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NEW YORKJAN 3 1927
January 3, 1927Professor Solon J. Buck
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Buck:

It still seems to be necessary for me to ask you a few questions. The enclosed letter, with note attached, came from Mr. Glossbrenner. We have no patron subscription cards, of course. Do you think that Miss Washington should send him some acknowledgment of this subscription with the credit of \$200 paid, or how should the situation be handled? I suppose she usually only sends receipts for the actual contributions. I could write this to her direct, of course, but my real query is as to whether a person paying \$1000 on the installment plan becomes a patron at once or not until the installments are completed. I suppose, as there are no particular privileges attached to being a patron, that a person could be enrolled as such even before payment was complete. I am sorry to trouble you, but do not know where to get an authoritative statement as to when "patronship" begins.

I found the enclosed slip on your desk after you left. Evidently this was your notation of publishers still to be notified. We have written to The Palimpsest and the Illinois State Historical Society publication of your change of address. If any of the other three come to this office, we will write the publishers.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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January 5, 1924

Miss Doris M. Wheeler
110 Library Building
Columbia University
New York City

My dear Miss Wheeler:-

Your letter to Mr. Buck arrived this morning, and I thought it wise to acknowledge its receipt as I regret to say that he is ill in bed and will not be at the office before next week at least. I haven't forwarded the letter to him yet as it seemed best to wait a day or two.. He hasn't been out since he got home. I shall call up Mrs. Busk tonight and see what she says.

I am sure that Mr. Buck will appreciate very much your having written to the various publishers of his change of address. We certainly hope that he will be up and about before very long.

Sincerely yours

Secretary to the super-
intendent

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January 7, 1927

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I will write this letter and enclose one or two things that have come in, although I don't know whether you will be back in your office as yet. We were sorry to learn of your illness and hope you have recovered by this time.

We didn't keep a record of the publications for which we asked to have your address changed, and are rather confused about it. I believe you took all the carbons of letters we wrote before you were here last time, and I have sent you the ones which we have written since, so perhaps you can check up on it. I believe I crossed off Mr. Quaife's name on the little slip you had made, but think we didn't write to him after all.

I am enclosing the analysis of expenses in 1926 for which you asked. Our mid-monthly installment of bills is starting on its rounds today, so your expense account will have to go through next time, if that will be all right.

Nothing very startling has happened but we are moving along slowly. We are trying to get representatives or committees in some of the unorganized states, and are also making another attempt at Kansas through William Allen White. Mr. Munro and Mr. Osborn were both here for a luncheon conference on Friday, and I believe some plans were mapped out, although Mr. Carman had to go to a meeting in Philadelphia over the week-end and I didn't see him after the conference. We expect to have one of the vacant history offices when we have to move.

Sincerely yours,

Doris M. Wheeler

Secretary to Mr. Carman.

P. S. Mr. Grady has returned a copy of the Review for April 1913. It is marked "Return to S. J. B." Is this your personal property? It was evidently given to Mr. Grady for the article entitled "History as Literature" by Theodore Roosevelt.

January 12, 1927

Miss Doris M. Wheeler
110 Library Building
Columbia University
New York City

Dear Miss Wheeler:-

This is the first opportunity I have had to write to you and I cannot undertake a very comprehensive letter at present because of the lack of time. Mr. Blegen is now down with the "flu" and our annual meeting is coming on next Monday.

With reference to the question raised by Mr. Glossbrenner and referred to in your letter of January 3, I can only give you my own interpretation of the action of the Council, which is that one does not actually become a patron until the thousand dollars is received. It does not seem to me, however, that this question is really raised by Mr. Glossbrenner's letter, although I suppose the point will have to be decided whenever a list of patrons is to be published. Perhaps it will be better to strain a point and list all who have subscribed one thousand dollars but, as I have already indicated, I have no authority to decide the matter. The regular subscription blank will have to be used, of course, with an explanation to Mr. Glossbrenner that this is used for all purposes. I am sure that you and Miss Washington can fix the matter up in some way. Of course you will explain to Mr. Glossbrenner the reason for the delay.

In the matter of publications addressed to me I think the simplest method will be merely for you to send a brief note whenever anything is received that should come to me here. I think that the carbons of the letters that you wrote are at my home. It sometimes takes two or three notices, however, to accomplish a change of address.

I shall try to get my expense account ready for you in a few days and it can doubtless go through with the next installment after it is received.

I do not think that the copy of the Review for April, 1913, is my personal property; it should be filed with the others in the office.

I was glad to have your report of expenditures and to note that the grand total does not greatly exceed twenty-five thousand dollars.

D. M. W. 1/12/27 --2

Please tell Mr. Carman that I expected to write him about various interviews at Rochester and a lot of other matters immediately after my return. The bugs intervened but I shall do it at the first opportunity.

Please tell Mr. Grady that I appreciate his sending me clippings of important news stories, and don't forget that I shall be glad to be informed from time to time of important developments.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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January 13, 1927

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

Your secretary has written Miss Wheeler of your illness and I was very sorry indeed to learn of this. I hope by now you are in your usual health again.

We are getting under way here, and I have had a conference with Munro, Osborn, and Dixon R. Fox. As a result of this conference, I am writing to committee officers developing more in detail the team idea of solicitation. You had previously made this suggestion in many cases, but it seems to me such an excellent plan that I thought it worth while to enlarge upon it. We hope to obtain some results in New York by working along this line.

You will be interested to know that Professor Oliver has succeeded in getting Dr. Demarest of Carnegie Institute as executive secretary of the Western Pennsylvania committee. I believe Connecticut will soon be engaged in its active campaign. We are at present trying to get a speaker for them.

Sincerely yours,

Harry J. Carman

HJC:W

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January 14, 1927

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

Since Mr. Carman wrote you yesterday that Dr. Demarest was to be executive secretary of a Pittsburgh committee, I have been reading over Mr. Oliver's letter to that effect and have become a little confused. I hadn't noticed before that he said that you and he called on Miss Demarest, and as a matter of fact I didn't know that you stopped in Pittsburgh on any of your last trips East. I judge, however, from your letter of November 12 to Mr. Oliver that you may have stopped when you came just before Thanksgiving. There is no correspondence in the files since that letter (copy is enclosed), and his previous letter to you while in Minnesota was evidently not returned to this office.

It would seem that you had not understood definitely from the interview that Dr. Demarest would be secretary, since we have not her name in our committee files and we did not include her in the Rochester report. I was just about to write Dr. Demarest when this question arose in my mind, and in view of the former difficulty I thought best to have a clear understanding of the situation before taking further steps. Will you please let us know what your understanding is as soon as you have time.

We were glad to receive your letter of the 12th and know that you are all right again. We shall be glad to know the results of the Buffalo conference and of the other matters of which you speak when you are over the rush of resuming your duties there.

Sincerely yours,

Boris M. Wheeler
Secretary to Mr. Carman

January 19, 1927

Miss Doris M. Wheeler
110 Library Building
Columbia University
New York City

Dear Miss Wheeler:-

Mr. Oliver is much too optimistic about the results of our interview with Dr. Demarest. As a matter of fact she did not accept the secretaryship of the local committee, but merely agreed to sound out some of her plutocratic and influential friends as to the possibility of organizing an effective committee in Pittsburgh. I thought it possible that she might in the end be persuaded to serve as the secretary of such a committee but it would certainly be a mistake to assume anything of the sort in writing to her. I observe, by the way, from the minutes of the council meeting that she asked to be left off the membership committee, of which she had been a member.

I am inclined to think that a better lead to the Pittsburgh situation is the one opened up through Professor McIlwain of Harvard who, sometime after Thanksgiving, wrote to his cousin, the dean of the Law School at the University of Pittsburgh. At Rochester, McIlwain said that he had had no reply as yet, but was still expecting to hear from this man. I spoke of this to Oliver also and he thought that the man in question would be excellent for our purposes if he could be enlisted. Oliver knows him well and would, I think, be willing to talk to him.

Give my best regards and sympathy to Mr. Garman and tell him that I hope to write about some other matters in a few days. Now that our annual meeting is over and both Blegen and I have had our sick leaves, I hope to dig out from under before long.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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rld*

Am. H. A.

January 19, 1927

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

Dear Miss Washington:-

Enclosed herewith you will find a check for twenty dollars, which sum was given to me in cash for the Association by Mr. Herbert A. Kellar, 679 Rush St., Chicago, Illinois, during the Rochester meeting. He said that, if possible, he should like to have it count as paying up back dues so that he might receive the publications of the last four years. I believe that he was formerly a member but neglected to keep up his dues. He also subscribed one hundred dollars to the Endowment Fund and this may already have reached you through the New York office.

This matter should have been attended to sooner; of course, but I was confined to the house for a week after my return from Rochester by an attack of influenza and was unable to get around to do this sooner.

I am indebted to you or Mr. Stock, or both of you, for a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the executive council at Rochester. I was very glad indeed to have the opportunity to read these minutes.

Sincerely yours

B/P

*copy sent to
Mr. Kellar*

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January 20, 1927

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

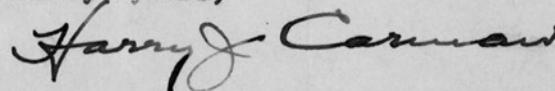
In looking over some of the material in the files, I have come across the following recommendation in the report which which you presented to the Endowment Committee on August 6:

"As the work progresses it becomes more and more evident that men who are in a position to make large contributions to enterprises of this sort are unlikely to do so unless definite and detailed programs -- blue-prints, so to speak -- for the expenditure of the money are laid before them. The formulation in the pamphlet is excellent for the general public but something ~~is~~ more is needed for the special prospect. It is believed that there should be available a concise but specific enumeration of projects or activities contemplated, and also detailed plans of as many of these projects as possible, with the view to presenting different ones to people of different interests. An example of what is meant is a "Plan for an Inventory of Unpublished Manuscript Sources of American History", which was prepared for and at the suggestion of Mr. Benjamin. It ought to be possible to enlist the aid of a number of members of the Association in drawing up such plans and no time should be lost in getting this under way."

The "Program for the Use of the Income" is of course the answer to your suggestion as to the need for a concise enumeration of contemplated projects, but I am wondering what the reaction was to the suggestion for drawing up detailed plans. This seems to me a splendid idea, and is right in line with suggestions which have recently been made to me as to the desirability of knowing in what ways money would be used for carrying out certain projects. If this was thought a desirable scheme, have you any advice to offer as to whom we might secure to draw up such plans?

I also find an extract from a letter written to you by Peter G. Mode on January 18, 1926: "When it comes to getting money for the endowment of the American Historical Association, I think I know one woman who might be interested in your proposition. She has loads of money and her chief interest is in something decidedly American. I would be glad to give fuller details by and by if you are out to make a canvass." Is this something which should be followed up from here or is it in the hands of the Chicago Committee? Miss Wheeler says that Mr. Mode's name was on the list first suggested for the Chicago Committee, but he is not now a member. I presume that this is not because of lack of interest, however. I should appreciate your advice about this.

Cordially yours,



HJC:W

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January 21, 1927

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

Thank you for your letter about Dr. Demarest. The situation was about as I expected. We are writing to Mr. Oliver at once, asking him, if he thinks it desirable, to sound out Miss Demarest again, or to get in touch with the dean of the Law School.

Mr. Carman had a talk the other day with a Columbia man who is confidential adviser to Mr. Benjamin. He sought Mr. Carman out voluntarily and we are hoping that something will develop from the interview.

We have secured committee representatives in Utah and Wyoming, but are still struggling with Virginia.

Mr. Carman is going to have a conference with Mr. Mims and Mr. Cushing on Monday afternoon. He says to tell you that we are having unique London weather, constant rain and fog, but that thus far we have managed to escape the grippe, and are in a fairly optimistic mood. In order that we may become more so, we are within the next few days joining the historians on the top floor of Fayerweather. He expects to write you himself before long.

I am glad that your staff has recovered its health and that you are beginning to see light.

Sincerely yours,

Doris M. Wheeler

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119 Fitz Randolph Road
 Princeton, New Jersey
 January 25, 1927

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

Professor Carman has made a careful estimate of the expenses necessary for the conduct of the Endowment Campaign. The only doubtful item, as he explains, is the one for the expenses for the state and district committees. I have asked him to send a copy to each member of the Endowment Committee to get their approval.

Although Professor Carman will conduct the office as inexpensively as possible, I do not believe the expenses there can be reduced much below the estimate. On the other hand, I think that the state and district committees will not call upon us for the estimated \$3,000. If they do, it will mean that they are carrying on an active campaign and we shall probably get back much more than the sum involved.

Please give me your advice. After the Committee has acted, I shall present the matter to the Council.

