuable map in color.

Among our contributors within the past few years have been the following men of distinction who have the ability to make discoveries and also to relate them in forceful style:

SIR NAPIER SHAW, *British Meteorological Office*

RAYMOND PEARL, *Johns Hopkins University*

VILHJALMUR STEFANSSON, *Arctic Explorer*

D. G. HOGARTH, *Ashmolean Museum, Oxford University*

WORTHINGTON C. FORD, *Massachusetts Historical Society*

KNUD RASMUSSEN, *Danish Arctic Explorer*

COMMANDER N. A. TRANSEHE, *Russian Hydrographical Expedition*

## Lectures

Six free lectures a year are offered to Fellows in the months of November to April inclusive. They are given at the auditorium of the Engineering Societies' Building, 29 West 39th Street. Each Fellow as a rule receives two admissions to each lecture. A list of forthcoming lectures will be mailed to Fellows about November 10.

## Elections

ELECTIONS to the Society are held the third week of each month between November and April. The annual dues are Ten Dollars, and *dues paid after October 1 apply to the ensuing year*. Should you wish to become a Fellow of the Society you are requested to sign the enclosed card and return them to this office with your check.

Upon request there will be mailed a booklet describing the history of the Society, its building, collections, and publications.

## THE AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

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To those with a taste for exploration and discovery the books published by the Society have an unusual range of interest for they deal with the pioneering fringe of geographical science. Through them and the *Geographical Review*, the quarterly journal of the Society, you can raise a sail upon any sea you choose to explore and follow the trails of history-making expeditions now in the field.

The Society follows the practice of presenting annually free of charge to each Fellow a book from its current list. Others may be purchased at special discount prices. Please return the accompanying card, and the indicated book will be sent.

## China: Land of Famine

[199 pages, 90 photographs, and 12 maps]

By Walter H. Mallory

*With an introduction by Dr. John H. Finley, President of the Society*

THE problem of China: what is it? With centuries of political and cultural solidarity behind her China will hardly perish under the present political experiment. Her great problem is far more profound—to get enough food to eat. It is an old problem in China, where through the past untold millions have died of starvation, and it grows with the population, now 400,000,000, nearly a fourth of the world's total. And they have no margin of livelihood. Even in a normal year the bare food requirements are not met. In the drought of 1920-1921, 500,000 perished and 20,000,000 were rendered destitute.

What of the future? Are the millions saved by relief measures doomed to die in the next few famine years unless more help is forthcoming? Is there no permanent cure? To answer the question carries one through every phase of Chinese life from the background of the country with

its flood-carrying rivers, its swarming plains and deforested hills to the innate qualities of the people, their conservatism, the love of their old homes and devotion to the tombs of their ancestors, the old methods and beliefs to which they cling with a tenacity born of thirty centuries of tradition. Mr. Mallory has spent five years in the field, analyzing the famine problem and its remedies. His book is in the highest sense informative and constructive. Price, \$4.00; to Fellows, \$3.00.

### Peopling the Argentine Pampa

[211 pages, 55 photographs, 9 maps, and 4 diagrams]

By Mark Jefferson

THOUGH the Argentine has but one-seventh of the population of South America, it does almost half the business of the continent. A virile nation, independent in foreign policy, resourceful, experimenting with land and immigrant peoples, self-conscious and determined to foster its own culture. What is the social and political background of the nation? Where are the historical centers of settlement? To what social classes and problems must leaders now address themselves? How does the modern colonizing process work? Professor Jefferson describes the colorful life of the Argentine from the early days of pioneer settlement, the open range, Indian wars, and provincial rivalry, down to our time. Years of residence in the Argentine are reflected in the intimate nature of his story and the picturesque qualities of his style. Price, \$4.00; to Fellows, \$3.00.

### Legendary Islands of the Atlantic: A Study in Medieval Geography

[196 pages, 25 illustrations, mainly facsimiles of medieval maps]

By William H. Babcock

A CLASSIC treatment of the age-old problem of Atlantis as well as other isles celebrated in legend, some of them to be identified later and others to disappear from the charts owing to their mythical origin. A story of the sea for those far times of island discovery that are now in part the romantic fringe of history. Price, \$3.50; to Fellows, \$2.00.

### The Geographical Conceptions of Columbus

[A Critical Consideration of Four Problems]

By George E. Nunn

WAS Columbus' successful crossing of the Atlantic just a happy chance? Was it by accident that he sailed out upon that dread sea of darkness which extended—in the thought of the men about him—to the outer

bounds of the world? Here are given some of the sources of real information that Columbus had and the facts that supported his seaman's instinct. Price, \$4.00; to Fellows, \$3.00.

### The Geographical Lore of the Time of the Crusades

[A Study in the History of Medieval Science and Tradition in Western Europe]

By John K. Wright

IN THE Age of Cathedral Building and Crusades men looked out upon a world quite different from that of today. Materially and spiritually it was not the world we live in, and their naïve theories helped make it still more strange. What they knew of lands and peoples, their shrewd and sometimes logical explanations of nature's mysteries—these are among the subjects discussed in this scholarly book. Price, \$5.00; to Fellows, \$3.50.

### The Face of the Earth As Seen from the Air

[A Study in the Application of Airplane Photography to Geography]

By Willis T. Lee

DR. LEE'S book is illustrated with sixty-seven oblique and vertical photographs and fifteen maps of areas represented in the photographs, together with four large inserts. His work is important in city planning, in exploration, and in coast defense and navigation. One sees glaciers, barrier beaches, volcanoes, and canyons from a quite new and highly instructive angle. Price, \$4.00; to Fellows, \$2.00.

### Practical Hints to Scientific Travellers

[Illustrated with photographs and maps]

THE Society has encouraged the production at the Hague of a series of books describing the exact *conditions of travel* in outlying countries. The first four volumes are ready for delivery; the fifth volume is now in press. Any one may be received without cost as an alternative choice by a Fellow of the Society. The others may be purchased at \$1.75 per volume, \$3.25 for two, \$4.50 for three, \$5.75 for four, or \$7.00 for five. The regular price to the public is \$2.75 per volume. The volumes have been written by 31 authors, each a specialist of note. The whole work is edited by Prof. H. A. Brouwer, published by Martinus Nijhoff, and distributed in the United States by the American Geographical Society. The titles and contents follow:

- Vol. I (*Five authors*) Netherlands, East Indies, South- and East-Africa, and the Philippines.
- Vol. II (*Five authors*) Polar Regions, Spitsbergen, Novaya Zemlya, Greenland, Turkestan.

October 19, 1927

Dr. Isaiah Bowman, Director  
American Geographical Society  
Broadway at 156 St.,  
New York City

My dear Dr. Bowman:-

I feel honored to receive your invitation to become a Fellow of the American Geographical Society and would like very much to accept if I could afford to. I find, however, that the dues of the various historical and other societies to which I already belong absorb as much money as I ought to spend in this way.

I am, indeed, very much interested in the work of your society and I make a practice of looking over the Geographical Review regularly, but I find it necessary to restrict my personal accumulation of books and magazines to material in my special fields.

Sincerely yours,

B/P

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December 1, 1927.

To Participants in the Programme of the Annual Meeting of  
the American Historical Association to be held at Wash-  
ington, D. C., December 28-30, 1927.

Participants are usually requested to furnish ab-  
stracts of their papers for the use of the Secretary and the  
Editor of the Association and for the compiler of the nar-  
rative which will appear in the April number of the American  
Historical Review. This year, however, in view of ar-  
rangements made with the American Council of Learned Socie-  
ties for greater publicity, it is requested that all partici-  
pants send abstracts of their papers, in duplicate, to Mr.  
Waldo G. Leland, 907 Fifteenth Street, Washington, D. C.,  
before December 15. Please take pains to comply punctually  
with this request.

