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The Campus Club

University of Minnesota

Minneapolis

Sept. 1, 1927

To Members of the Campus Club:

The past year has been very successful for the Campus Club. We feel that the Club has rendered greater service than formerly. Financially, we have had the best year in our history. We have been able to start the fund with which we will build our own home. This coming year with the \$5 increase in dues we should be able to invest considerably more than last year.

We aim to make the Club as serviceable to each member as is possible. Mr. Hale, our manager, has requested that all members be very free to make criticisms or suggestions regarding any department at any time.

One of the items of business to be taken up at the annual meeting (time to be announced later) is the question as to whether the club is justified in continuing regular evening dinner service. We would appreciate an expression of your opinion either by letter or at the meeting.

We hope that Club members will extend a cordial invitation to all new faculty men of their acquaintance to avail themselves of the privileges of the Club.

The Dining rooms will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, Monday, September 26.

The Board of Directors

John T. Tate
President.

October 20, 1927.

To Members of The Campus Club:

You are invited to attend the regular annual meeting to be held in the Club, Thursday, October 27, at eight o'clock.

Besides other business the enclosed proposed amendment to the By-laws will be considered.

All members are urged to attend, voting privilege only, being reserved for regular members.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS

It is proposed to amend the by-laws by adding thereto a new article as follows:

ARTICLE XI. - Building Fund

A Building Fund is hereby established which shall be used for the provision and furnishing of a new club house, at such time and in such manner as may be determined by the members of the Club at any annual meeting or at any special meeting called for such purpose.

The Building Fund shall, in addition to the provision of Article 9, Section 6, hereof, include all sums appropriated for that purpose by the Board of Directors. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appropriate from time to time and as frequently as they may deem practicable all surplus moneys of the club to the Building Fund.

The Building Fund shall be held until needed for the purpose above described, by a Building Fund Committee of three persons, one, the president ex-officio, and two other members of the Club elected by the Board of Directors. The Committee shall report to the Board of Directors at its regular meetings and to the members of the Club at each annual meeting and to the Board or members at any special meetings on request, the current condition of the Building Fund and its investments for the approval of the meeting.

Subject to such report and approval the Committee shall manage, invest and accumulate the Fund, having in mind the safety of the Fund and its availability for use not later than the year 1935.

January 19, 1927

Mr. Dana H. Ferrin, Secretary
The Century Company
353 Fourth Ave.,
New York City

Dear Mr. Ferrin:-

Enclosed herewith I am sending
you one of the copies of the contract, duly
signed, for the book on the history of the West
that Mr. Shippee and I are planning to write.

Thank you very much for the
attractively printed Poor Richard's Almanac that
you sent me by way of Christmas greetings from
the Century Company. I am very glad indeed to
have it.

Sincerely yours

B/P

*For contract + earlier cover
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JAN 24 1927

DANA H. FERRIN
SECRETARY



THE CENTURY CO.
353 FOURTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

January 22, 1927

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

My dear Professor Buck:

We are glad indeed to receive the signed copy of the contract with you and Mr. Shippee covering your proposed book on The History of the West. Thank you much.

Very sincerely yours,

Dana H. Ferrin

DHF:R

Century

January 13, 1928

Mr. Dana H. Ferrin
The Century Co.,
353 Fourth Ave.,
New York City

Dear Mr. Ferrin:-

Thank you for remembering me with a copy of the Meditations of Marcus Aurelius. It is an attractive little book and I am very glad to have it.

Shippee and I are making some progress on our History of the West, but we are not yet ready to predict when it will be finished.

Sincerely yours

B/P

DANA H. FERRIN
SECRETARY

JAN 16 1928



THE CENTURY CO.
353 FOURTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

January 16, 1928

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

Thank you for your generous
word of appreciation of our little Christmas
remembrance.

It is good to hear that you
and Mr. Shippee are at work on your History of
the West. More power to you in your efforts.

Sincerely yours,

Dana H. Ferrin

DHF:R

DANA H. FERRIN
SECRETARY



THE CENTURY CO.
353 FOURTH AVENUE
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September 14, 1928

Professor Solon J. Buck
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Professor Buck:

In answer to the many queries coming from our authors as to the form in which we prefer to have manuscripts submitted, the enclosed pamphlet, Suggestions to Century Authors, has been prepared. Obviously this is not intended as a complete style sheet, nor is it being sent to you as a set of specifications. As the title indicates, it is a leaflet of suggestions, and as such it is hoped that it will be of service in the preparation of the manuscript which you have been so good as to agree to publish with The Century Co.