Sincerely yours,

Dana C. Munro

Vice Chairman

DCM:A

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND

Funds Available to 1926 Committee

Appropriation by Council	\$15,000	
Special Gift for Expenses	10,000	\$25,000.00
Expenditures through November 30, closing date for Association Books		<u>22,383.97</u>
Unexpended Balance Dec. 1, 1926		\$ 2,616.03
Additional Appropriation by Council for continuation of work		<u>5,000.00</u>
		\$ 7,616.03
Expenditures December 1926		<u>2,732.86</u>
AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR USE JANUARY 1 - JUNE 1, 1927		\$ 4,883.17
ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR JANUARY 1 - JUNE 1, 1927		

Unpaid bills incurred prior to Jan. 1

Travelling	\$100	
Printing	25	
Miscellaneous expenses	<u>15</u>	140
Executive secretary, 5 months at \$250		1,250
Publicity expenses, 5 months at \$300		1,500
Stenographer, 21 weeks at \$30		630
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Travelling expense		100
Conferences		40
Postage		100
Office supplies and miscellaneous		100
Printing		75
# Stenographic, printing and postage expense for state and district committees	<u>3,000</u>	<u>\$ 7,295.00</u>

Estimated Deficit \$2,411.83

This makes an allowance of approximately \$70 for over forty state and district committees which have been organized and may look to us for reimbursement. Thus far six committees have sent their bills to us and four have made provision for paying their own. Therefore, some of the committees may not turn in bills. On the other hand \$70 would not cover expenses for such districts as Boston, Chicago, and Philadelphia. It is absolutely impossible to say what this sum will be for the country as a whole. The \$70 figure has been based on past bills received and the amount seems to be as low as could be taken for an average.

January 31, 1927

Professor Dana C. Munro
119 Fitz Randolph Road
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Munro:-

Garman's estimate of expenses for the endowment work seems to me a very judicious one and I am glad to give it my approval.

I note that the estimate is for the period ending June 1, and it is greatly to be hoped, of course, that as much of the work as possible will be completed by that time. It is my opinion, however, that it will be necessary to maintain some sort of endowment headquarters until the work can be turned over to the contemplated secretariat.

I had hoped to do something about the campaign in Minnesota before this, but my own sickness and that of members of my family and of the staff of the society have made it impossible.

Our Minnesota winter seems to be taking a little more than its usual toll this year. Professor S. B. Harding of our department died very suddenly last Saturday.

Sincerely yours

B/P

January 31, 1927

Professor Harry J. Carman
110 Library Building
Columbia University
New York City.

Dear Carman:-

I am very sorry not to have replied before this to your letter of January 20, but the delay was unavoidable. Not only is it taking me a long time to get back to normal after my sickness but most of my associates seem to have been sick also. My doctor, who was also a personal friend, died last week and also Professor Harding of our Department at the University.

I do not recall that my suggestion for the preparation of detailed plans was discussed at the meeting of the Endowment Committee, and certainly no action was taken upon it. It was my impression, however, that the committee had no objection to it and I should certainly have gone ahead with the plan if I could have found time for it. Even before the report from which you quote was written; I had talked with a few people about the possibility of their preparing such plans. For example, I asked Herbert Kellam of the McCormick Historical Library in Chicago, to work out a plan for co-operative research in agricultural history and I talked with Blegen about the possibility of his preparing a plan for the study of immigration, in collaboration with George Stephenson of the University. So far as I know, however, none of these people has actually done anything.

Mr. Mode was dropped from the Chicago Committee because of the fact that he left Chicago suddenly for parts unknown, under some sort of a cloud -- at least that is what I gathered from the men at the University of Chicago, who seemed reluctant to talk about it. I think that the name and address of the woman referred to in his letter of January 18 is either on the cards or in the Chicago sailing list, with a note that would help to identify it. I do not remember her name nor where she lived, but it was in one of the suburbs of Chicago.

I enclose herewith my final expense account, which can go through whenever convenient; also a copy of a letter that I am writing to Munro. ✓

Sincerely

B/P

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February 2, 1927

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

Dear Buck:

I am mighty sorry that both you and your friends are having such a hard time, and am particularly sorry to learn of Harding's death.

I am glad to get the information about the working out of special plans for the use of the endowment. Miss Wheeler finds that you wrote Dr. Schmidt about a Mrs. Frederick Wells of Wheaton, suggested by Mr. Mode, so that is the answer to that question. Your expense account will go through with the next installment.

Things are going rather slowly, but I have been buried with registration and a dozen and one other things, including a part of Fox's work. While rushing for a train a week or so ago, he slipped on the ice resulting in a compound fracture of the leg which will lay him up for a month or so. A contribution of \$5,000 from Miss Shirley Farr has just been reported to us from Washington. That will make an encouraging start for Chicago, anyway. I am hoping that the work will go forward satisfactorily in Pennsylvania now. At least we have received a very excellent statement of plans from Mr. Read. Massachusetts finally succeeded in getting ex-Governor Cox as chairman, and I believe that we may get some results from Florida and Idaho.

I am having a long delayed meeting with Cushing and Mims this afternoon at five and hope for good results. Mr. Mims was called out of town so my previous appointment with them had to be postponed.

Take care of yourself and don't work too hard.

Sincerely yours,

Harry J. Carmow

HJC:W

J.R. Guggenheim gave us \$10,000 today - we hope for more from him

FEB 8 1927

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February 7, 1927

Dear Buck:

The point that you raise about the continuance of the work has troubled me a great deal. I shall be in Columbia for the Summer Session and I arranged to be largely because of this question. I think probably I could attend to what little was necessary during that period, but, as you realize, that leaves some gaps. We must face this question later.

I am sorry to hear that you have been ill, and hope that you have entirely recovered. You probably have heard that we got one gift of \$10,000 and one of \$5,000 last week and that a number of the committees are beginning active work.

I am extremely sorry to hear of Harding's death. Your letter was the first announcement. I came to know him intimately during the work in Washington and to appreciate him very greatly.

Yours very sincerely,

Dana C Munro

FEB 19 1927

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February 17, 1927

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

Dear Buck:

Just a note to tell you that we are still alive and optimistic. Things are moving along about as usual. I am enclosing check to cover the bill which you sent us for your expense account, together with the first of a series of bulletins which are being sent out to every committee member and which I very much hope will, not only carry news of our progress but inspire everyone to greater effort.

We are still fishing for Benjamin and are using our shiniest pole and most attractive bait. While he is nibbling, he has not yet swallowed the hook. One of these days I hope I can write you that we have landed him.

I trust that you are all recovered and that your family is well and flourishing.

Sincerely yours,

Harry J. Carman

HJC:W

March 2, 1927

Professor Harry J. Carman
110 Library Building
Columbia University
New York City

Dear ~~Mr.~~ Carman:-

For some time I have been intending to look over the material that I brought back from Rochester and write to you about certain things. Much to my chagrin I discovered, when I finally got around to it, that I had carried off certain important correspondence that ought to have been returned to your files long ago. Apparently I took this material with me to Rochester with the idea of using it at conferences there and then brought it on with me intending to return it to you and write you about the conferences. Conditions here were such during the first month after my return that I was unable to attend to this matter and, while I kept in the back of my head the thought that I ought to look over the papers and write you about certain matters, I forgot completely that I had some of the correspondence files with me. Enclosed you will find, therefore:

Correspondence with Siebert and Gerrish concerning the Central Ohio District. I had a talk with Gerrish at Rochester and he repeated more or less what appears in his letter of December 11, but I got the impression that he would be willing to take hold of the matter again at an appropriate time. If anything is to be accomplished there, I am inclined to think that you will have to work directly with Gerrish instead of through Siebert.

Correspondence with Fling of Nebraska. I had a brief talk with him and he seemed quite enthusiastic about his plans.

Correspondence with Anderson of Virginia. I had a talk with him and he thought it would be possible to get together some of the Virginia men on the return trip from Rochester and perhaps to pick a victim for the secretaryship in Virginia.

I am not sure that this is all, but if anything more turns up it will be sent on to you in a day or two.

Your letters of February 2 and 17 were duly received and I was much pleased to learn of the progress that is being made.

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Under separate cover I am sending you a pamphlet entitled Surplus Wealth that came to me from some unknown source. Although apparently an advertisement of a book, it may be of some interest to you. The marks in it are not mine.

One of the most interesting people that I met at Rochester was Mr. Edward G. Miner of that city. He appeared to be a man of wealth and influence and very much interested in our project. Perkins seems to know him intimately and doubtless is making use of his interest.

At Buffalo on the day after the Rochester meeting ended, I had a conference with Shearer and three or four men whom he got together, and we discussed the possibilities of organizing a committee there. No definite progress was made but it was understood, I believe, that another meeting was to be called in the near future and several possibilities for chairman were canvassed. The great handicap to the work in Buffalo, I fear, will be Shearer's dilatoriness and lack of system. He seemed to have lost or at least mislaid the original package of cards that had been sent to him.

Sincerely yours

B/P

MAR 14 1927

ALBERT J. BEVERIDGE, *Chairman*

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American Historical Association Endowment Fund

Office of the Executive Secretary
Fayerweather Hall, Columbia University
New York

March 12, 1927

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

Dear Buck:

Yours of the second, together with enclosures reached me last week. There is nothing strikingly new. As I think I wrote you, the drive in Eastern Massachusetts is now well under way. Baxter is an excellent secretary, and I am confident that he will secure results. I am now working with Packard of Amherst in an effort to stir up things in the Western part of Massachusetts. Thompson is just simply hibernating. I am also working on a new tack as far as Western Pennsylvania is concerned, neither Miss Demarest nor Oliver having come through. The campaign in some of the less important states is moving forward, for example, we have things under way in Florida, Vermont, North Dakota, and Mississippi.

I am very much concerned with the New York situation. Frankly, I don't think that Mims and Cushing are on the job. Perhaps it is my fault that they are not. However, we shall soon know where the difficulty lies. I have talked the New York situation over with Benjamin and Mr. J. B. Wilbur, and have written Hughes for a conference. New York simply must come through or else we are doomed to flounder on the rocks of inactivity and procrastination. The wealth of this country, as we both know, is centered in this city and a few other centers like Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Detroit and Chicago.

You will be interested to know that Brown of Michigan, because of physical conditions, has been forced to withdraw the greater part of his efforts as far as the campaign is concerned. Fortunately Miss Krum has been released from active duty to engage in a personal follow-up among Detroiters, and I feel quite certain that she will also try to do something in the state at large.

I am still angling with Benjamin, and I am now more confident than ever that he will give us a hundred thousand, but I am also equally confident that he is going to take his own good time in giving it.

I hope that Dr. Blegen is keeping on the warpath in Minnesota. Every day that passes convinces me more and more that the

Dr. Solon J. Buck 3/12/27

success of this enterprise is almost absolutely dependent upon the extent to which the mail campaign is followed up by a fairly intensive campaign of personal approach. If each state committee could enlist the assistance of two or three influential citizens, particularly business men in each of the leading state centers, I believe our state quotas could soon be raised.

I will write you further as soon as this New York situation begins to move one way or the other.

Sincerely yours,

Harry J. Cannon

HJC:W

March 14, 1927

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

My dear Miss Washington:-

Herewith I am forwarding to you
a letter, which is self-explanatory. I shall
appreciate it very much if you will give the
matter prompt attention, writing to both Dr.
Palmer and his son. ✓

Dr. Palmer lives in Faribault,
Minnesota, but I suppose that the letter to
him should be sent to Bermuda.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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Endowment

March 14, 1927

Dr. F. L. Palmer
The Argyle
Hamilton, Bermuda

My dear Dr. Palmer:-

Your letter of March 4 has just come in and I am forwarding it to the assistant secretary-treasurer of the American Historical Association, who has charge of such matters, with the request that she give it immediate attention and send an explanation to both you and your son. The delay would certainly seem to be inexcusable and I think there must have been a slip-up somewhere. I feel sure that it will be straightened out promptly, but, if it is not, I trust that you will let me know so that I can follow it up further.

I was obliged to give up the work for the Committee on Endowment at the end of the year in order to return to my work in Minnesota, but I am naturally interested in seeing that obligations incurred while I was in charge are fulfilled.

Sincerely yours

B/P

March 18, 1927

Dr. Harry J. Carman
110 Library Building
Columbia University
New York City

Dear Carman:-

Thank you for your letter of March 12 with information concerning the progress of the campaign.

I am afraid that Mims was a good deal disappointed by his failure to arouse more enthusiasm at Rochester. Cushing was somewhat of a disappointment to me. He seemed inclined at first to take a good deal of responsibility but I found him a little difficult to work with. He would agree to do things but did not get around to them and yet he did not want things taken out of his hands.

Have you had a talk with Colby? I think that he and Wilbur may be especially useful in New York City, and am glad that you are trying to get into direct touch with Hughes.