Participants are reminded that by vote of the Asso-  
ciation all papers, whether published in full elsewhere or  
not, are to be represented in the Annual Report by means of  
abstracts or briefs. These abstracts or briefs should not  
exceed 400 words in length - the equivalent of about a  
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REFERENCES TO ARTICLES PRINTED IN STRAY PLACES INASMUCH AS  
THE TRACING OF PAPERS HAS COST OCCASIONALLY MUCH TIME AND  
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use its judgment in the matter of printing either abstracts  
or complete papers. Complete papers and abstracts should  
be in the hands of the Editor at the above address not later  
than January 20, 1928.

Chairmen and Secretaries of conferences are asked  
to have participants comply with these rules.

H. Barrett Learned,  
Chairman, Committee on Publications.

Allen R. Boyd,  
Editor.

January 20, 1928

Miss P. W. Washington  
Assistant Secretary  
American Historical Association  
1140 Woodward Building  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Washington:-

This will signify my acceptance of the appointments to the Committees of the American Historical Association on Endowment and Bibliography.

I understand that \$250 was appropriated for the work on the Bibliography of Travel under my direction, and I expect to begin drawing upon this at the end of the month.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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THE BUDGET FOR 1928

Estimated Receipts

Annual dues .....	\$14,000.00
Interest on Endowment and on bank balances .....	7,000.00
Royalties .....	100.00
Publications .....	100.00
Registration fees .....	200.00
Government appropriation for printing Report .....	7,000.00
Miscellaneous .....	25.00
Carnegie Fund for Study of History Teaching .....	15,000.00
Rockefeller Grant for Study of Racial Origins in the United States .....	<u>5,000.00</u>

Disbursements

Office of Secretary and Treasurer .....	\$3,700.00
Pacific Coast Branch .....	400.00

Committees of Management:

Committee on Nominations .....	75.00
Committee on Membership .....	75.00
Committee on Programme .....	500.00
Committee on Local Arrangements .....	150.00
Executive Council .....	500.00
Committee on Endowment Fund .....	10,000.00
Treasurer's Contingent Fund .....	200.00

Historical Activities:

Committee on Bibliography .....	500.00
Committee on Bibliography of Modern British History .....	500.00 <sup>1</sup>
Committee on Publications .....	700.00
Printing Annual Report .....	7,000.00
Conference of Historical Societies .....	25.00
Public Archives Commission .....	100.00
Writings on American History .....	100.00
American Council of Learned Societies .....	220.00
Committee on Historical Research in Colleges ..	50.00
Committee on History Teaching (Carnegie Fund) ..	15,000.00 <sup>2</sup>
International Committee of Historical Sciences ..	100.00
Committee on Carnegie Publication Fund .....	200.00
Rockefeller Grant for Study of Racial Origins ..	5,000.00
Bibliography of Travel .....	250.00

Prizes:

Herbert Baxter Adams Prize, 1927 .....	200.00
George Louis Beer Prize 1927 .....	250.00

<u>American Historical Review</u> .....	8,000.00
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- <sup>1</sup> Balance from savings account is \$290.33
- <sup>2</sup> Balance on hand from Commonwealth Fund Grant is \$1,732.61.

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DEXTER PERKINS, ACTING SECRETARY

December 1, 1928.

To Participants in the Programme of the Annual Meeting of  
the American Historical Association to be held at  
Indianapolis, Indiana, December 28, 29 and 31, 1928.

Participants are usually requested to furnish abstracts of their papers for the use of the Secretary and the Editor of the Association and for the compiler of the narrative which will appear in the April number of the American Historical Review.

Participants are reminded that by vote of the Association all papers, whether published in full elsewhere or not, are to be represented in the Annual Report by means of abstracts or briefs. These abstracts or briefs should not exceed 400 words in length - the equivalent of about a printed page in the Annual Report. IT WILL BE OF SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE EDITOR IF AUTHORS WILL SEND HIM EXACT REFERENCES TO ARTICLES PRINTED IN STRAY PLACES INASMUCH AS THE TRACING OF PAPERS HAS COST OCCASIONALLY MUCH TIME AND EFFORT. For the present the committee is privileged to use its judgment in the matter of printing either abstracts or complete papers. Complete papers and abstracts should be in the hands of the Editor at the above address not later than January 15, 1929.

Chairmen and Secretaries of conferences are asked to have participants comply with these rules.

H. Barrett Learned,  
Chairman, Committee on Publications.

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DEXTER PERKINS, ACTING SECRETARY

December 7, 1928

Dear Sir:

At its November meeting the Executive Council appointed the committees of the Association for the year 1929. You have been appointed as a member of the Committee on Bibliography. A list of the members of the Committee is enclosed.

In providing for the appointments at this time, the Council has acted in the hope that it will be possible for the members of the committees to foregather at the Indianapolis meeting and there discuss the questions of policy involved in their committee service.

Very truly yours,

DEXTER PERKINS,

Secretary.

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

COMMITTEE ON BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Henry R. Shipman, Chairman  
27 Mercer St., Princeton, N. J.

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Smith College, Northampton, Mass.

Augustus H. Shearer  
Grosvenor Library, Buffalo, N. Y.

William H. Allison  
15 East Kendrick Ave., Hamilton, N. Y.

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

Louis J. Paetow  
University of California, Berkeley, Calif.

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THE AMERICAN-SCANDINAVIAN FOUNDATION  
25 WEST FORTY-FIFTH STREET  
NEW YORK

CABLE ADDRESS "SCANFOUN NEWYORK"

February 18, 1927.

My dear Dr. Buck,

For several years we have been conscious of the need for a volume which would give a brief and authoritative account of Old Norse Mythology. Our Publications Committee of which Professor W. W. Lawrence of Columbia is chairman, finally chose for presentation in English the work of two Norse scholars of world repute, P. A. Munch and Magnus Olsen.

This volume, NORSE MYTHOLOGY, will, I believe, take its place with Bulfinch's Age of Fable and the other standard exponents of pagan life and belief. The book is published this week by the American-Scandinavian Foundation and I am sending you a copy with our compliments with the expectation that you will wish to make some comment upon it.

Very truly yours,

*James Brewster*

Secretary of the Foundation

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

February 24, 1928

Mr. James Creese, Secretary  
American-Scandinavian Foundation  
25 West Forty-Fifth St.,  
New York City

My dear Mr. Creese:-

Mr. Roy W. Swanson, who is at present serving as newspaper assistant on the staff of the Minnesota Historical Society, informs me that he has applied for one of the American-Scandinavian Foundation scholarships for next year, and I take pleasure in recommending him for the appointment.

Mr. Swanson took several courses with me at the University of Minnesota, from which he has a master's degree, and did very good work. His master's thesis on "Early Swedish Travel in America" was written under the direction of Professor George M. Stephenson, who is now in Sweden on a Guggenheim scholarship. I was on the committee, however, read the thesis, and considered it an excellent piece of work.

Mr. Swanson has a remarkably good literary style and a great deal of initiative and imagination. I should not be surprised if, given the opportunity, he should produce work of very great value. I ought to say, however, that there are certain quirks to his personality that I have not yet fathomed. He is shy, easily embarrassed, speaks very slowly, and says and does queer things at times. His shyness seems to be wearing off somewhat, however, and I sincerely believe that he has exceptional aptitude for scholarly and literary work. The fact that I gave him an appointment on the staff of the Minnesota Historical Society and then held the position open for nearly a year while he was incapacitated by illness is an indication of my confidence in his possibilities.

He wants, I understand, to continue study along the line of his master's thesis, with the idea of producing a work that would trace the development of the Swedish concept of America, and it seems to me that such a work would be a very valuable contribution to knowledge.

Sincerely yours

B/P

Minnesota Historical Society

St. Paul

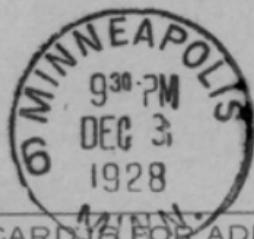
November 28, 1928

An American  
History Conference

Believing that it would be desirable to have occasional gatherings of the people in or within reach of the Twin Cities who have done or are doing advanced research work in American history, I have made arrangements for a dinner meeting at the Campus Club of the University of Minnesota on Thursday, December 6, at 6:30 P.M. No formal program will be presented but it is hoped that each person will be willing to tell the others something of his work and plans.