Very sincerely yours,

Dana H. Ferrin

January 13, 1928

Professor Edward P. Cheyney
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Cheyney:-

Your report at the business meeting of the American Historical Association on the revolving fund for publication interested me very much, and I feel a certain amount of responsibility in connection with it because I had some part in the negotiations that preceded the grant from the Carnegie Corporation. It seems to me that if we restrict the publications to books that will probably pay for themselves in the long run, the number will necessarily be very limited because books which offer a prospect of profit will be taken by the regular publishers. I was under the impression that Dr. Keppel expected us to use part at least of the money for books that might not pay for themselves but would be likely to return a considerable portion at least of their cost and, if I recall correctly, he intimated that the fund would doubtless become exhausted in the course of time and that, if the results were good, a request for a renewal would be favorably entertained. On the whole, it seems to me that it would be better to take risks of diminishing the fund rather than to fail to make use of it.

I understand, of course, that the fund should not be used primarily as a means of publication for doctors' theses, but it seems to me that the fact that a work happens to be a doctor's thesis ought not to be a bar to its favorable consideration, and I happen to know that there are a number of unpublished theses in American history that would certainly be valuable contributions to knowledge, and some of them, I think, might have a fairly good sale if properly advertised. While the need of such a fund was under consideration by the Committee on Endowment, I wrote to a number of people for the purpose of getting suggestions as to possible works for such publication and a report on the subject as well as the correspondence is on file in the office of the Endowment Committee. I am not sure, however, that anyone but myself could find the material. I recall that Professor F. J. Turner wrote me about a number of unpublished theses at Harvard and stated that some provision for the publication of such material would be, in his opinion, very desirable, as otherwise the results of the extensive research are unavailable and much time is wasted in doing over again work that has already been done. I know of a number of unpublished University of Chicago theses also that seem to me to be valuable contributions.

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A Radcliffe thesis prepared under Professor Turner's direction and not yet published is "American Foreign Commerce, 1825 - 1850" by Dr. Grace Lee Nute. Miss Nute is now curator of manuscripts for the Minnesota Historical Society and I asked her to prepare a statement about the thesis. She has done so and it is enclosed herewith for your consideration as a possible publication of the revolving fund. I have not read the thesis myself but I know that Miss Nute is a thoroughly competent scholar and the subject matter and treatment, as indicated by her statement, lead me to believe that the work might have enough sale to pay for itself.

I wonder if the members of the Association are generally aware of the existence of this fund. I seem to recall a brief note about it in the American Historical Review, but it seems to me that a circular letter or some other method of calling it effectively to the attention of the working members of the Association might stimulate some of them to propose publication of existing manuscripts or to produce others suitable for the purpose.

Somewhere I have notes on unpublished theses in American history at Harvard and at Chicago, and, if you would care to have me do so, I could send you the titles of a number of them.

Sincerely yours

B/P

FEB 6 1928

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February 3, 1928.

Prof. Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Soc.
St Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Buck:

I was very much interested in your letter of January 13, and am thankful for a number of your suggestions. I did not mean to give the impression that we would publish only books that will pay. I agree with you, and I understand it was the wish of the Carnegie Corporation, that the Fund should be exhausted, — except that the exhaustion would be a somewhat slow process, postponed by a certain amount of returns from the books published.

Nor did I mean that we would not publish any work that was already a Ph.D. thesis. My understanding is that large monographs would have a precedence over the smaller works that usually fulfill the requirements for a Doctor's degree. I shall be very glad to have the names of possible works for publication in the records of the Endowment Committee, if opportunity ever offers for you to extract them. I shall also like to have your notes on unpublished theses at Harvard and Chicago; although some plan would have to be worked out for their publication.

I may say that since the business meeting at Washington a number of proposals have been sent in, and we have now to consider as possible, at least, four or five promising works. Your suggestion of a circular letter to the Members of the Association is a good one, but our business just now seems so prosperous that this device might be left till next Fall. If you see Miss Nute would you ask her to send me some ~~description~~ ^{statement} of how large a work her thesis on " American Foreign Commerce " would make. Her description of its contents is quite adequate, but in order that the Committee may judge whether it is worthwhile to submit it, they ought to know something more about its form ~~and bulk etc.~~

Yours very truly,

E. Cheyney

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Minneapolis, June 2, 1927

Dr S J Buck
Historical Library
St Paul

My dear Dr Buck,

I am sorry I cannot attend
the seminar Saturday morning. I have an
appointment I must keep ^{at 10:30} and cannot change
because the interview must take place on the
train as it passes from St Paul to Minneapolis
enroute to the Coast.

The typist will have my report ready Saturday
morning at 9. I will mail it to you at the
library if that is satisfactory to you. If not, will
you have your secretary telephone me at Densmore
3656? Yours very truly
Elizabeth Claxahan (346 Harvard SE)

January 11, 1928

Mr. Christopher B. Coleman
Indiana Historical Bureau
334 State House
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Coleman:-

I am not sure just what your plans are with reference to the publication of a report of the Conference of Historical Societies. Shearer told me that my paper would be published by the Bibliographical Society, so I assume that you certainly will not want to publish it in full. If you are getting up an account of the meeting, however, an abstract of the paper may be of some use to you, and I am sending you one herewith. A copy of this abstract and of the paper itself have also been sent to Paulin for use, I suppose, in preparing the general account of the meeting for the American Historical Review.