I wonder if anything more had been done about the Rockefeller situation. The last I heard was that John D. Jr., had written a letter to Beveridge in which he indicated that he would give favorable consideration to a proposition for an annual grant for a period of years, and it was understood, I think, that Jameson was to follow it up. Munro suggested that he ask for a grant for the expenses of a secretariat. It might be well for you to talk this over with Munro sometime if you have not already done so. I believe that if ten thousand dollars a year for five years could be secured for such a purpose, it would make possible the continuance of the endowment campaign until the amount sought could be secured.

I was sorry to learn of Brown's illness and withdrawal from the campaign in Michigan. Miss Krum is a very capable person, however, and I think that she will accomplish as much as anyone can in Detroit. I suppose that nothing came of the proposition to Henry Ford.

The situation in Minnesota is not very promising. I seem to have drawn too heavily on my reserves during the last year or two, with the result that I have not yet got back to my normal condition after my illness, and my Doctor insists that I must do as little work as possible. Elegen is trying to do too many things, with his work for the Historical Society, his teaching at Hamline, and his editing of the publications of the Norwegian-American Historical Association. He told me the other day that he thought he ought to resign from the secretaryship of the committee. I pointed out to him that there would be no point in his doing that unless he could suggest someone else who would do something, and I do not know what his decision will be. Stephenson does not seem inclined to take ~~such~~ *the*

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initiative in the matter. I suppose that all of us cannot help but be influenced by the feeling that no very satisfactory results are likely to be achieved anyway. I do believe, however, that a personal canvass of a select group would yield some results and I hope that it may be possible to push it through.

By the way, I wonder if any contribution has ever been received from Julius Barnes. He considers Duluth his home but spends practically all of his time in New York. He accepted membership on the Minnesota committee and allowed his name to be used on a form letter that was sent out in Duluth. He also attended our New York dinner. I think that the best procedure would be to have someone call upon him personally at his New York office but explain to him that his contribution would be credited to Minnesota. He ought to be good for at least a thousand dollars.

I wonder if you know about two rather unusual contributions that were made or offered. One was an offer from Greene of some pecan lots in Florida. He turned the papers over to me and I sent them on to Moore but do not know whether or not he ever did anything about the matter. The other was Bassett's offer to turn over to the Association his interest in his elementary text book in American History. I do not think that anything was done about this and, unless it could be handled so as not to involve any promotion or endorsement of the book by the Association, perhaps it might be better to do nothing about it.

Enclosed herewith I am sending you some additional items that I have dug out of my papers. They include extracts from two letters from Alvord; and some correspondence with Miss Washington and a list of subscriptions to December 15, 1926. I had asked her for information as to the total amount of the subscriptions received, but she misunderstood my request and sent this list.

I have discovered also a notation of the people who volunteered at the Rochester luncheon to attempt to raise one thousand dollars. Presumably some and possibly all of them filled out the cards. They are Paltsits, Fox, Blegen, William Chauncey Langdon, Herbert A. Kellar, and Munro.

With best wishes and much sympathy.

Sincerely yours

B/P

MAR 21 1927

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March 18, 1927.

My dear Professor Buck:

Your letter of March 14 has been received and I am writing at once to Dr. Francis L. Palmer and also to his son. There was some delay in attending to the matter of the son's membership because of pressure of work before and after the Rochester meeting, but he should have received the January number of the Review early in February. If I find it has not been forwarded to him from the Minnesota address, a copy can be sent to him from here and when he gets back to Minnesota he can return the copy sent there. I am sorry that there has been any delay in attending to these memberships, but the truth is we have been simply swamped with work since in the fall and it has been rather a difficult matter to "catch up".

Very sincerely yours,

Patty W. Washington
Assistant Secretary.

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

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American Historical Association Endowment Fund

Office of the Executive Secretary
Fayerweather Hall, Columbia University
New York

March 22, 1927

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

Dear Buck:

Your letter of the 18th, together with enclosures reached me yesterday. I wish I could write you that someone had contributed a couple of million. Instead you will be interested to know that I have come to the conclusion that this ship is not sailing very fast and that unless it can be made to sail in the very near future, I shall decide that it needs a new skipper.

The first leak we are going to try to plug is right here in New York. Confidentially Cushing is n. g. Last Saturday, Munro and I had a long conference with Mr. Wilbur in which he informed us that Cushing had told members of the Union League Club that he didn't expect to raise more than thirty or forty thousand dollars here in New York. In my opinion, if you want to accomplish things big, you have got to set your goal high. You can't make market potatoes out of small ones after they are dug. We came to the conclusion that the best thing to do, even before tackling Hughes, was to get in touch with Dwight Morrow, who we feel has a deep interest in this enterprise. I am hoping that we can meet with him this Friday. We shall put the thing squarely up to him and get his advice. I believe that Benjamin is now willing to contribute a hundred thousand on condition that the New York Committee raise \$400,000, and perhaps we can get something started here on that score. Colby has been in California, and Mims and I thought it best to wait his return, rather than to write him.

I wrote Jameson about the Rockefeller situation and he replied that nothing could be done at the present moment. Munro told me Saturday that Jameson had written him saying that Rockefeller was still interested but would do nothing until we had made headway with the endowment.

We are still working on the Henry Ford proposition. As you know, one of Munro's friends is on close terms with Ford, and while the latter says he is not interested, I believe that he will come around. His wife is tremendously ambitious that he do something which will perpetuate his name. He might well build a home for us in Washington and endow it, and Rockefeller could provide for the staffing.

Professor Solon J. Buck

3/22/27

Tell Blegen to hang on for the time being at least, and by all means tell him not to be discouraged.

At the suggestion of Munro and Wilbur, I am preparing a little chart and brief outline which I think will help us to interest prospective contributors, especially the business crowd. I think they will appeal to you.

Julius Barnes has made no contribution as yet. We'll put someone on his trail at once.

The offerings of Greene and Bassett I knew nothing about until I received your letter. I'll follow them up. Miss Wheeler has checked up carefully on the people who volunteered at the Rochester luncheon.

I hope that you won't gather from this letter that I am not in an enthusiastic frame of mind. What I tried to say in the beginning was that I have never been long associated with an enterprise that was a failure. If I can't make this thing go, then I am not the person for the job. That the enterprise is worth doing and can be done, I have no doubt.

Take care of yourself, and drop me a line occasionally.
With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Fanny J. Curran

HJC:W

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AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND

I N T H E D A Y ' S N E W S

The Chicago committee inaugurated its campaign by a dinner at the Union League Club of Chicago on Thursday, March 17. Dr. Otto L. Schmidt, chairman of the committee, in announcing the meeting, said "Educational development of the individual in the history of our country makes for a firm foundation for loyalty and patriotism." Senator Albert J. Beveridge gave the address of the evening, and it was enthusiastically received by the fine group of ninety people who were present. He laid special emphasis on the valuable service which historians engaged in research are rendering to the country and the absolute necessity of providing them with adequate financial support.

Dr. J. Wilson Poucher of Poughkeepsie has recently accepted the executive secretaryship of the committee for Southern New York. He will work with President Henry N. MacCracken of Vassar College, who is chairman of the committee.

Mrs. H. S. Morehead of Sidon, Mississippi, and Professor Dawson Phelps of Mississippi Woman's College are cooperating with the National Committee in arousing interest in the endowment fund among Mississippians.

Professor A. J. Hanna, executive secretary of the Florida committee, recently appeared before the annual meeting of the Florida Historical Society and the Florida State Historical Society, and explained the purposes of the American Historical Association in seeking an endowment. Both societies gave their endorsement to plans for raising funds in Florida.

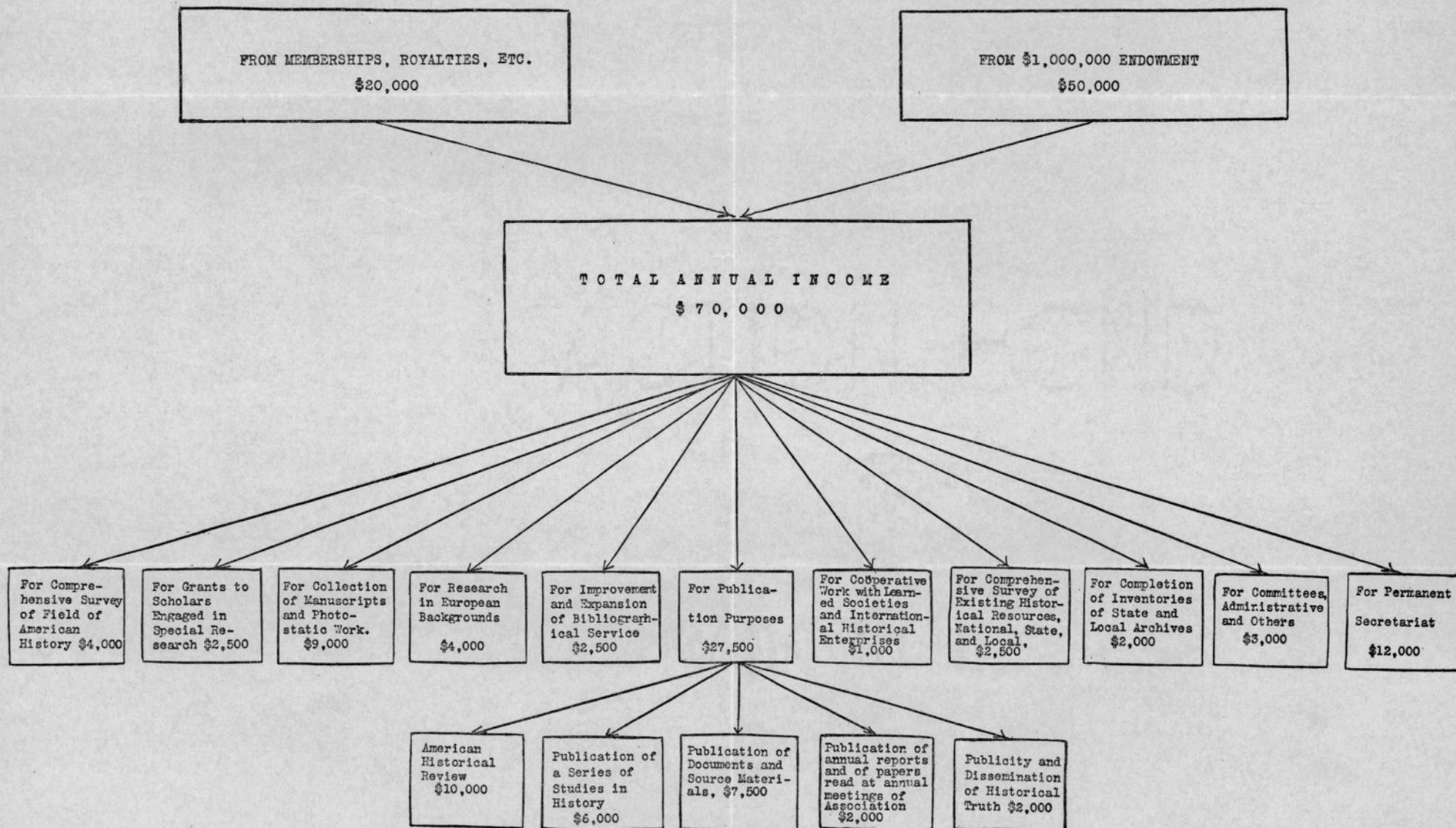
So many inquiries have reached us as to how the income from a million dollar endowment would be spent that we have prepared a tentative program showing in graphic form how an annual sum of \$70,000 derived in part from membership dues and royalties and in part from a million dollar endowment might be expended. A copy of this program is enclosed, and we should be glad to send you additional copies if desired.

AN APPEAL IN PERSON IS THE SUREST MEANS OF SECURING A CONTRIBUTION

CAN NOT EACH OF US SECURE AT LEAST ONE SUBSTANTIAL GIFT?

609 Fayerweather
Columbia University
March 31, 1927

A PROGRAM FOR THE USE OF THE INCOME OF THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
 DERIVED FROM AN ENDOWMENT FUND OF A MILLION DOLLARS PLUS MEMBERSHIP DUES, ROYALTIES, ETC.



American Historical Association Endowment Fund

Office of the Executive Secretary
Fayerweather Hall, Columbia University
New York

April 13, 1927

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

Dear Buck:

Alive and doing business at the old stand! Just a word about our progress. The Schmidt dinner in Chicago was a big success. Conyers Read is laboring hard in Philadelphia and is getting results. Through his efforts, Mrs. Frank Griswold is inviting the elite of Philadelphia to a dinner party at her home on May 15th. Connecticut is also driving ahead. Humphrey has proved to be a live wire and is getting results. Professor Fox addressed a select gathering at the home of Dr. Williams, the Connecticut chairman, on Monday evening. Haven't heard from Baxter in a week or so, but he has been a most faithful servant. \$500 has come from Ginn & Co. of Boston, \$100 from Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., and sufficient information to know that the other companies will contribute.