All to whom this notice is sent are requested to notify me or my secretary at the Minnesota Historical Society not later than Tuesday, December 4, as to whether or not they will attend the meeting. The price of the dinner will be about seventy-five cents.

*Solon J. Bush*



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Prof. Buck,  
Minnesota Historical Society  
St. Paul

DEC 4 - 1928

I hope to be at the dinner on Thursday.

H. H. Hutton

DEC 4 - 1928

College of Saint Benedict  
Saint Joseph, Minnesota

Dec. 3, 1928

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

Dear Sir:

It was with great pleasure that I read your announcement of the dinner meeting to be held at the Campus Club on Thursday evening. I believe that such a meeting will be extremely helpful to the individuals attending and ultimately to the Historical Society. Because I am so fully in sympathy with this project it is with the deepest regret that I find it impossible to attend the meeting on December 6.

I wish you all success and thank you sincerely for honoring me with an invitation.

Yours truly,

Sister Grace

The College of St. Catherine

St. Paul, Minnesota

December 3, 1928

DEC 4 1928

Mr. S. J. Buck:

I shall be pleased to attend the American History Conference at the Campus Club of The University of Minnesota on next Thursday, at six-thirty o'clock.

*Sister Eucharista*

DEC 4 1928

ST. OLAF COLLEGE  
NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
KAREN LARSEN  
914 ST. OLAF AVENUE

Dec. 3. 1928.

My dear Mr. Buck,

I hope to be able to  
attend the American History  
Conference dinner on Thursday.

Yours very sincerely,

Karen Larsen

Dr. Golon J. Buck  
Minnesota Historical Society  
St. Paul

DEC 5 1928

CARLETON COLLEGE  
NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT OF  
HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT

Nov. 30/28.

Dear Dr. Buck:

Yes, I intend to be present for the American History Conference on Tuesday next, at Campus Club, U. of M. Of the weather, who can predict? And what conditions my making the trip.

Very truly,

C. A. Timinway

DEC 5 - 1928

University of Minnesota  
College of Education  
Minneapolis

UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

November 30

Prof. Solon J. Buch  
Minnesota Historical Society

Dear Prof. Buch:-

I shall attend the American History Conference at the  
Campus Club, December 6.

Very truly,

Louis A. Tohill

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

Northwest Central Survey Committee

~~DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE~~  
~~BUREAU FOR RESEARCH IN GOVERNMENT~~

October 8, 1927

Prof S. J. Buck  
Department of History

Dear Professor Buck:

The committee which is planning a research program for the Northwest Central Region would like to enlist your interest and perhaps serve you and your advanced students in a definite way. During the summer extensive studies were made by several graduate students of the materials already available dealing with the resources and the economic, social, political, and historical problems of the region. Upon the basis of these studies a fairly comprehensive bibliography has been prepared, and a number of important topics have been found which would probably yield good results if used as topics for seminar papers, or for masters' or doctors' theses.

These lists of suggested topics, and the bibliographical files of the survey, are open to you and to your students in Room 16, Library, (Bureau for Research in Government). If any of your students have already started work on topics bearing on this region, they should not fail to look over our bibliographical cards, which may save them much labor. You are yourself cordially invited to use these materials at the place noted above. In connection with this work, the undersigned will also be glad to be of other service to you and your advanced students.

Sincerely yours,

*Wm Anderson*

Wm. Anderson

P.S. May I have from you the names of any individuals or seminar groups already at work in this field, together with their topics?

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

Central Northwest Regional Survey

~~DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE~~  
~~BUREAU FOR RESEARCH IN GOVERNMENT~~

March 10, 1928

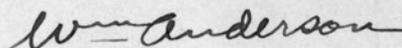
Professor S. J. Buck  
Department of History  
University of Minnesota

Dear Mr. Buck:

Several weeks ago I took the liberty of sending you a communication concerning the work of the Central Northwest Regional Survey. In this letter the question was raised as to whether or not you had information concerning any research projects which it might be well to begin at an early date, and which would fit in with the general plan of the regional survey committee. The question was also raised as to whether or not some financial aid for such project might be desirable. Since I have not as yet had a letter from you in reply, I presume that the matter has been overlooked. Since it is important to have our plans for next year prepared within the next few weeks, I am taking the further liberty of sending you this reminder of the former letter.

Hoping that we may be favored with an early letter from you containing your suggestions, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Wm. Anderson

WA:NM

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

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE  
BUREAU FOR RESEARCH IN GOVERNMENT

October 31, 1928

Professor S. J. Buck  
Department of History

Dear Mr. Buck:

Dean Ford has requested me to invite you to attend a luncheon at the Campus Club Friday, November 2, at about 12:15 to meet Dr. John V. Van Sickle, Secretary of the Social Science Research Council's Committee on Research Fellowships and on Grants-in-Aid, who will be visiting here for the day. He is here for the purpose of interviewing candidates for fellowships and grants for the coming year.

Please come if you can.

Sincerely yours,

WA:NM

Wm. Anderson

NORTH DAKOTA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE  
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

MARKETING  
AND  
RURAL ORGANIZATIONS

April 13, 1928

STATE COLLEGE STATION  
FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

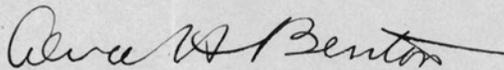
Prof. Solon J. Buck  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Prof. Buck:

I am mailing to you, under separate cover, a copy of our recent bulletin entitled "Rural Changes in Western North Dakota." You may recall that on our return from the holiday meetings in Washington I mentioned this publication. You expressed a wish at that time to receive a copy. If you should have any comments to make relative to this we would appreciate your views.

Yours very truly,

AHB-S



Alva H. Benton  
Head, Department of Marketing  
and Rural Organizations

April 23, 1928

Professor Alva H. Benton  
North Dakota Agricultural  
College  
Fargo, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Benton:-

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of your bulletin entitled "Rural Changes in Western North Dakota." I have looked it over with much interest and I am sure that it will be useful to me in connection with some studies that I have planned to do.

Sincerely yours

B/P

Nov  
1927

THE BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

This notice is being sent to members of the Historical Association interested in bibliographical affairs, especially including those who worked on the Guide to Historical Literature. The notice was prepared too late to send before summer vacations and since it was printed, the 1925 Papers have been issued, and the 1926 are being prepared for the press. The Society is on the program at the Washington meeting of the American Historical Association.

The Bibliographical Society of America was organized in 1904 and incorporated in 1927. It includes in its membership those interested in bibliographical problems and projects of all kinds. The Society has meetings twice a year, at Christmas time and usually in June. It publishes its Papers of which at least one number is published annually. The Society also published the important work, the Census of fifteenth century books owned in America, in 1919, and at present is engaged in completing Sabin's Dictionary of books relating to America. A News Sheet is sent out occasionally. Among the members are book collectors, librarians, scientific bibliographers, book dealers, and those interested in general bibliography. Membership costs \$3.00 per year and members receive the Papers of the Society.

The Papers for 1925 have been delayed but are about to go to press. The 1926 Papers, which will include five contributions on the Progress of American Bibliography, will be published in the summer. As membership includes the Papers, new members are asked to indicate if they want their membership to include the 1925 Papers or to start with the 1926 Papers.

Those interested in joining may send their names to the Secretary who will put them before the Council, after which the Treasurer will send a statement of dues. The Society needs the membership and co-operation of every lover of bibliography in order to render greatest service possible.

Dr. A. H. Shearer, Secretary, B. S. A.  
Grosvenor Library,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Please place my name before the Council of the Bibliographical Society of America for membership.

Signed.....

January 16, 1928

Mr. W. W. Bishop, Librarian  
University of Michigan  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Bishop:-

In connection with your paper about the photostating of newspaper files, which I listened to with much interest in Washington, it occurs to me that you will be interested to know that the University of Illinois has some extensive files of photostats of early Illinois newspapers from the files in the Library of Congress. These were made at least fifteen years ago while I was at Illinois and I used them extensively in my volume entitled Illinois in 1818. It is my impression that they were bought for the University but it is possible that they were the property of the Illinois State Historical Library. At any rate, Dr. Theodore G. Pease of the University of Illinois could give you exact information as to the extent and location of the files.