The New York situation is the biggest fly in the ointment, and as I wrote you last time we will eliminate that fly or quit. What is the word in Minnesota? I regret to say that I have been negligent in getting after Julius Barnes but have it in mind. With no relief from my regular duties, I have practically abandoned sleep altogether.

By the way, a Mrs. Morehead of Mississippi was invited to join the Columbia River Historical Expedition and was unable to go. A letter expressing her regret was returned unclaimed. She has been much concerned about it, and wants to know to whom she should write.

Will write more later. With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

Harry J. Carman

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APR 25 1927

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND

I N T H E D A Y ' S N E W S

Under the leadership of Dr. George C. F. Williams of Hartford and Professor E. F. Humphrey of Trinity College a splendid foundation has been laid for the campaign in Connecticut. More than fifty men and women, prominent in social, educational, and literary circles, as well as in public life, comprise a fine committee. Editorials and news stories have appeared in many Connecticut papers and the New York press has also lent its support. This publicity has been unusually good, both in quality and quantity.

The movement was formally launched on the evening of April 11, when over sixty people gathered at the home of Dr. Williams. Professor Dixon Ryan Fox of Columbia addressed those present, picturing the opportunities for service which would be open to the Association through the possession of an adequate endowment. In stressing its importance, he said, "Gossamer threads stretching back into the dim past, like pulsating nerves, activating and controlling human acts and thoughts of the present, must be preserved through the agent of history."

Preliminary gifts and pledges of \$3,000 were reported in Connecticut, among which was a subscription of \$1,000 from Dr. Williams, chairman of the committee.

A practical interest in the endowment is being evinced by some of the leading publishing firms, several of whom have made contributions.

Mr. Conyers Read, executive secretary of the eastern Pennsylvania committee, was the Association's special representative at an historical conference and dinner held on April 8 at Lehigh University. A select group discussed the question, "How may the Lehigh Valley cooperate with the American Historical Association in the cause of the better writing of history?"

SUMMER WILL SOON BE UPON US !

LET US MAKE THE NEXT MONTH TELL FOR THE ENDOWMENT.

609 Fayerweather Hall
Columbia University
April 21, 1927

Harry J. Cannon
Executive Secretary

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

May 3, 1927.

American Historical Association,
1140 Woodward Building,
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Solon J. Buck,
Executive Secretary,
Endowment Fund.

Sirs:

Further reference is made to your request under date of April 22, 1926, for a ruling as to the deductibility in a taxpayer's return of contributions to your endowment fund, which necessitates consideration of your exempt status under Section 231 (6) of the Revenue Act of 1926 and corresponding provisions of prior Acts.

It appears from the evidence submitted that your organization was incorporated in 1889 under the laws of the District of Columbia for the purposes stated, as follows:

" * * * for the promotion of historical studies, the collection and preservation of historical manuscripts, and for kindred purposes in the interest of American history and of history in America. * * * Said association shall report annually to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution concerning its proceedings and the condition of historical study in America. Said secretary shall communicate to Congress the whole of such report, or such portions thereof as he shall see fit. The Regents of the Smithsonian Institution are authorized to permit said association to deposit its collections, manuscripts, books, pamphlets, and other material for history in the Smithsonian Institution or in the National Museum at their discretion, upon such conditions and under such rules as they shall prescribe."

The organization has no stock and does not make any profit for its members. Income is derived from dues, life memberships, contributions, bequests, and interest on the endowment and other funds, and is used in producing its publications and maintaining its activities. None of the income may inure to the benefit of any private individual.

American Historical Association.

In view of the foregoing, it is held that your organization is operated exclusively for educational purposes, and that it comes within the meaning and intent of Section 231 (6) of the Revenue Act of 1926 and corresponding provisions of prior Acts. You are hereby notified that you will not be required to file a return for 1926 or prior years, and that future returns will not be required so long as there is no change in your organization, or your purposes or method of doing business. Any changes in the form of organization or method of operation as shown by the evidence submitted must be immediately reported to the Collector of Internal Revenue for your district, in order that the effect of such changes upon your present exempt status may be determined.

The exemption referred to in this letter does not apply to taxes levied under other titles or provisions of the Revenue Acts, except in so far as the exemption is granted expressly under those provisions to corporations enumerated in Section 231 of the Act.

Inasmuch as your organization comes within the provisions of Section 231 (6) of the statute, contributions to it constitute allowable deductions in the income tax returns of individual donors to the extent and in the manner provided in Section 241 (a) (10) of the Revenue Act of 1926 and corresponding provisions of prior Acts.

A copy of this ruling is being sent to the Collector of Internal Revenue, Baltimore, Maryland, in order that it may be noted on the records of this office.

Respectfully,

C. R. Nash

Assistant to the Commissioner.



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MAY 9 1927

ALBERT J. BEVERIDGE, *Chairman*

DANA C. MUNRO, *Vice Chairman*

HARRY J. CARMAN, *Executive Secretary*

American Historical Association Endowment Fund

Office of the Executive Secretary
Fayerweather Hall, Columbia University
New York

May 5, 1927

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

Dear Buck:

Somewhere in the Bible there is a statement to the effect that every steward should from time to time render account of himself. Whether I fall in that category or not, I am not absolutely certain, but I know that you will be interested to know where we stand with the world.

To date approximately \$106,500 has been reported as subscribed directly. This does not include the \$25,000 given by the Carnegie Corporation, nor the \$10,000 for expenses, or the other special funds. Of the \$106,500, \$76,500 was subscribed up to January 1, 1927 and the remainder of \$30,000 has been subscribed during my four months regime. This showing is frankly very disappointing to all of us who had hoped that the greater part of the million dollars would be subscribed at the end of the present academic year. It is hardly necessary for me to try to account for the situation. You understand it as well as I do.

The time has now come when we must take stock for the future, and I am therefore calling a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Committee on Endowment for May 20 at the Faculty House here. Three important questions are on the agenda. First, as to general policy. In this connection we ought to discuss very frankly the question of whether we should continue our efforts or not. If we decide in the affirmative, then we should discuss a successor to Mr. Beveridge. Mr. James B. Wilbur suggests that we have two chairmen, one for the East and one for the West, the first to be located in New York and the other in Chicago, the eastern district to include Buffalo and Pittsburgh and all points east, and the other, all west of these points. What do you think of this suggestion? In any event, I should personally very much like to see Mr. Dwight W. Morrow head the work. In my judgment it would be difficult to find a person better qualified than he. He is, of course, an extremely busy man and might not be willing to assume additional duties and responsibilities. Finally our present budget carries us only to June 1 and if the work is to be carried on -- and I think it should be by all means -- provision will have to be made for secretarial assistance and other allied items of expense.

How do you feel about publicity? Professor Munro will be here for the summer session and he and I thought that between us we could look after the office without expense to the Association. Miss Wheeler expects to leave for home at the end of the month. Between the work of the office and her academic duties, she has had a very heavy burden and is tired and needs a rest. Miss Ackerley, however, is in a position to go on with the work

Professor Solon J. Buck 5/4/27

and we must by all means provide for her salary. If we decide to cut off the publicity, her salary would be the only considerable item of expense during the summer. I wish you would write me fully and frankly your reaction to all these points.

Small amounts continue to dribble in. Benjamin is an awful problem. You probably noted that the other day he gave \$75,000 to establish a chair of history in the Library of Congress. I have tried every conceivable means of landing him and I still think I will get him.

I hope that you are not overworking. Give my regards to Blegen. With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

Harry J. Cannon

HJC:W

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May 6, 1927

Professor Harry J. Carman
Rayerweather Hall
Columbia University
New York City

Dear Mr. Carman:-

I have neglected you shamefully but it has not been due to any lack of interest in the work or appreciation of your letters. It seems to me that things are going fully as well as could reasonably be expected and I am more certain than ever that we can get the endowment if we hang on long enough. Moreover, I believe that the publicity that the Association and history are getting is worth more than the cost of the campaign.

I think your chart is very effective and the circulars, "In the Day's News," ought to help to sustain interest.

I wish I could give you an encouraging report as to prospects in Minnesota but, unfortunately, I cannot. Blegen has so many irons in the fire that he seems to find it impossible to push the campaign, and Stephenson is not likely to do much more, as he is getting ready to go abroad on a Guggenheim scholarship. I have been under the care of a physician ever since my return and, while I am getting back to normalcy, I have an accumulation of work that has been piling up and I cannot undertake the initiative in the campaign at present. I shall, of course, seize every opportunity that comes along to urge contributions and it may be that later on arrangements can be made for some meetings. I believe that several thousand dollars more could be raised in St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Duluth, if a meeting under the right auspices were arranged in each town. Krey seems to be about the only member of our department who is taking much interest in the matter just now and it may be that he will help to get something started in Minneapolis.

I took in the M. V. H. A. meeting in New Orleans about a month ago (before the flood fortunately) and heard favorable reports from Dr. Schmidt and others about the Chicago meeting. I gathered that nothing was doing in New Orleans but it seemed to me that there would be possibilities there if someone would take hold of it. It would undoubtedly be a mistake to attempt anything there at the present time, however.

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In your letter of April 13, you spoke of a letter from Mrs. Morehead of Mississippi concerning the Columbia River Historical Expedition. Won't you have her letter sent on to me and I will write to her?

Beveridge's death was quite a shock to me, as I had heard nothing of his illness. I suppose you have thought of the possibility of a Beveridge Memorial Fund. I am not sure how the idea would take. If it should be attempted, most of the subscriptions already received from the Indiana people at present should be allocated to it.

While I was on the job in New York, I prepared a plan for an inventory of manuscript materials for American history. I do not think that this was mimeographed, but I am sure that a number of carbon copies were made. I had supposed that I brought one home with me but, when I looked for it the other day, I was unable to find it. I am very anxious to get hold of a copy and shall appreciate it if you will have one sent to me. I am certain that one copy at least was left in the lower right hand drawer of my desk. If you have only one copy, you might send it on and I will return it after having it copied or, if you prefer, you might have it copied there at my expense. In that case I should like several carbons.

Sincerely yours

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ALBERT J. BEVERIDGE, *Chairman*

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New York

May 6, 1927

Dr. William W. Folwell
1020 Fifth Street, S. E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Dr. Folwell:

Inasmuch as a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Committee on Endowment will be held on May 20, to discuss the question of a successor to Mr. Beveridge, I am writing you as a member of the National Advisory Committee to ask if you have any suggestions to make either in regard to his successor or for the promotion of our enterprise. The Committee will be glad to hear from you at an early date.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Harry J. Carman

HJC:A

Dear Dr. Buck
You are qualified
to suggest. I Carman
W. W. F.

May 13, 1927

Professor Harry J. Carman
Fayerweather Hall
Columbia University

Dear Carman:-

Your letter of May 5 arrived just after I had written to you. I was much interested to note the progress that has been made and I do not feel that the situation is a hopeless one. I should rejoice greatly, of course, if the fund were all in sight, but I knew by experience that the prospect of any such result by the end of this academic year was very slim. I have long been convinced that the work should be kept going indefinitely. I believe that after the first five hundred thousand is obtained, the remainder of the million will come much easier and then it will be time to start after a second million.

With reference to a successor to Mr. Beveridge, I quite agree that Dwight Morrow would be the best possible person, but I think it very doubtful if he can be induced to accept. At any rate, it will be well for you to talk with Greene about earlier negotiations with Morrow before approaching him. If he is not available, I am inclined to think that Mr. Wilbur would be the best man, provided you want a chairman who will actually do something rather than a figurehead like Hughes. Possibly Mr. Benjamin would be flattered by the offer of the chairmanship.

The question of having a western chairman seems to me to depend entirely upon whether or not the right person for the place is available. The only ones that I can think of just now are Dr. Schmidt and Clements of Michigan, and I doubt if much would be gained by appointing either of them western chairman. Of course, if such a person as Julius Rosenwald could be induced to accept the position, it might be a very ~~favorable~~ ^{desirable} move.

I feel that provision should certainly be made for the expenses of maintaining headquarters. It is very generous of you and Munro to undertake to supervise the work without expense to the Association, and it will certainly be necessary for you to have a secretary. Miss Ackerley impressed me as a very efficient person and I think that you are fortunate in being able to retain her services.

As for publicity, I am not in a position to have a very definite opinion because I have seen very little of it since I left New York. On the whole, I should think that it might be best to dispense with regular publicity on a monthly basis, but to make arrangements with Grady or someone else to supply material to the press whenever anything of special interest develops.

I think your idea of writing letters to the members of the National Advisory Committee was an excellent one. Dr. Folwell

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turned his over to me with the statement that he could not make any suggestion.

Have you ever tried out the idea of sending a form letter and literature to the people whose names we culled from Who's Who? I never felt very optimistic about the results of such a procedure, but I thought that it ought to be tried out.

Sincerely yours

B/P

ALBERT J. BEVERIDGE, *Chairman*

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American Historical Association Endowment Fund

Office of the Executive Secretary
Fayerweather Hall, Columbia University
New York

May 16, 1927

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

Dear Professor Buck:

Your good letter of the 6th is before me. First of all, I am grateful to you for your suggestion regarding the possibility of a Beveridge Memorial. I have taken the matter up with Munro and I think we ought to make it an item for discussion on the 20th.

We have received a number of suggestions regarding a successor to Mr. Beveridge. One of the most helpful has come from Mr. Wall of the New York Historical Society. He thinks that we should by all means enlist the services of some person of wealth who is a giver. In this connection he believes that we might be able to interest John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Franklin D. Roosevelt has suggested the name of David F. Houston, formerly Secretary of the Treasury.

As I wrote you before, I hope that Blegen will hang on for the time being and that you and Krey and the other Minnesota folks will give him as much assistance as you can. The money keeps flowing in in small amounts and this is a most encouraging sign.

Our mutual friend Benjamin is one the sick list at present so that I cannot do anything there.

I am enclosing a copy of the paragraph in Mrs. Morehead's letter relative to the Columbia River Historical Expedition. I am also enclosing some copies of the plan for an inventory of manuscript materials for American history.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Harry J. Carman

HJC:A

MAY 21 1927

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND

I N T H E D A Y ' S N E W S

The Endowment Committee, as well as the American Historical Association as a whole, has suffered a serious loss in the death of Senator Albert J. Beveridge who has given so generously of his time and enthusiasm to the work.

We are happy to announce that several members of the Chicago committee have made initial contributions of \$500 each, thus giving the movement in their city a substantial send-off. Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. English of New Haven, Connecticut, are also donors of \$500.

A committee of nine for the state of North Dakota has just been completed with the Hon. Louis B. Hanna of Fargo as chairman and Professor O. G. Libby of the University of North Dakota as executive secretary. The plans of the committee include an energetic canvass to secure life members.

In Florida also special efforts are being placed on gifts of \$100 with the life membership privilege attached. The plan has been adopted of asking each person on a select list to be one of twenty-five to subscribe life membership. This scheme, it would appear, might be successfully applied in asking for gifts of even larger denomination.

The departments of history in some of our educational institutions have been presenting the matter of the endowment to their classes, sometimes with very good results. Mt. Holyoke and Wellesley may be named as concrete examples of colleges from whose students we have received contributions. Falling within the province of our state committees there are over six hundred colleges and efforts to enlist the interest of their history students would undoubtedly be worthwhile both in an educational and financial way. Why not lay the project before them?

In endorsing our movement for the promotion of history Mr. William Allen White said

"A MILLION DOLLARS INVESTED IN SAVING HUMAN EXPERIENCE

FROM OBLIVION WOULD SAVE BILLIONS IN FUTURE WAR DEBTS."

609 Fayerweather Hall
Columbia University
May 18, 1927

Harry J. Carmen
Executive Secretary

May 25, 1927

Dr. Harry J. Carman
Fayerweather Hall
Columbia University
New York City

Dear Carman:-

Thank you for your letter of May 16 and the extract from the letter from Mrs. Morehead. I am writing to the lady and hope that her mind will be relieved.

I think you will be interested in the enclosure, from William Stearns Davis. The original was written to me as a personal letter and consequently I did not leave it in the files. Mr. Davis has recently authorized me to let other members of the committee on endowment read it but he does not want it given general publicity. It is hardly necessary for me to say that I do not agree with most of what he has written. It represents a point of view, however, that should be taken into consideration, and it is possible there might be something in his idea of a great endowed national history.

Sincerely yours

SJB/B

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American Historical Association Endowment Fund

Office of the Executive Secretary
Fayerweather Hall, Columbia University
New York

May 26, 1927

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

Dear Professor Buck:

This office took the liberty of opening the enclosed letter from Mrs. William Hooper, even though it was marked "Personal". Miss Ackerley advised me that former letters which Mrs. Hooper addressed to this office have been marked in the same manner, and on the strength of that fact we opened it. I am somewhat at a loss to know just what to say to her, if anything. If you aren't too busy I wish very much that you would give me a word of advice about her, as I am sure that you are more familiar than I am with the whole matter.

We had an excellent meeting of the Executive Committee last Friday. Jameson, Moore, Mims, Munro, Krehbiel, and Marshall Brown were present. Cushing only was absent. We had a long go-round about Mr. Beveridge's successor, and finally it was decided to appoint a committee of three -- Munro, Jameson, and Mims -- to make the selection. The general consensus of opinion seemed to be that we should make every effort to induce Dwight Morrow to accept, and in case he refused, that we should turn to Mr. David F. Houston, Mr. Claude G. Bowers, and Dr. John H. Finley. The committee expressed pleasure that we were able to report as much money as we have obtained and unanimously voted to ask for the small budget of \$1200 to carry us over the summer months.

I am wondering if you noted that the late H. E. Huntington who recently died in Philadelphia left a trust fund of \$8,000,000 to be used, according to the papers, exclusively for research in American and English history. The trustees of the fund are Archer M. Huntington, nephew of the deceased, George F. Patton, Henry M. Robinson, Dr. Robert A. Millikan, and A. S. W. Rosenbach, for years confidential adviser to the elder Huntington. I see no reason why we should not at once look into the matter and, if possible, form some sort of an alliance with this organization or else induce it to contribute to our enterprise.

A most cordial and helpful letter recently received from Dean Ford opines that the other foundations can be induced to do something for us if we keep nibbling.

A \$1000 subscription from Louis Marshall of the firm of Guggenheimer, Untermyer & Marshall came in last Saturday.

Professor Solon J. Buck

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May 26, 1927

During the past months we have sent out form letters and literature to Who's Who people in the unorganized states and districts, and to date it has brought us \$100.

I will write you more in a day or two. With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Harry J. Carman

HJC:A

I am enclosing copies of Mrs. Hooper's letters rather than the originals. I know that you have usually had copies of her letters made and so think that it may serve the purpose just as well, and perhaps be more convenient, for you to have them in this instance. As you see, I have had to omit an occasional word, but I believe that these omissions are not vital to the sense of the letter.

VA, secretary.

[From the *New York Times*, May 27, 1927.]

ENDOWING HISTORICAL RESEARCH

The importance of what the American Historical Association set out to do in raising a million dollars for research in American history has had princely recognition in the bequest of a sum variously estimated at from \$8,000,000 to \$50,000,000 which that very practical man of affairs and the "greatest book collector in the world," Mr. HENRY E. HUNTINGTON, made to be used "exclusively for research in American and English history." While the magnificent library at San Marino, Cal., with its priceless art, literary and historical collections, will doubtless become the centre of this research, its domain will include every corner of the earth where English and American institutions and influence have penetrated. While some of the scholars will sit among these treasures as did monks in the Middle Ages, others will go as Fellows over and around the earth, to explore the past in the same spirit of scholarship as scientists study the present or peer into the future. The gift is therefore of national interest, indeed of world significance, because it will not only bring England and America into better understanding, but will help to set them in their true relation to the rest of the world.

This great bequest should aid the appeal which the American Historical Association is making, rather than discourage further giving. The objects to which the historians wish to devote their fund are for the most part basic to the work contemplated by the Huntington bequest or carried on in other centres of research. The wish is first to make a comprehensive survey of subjects most needing study, to organize groups of scholars for cooperative study of historical backgrounds, and to make small grants to individual scholars engaged chiefly in teaching. If equipped to do this, the historians would be in a position to cooperate with the trustees of this Huntington trust fund. Mr. HUNTINGTON gave promise of the realization of what the American Historical Association must have had in remote hope. Three-quarters of a million dollars are still needed to make possible helpful cooperation.

June 3, 1927

Professor Harry J. Carman
Fayerweather Hall
Columbia University
New York City

Dear Carman:-

A copy of a letter that I have just written to Mrs. Hooper is enclosed herewith. I don't know that there is anything special to be done about it. Greene knows more about the situation than I do and perhaps you could talk it over with him some time. Munro is also fully conversant with the matter. ✓

There was some talk at one time of trying to organize a sort of super-committee of big business men as "Sponsors for American History" or something of the sort. Mrs. Hooper talked with some relative of hers about it, (a distinguished man whose name escapes me for the moment) and an attempt was to have been made to have a conference with him and one or two other people but it fell through. You can run the matter down, I think in the correspondence with Mrs. Hooper.

I hope you succeed in getting Dwight Morrow to accept the chairmanship. Of the others suggested, I doubt if Houston would take it; Finley probably would, but would be too busy to do anything; Bowers, I think, would do all that he could but I doubt if his name would carry much weight.

I saw an announcement of the death of Huntington but nothing about the trust fund of which you speak. I heard some time ago, however, that he was establishing a research institute in connection with his library in California; that Max Farrand was to be the director of it and that F. J. Turner was to be one of his assistants. This information was given to me confidentially early in the year but all of it, I believe, except the connection of Turner, has since been published, I think in the last American Historical Review. I understand that Turner has been working out there most of the spring. Presumably the trust fund is an endowment for this research institute. I quite agree with you that there should be co-operation between it and the American Historical Association, and it would probably be well to take the matter up with Farrand, or perhaps to feel out the ground by correspondence with Turner, who has been more sympathetic toward the endowment plans of the A. H. A. than has Farrand.

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I am glad to know that the letters to Who's Who people brought in one \$100. That ought to pay the postage.

I am very glad that the campaign is to be continued and I much regret that I cannot seem to contribute anything more than my best wishes.

Sincerely yours

B/P

June 6, 1927

Professor Harry J. Carman
Fayerweather Hall
Columbia University
New York City

Dear Carman:-

Thank you for sending me
copies of your report and of the
minutes of the executive committee
meeting. You have made a very clear
presentation of the situation and
I fully agree with your conclusions.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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Fayerweather Hall, Columbia University
New York

*Return to
HJC*

June 16, 1927

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

Dear Professor Buck:

Thanks very much for your letters of the third and sixth and for the copy of your letter to Mrs. Hooper. I am just in receipt of a very long communication from Professor F. J. Turner in which he emphasizes the importance of following up Mrs. Hooper, and I shall act upon his suggestions.

I have been away from the office for a couple of weeks. Nothing of import has happened during the time. Our invitation to Mr. Morrow to serve as chairman has been sent and we are awaiting a reply.

I am enclosing herewith a reprint of an editorial which appeared recently in the New York Times. If you can make use of additional copies, please let me know.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Harry J. Carman

HJC:A

FEB 18 1927

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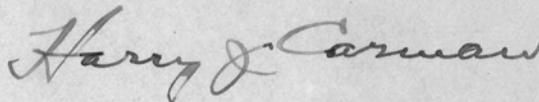
Office of the Executive Secretary
Fayerweather Hall, Columbia University
New York

February 17, 1927

TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Hereafter this office will send out brief bulletins recording items of interest to all of us who are engaged in the endowment campaign. In this way we may all know just what is being accomplished from week to week. Won't you help us make these bulletins more worthwhile by contributing suggestions and news items? What have you for the next announcement?

Sincerely yours,



Executive Secretary

HJC:W

MAR 7 1927

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND

I N T H E D A Y ' S N E W S

The Eastern Massachusetts committee is just about to launch its campaign with Ex-Governor Channing H. Cox and Dr. James P. Baxter, 3d, of Harvard at the head of a fine group of men and women. Mrs. Charles Sumner Bird, president of the Women's Republican Club of Massachusetts, is an active member of the committee and is giving Dr. Baxter a chance to present the endowment project at a meeting of the Club.

College communities are fruitful sources of life memberships. Practically every member of the History Department of the University of Minnesota has taken out such a membership. At Columbia a number of the members of other departments have also contributed to the fund. HAVE YOU TRIED ALL YOUR ACADEMIC CENTERS? Annual memberships will heighten the interest and aid the Association, even though not counting as a part of the endowment fund.

The endowment plans were recently outlined to an interested group of people in Washington at the home of Ex-Secretary of State, Robert Lansing. The speakers were Mark Sullivan, Rev. Peter Guilday, and Senator William Cabell Bruce. Senator Bruce's address has been printed in the Congressional Record. A splendid story appeared in the Washington Star, describing past activities of the Association in the Capital city and making especial appeal to Washington people.

A news story headed "America Discovers Itself", and illustrated with pictures printed by courtesy of the Yale University Press, has received very wide circularization in many of the mid-western and far-western papers. Slowly but surely an interest in history and in the work of the Association is being built up throughout the country.