You may be interested to know that, having partial duplicate files of some of the early Minnesota newspapers, we are completing them by means of the photostat, with the idea of saving the wear and tear on the complete original files.

Sincerely yours

B/P

November 21, 1927

Professor J. S. Bassett  
Smith College  
Northampton, Massachusetts

Dear Bassett:-

Miss Washington may have sent on to you the report of the committee on Nominations of the A. H. A., but I want to make sure that you have prompt information.

Much to my satisfaction, Greene is named for second vice-president. For members of the council, the committee proposes Morison, W. T. Root of Iowa, and Fairfax Harrison, the last being a suggestion made by Greene. The new committee on nominations will consist of Charles W. Hackett, chairman, P. A. Martin, and Miss Textor of the old committee and L. B. Packard and Randolph Adams as new members.

I was much shocked to learn of Jameson's resignation as editor of the Review and the reasons for it. I had supposed that the Association would have to face something of this sort in a few years, but did not anticipate that it would come so soon.

On second thought it occurs to me that this letter probably will not reach you before you leave for the council meeting, at which you will doubtless learn of the proposed nominations.

With kindest regards

Sincerely yours

B/P

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58 Pomeroy Terrace  
Northampton, Massachusetts  
December 2, 1927

Dear Buck:

Thank you for your letter of November 21st. I am glad to get it and the information you give is most interesting. I think you have made good selections. However, I think you have made a mistake in sending the report to me. You may remember that the Committee on Nominations was created as a result of the so called "Bancroft insurrection", and it was specifically agreed at the time that the Committee on Nominations should report to the annual business meeting; it was not to report to the Council or even to the Secretary. It is partly on that account that I have always insisted that I should know nothing about the action of the Committee on Nominations until its nominations had been made. No damage has been done, however, and I have not mentioned the personnel of the report.

I hope to see you at Washington and in the meantime allow me to send my best regards and Christmas greetings to Mrs. Buck and your interesting family.

Yours sincerely,

*John S. Bassett*

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

December 9, 1927

Professor John S. Bassett  
58 Pomeroy Terrace  
Northampton, Massachusetts

Dear Bassett:--

My recent letter to you was not intended as an official report of the Committee on Nominations for I understood that that report was to be made to the Association as a whole, but I saw no reason, particularly in view of the fact that the report was to be printed at once for distribution to the members, in giving you information as to its contents. The report had been sent to Miss Washington several days before I wrote to you, and presumably had been printed, as the printed sheets sent to me by Miss Washington, bear the date of November 19. Surely you do not consider yourself obliged to remain in ignorance of information that is supposed to be available to all members of the Association.

Miss Washington asked to have the copy of our report in her hands before November 19 in order that it might be printed for distribution with the programs, and it was sent in in due time, but, for some reason, appears not to have been distributed with the program. At any rate, a number of the people here have received programs unaccompanied by copies of the report. I am writing to Miss Washington today for information as to what happened.

Assuming that we succeed in digging out from under our accumulated snowdrifts and that our Governor does not object to the expenditure, I expect to be in Washington for the meeting, and I am looking forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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58 Pomeroy Terrace, Northampton, Mass.  
December 12, 1927

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

Dear Buck:

Your letter is too conscientious but I was glad to get it. I was not speaking in any sense critically and you must not take it that way. Of course I am glad always to hear from you and I shall be very pleased to see you in Washington.

Yours most sincerely,

*John S. Bassett*

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58 Pomeroy Terrace, Northampton, Mass.  
Jan. 4, 1928

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

Dear Buck:

I think Ford will have explained to you why we changed the composition of the committee to advise with the Social Science Research Council on the organization of the Journal of Social Science Abstracts. It was solely because it was felt that all the committee should live in such places that they could be easily drawn to New York for meetings, and in no sense was it personal. I know you are not seeking work to do, but I should be very sorry indeed if you thought anything personal was in this matter. I am only sorry that we did not know at first that it was necessary to constitute the committee in the east. To the Council the opportunity seemed clear to appoint one prominent western committee. That is why they hit upon this plan.

Yours sincerely,

*John S. Bassett*

*See also*

*A H A. Com. on Biblio.*

October 8, 1928

Miss P. W. Washington  
American Historical Association  
Woodward Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Washington:

Will you please send me a statement of the amount still due on my pledge for the American Historical Association. If it is not too much I think I shall pay the whole amount now and become a life member.

Sincerely yours

SJB/H

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DEXTER PERKINS, ACTING SECRETARY

October 12, 1928

My dear Dr. Buck:

Your letter of October 8 has been received. According to our records, you have made two payments of \$20 each on your pledge to the Endowment Fund, one on September 21, 1926, and the other on December 9, 1927, so the amount still to be paid is \$60.

Enclosed is a check in payment of Mr. Donald E. Van Koughnet's bill for preparing the revised report on the public archives of Minnesota. I understand that he wishes to have this sent to you.

Very sincerely yours,

*Patty W. Washington*  
Assistant Secretary.

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

*check for \$60.00 sent Oct. 20.*

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WILLIAM WARNER BISHOP  
LIBRARIAN

January 18, 1928.

My dear Mr. Buck:

I am much interested in yours of the 16th, and I am particularly glad to know that the University of Illinois has some files of photostats of early Illinois newspapers. Of course, my paper was chiefly concerned with publishing facsimiles of series of newspapers, but I am very glad to know that Illinois has made copies for its own use.

I think your idea of keeping duplicate files by means of the photostat is a very sensible one and a sound procedure. You probably know that the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Philadelphia photostats all its incunabula as soon as they are received, and places the photostat copies at the disposal of investigators, thus saving wear on the originals.

Faithfully yours,

*W. W. Bishop*  
Librarian

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

WWB:W

February 27, 1928

Mr. Nathaniel Blanchard  
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Mr. Blanchard:-

Enclosed herewith you will find a letter addressed to Mrs. Alvord that was sent in my care. As I have no information as to where she is at present, I am sending it to you in the hope that you can forward it to her. I should very much appreciate it also if you would let me know her address or plans, as I should like to get in touch with her myself. ✓

You may be interested to know that I have been asked to prepare a sketch of Mr. Alvord for the Dictionary of American Biography that is being compiled under the auspices of the American Council of Learned Societies.

Sincerely yours

B/P

Minnesota Historical Society

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SOLON J. BUCK  
Superintendent  
THEODORE C. BLEGEN  
Assistant Superintendent

July 16, 1928

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
The Colonial Club  
20 Quincy Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Buck:

There is some kind of misunderstanding in connection with Miss Krausnick's salary and it seems to me that I had better put the matter before you. The budget allows her for July and August \$175 a month, that is to say \$50 a month less than her normal salary, making a total cut for the two months of \$100.

In the budget submitted to you by Miss Krausnick she put her salary down for the regular amount. She now says that she was very much surprised to find her salary cut, for it was her understanding that she was to receive full checks for July and August and was to spread her vacation through the summer. She states that when she submitted her budget she did say that she could be on part-time, if that seemed desirable, in order to adjust the budget for the year. Her idea was that she would be paid the regular rate with deductions if the time off exceeded the vacation time that she intended to distribute over these two months.

I find that in your budget you put her through for \$350 for the two months. This makes her half month check \$87.50. She states that <sup>her salary</sup> ~~she~~ has never been cut more than \$25 a month in any previous summer. This of course is a \$50 cut.

I do not like to pass things on to you unnecessarily at this time for I know how very busy you are and I am trying to deal with every problem that comes up as carefully as I can without bothering you. In this case, however, I think the facts ought to go to you. Miss Krausnick has herself suggested that possibly she could be paid \$100 in September out of the library allotment for sundries or special services. She says that her present plan is to stay in Minnesota until about September 25 and that she would be glad to arrange to be here for a few days after Miss Fawcett comes. Would this be a feasible arrangement?