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SUCCESSFUL APPEAL TO A MAN ABLE TO GIVE

\$1,000

SAVES MAKING TEN APPEALS FOR

\$100

New York
March 4, 1927

Congressional Record

SIXTY-NINTH CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

ADDRESS
OF
SENATOR WILLIAM CABELL BRUCE
OF MARYLAND

IN RELATION TO HISTORY, DELIVERED AT THE HOME OF EX-SECRETARY
ROBERT LANSING IN WASHINGTON ON JANUARY 29, 1927, IN
PROMOTION OF THE MOVEMENT TO SECURE AN ENDOWMENT
OF \$1,000,000 FOR THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL
ASSOCIATION

[Printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD by request of Hon. WALTER F.
GEORGE, of Georgia, February 1, 1927]

Mr. BRUCE. Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, I am afraid that I am but poorly entitled to the distinction of being asked to say a few words on this interesting occasion. I have never been an editor, or even an associate editor of an historical magazine; indeed, I have never contributed a paper to such a magazine. Nor have I ever written the history of any country, community, or people. In fact, if my memory does not fail me, I have never written anything relating to history in the general sense of that term. If I can be called an historian, it is only because the history of a country is but the biographies of its great men; a conclusion to which I by no means assent. It so happens that I have been able to flitch enough time from the practice of the law and public life to write two biographies, one a life of Benjamin Franklin, and the other a life of John Randolph, of Roanoke. Several years ago Chief Justice Taft asked me how I came to select just those subjects for biographical treatment. "Because," I replied, "my thought was first to write the life of the most normal man that ever lived—Franklin; and then to write the life of the most abnormal man that ever lived—Randolph." The Chief Justice laughed, and did me the honor to say that my idea was not a bad one.

But one qualification I do possess for giving expression to the feelings and purposes of this occasion. From my boyhood, the study of history, including that of biography, has been my favorite study. In truth, history, even though it is devoid of the illusion of fiction, is to me fully as captivating as fiction. I find it difficult to understand how anyone can be so absorbed in the present as to be wholly dead to the charm which lurks in the laws, the institutions, the customs, the usages, and the habits of the past. Almost every intelligent person derives delight from the novel aspects of nature, the strange types of humanity, and the unfamiliar modes of life brought to his eye by travel in foreign lands.

Very much the same sort of pleasure is imparted to the human mind by the vivid contrasts between the present and the past of even the same people which reading brings home to it; and I hardly need add that even to the individual history is full of instruction as well as pleasure; but especially to the administration of public affairs are its lessons and warnings of the very highest degree of significance. Many a blunder has been made in my time by the legislature that would not have been made if it had only been a little more conversant with the admonitions of past eras. It was partly for the want of such knowledge that over and over again our public men have had to be taught that such civil blessings as ours can not be enjoyed except by giving free scope to the principles of individual initiative and ambition, that government is powerless to confer value upon a currency merely by its fiat, and that industrial undertakings usurped by government at the expense of its own citizens and taxpayers invariably, or all but invariably, result in ruinous deficits. Moreover, the past, the present, and the future are but links in the same endless chain of succession; and Edmund Burke has truly and nobly declared that people will not look forward to posterity who never look back to their ancestors.

Many pithy things have been said about history. "It is philosophy, teaching by examples," Bolingbroke asserts in his stately way; Plunket pooh-poohed it as an "old almanac," and Henry Ford once desisted long enough from turning out Ford "flivvers" to stigmatize it as "bunk." Napoleon said it was but fiction agreed upon. Dr. Samuel Johnson, in one of his dogmatic moments, set down the historian in effect as only a poor creature. Johnson's idea was that what he writes is either false or true; if false it is not history, and if true it is only what any other historian would write. Of course, such a fltering estimate of the historian loses sight of the fact that complete fidelity to the truth of history can not be attained by anything except the

human imagination in its higher forms and a selective instinct of the rarest order. A mere chronicle is no more a history than a mere photograph is a portrait.

Augustine Birrell claims that history is a pageant and not a philosophy. In my judgment, it is both. Vividly narrated, it is a pageant. Sagaciously interpreted, it is a philosophy. There was a time when it was handled as if it were all pageant. The ordinary concerns of human existence were supposed to be beneath its dignity, and its attention was almost exclusively limited to the rise and fall of dynasties, to battles on sea and land, to sieges, to treaties, to congresses and ecumenical councils, to the scepter and crown, to knights and ladies, to tourneys and fields of cloth of gold, to court intrigues, and to the enervating or fatal blandishments of court favorites; but since the time of Voltaire, at any rate, history has had a more correct conception of its office. It has learned duly to take into account the lives of the common mass of men as well as their rulers, and to present us with a graphic version of what the many as well as the few felt, thought, or did in bygone times.

Writers of history no longer believe that they demean themselves or their subject, when, in addition to narrating the events that make up the pomp and circumstance of war, or the more startling triumphs of statecraft, they tell us what provision our ancestors made for industry, commerce, and trade, for highways, for the punishment of crime, for education, for the relief of the indigent, for the promotion of human health, comfort, convenience, knowledge, and enjoyment in all their leading forms. They even condescend to tell us how our ancestors dressed, ate, and drank, and to what pastimes, recreations, and amusements they resorted for pleasure. And while history has become the handmaid of common life, as well as of the great world, so far as narration is concerned, it has also taken on a more profoundly philosophical character. So true is this that we sometimes now even hear such a phrase as "the science of history." According to this science, given the same environment, every society of human beings would, in the end, come to the same thing.

If Germany, like England, had been a "precious stone set in the silver sea," to use Shakespeare's lovely image, Westminster Hall would have been a German edifice, and Magna Charta, the habeas corpus act, and the Bill of Rights would have been muniments of German and not of English liberty; and if England had been placed on the European Continent and flanked on one side by semibarbarous Russia and on the other by war-like and aggressive France, the English would have bred tall grenadiers and built up a military system strong and unscrupulous enough to menace the peace of the world. Such ideas, of course, can very readily be over-worked.

In no history are the elements of pageantry and philosophy more strikingly combined than in our own. It would be hard to imagine anything more impressive or dramatic than the grand procession of events which begins with the light on Watling Island that the straining vision of Columbus descried through the night and which ends with the Army of 4,000,000 men that the United States organized 435 years afterwards for the purpose of redressing the lost balance of human freedom in the Old World. For many years of our national life it was the habit of our people to think of our national history as lacking in the romantic and picturesque features of European history. The idea was simply another token of the servitude to European standards and beliefs which prevailed in the earlier stages of our national history. From end to end that history is crowded with dramatic episodes and incidents and is instinct with life and color. First, we have the daring exploits of the early Spanish explorers—Ponce de Leon, Pineda, Narvaez, Cabeza de Vaca, Fray Marcos, Coronado, and De Soto—and the early French explorers—Joliet, Père Marquette, and La Salle.

Then we have the soul-stirring story of the bitter hardships encountered by the Roanoke, Jamestown, and Plymouth colonists. Then follows the long and doubtful struggle between the French and their dread ally, the Red Indian, on the one hand, and the English colonists on the other, for the possession of the American continent, which will live forever in the graphic pages of Francis Parkman. Then follows, if we lay aside for a moment the general history of the United States, the winning of the West, which is nothing less than one of the great epics in the life of the human race. In the expeditions of Lewis and Clark and other heroic pathfinders over the face of the western wilderness filled with wild beasts and ferocious savages and mantled by death and danger as with a pall, there is enough material to inspire the genius of another Sir Walter Scott.

Nor is the general history of the United States by any means lacking in the pictorial characteristics which distinguish the history of other lands. The genius of Hawthorne is a sufficient illustration of the readiness with which the Puritan commonwealth of New England, with all its salient contradictions, can be made to subserve the highest purposes of art. The "Horseshoe Robinson" of John P. Kennedy, a story which is neglected far more than it deserves, shows what our Revolutionary War holds out to the novelist. The sea tales of James Fenimore Cooper furnish proofs enough that the maritime achievements of our people in the War of 1812 need only the warmth of a brooding imagination to be transmuted into delightful fiction. The stirring "Uncle Tom's Cabin" of Harriet Beecher Stowe, and the captivating stories of Thomas Nelson Page indicate clearly enough what treasures a truly original mind can unearth in the variegated conditions of the old southern social life.

Our Indian wars; the Mexican War; our Civil War, almost if not the only war in human history that in its ultimate effects proved a victory for both the victor and the vanquished; the Spanish-American War, which dislodged the last foothold of Spain in the Western Hemisphere; and the World War, which brought the Old World and the New World almost as closely together as if they were but battling frigates, supply the writer of fiction with every facility for the exercise of his creative talents that war has ever supplied.

And in no history can the philosophy of history be so advantageously studied as in ours. There are fewer mists of legend, fable, and deceptive tradition to be dissipated. There is no hoar of remote antiquity to be brushed away. Pretty much everything is a matter of written or printed record. Every event, every incident, every transaction, is open to the eye, if only the eye has the proper measure of discernment. Effects are found hard by their causes. The full flood of the river is so close to its feeble fountains that almost its whole course can be taken in at a single glance. The reactions of institutions upon human beings and of human beings upon institutions can be traced with a facility almost unknown to the annals of any other country. Nowhere are the beneficent results of good government more patent; nowhere can the morbid sequels of bad government be more profitably studied. Nowhere does the past speak its word of persuasion or warning less dubiously. Nor should we forget that if the United States has made no other invaluable contribution to the welfare of the world, she has made one in the labors and thoughts of those great men—

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Washington, Adams, Hamilton, Jefferson, Madison, Marshall, Lincoln, Cleveland, Roosevelt, and Wilson—to whom it was given to create or maintain, with the aid of their less-distinguished fellow workers, a commonwealth without monarch, noble, or pontiff, and based upon the popular will alone, which has in less than a century and a half reached a pitch of actual wealth and potential power unexampled in the history of mankind.

Such is the history that this meeting is intended to promote. It is certainly one to gratify the patriotism of every true American. To search out, assemble, edit, and publish all manuscript materials relating to it whether in the form of books, documents, essays, journals, diaries, letters, or other writings to clear up all points of controversy, affecting it, which have never been satisfactorily settled, to free it of the perversions and blemishes which have been imposed upon it by partisanship or incompetent treatment; to correct and perfect it as it deserves, and to make every American feel, so far as possible, that it is the noble and admirable thing that it is; these are indeed tasks which should be encouraged and assisted by every means in our power, and they are tasks that no agency, of which I know, is so likely successfully to forward as the American Historical Association, an association conducted by trained historical students, and pledged by the very nature of its organization and aims to the stern spirit of historic truth without which history had better not be written at all.

In conclusion, let me say that I trust that this occasion will bear good fruit, that it will give an additional impulse to the movement which is now on foot to obtain an endowment of not less than \$1,000,000 for the work of the American Historical Association, and that hereafter, it will be accounted not the least of the influences by which that result shall have been achieved. Every month or so, some wealthy citizen of the United States dies, leaving a million or more of dollars for the promotion of human well-being, in one form or another. Surely, among the vast host of individuals, who people the land, to which our forefathers gave so freely of their blood and treasure, enough can be found to come forward, at this time, and to assure the completion of the endowment fund which I have just mentioned. Then, and not until then, shall we be able to say to the beauteous muse of American history, in the words of Drummond's invocation, to bright Phoebus:

"Spread forth thy golden hair
In larger locks than thou wast wont before."

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ALBERT J. BEVERIDGE, *Chairman*

DANA C. MUNRO, *Vice Chairman*

HARRY J. CARMAN, *Executive Secretary*

American Historical Association Endowment Fund

Office of the Executive Secretary
Fayerweather Hall, Columbia University
New York

TO MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION:

In a bulletin recently mailed to members of the several state committees engaged in helping raise the million dollar endowment for the American Historical Association, it was suggested that the total amount could be obtained and the campaign brought to a close if each member of the Association would raise or contribute \$317.66.

Many of our members are financially able to contribute \$317.66 and even much more. Several have already done so. Those of us receiving small incomes or salaries or having others dependent upon us cannot perhaps contribute this amount. On the other hand we can, I feel certain, get in touch with those who have money and induce them to give.

Why not do this at once? After all, this endowment is for our Association and the income from it will be used for the promotion of those projects in which we are all deeply interested.

In the last analysis the success of the campaign depends upon the enthusiasm and effort of each of us. Let us put our shoulders to the wheel by contributing or pledging our individual share. Contributions and pledges may be sent to any member of the endowment committee of your local district. If sent directly to us, we shall be most happy to report the amount to your local officials.

Attractive leaflets describing the past work and future plans of the Association have been prepared and we shall be glad to send you a supply together with subscription blanks if you will tell us what you wish.

Sincerely yours,

Harry J. Carman

Executive Secretary

March 17, 1927

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION -- COMMITTEE ON ENDOWMENT

Report of the Executive Secretary, May 20, 1927

Your secretary begs to submit the following brief report for the period January 1, 1927 to May 20, 1927.