Possibly, if Miss Krausnick's understanding of

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the situation is correct and if the matter could not be handled in the way that she suggests, the thing might be adjusted through a time arrangement after her return from her leave of absence. This would put it off for a very long while, however, and she is concerned about getting this \$100 before she goes away if possible.

I think this memorandum covers the chief facts of the case but Miss Krausnick would probably be glad to write you a fuller explanation of the situation if you desire it.

Sincerely yours

*Theodore C. Blugan*

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July 17, 1928

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
The Colonial Club  
20 Quincy Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Buck:-

You will be interested in knowing that the dictaphone has been installed and that I am writing this letter by means of it. There is nothing new to report at the Society. I am sitting up nights working on my Oslo paper and I spend the rest of the time regretting that I ever promised to read it.

Archer was out to see Mr. Swanson the other day and learned that he has given up all thought of going to the Oslo Congress.

This letter is being written merely as an experiment and if it does not seem to have much coherence please attribute it to my inexperience with the dictaphone.

Sincerely yours

*Theodore C. Blegen*

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July 25, 1928

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
The Colonial Club  
20 Quincy Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Buck:

I am slowly emerging from the jungle of jobs and duties and obligations. It still seems impossible for me to get away but sometimes when things look worst they clear up suddenly. Perhaps I can introduce a little magic into this situation.

At any rate I have the Oslo paper written and am sending you a copy of it herewith. If you can find time to run over it within the next two or three days I shall appreciate getting your criticisms. I am enclosing an envelope addressed to me in New York. Please try to mail the manuscript to me so that I will get it not later than Friday, August 3. If you don't get time to go over it you needn't bother about trying to return this copy to me for I have several carbons. I realize that you have plenty on your hands without taking on manuscripts of this sort.

Sincerely yours

*Theodore C. Blegen*

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WILLOUGHBY M. BABCOCK, CURATOR OF MUSEUM

July 27, 1928

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
The Colonial Club  
20 Quincy Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Buck:

Almost out of the jungle!

I turned in my marks at the University today and have almost reached the last detail at the Historical Society. I shall soon have to start packing inasmuch as we leave tomorrow night. The Staff surprised me most delightfully the other day by presenting me with a very fine suitcase, so I shall start off in great style.

The business of Miss Krausnick's salary has been cleared up satisfactorily through getting an additional release of \$100 and putting through a check reimbursing her for what was left out.

Miss Palmes got off yesterday.

There are no alarums and excursions to report. All quiet on the Potomac. I have drawn up detailed suggestions of articles for the magazine and have left them in Miss Heilbron's hands with instructions to turn over to you. I have also touched on sundry matters in my quarterly report, which you will find filed in the usual place. I am leaving a revised copy of my syllabus on your desk and also two or three other papers that may interest you.

Two things still harry me -- a couple of articles for the Dictionary of American Biography and the publications of the N. A. H. A. With the assistance of Miss Wheelhouse and Anne I think I shall be able to clear up the former, and I expect your talented wife to help me to finish up the latter.

Yours, with a harried but hopeful spirit,

*Thason C. Blegen*

S. b. n. r.

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33 Frederik Stangs Gate  
Oslo  
Dec. 17, 1928

Dear Steve,

The enclosed letter about my work in November, though a trifle out of date, will probably be of some interest to you and so I send it on. The references in the last paragraph were put in for your benefit, to let you know that a Minnesota trail always arouses my hunting instincts.

The collecting of manuscript "America letters" goes very slowly. My colleagues in the N. A. H. A. did not enthuse over the idea of giving out two or three stipends to promote the work. It is true that the Norwegian federation of local historical societies is cooperating with us, but general appeals -- here as elsewhere -- do not produce results. In a week or two I am going to make a trip to Numedal, to the region from which the Nattestads and many other early immigrants came from. I have exchanged a few letters with some local history workers in that section. One of them has the bright idea of making the old Nattestad gaard a sort of emigration museum and I want to find out just what he has in mind. I rewrote my paper on "The America Letters" and, using some of the "finds" that I made here during the fall, I improved the essay a good bit. It has been translated into Norwegian for publication, but has not yet appeared. The Scientific Society of Oslo desires to publish it in English as a pamphlet and of course I am quite willing. The society unfortunately wants the original quotations retained in Norwegian. This will make the paper much less useful to me at home than it would be if it were all in English.

I have received a copy of the program for the A.H.A. meeting and I judge that you are going to have a busy time at Indianapolis. Please accept my congratulations on your new honor. If this keeps up you will have to write a chapter (when you do your reminiscences) on "Presidential Chairs I Have Occupied." Be sure to give me due warning before the A. H. A. presidency arrives so that I can arrange the usual book of essays.

December 14 was Amundsen Day in Norway and its observance in Oslo was very impressive. Nearly the entire population of the city crowded into the downtown streets at noon for a two-minute tribute of silence. Street after street packed tight with scores of thousands of people, hats off, utter silence save for the tolling of bells and the flapping of hundreds of flags flying at half mast, -- it was a marvelous tribute to a hero. All over Norway the same sort of thing, and of course meetings, addresses, the unveiling of monuments, torch-light processions, bon-fire celebrations that probably go back to pagan origins, and boat parades, not to speak of articles, subscriptions to a great Amundsen fund, etc. A party of Italians came up for the day, but I noticed that Nobile's name was conspicuously absent in the various speeches that I heard. The chief meeting of the evening was held in a fine old auditorium, with a symphony orchestra furnishing the music. President Hambro of the Storting (Congress) gave the chief address. We attended this

affair, but I broke away to read over the radio an address that Lincoln Ellsworth had sent over. The radio manager wanted it read by an American voice. The speech was picked up at the auditorium and given by loud speaker. After the meeting (to which I returned), Clara and I were dined (and wined) together with Captain Wisting and Captain Gottwall. The former captained the "Maud" on the Northeast Passage, went with Amundsen to the South Pole and on most of his other expeditions. Gottwall was a member of the crew of the "Norge" on its flight from Spitzbergen to Alaska. Our dinner, in the palatial dining room of the Hotel Bristol, was a most delightful affair. Wisting told us about some of the expeditions and gave some reminiscences of Amundsen. At about 1:30 A.M. someone in the hall who had observed Wisting at our table rose and proposed three times three hurrahs for him. Several energetic Norwegians then lifted the captain to their shoulders and exhibited him to the multitude. All this, though extremely embarrassing to Wisting, was of course exciting and memorable for us.

Speaking of dinners, I must say that the Norwegians are excellent entertainers. Their dinners are irreproachable and they themselves are fine hosts. I know whereof I speak, for we have been guests at three dinners in the last four days. As the sporting page would put it, our pct. is .750.

We are to spend Christmas at the home of an uncle of mine in Drøbak, a queer medieval-looking town that looks as if it were built in the cliffs rising up from the Christiania fjord. We go there on one of the fjord steamers. My uncle's house is built on a high place overlooking the fjord. It has a terraced garden in front of it, guarded by two stone lions. At night (if one opens one's windows, as American visitors, to the horror of Norwegian hosts, always do) one hears the lapping of the waves. The Blegen family at Drøbak (this uncle spells his name with g, not with k) is a very jolly one and it is good fun to visit there. There are two sons (one a chemical engineer and one a doctor) and three daughters (one a telegrapher, one a teacher, and one who lives at home). The uncle is a schoolman; for many years he was superintendent of schools in the town of Moss. He is now living in retirement. The physician is thinking of accompanying us to the United States next summer. He wants to spend a year or two in American hospitals, studying American medical methods.

I was very glad to get your letter and also a letter from Mrs. Buck that came a week or two ago. I hope that flurry of sickness has passed. You people must remember that there is no obligation on you to even up Dr. Taylor's medical practice in our absence. By the way, we have had our usual share of trouble; Teddy has already had an operation (removal of a polyp --whatever that is -- from the ear) and Margaret ran a slight fever for two or three weeks. We had various tests given her, took x-rays, and generally worried about her. We have not yet sent her back to school, but she is practically normal again.

Sincerely,

*Jed*

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Report #3

33 Frederik Stangs Gate,  
Oslo, Norway  
December 3, 1928

Reverend D. G. Ristad, Pres.  
Norwegian-American Historical Association,  
Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

My dear Mr. Ristad:

The work has progressed smoothly during November, though there is nothing sensational to report.

In my letter of November 2 I stated that we had some 270 typed pages of "America letters." During November we added 125 pages, bringing the total to approximately 400 pages. As the work advances the geographical scope of the letters naturally widens. I am now getting into the later fifties, the sixties, and the seventies, and Iowa and Minnesota are becoming more prominent as sources of the letters, though Wisconsin still leads, and there is a scattering from the East, Texas, and the Far West. A Civil War letter of somewhat special interest is one by a Norwegian-born soldier describing the Monitor-Merrimac battle, which he witnessed. Many other items invite special comment, but as you will have an opportunity eventually to read the letters, I desist.

A good deal of time was devoted during November to the prosaic but necessary job of collating the typed copies with the original materials in order to correct errors in typing.

The photostat work was not begun in earnest until the last week of the month, and no photostatic copies have been put in my hands as yet, though I have planned and ordered many.

The copying of manuscript letters in the Historiografisk Samling is under way but had not been completed. The Duus letters from Wisconsin in the fifties are rather difficult to decipher and I shall have Mrs. Natrud, who is an expert in the handwriting of the period, help in the collation.

The Paul Hjelm Hansen material, to which I alluded in my letter of November 2, proved a disappointment. In fact, the papers turned over to me contained no letters by Hjelm Hansen, --- only a few documents about him, most of them clippings of newspaper articles with which I was already familiar.

One must not take such disappointments too seriously. One frequently follows "leads" that eventuate in a blank wall. Such fruitless adventuring means wasted time, but there is always the chance that one will make a genuine "find." And sometimes one does. Thus research has something of the fascination that one finds reflected in the letters of the California gold miners. Speaking of the miners, I recently ran across a clue to a diary kept in California for five years by a Wisconsin Norwegian who joined the gold rush. The diary was in existence about ten years ago and I hope it still is. I have written to Mr. Albert O. Barton of Madison, suggesting that he try to get it. I have found a choice lot of "California gold" letters published in the Norwegian newspapers of the fifties, and I should like to supplement these with diaries and letters preserved at home.

The board of directors of Nordmandsforbundet gave a delightful dinner about a month ago for Professor P. M. Glasoe of St. Olaf College and Mrs. Blegen and myself. The chairman of the board, as you know, is Mr. Hambro, the president of the Norwegian Storting. He gave a charming little talk, welcoming us to Norway and wishing us good luck in our work. Others who were present included Professor Worm-Muller, Fru Betzy Kjelsberg, Mr. Morgenstjerne, Pastor Tvedt, and Secretary Kildal.

Mr. Kildal has given me the most cordial cooperation in my work. Indeed, I may say that in certain respects his aid has been invaluable. While I am paying my respects to him, let me add that the organization of which he is the general secretary is an unusually effective one and is doing fine work.

A day or two ago I took tea with Professor Oscar Albert Johnson, the noted Norwegian historian. His book on the Norwegian bønder ought to be better known among Norwegian-Americans. I promised to write a review of it for one of our newspapers. Its sale has been small in Norway, --- only about 6000 copies! If a book of history sold equally well in the United States, in proportion to the population, the sale would amount to more than 250,000 copies. The Norwegians are probably the greatest readers in the world. To cite another example: Sigrid Undseth's Kristin Lavransdatter has reached a sale in Norway of close to 40,000 copies. A book selling equally well in the United States would have a sale of 1,680,000 copies! And Kristin Lavransdatter is not quite as light as Gentlemen Prefer Blondes!

Professor Johnson is writing a local history just now --- the history of Tønsberg. The commune selected him for the job and is financing it. It is being published piece by piece, in small paper-bound sections. When completed, it will make three large volumes. Judging the book by the sections thus far published, it is one of the best examples of local history writing that I have ever seen. My purpose in mentioning Professor Johnson, however, was neither to talk about the sale of books in Norway nor to comment on his history of Tønsberg. It was to say something about the promotion of local history work in Norway and to call attention to a small publication entitled Arbeidsveiledning i Lokalhistoriske Undersøkelser for Begyndere, by Lorens Berg ( 2d ed., Oslo, 1925 ), a copy of which Professor Johnson gave me. I spoke of this work in a paper on "State Historical Agencies and the Public" recently published in Minnesota History, wherein I suggested that American historical agencies cooperate in preparing a beginner's guide for historical work. Such a guide might serve a very useful purpose. Professional historians too long have poked fun at the amateurs, without extending a helping hand. There are thousands of people in the United States who are dabbling with local history from sheer love of the field. Many of them find extremely valuable first-hand materials and it would be worth a great deal to history if they handled them better. I admit that the problem is not as serious at home as it is here, for here the local worker must know something about palaeography and must use sources dating back to the Middle Ages. But local history workers at home would profit greatly by following some elementary rules. All this applies to the Scandinavian communities as it does to all other communities. Certain Norwegian-Americans, combining great zeal for their subject with complete ignorance of historical method, have turned out some of the worst pieces of historical writing

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that I have seen. I may add that some Norwegian-Americans working with local historical problems have displayed unusual critical ability. I recall a farmer in Wisconsin who instinctively deals with historical source problems with an analytical shrewdness that is rare among professional historians. But the point is that the general level of our local historical work ought to be raised.

What to do? A cooperative work is good in theory but bad in practice. The simplest solution would be to get some good scholar to write such a handbook. We might take the matter up with such men as Dr. Schafer of the Wisconsin Historical Society and Dr. Buck of the Minnesota Historical Society. Perhaps the two societies that they represent would do the job cooperatively. Or we might prepare such a handbook with special reference to the Norwegian-American field. But I favor a general work that could be used anywhere, and I believe the state historical society officials are the ones to prepare it.

I heard recently that the Civil War letters of Col. Hans C. Heg of the Fifteenth Wisconsin, which Mrs. Heg told me had been destroyed, have turned up safe and sound. So you see, sometimes those blank walls have secret gates through them -- or one finds ladders by means of which to surmount them. Assuming that the letters had gone to the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, I wrote to Dr. Schafer and asked him, if he had not made other plans, to let me have the opportunity of editing the Heg Papers. I suggested that the Norwegian-American Historical Association would probably want to make a volumes of them in one of its series. Some ten years ago I had in mind the project of writing a life of Heg and I did turn out an article on his career which was published in the Wisconsin Magazine of History. It was at that time that Mrs. Heg wrote me that the letters had disappeared. I do not know that the collection has been acquired by the Wisconsin society. If anyone on the Board knows where the letters are, I should be glad to be informed; and if anyone is consulted with reference to the letters, I should be greatly obliged if he would keep in mind the possibility of our publishing them. It would be a fine thing for us if we could bring them out. The original letters ought to be preserved either by the Wisconsin Historical Society or by ourselves.

My own studies are going forward smoothly if slowly. Sensational "finds" are not numerous, but now and then I turn up things that are rather special in character. As one works his way slowly through the masses of source material, it is interesting to see how, panorama-like, one state after another appears in the picture. New York, Illinois, Missouri, Texas, Wisconsin, Iowa, and California have had a great deal of attention. I am very much interested in Minnesota and I have watched with a good deal of curiosity the gradual introduction of Minnesota to the consciousness of the Norwegians, beginning about ~~the~~ 1850 with one of those unwinding panoramas showing the Mississippi from its mouth to the Falls of St. Anthony. One follows the march of settlers, the missionary journeys of pioneer preachers, the organization of churches, and successive steps in the development of the state. A much-frightened Norwegian in St. Peter, Minnesota, in 1862 writes shortly after the beginning of the Sioux Outbreak what he believes will probably be the last letter that he will ever pen. An Iowa soldier on

the Dakota plains makes a record of an expedition to rescue the Fisk emigrant train of 1864, which had been attacked by Indians. One gets sidelights of various frontier settlements. I am "moving westward" with the sources and soon I expect to see the curtain lifting more fully on the Red River Valley and the Dakota prairies. As one goes over the material in this fashion one begins to understand how much influence American immigration had upon the spread in Europe of popular knowledge about America. This is an interesting theme, --- but unless I stop, this letter will turn into a book, and I don't like to write books as casually as I have written this discursive epistle.