Organization

The work of organization of state and local committees which was well under way when your secretary assumed his duties has been carried forward as rapidly as possible. In some instances it has been extremely difficult to find the right person or persons to head the work and in certain states little or no progress in the matter of organization has been made. Since January 1, 1927, committees have been organized or completed as follows: Eastern Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York (Southern District), Illinois (Chicago District), North Dakota. Officers have been secured in Florida, Utah, and Wyoming. Your secretary regrets that despite repeated efforts he has been unable to organize Virginia and Western Pennsylvania. In addition the following states are still unorganized: Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nevada, and New Mexico. After a careful survey your secretary believes it would be a waste of both time and effort to try to organize these states at present.

State and District Activities

As might be expected, the activities of the various state and district committees have varied greatly. In some states the committees have been most active and in others quite the reverse. On the basis of reports made to headquarters, the following classification may be made.

Extensive mail campaign carried on with some personal work.

Florida
Kentucky
Michigan
Minnesota
New York, Albany district
New York City
North Carolina
Maryland

Special features arranged

Connecticut
District of Columbia
Illinois, Chicago
Indiana
Columbia University
Minnesota
New York City

Campaign just getting under way, and further results may be expected

Connecticut	Southern New York
Eastern Massachusetts	Eastern Pennsylvania
New Jersey	Wisconsin
Ohio, Cleveland district	Texas
Vermont	Illinois, Chicago district
	North Dakota

Smaller mail campaign carried on, with some personal work

California	Ohio, Cincinnati
Georgia	South Dakota
Iowa	Tennessee
Maine	Washington
Montana	

Committees organized, but no definite plans carried through as yet

Central Ohio
 New Hampshire
 Central New York (partial organization)

Committee officers secured, but little further action taken by them

Alabama	New York, Rochester
Colorado	Oregon
Delaware	Oklahoma
Illinois State	Rhode Island
Missouri	Utah
Nebraska	Wyoming
New York, Buffalo	Western Massachusetts
South Carolina	

This classification is, of course, a somewhat arbitrary one. Undoubtedly in the case of some states reported as inactive, a committee member may have been very active and because he or she did not secure a contribution immediately, the effort was not reported to headquarters. Among those districts which deserve mention as having stressed the personal appeal are Washington, D. C., Indiana, Maryland, and Connecticut. A number of committee men have taken the opportunity to present the matter of the endowment at group meetings called for other purposes. Such groups include conferences of history teachers, gatherings of members of local historical societies, patriotic societies, and civic organizations. It should also be noted that the above classification is based not only on observations the past four months but on a much longer period.

Activities of Central Office

In addition to handling routine correspondence, the central office has prepared and sent to all state committee members and to certain other interested persons a series of news bulletins recording the progress of the endowment. It has also prepared and distributed widely a tentative program in diagram form of how the income might be expended. At the suggestion of Mr. Mims, secretary of the New York committee, a special letter was sent to each member of the Association pointing out that if each one would subscribe or raise \$317.66 our million dollar endowment would be realized. More recently the central office has circularized all prospective contributors in those states which are unorganized. Whenever possible it has also assisted state organizations by helping to secure speakers and offering suggestions in regard to personal interviews with prospective donors, etc. Finally, your secretary has interviewed a number of wealthy persons in and about New York in the hope of securing substantial contributions from them.

Publicity

The publicity which the Association has received during the last four months has been excellent both in respect to amount and distribution. Announcements regarding the work of state committees and editorial endorsements of the Association and of its efforts to raise an endowment continue. Mr. Grady, who has charge of the work, has performed and is still performing an excellent service for the Association.

Results

On the financial side the results to date have been disappointing to those who hoped that our goal would be attained by the end of the present academic year. With the exception of the \$10,000 contribution from Mr. Guggenheim and the \$5,000 contribution from Miss Farr, no large amounts have been received since the first of last January. On the other hand, a large number of smaller gifts have been reported. The following table shows by state or district the quota suggested, the amount subscribed to January 1, 1927, the amount subscribed since that date, and the total. Certain remarks are also appended.

Status of Endowment May 18, 1927

State or District	Quota Suggested	Amount Subscribed to Jan. 1, 1927	Amount Subscribed since Jan. 1, 1927	Total Amount Subscribed to Date	Remarks
Alabama	\$ 6,000	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	Executive secretary reports unable to give time to work and has resigned.
Arizona	1,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	No committee. Circularized from this office.
Arkansas	3,000	5.00	0.00	5.00	No committee.
California	50,000	1,261.00	210.00	1,471.00	No recent report. Efforts confined largely to colleges.
Colorado	10,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	Executive secretary only. Has been away and unable to give time to work of late. Some group meetings were held earlier.
Connecticut	25,000	917.00	565.00 3,518.00#	1,482.00 3,518.00#	Committee now actively at work.
Delaware	3,000	100.00	0.00	100.00	Officers slow to do anything.
Dist. of Columbia	20,000	2,176.28	870.00	3,046.28	Committee still working.
Florida	5,000	0.00	200.00	200.00	Executive secretary working, largely by mail.
Georgia	10,000	65.00	0.00	65.00	Active effort stopped.
Idaho	2,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	No committee. Circularized from this office.
Illinois State	100,000	825.00	0.00	0.00	Officers only.
Illinois, Chicago)	1,510.00	1,510.00	3,075.00#	1,510.00 3,075.00#	Committee engaged in solicitation.
Indiana	50,000	16,280.00	0.00	16,280.00	Still making some effort.

#Pledges not actually received at this office, but represent approximate amounts held in the hands of the local committee.

State or District	Quota Suggested	Amount Subscribed to Jan. 1, 1927	Amount Subscribed since Jan. 1, 1927	Total Amount Subscribed to Date	Remarks
Iowa	\$ 10,000	\$ 210.00	\$ 460.00	\$ 670.00	Mail campaign chiefly. No recent word.
Kansas	7,000	0.00	2.25	2.25	No committee. Circularized from this office.
Kentucky	7,000	312.00	21.00	333.00	Executive secretary active. Little committee support.
Louisiana	5,000	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	No committee.
Maine	5,000	1,035.00	0.00	1,035.00	Work at standstill.
Maryland	15,000	2,866.00	460.00	3,326.00	A good deal of personal solicitation. Work stopped for the present.
Massachusetts Eastern	75,000	4,020.00	345.00	4,365.00	Committee now at work.
Western		1,010.00	100.00	1,110.00	Executive secretary only.
Michigan	50,000	2,955.00	240.00	3,195.00	Personal work still to be done.
Minnesota	20,000	2,400.00	321.00	2,721.00	Committee rather inactive at present.
Mississippi	3,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	No committee.
Missouri	25,000	175.00	0.00	175.00	Officers only. No recent word.
Montana	3,000	25.00	0.00	25.00	Executive secretary has put in a good deal of work.
Nebraska	5,000	15.00	0.00	15.00	Executive secretary only. No recent word.
Nevada	1,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	No committee. Circularized by this office.
New Hampshire	5,000	516.00	100.00	616.00	Thus far, only individual efforts made.

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State or District	Quota Suggested	Amount Subscribed to Jan. 1, 1927	Amount Subscribed since Jan. 1, 1927	Total Amount Subscribed to Date	Remarks
New Jersey	\$ 30,000	\$ 463.00	\$ 76.00	\$ 539.00	Just about to begin operations.
New Mexico	1,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	No committee. Circularized from this office.
New York City	500,000				
City Committee		23,049.00	11,452.66	34,501.66	Work not yet complete.
Columbia		5,334.35	310.00	5,644.35	Work completed.
Academic		65.00	200.00	265.00	No present activity.
New York					
Albany Dist.	10,000	0.00	1.00	1.00	Work still going on.
			893.70 #	893.70 #	
Buffalo	10,000	250.00	0.00	250.00	No committee.
Central	10,000	505.00	0.00	505.00	Getting under way.
Rochester	10,000	0.00	102.00	102.00	Executive secretary.
Southern	10,000	136.00	145.00	281.00	Committee just completed.
North Carolina	15,000	885.00	100.00	985.00	Active effort stopped.
North Dakota	3,000	0.00	100.00	100.00	Work under way.
Ohio	80,000				
Cincinnati		425.00	430.00	855.00	Active effort over.
Cleveland		250.00	0.00	250.00	Work not under way.
Columbus		450.00	101.42	551.42	No active effort.
Oklahoma	6,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	No plans reported.
Oregon	7,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	No interest.
Pennsylvania	125,000				
Eastern		2,139.25	590.00	2,729.25	Committee at work
			500.00 #	500.00 #	
Western		55.00	0.00	55.00	No committee. Circularized from this office.
Rhode Island	7,000	2,125.00	0.00	2,125.00	Executive secretary only.
South Carolina	5,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	No committee
South Dakota	3,000	0.00	305.00	305.00	Still working.
Tennessee	7,000	40.00	0.00	40.00	Committee inactive.

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State or District	Quota Suggested	Amount Subscribed to Jan. 1, 1927	Amount Subscribed since Jan. 1, 1927	Total Amount Subscribed to Date	Remarks
Texas	\$ 25,000	\$ 80.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 130.00	Getting under way.
Utah	1,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	No recent word. Executive secretary only.
Vermont	3,000	250.00	5,000.00	5,250.00	Getting under way.
Virginia	15,000	111.75	110.00	221.75	No committee. Circularized from this office.
Washington	10,000	40.00	5.00	45.00	No organized effort now going on.
West Virginia	7,000	130.00	0.00	130.00	Little interest in state.
Wisconsin	25,000	645.00	25.00	670.00	Circularizing now being done.
Wyoming	1,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	No response from executive secretary.
Outside U. S.		425.50	10.00	435.50	
Unknown Source		100.00		100.00	
	<u>1,447,000</u>	<u>76,682.13</u>	<u>52,951.03</u>	<u>109,583.16</u>	

The above figures give the direct individual subscriptions.

In addition there is the \$25,000 gift from the Carnegie Corporation, the \$10,000 gift for expenses, and certain special funds such as the William A. Dunning bequest, etc., amounting in all to about \$50,000.

That the amount to date is not larger is to be accounted for in part by the fact that until this enterprise was launched the Association and its work were practically unknown to the American public. Moreover, the enterprise has been forced to compete with dozens of fund-raising projects such as appeals for Y.M.C.A., and hospital, community chest and university drives, etc., all of which have a greater emotional appeal. This has made it very difficult to get satisfactory results from a mail campaign. And we must not overlook the fact that many members of our state committees have either been too busy or else are not fitted by temperament to solicit funds personally.

Viewed from an educational standpoint and with the future of the Association in mind, I believe we are accomplishing excellent results. Money we want, but the desirability of educating the public is scarcely less urgent. If by education we can make the average citizen realize the value of history and the importance of its study in a democracy, then money will eventually follow.

The Future

Despite our financial showing I strongly believe we should continue with the enterprise as it is now organized. Money still continues to come in and the correspondence from various parts of the country indicates that some committees are either just beginning their efforts or else are planning to get under way in the fall. Consequently it would seem most unwise to stop our efforts at this time.

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION -- COMMITTEE ON ENDOWMENT

Financial Report, May 20, 1927

Balance available January 1, 1927				\$4,883.17
	Paid to May 14	Estimates to June 1	Totals	
Bills incurred in 1926	\$ 97.26	\$	\$ 97.26	
Executive Secretary	1,000.00	250.00	1,250.00	
Publicity	1,200.00	300.00	1,500.00	
Stenographic Service	1,080.00	80.00	1,160.00	
Travelling Expenses	3.80	50.00	53.80	
Conferences	-----	8.00	8.00	
Postage	140.78	20.00	160.78	
Office expenses	81.96	28.00	109.96	
Printing & Stationery	110.27	18.75	129.02	
Other Committees	465.75	50.00	515.75	
	<u>\$4,179.82</u>	<u>\$804.75</u>	<u>\$4,984.57</u>	<u>4,984.57</u>

Estimated Deficit --- \$ 101.40

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting,
May 20, 1927

The Executive Committee of the Committee on Endowment met at the Faculty House, Columbia University, on Friday, May 20th, at 1:00 P. M., with Messrs. Munro, Carman, Krehbiel, Mims, Brown, Jameson, and Moore present. Professor Munro, as Vice Chairman of the Committee, presided.

Mr. Carman submitted a detailed report concerning the status of the endowment work which on motion was unanimously approved.

The following matters were then taken up: Continuance of Work; Appointment of a Chairman; Beveridge Memorial; Dr. Schmidt's Suggestion concerning a Special Trust Fund.