Sincerely yours,

*Thos. C. Blegen*

67 Barton Ave. S. E.

November 2, 1927

Professor H. E. Bolton  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Bolton:-

Mr. Steefel of our Department tells me that you showed him last summer a new Syllabus on the History of the Americas that you recently brought out. I shall appreciate it very much if you will let me know where and at what price copies of this Syllabus may be purchased, as I should like to have one ordered for the University Library and shall probably want to get one for myself also.

Sincerely yours

B/P

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
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November 8, 1927

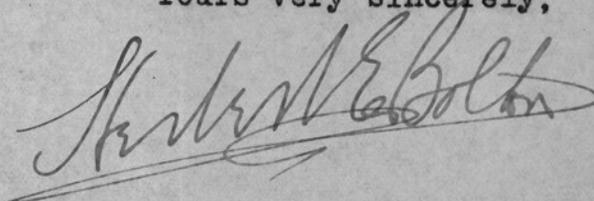
Professor Solon J. Buck  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Professor Buck:

It is not quite true that I showed Steefel a new syllabus on the History of the Americas. I did show him a copy of my syllabus, but it has been printed several years, though not published. My reason for not publishing it is that it needs revision and the maps especially need remaking in a good many cases, because they were merely picked up in a hurry for an emergency. However, It shows the scope of the course which I give here, and I shall have a new edition of it out in a few months.

I take pleasure in sending you a copy. Let me hear what you think about it, whether the impression is good, bad, or indifferent. I am old enough to be thick skinned.

Yours very sincerely,



P.S. The copy which I am sending to you has some pencil marks, but it is the only one which I have.

March 2, 1938

Professor Herbert E. Bolton  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Bolton:-

Last November you were kind enough to send me at my request a copy of your syllabus on the History of the Americas, and I have neglected to acknowledge it. This neglect was not due to any lack of appreciation but rather to the fact that I found it an interesting and valuable work and wanted to go through it carefully before acknowledging it in order that I might comment intelligently upon it. My time has been so occupied with a multitude of things, however, that only very recently have I finished going through it. It seems to me that the concept of the course is an excellent one and that the syllabus ~~seems~~ on the whole ~~to be~~ very carefully worked out. I like especially the inclusion of a large number of maps, although some of them are not so clear as might be desired. It seems to me that in most of our courses in history not enough use is made of maps, and about the only way to get students to use them is to run their noses on them so to speak.

As you doubtless contemplate revision of the syllabus from time to time, I assume that you will welcome suggestions that have occurred to me on points of detail. The map on page 61 would seem to indicate that Michillimackinac was located on the island instead of on the mainland to the south.

On page 64, under Duluth, you refer to a post on Pigeon River. Contemporary evidence indicates, however, that Duluth's post was not on the Pigeon River or at Grand Portage, but at the mouth of the Kaministiquia near where Fort William now is. I wonder also why you make no mention of the Accault-Hennepin expedition in this paragraph. Certainly it was as important as that of Le Sueur. The map on the opposite page (65) shows Fort Kaministiquia located west instead of east of the Pigeon River, and Fort St. Pierre on the wrong end of Rainy Lake. My impression is that Fort Nipigon was located near the outlet of Lake Nipigon into Lake Superior, but I am not certain of this. Fort D'Huiller should be Fort L'Huiller; Fort Chartres should be Fort De Chartres; and Fort Massac should be Fort Massiac.

On page 66 Fort Chartres appears again, and in section V there is a reference to "the Wisconsin and Minnesota posts re-established 1717." No post in Minnesota was established or re-established at that time, however. I suppose the reference is to Fort Kaministiquia, which, as I have already indicated, was in Minnesota. In the same section, you speak of Verendrye's expedition to the Rockies, 1742, but the most careful students of the subject think this expedition probably did not get beyond the

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Black Hills, and your map on page 65 would seem to accept that interpretation. La Vérendrye is the proper form of the name.

In the list of references on page 67, I would suggest omitting Chambers, which is worthless, and Thwaites, and Finley, which are out of date, and adding Kellogg, The French Regime in Wisconsin and the Northwest; Alvord, Illinois Country (Centennial History of Illinois, vol. 1); and Folwell, History of Minnesota, vol. 1.

On page 97, at the top of the page, the statement "Indian Territory created, then opened to settlement" might lead to a misconception. There was no formal creation of an Indian Territory, and the prohibition of settlement west of the proclamation line was not revoked although the Indian Treaties were understood as opening up part of the region to settlement.

In the Lecture on page 108 on "Why the English Colonies Revolted" it seems to me that some attention should be given to the British western policy -- the restrictions on expansion, land speculation, etc.

On page 116, there is a reference to "the Northwest conquered by Clark." It seems to me that conquered is too strong a term to use in connection with Clark's occupation of a few villages in the southern part of the Northwest.

The map on page 127, although dated 1805, shows the Illinois Territory, which was not established until 1809.

On page 126, Symme's should be Symmes'; Indian Territory should be Indiana Territory; Ohio was not admitted in 1802 but in 1803; and Illinois Territory, 1809, is omitted from your list. Treaty of 1818 at the bottom of the page should, I think, be Convention of 1818.

On page 128, you list Thwaites, Old Northwest, but there is no such work by Thwaites.

On page 138, section III., under Northwest Company Posts, you list St. Croix, Green Bay, and Prairie du Chien, which were not posts of the Northwest Company.

The map on page 165 would be more valuable if the date were indicated.

I trust you will not feel that I have been captious in calling your attention to these matters. None of them seems to be of very great importance, but they are the sort of things that I should want to correct if the work were mine, and I assume that you feel the same way about it. In the case of some of them,

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there is doubtless room for difference of opinion and you may not agree with me.

The syllabus will be of considerable use to me in connection with my course on the West in American History, and I certainly appreciate very much your kindness in sending me a copy.

Sincerely yours

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
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May 9, 1928

Professor Solon J. Buck  
State University  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Professor Buck:

I am very much obliged to you for your careful comments on my syllabus. I am revising it now for reprint this summer, ~~and~~ I have taken every one of your suggestions into account, and indeed have adopted nearly every one of them. It is just such expert help as this as one needs on special fields and on special subjects. I am having every one of my maps redrawn and a great many new ones included. Moreover, I am improving the bibliographies. I think that I take issue with you only on one point. Of course, I have added Miss Kellogg's book, but I have not eliminated Chamber/s. In spite of its many inaccuracies, and in spite of the terrible lambasting that the reviewers gave it, it is, as I tell my students (~~and~~ they are elementary students), not only an interesting book, but it is the only book that "stands Louisiana historically on its feet instead of on its head," and therefore is very valuable *from* its historical perspective. So I am including it. I have included your book in the Chronicles of America series, and one or two of your articles on the Northwest.

Yours very sincerely,

*Arthur B. Bolton*

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UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO  
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624 Deakin Avenue  
Moscow, Idaho  
July 24, 1927

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

Dear Professor Buck:

For several years I have made a special study of Pacific Northwest history. I should like to make some phase of the history of this section the subject of a doctor's thesis. I should appreciate your comments on the suitability of the following topics which have already occurred to me. If these topics suggest other possible thesis subjects to you, I should be grateful to you for indicating them.

1. Pacific Northwest Missions.
2. Federal Relations with Oregon, 1792-1859
3. Federal Relations in Pacific Northwest History.
4. The Oregon Trail and its Branches.
5. The Political History of Idaho.
6. Idaho in National Politics.

Very truly yours,

*C. J. Brosnan*

C. J. BROSNAN  
American History,  
University of Idaho

CJB:MB

August 4, 1927

Prof. C. J. Brosnan  
624 Deakin Avenue  
Moscow, Idaho

Dear Mr. Brosnan:-

I have read with much interest your letter of July 24 and am interested to know of your plan of selecting a thesis topic in the field of western history. Unfortunately my knowledge of the Far West is very limited and I am not in a position to comment intelligently, except in a general way, upon the subjects which you suggest. It seems to me that any one of them would be a suitable subject for historical research, although I should think that numbers 3 and 5 would be rather broad for a dissertation. That could easily be remedied, however, by restricting the period to be covered.

One other subject occurs to me that might be of interest to you -- the settlement of Idaho. There is great need for intensive studies of the settlement of various parts of the West in order that we can have a broader basis for generalizations about the processes involved in the western movement.

Sincerely yours

SJB/B

February 1, 1928

Mr. George Williams Brown  
University of Toronto  
Toronto, Canada

My dear Mr. Brown:-

Noting a few months ago a reference to your manuscript thesis on "The St. Lawrence Waterway," I arranged for our library to borrow a copy from the University of Chicago and am now engaged in reading it with much interest.

It seems to me that you have produced a valuable work and I am wondering if any arrangements or plans have been made for its publication. There is so much public interest in the St. Lawrence Waterway at present that I should think it ought not to be difficult to find a publisher, although it might be desirable first to bring the work down to a later period.

Sincerely yours

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Baldwin House  
University of Toronto

February 8, 1928.

My dear Dr Buck,

I wish to thank you for your letter of 1st February which has spurred my ambition with respect to the publication of my thesis. I realized that rather thorough revision was necessary and that it would be desirable to carry it down to a later period. I have done a good deal of the work of revision, especially on the first three chapters, which I felt were not based on quite thorough enough research and I hope during the present summer to get well along with the work that remains. The principal cause for delay is that a year ago I was appointed Associate Editor of the Canadian Historical Review and I have found that this, in addition to my teaching duties, has kept me very busy. I have as yet done

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nothing with regard to finding a publisher as  
I felt that it was as well to have the work  
more nearly in its final form before taking  
any steps along this line.

Thank you again for the kindly evidence  
of interest displayed *in your letter.*

Yours sincerely,

*Geo. W. Brown*

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

August 14, 1928

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

Dear Mr. Burpee:

Miss Nute has shown me your letter of August 11 and I have read it with much interest. I quite agree with you that it is usually advisable to omit some of the unimportant documents from a collection such as the La Vérendrye journals but I think it is useful to include a calendar of such omitted documents, or, if that is not feasible, a statement of the principles upon which the selection has been based, for the student who uses the collection may have a different point of view from the editor.

I thought it probable that you had had the copies verified with the Paris originals. I suppose this might be taken for granted but it seems to me that a statement to that effect and also specific identification of the documents used in each case would have been worth while. These are of course very minor points and those of us who are interested in Minnesota history are very grateful to you for making the material available in such form that we can conveniently use it.

Sincerely yours

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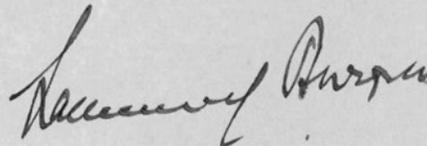
16 August 1928.

Dear Dr Buck,

I am glad to get your letter of the 14th. You must not think that in my letter to Miss Nute I was disputing the correctness or propriety of your points of criticism of La Vérendrye. On the contrary they seemed to me to be well taken. The suggestions you offer would undoubtedly have added to the usefulness and completeness of the book, but they didn't happen to occur to me at the time the book was in preparation, partly perhaps because it was almost completed before the War, and when the finishing touches were put to the Ms a dozen years afterwards it was difficult to pick up the loose threads of an old project.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



Dr Solon J. Buck

Minnesota Historical Society

St Paul.

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January 17, 1928.

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

Dear Sir:

During the past few months copies of the Business Historical Society Bulletin have been sent to you from time to time at the suggestion of one of our members. I hope that you have found this small publication interesting.

The current issue of the Bulletin, sent under separate cover, announces our plan to commence a quarterly publication of a much more elaborate magazine during 1928. This magazine it is hoped will be a valuable and important addition to the literature of business history.

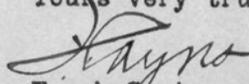
The Society intends also publishing from time to time books bearing on subjects connected with the history of business and expects to send to its members the first of these early in the forthcoming year. This is entitled "The Industrial and Commercial Correspondence of Alexander Hamilton", edited by Arthur H. Cole, Ph. D., of Harvard University. It deals with the industrial situation of the country as it appeared around the year 1800, and will be an interesting addition to any library. Members of the Business Historical Society are entitled to these publications as part of their membership.

The program of the Society for the ensuing year is constructive and in combination with the vast amount of business material which has been collected, gives to our members the advantages of a central point of business information which permits of the easy preparation of historical backgrounds required for speeches, literary work and advertising, with a minimum of effort on their part.

In view of the foregoing, I would like to repeat the invitation to join us which has previously been extended to you. The enclosed acceptance card covers information as to the cost. There are no duties except what you care to assume voluntarily. The assistance which can be given you in an emergency is valuable and the benefit of the undertaking for future generations of business men is obvious.

I hope you will sign and return the enclosed card of acceptance. In any event, please advise me of your reaction in the undertaking.

Yours very truly,

  
Frank C. Ayres,  
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During this short period, the ideals of the originators of the undertaking show every indication of an ultimate, successful consummation.

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The acquisition of valuable historical material affecting practically every business activity this country has ever known has steadily advanced.

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The combined historical collections of the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration and the Business Historical Society aggregating over one hundred thousand bound volumes and many hundreds of thousands of reports, pamphlets, statistical series and documents of varying degrees of historical value are now assembled, and made ready for research and study.

In addition to this store of information relating to practically every kind of commercial activity the country has ever known, the Boston Public Library has deposited with us the business section of its collection aggregating upwards of two hundred thousand bound volumes.

The estate of the late Senator Nelson W. Aldrich has made us the depository of the extensive library on finance, amounting to about eight thousand volumes, which was used in the construction of the Federal Reserve Act as well as the solution of many financial problems during the period of Senator Aldrich's chairmanship of the Monetary Commission.

The Society is not in any sense a local function. Although a very close coöperative arrangement exists with the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration a review of the membership

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roll shows that the alumni of over thirty different colleges and universities are members of the Society and that the non-collegiate members are in the majority.

It is intended to make this organization one of national and even international importance. Already contacts are being made with friends in all parts of the world who are giving splendid assistance in saving valuable business data from destruction.

The purpose of the Society is to search out and assist in the preservation, for the use of the student all the fragments of information which go to make up the detailed story of the way business was actually transacted in former times.

Much of this kind of information has already been collected and is stored either in the Baker Library or in the Libraries of some of the many colleges, societies and associations with which we are coöperating. In any event we know where to look for information concerning certain specific subjects and through our many alliances the Society is able to save much valuable material and have it housed in the locality to which the subject is particularly pertinent.

It is expected that our library and those with which we are allied will ultimately include a great ideal that has any bearing on the industrial and commercial life of the past: text books, pamphlets, reports of the financial and physical development of all enterprises, material relating to methods of transportation in use; the kind of salesmanship practised; the commodities handled; the prices charged; the development and improvements in the processes of manufacture and data touching upon the relations of capital to labor and all the many angles of the subject which have led through the years to the situation as it exists at present. Such, in short, is the kind of historical material which is being searched out, collected and preserved.

Information regarding the existence of business data is always appreciated.

The material needed consists of old accounts and scrap books, copies of legal documents dealing with insurance policies, mortgages, leases, indentures and the like; histories of the development of industrial, transportation and public utility activities; biographical sketches of prominent men whose achievements will be an inspiration to our own

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growing business men and a legacy to posterity that will be sorely needed and highly prized.

Coöperation and support from every source is desired and will be thankfully received.

The list of members at present enrolled numbers 219 on the active, and 34 on the affiliated list. They include men of outstanding importance in their respective lines of activity, who believe in the worth of this undertaking and are glad to assist in carrying it to a successful conclusion. Their names follow:

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