After some discussion the following budget to cover the next four months of the work was adopted and the Vice Chairman and Secretary directed to submit it to the Council of the Association for approval:

Estimated Deficit June 1st	\$101.40
Secretarial Assistance	510.00
Postage	75.00
Office Expense	50.00
Special Publicity	100.00
State Committees and Contingencies	363.60
Total -----	\$1200.00

In connection with the budget discussion Professor Munro and Mr. Carman expressed their willingness to look after the work of the central office until October 1st without remuneration.

After due consideration a publicity proposal made by the firm of Benjamin and Dietrich was on motion tabled.

The question of Mr. Beveridge's successor was then taken up, the executive secretary presenting in this connection the suggestions made by various members of the National Advisory Committee and others. After a lengthy discussion Mr. Mims moved that the Vice Chairman appoint a committee of three consisting of himself and two others to select a Chairman. The consensus of opinion seemed to be that this committee should invite Mr. Dwight W. Morrow, and in case of his refusal, it should then wait upon Mr. David F. Houston and Mr. Claude G. Bowers, in the order named.

A motion was made and adopted that Professor Munro and Mr. Carman constitute a committee of two to formulate plans for a Beveridge Memorial Fund.

The motion by Dean Brown that the Endowment Committee suggest to the Council of the Association the advisability of appointing a Board of Trustees to hold all funds received by the Endowment Committee was seconded by Mr. Moore and unanimously adopted.

On behalf of the Council of Learned Societies Dr. Jameson informed the Committee that the proposed research study regarding the origins of the American people was at last taking shape and that the Council hoped that it might secure the funds for the study from Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Dr. Jameson said that the Council of Learned Societies, however, was reluctant to discuss the matter further with Mr. Rockefeller if the Committee on Endowment felt that such discussion would in any way interfere with its activities. The Committee thereupon unanimously adopted the following resolution:

That the Endowment Committee of the American Historical Association believes that a thorough and disinterested historical investigation of the national origins of the population of the United States, determining more closely than heretofore the numerical proportions in which the different national or linguistic stocks have entered into its composition, ought presently to be undertaken, and would be of high value to many historical and social studies;

That the Committee cordially approves the plan which has been formed for such investigation by a committee of the American Council of Learned Societies;

That Mr. Jameson, representing the American Historical Association in that Council and committee, is authorized and requested to solicit from Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., suitable funds for such investigation, to be entrusted to the treasurer of the American Historical Association for the use of the American Council of Learned Societies.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 P. M.

Harry J. Carman
Executive Secretary of the
Committee on Endowment

May 25, 1927

June 7, 1927

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Hooper, Mrs. A. H. P.

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AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND

I N T H E D A Y ' S N E W S

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Committee on Endowment was held at the Faculty House, Columbia University, on May 20th. A report of progress to date was submitted and plans for the continuance of the work were discussed at some length. Professor D. C. Munro, Dr. J. Franklin Jameson, and Mr. Stewart L. Mims were appointed a committee of three to select a chairman to succeed Mr. Beveridge. A motion was adopted that Professor Munro and Mr. Carman constitute a committee of two to formulate plans for a Beveridge Memorial Fund. It was also moved that the Endowment Committee suggest to the Council of the Association the advisability of appointing a Board of Trustees to hold all funds received by the Committee on Endowment.

Under Mr. John F. Nields of Wilmington, Chairman, and Professor James A. Barkley of the University of Delaware, Executive Secretary, plans for launching the campaign of the American Historical Association in Delaware are now taking shape. On September 20th the Old Town Hall of Wilmington, recently restored for the use of the Historical Society of Delaware, is to be officially opened, and a meeting in the interest of the Association and the endowment project will probably be held there.

A fine, representative committee of some fifty members with President Henry N. MacCracken of Vassar as Chairman and Dr. J. Wilson Poucher of Poughkeepsie as Executive Secretary has recently been formed for the southern district of New York. Mr. Thomas W. Barrett, also of Poughkeepsie, will serve as Treasurer. Work for the endowment is now under way there and very good results are to be expected.

Two other states in which definite endowment activities are now being carried on are Vermont and Wisconsin. Vermont is at present conducting a drive for funds, and Wisconsin is engaged in extensive circularization of prospects.

Money has been coming in this summer. During the last few weeks two substantial gifts, one of \$4,000 and one of \$1,000, have been received from Indiana. Another \$1,000 contribution has come from Mr. Louis Marshall of New York.

REMEMBER THAT IF EACH MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION WOULD RAISE OR CONTRIBUTE \$317.66, OUR GOAL WOULD BE REACHED. WHY NOT ACT NOW?

609 Fayerweather
Columbia University
August 19, 1927

Harry J. Carman
Executive Secretary

September 22, 1927

Prof. Harry J. Carman
Fayerweather Hall
Columbia University
New York City

Dear Carman:-

Blegen has just shown me a letter from Professor Conrad Peterson of Gustavus Adolphus College at St. Peter, in which he states that on September 7 he sent to the A.H.A. office in Washington a check for eighty dollars to complete the payment of his life membership and that no acknowledgment has been received as yet. Probably the explanation of this is that Miss Washington has been away on her vacation, but it seems to me that the Association ought to make some arrangements to have such matters taken care of promptly.

I was much pleased at your recent report of progress and hope that the good work will go on. There is some prospect that something more may be done in Minnesota this fall.

Sincerely yours

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HARRY J. CARMAN, *Executive Secretary*

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American Historical Association Endowment Fund

Office of the Executive Secretary
Fayerweather Hall, Columbia University
New York

September 26, 1927

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

Dear Buck:

Yours of the twenty-second has just reached me. I am sorry that the Conrad Peterson check wasn't acknowledged, but I judge that your explanation of why it wasn't is the correct one. I will write Miss Washington at once about the matter. Such slips should not occur because they leave a sour taste.

We have received \$1550 from Indiana since we sent you the bulletin on August 19th. I shower blessings on Coleman a dozen times a day.

We are head over heels in work with registration and the opening exercises. I will write you more in detail one of these days.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Harry J. Carman

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January 5, 1928.

Dear Sir:

I beg to inform you that, by vote of the Executive Council, you have been appointed a member of the Committee on Endowment for the year 1928.

I beg that you will notify me of your acceptance of the appointment at your early convenience. A list of the members of the committee is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

P. W. Washington
Assistant Secretary.

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

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AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND

I N T H E D A Y ' S N E W S

Since our last news letter was sent out the endowment work has gone steadily forward. At a meeting of the Executive Council of the American Historical Association held in November, Professor John S. Bassett was appointed Vice Chairman of the Committee on Endowment to succeed Professor Dana C. Munro who felt it necessary to resign from that office because of the pressure of other duties connected with the Association.

Between Christmas and New Year's the annual meeting of the Association was held in Washington, D. C. and the Endowment Committee was well represented there. A report of our progress to date was submitted at the session of the Council and it was unanimously voted that the work as now organized should continue. The requisite appropriation was therefore granted and plans for further publicity, etc. were made.

From the viewpoint of our Fund, however, the most encouraging features of the meeting were the two substantial gifts which it brought forth: \$50,000 from Mrs. Albert J. Beveridge of Indianapolis and \$25,000 from Mrs. Frank T. Griswold of Radnor, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Griswold's contribution is to be set aside as a special fund within the Endowment.

But even aside from these two generous gifts which should certainly prove an impetus to all of us, we have received considerable money during the past few months. Eight contributions of \$1,000 each have come in since the middle of August, as well as a number of smaller contributions. Of these eight gifts, one comes from Dr. George C. F. Williams of Hartford, Connecticut, Chairman of our Connecticut Committee, one from Mr. Samuel Mather of Cleveland, Ohio, and one from the Hon. James B. Wilbur of Manchester, Vermont. The remaining five are all from Indiana and are for the most part anonymous. They will, of course, constitute an addition to the Beveridge Memorial Fund which is to be a part of the general Endowment. The first award of this Fund will probably be made in the near future and will go to aid historical research in a field of recent American social history.

Of the committees which have been especially active for some months past Connecticut, Eastern Pennsylvania, and Indiana deserve mention. In these districts the work continued practically uninterruptedly even during the summer season. Dr. Fred Morrow Fling of the University of Nebraska, our Executive Secretary for the state, has just written us that he is now putting on an intensive campaign of circularization. In the Southern New York district also circularization has lately been done, and the executive officers in the state of New Jersey are conducting an enthusiastic campaign of personal solicitation which has already begun to bear fruit.

From this record it is very apparent that we are making steady progress. The outlook for the future is encouraging. Let us lose no opportunity to push the work forward as rapidly as possible during the coming months.

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Harry J. Carman
Executive Secretary

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It has seemed to some of those who took part in the recent "Jameson Dinner" that their colleagues and friends who could not be present would be interested in the enclosed souvenir of a notable gathering. This special number of the American Historical Review, issued without the imprimatur of the Managing Editor, contains a few of the many expressions of respect and affection which came to the guest of honor from every section of the United States, from Canada, and from colleagues across the Atlantic.

About sixty-five persons took part in the dinner, including two from Chicago, one from Minnesota, and two from North Carolina. The presence of two Saratoga pioneers of 1884 was a source of special satisfaction.

In the "Notes and News" (page 8) of the Review will be found a reference to the "Jameson Fund", which has been authorized by the Executive Council of the American Historical Association. It is believed that many will welcome this opportunity to express, not only their appreciation of generous service in the past, but also their confidence in the future of the Association.

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AN AMBASSADOR WRITES

It is hard for me to think of anyone who has rendered a greater service to the Nation in the last quarter of a century than has Dr. Jameson. We have so few men who are willing to look a long distance backward, and a long distance forward. Dr. Jameson is one of those men. Moreover, he has been instrumental—perhaps more instrumental than any other man of our time—in increasing the breed. Long life to him and to his kind.

DWIGHT W. MORROW

ANOTHER AMBASSADOR WRITES

In the course of his long career, the middle of which he has barely reached for he will live a hundred years, he has put innumerable students under obligation by his tuition, his advice, his example. I am of their number. . . . one who is the living embodiment of the motto of the American Historical Society: "Super omnia veritas."

JEAN JULES JUSSERAND

A PINCH OF ATTIC SALT

Many years ago, in the Mauve Decade, when I was a student in the University of Wisconsin, I once asked Turner: "What is your opinion of Professor Jameson?" He replied: "Jameson? Why, Jameson is the salt of the earth." He was, as I had discovered, one of the Wise Men of the East who had made Original Contributions to Knowledge, than which, at that time, no higher claim to distinction was known to me. and now when my students ask, as they often do: "What is your opinion of Dr. Jameson?" I can think of no better way of expressing all I feel than just to repeat what Turner said thirty years ago: "Jameson? Why, Jameson is the salt of the earth." And I might add: "No trace of sugar ever discovered."

CARL BECKER

MINOR NOTICES

One curious feature of Johnson's style of historical composition remains to be noted. This is his habit of inserting in his narrative bits of original verse. The earliest colonial writers were somewhat addicted to this habit . . . But few among them all had it in a more aggravated form than the author of the "Wonder-Working Providence".¹ His book contains no less than sixty-eight poems. The present writer has read them all, with the pious care of a lineal descendant, and can confidently state that they are all very bad.

Jameson, *The History of Historical Writing in America*, p. 38.

¹ *The Wonder-Working Providence of Zion's Saviour in New England*. Captain Edward Johnson, London, 1654.

MINOR NOTICES

Certain traits which are characteristic or frequent in the lives of medieval saints are absent or curiously infrequent in those of America. They are not records of austerities and macerations. The Methodist circuit-rider came eating and drinking. The chickens fled at his approach.

Jameson, *The American Acta Sanctorum*. *American Historical Review*. Vol. 13, p. 295

MINOR NOTICES

Very likely the stories regarding the roystering and fox-hunting Virginia parsons of the eighteenth century are exaggerated. Probably we must not regard as typical the one who, after dinner every Sunday with the chief planter of his neighborhood, was tied in his chaise and sent home with a servant, nor that other and most humorous man of God who, after thrashing his vestry soundly, added insult to injury by preaching to them next day from the text, "And I contended with them, and cursed them, and smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair."

Jameson, *The American Revolution Considered As a Social Movement*.
p. 135.

PERSONAL

J. Franklin Jameson, who is widely and favorably known to the general public for his *Dictionary of United States History*, has been appointed the first incumbent of the new chair of American History at the Library of Congress recently made possible by the gift of Mr. William Evarts Benjamin.

NOTES AND NEWS

JAMESON FUND

This is an idea furnished by John Spencer Bassett. At his suggestion the Council has voted to establish a Jameson Fund, unlimited as to purpose and a part of the Endowment Fund. The income is to be used for such historical purposes as the Council may vote. At the time of this first announcement it is gratifying to be able to state that \$1,700 has already been subscribed.

SOME JAMESON BOOKS

Willem Usselinx

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Dictionary of United States History

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Correspondence of John C. Calhoun

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