I am not sure that I thanked you for sending me the book on Fort Wayne. I appreciated it anyway and shall be glad to reciprocate whenever we have anything that interests you.

You will be interested to know that Senator Shipstead and most of our congressmen have replied to my letters concerning the territorial papers and indicated their intention to support the project.

Sincerely yours

B/P

See also Indiana

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January 30
1928

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

My dear Buck:

I am late in acknowledging the abstract of your paper at the Conference of Historical Societies. I am putting this in the report of the Conference which I expect to send to Miss Washington soon.

Cole and I both agreed that ordinarily the papers at the Conference of Historical Societies could await publication as well as many other papers read in the A.H.A. meeting, so we are not ourselves printing separate reports. Instead, we are ordering a couple of hundred reprints to be delivered after the annual report of the A.H.A. is printed.

I am glad to hear that the Minnesota senators and congressmen are generally favorable to the printing of the Territorial papers. It looks as though we might get it through.

With best wishes, I remain

Very truly yours,

Christopher B. Coleman
Director

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OCT 13 1928

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October 12, 1928.

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

My dear Buck:

I am sending as persuasive a message to General Lord and Secretary Kellogg as I can concoct, urging that the chief of the Division of Publications be kept in the present classification.

I am putting you down on the program of the American Historical Association as chairman of the joint meeting of the American Historical Association and the Agricultural History Society, of which you are the Honorable President. This is Saturday morning, December 29. You may also be called on to preside at the joint dinner of the Agricultural History Society with the Mississippi Valley Historical Association Friday evening at six. I am awaiting word from the latter organization. It may want Ramsdell to preside but, owing to the present unrest among the farmers, I think it would be desirable to give that honor to the leader of the agrarian movement.

With best wishes, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Christopher B. Coleman

Chairman, Program Committee
American Historical Association

CBC:K

67 Barton Ave. S. E.

November 30, 1928

Extension Division
Columbia University
New York City

Gentlemen:-

Will you kindly inform me whether or not it is possible to purchase copies of Dixon Ryan Fox, The Historical Essay and the Critical Review, published over your copyright in 1931? If so, I should like to know what a dozen copies would cost and from whom they may be purchased.

Very truly yours

B/P

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MANAGER

December 6, 1928.

Mr. Solon J. Buck
University of Minnesota
67 Barton Ave., S. E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Buck

In reply to your recent inquiry we are sending you herewith a folder illustrating a number of book plates which we can supply you at the rate of:

\$3.00 for 50 plates
4.00 " 100 "
5.00 " 200 "

Size of the actual plate is about 3" x 3".

When ordering please let us have the number and print your name in full as you wish it to appear on the plate.

Your order accompanied with check will receive our prompt attention.

Very truly yours

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY PRESS BOOKSTORE

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Alfred Hartog', is written over the printed name of the manager.

Manager

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December 17, 1928

Columbia University Press Bookstore
2960 Broadway
New York City

Attention Mr. Alfred Hartog, Manager

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of your letter of December 6 in which you send me information concerning bookplates, and thank that you are doing so in response to a recent inquiry. As I have made no inquiry concerning bookplates, I presume that some confusion has arisen in your office. I did inquire on November 30 of the Extension Division of Columbia University for information as to whether or not it is possible to purchase copies of Dixon Ryan Fox, The Historical Essay and the Critical Review, published in 1921 over the copyright of the Extension Division. If you can furnish me information on this point, it will be much appreciated.

Very truly yours

B/P

From

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To

Mr. Solon J. Buck
University of Minnesota
67 Barton Ave., S.E.
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December 21, 1928.

Dear Sir

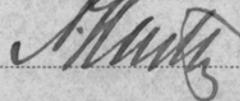
We wish to thank you for your recent inquiry. In reply we take pleasure in quoting as follows:

FOX: The Historical Essay and the Critical Review 12 copies \$9.15

Prices include postage. Your order accompanied by check or money order will receive prompt attention.

Very truly yours

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'A. M. ...', is written over a horizontal dotted line.

MAR 29 1928

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

March 26, 1928

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I believe Mr. Blegen has already called your attention to my letter of last week concerning a series of American Travel. The possibility of bringing out such a series has been brewing in my mind for some time. It has appeared to me that there is a very real void to be filled here, and a very real opportunity for making more accessible the materials for the study of American social history. Mr. Blegen suggested to me last year that the chiefest difficulty would be to interest some publisher in the publication of such a series. I have reason to believe that Harper Bros. are willing to entertain the project now, though of course it has not been possible for them to go further than to indicate a receptive attitude.

Of course it is quite unnecessary for me to go over ground which must be so thoroughly familiar to you as this is. I imagine your work on the Bibliography of American Travel has given you a complete intimacy with the whole range of travel literature, domestic and

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foreign. My earlier letter to Mr. Blegen, a copy of which I am sure he can show you, will give you some general idea of the field we hoped to cover and the manner in which we thought we might cover it. It is scarcely necessary for me to do more, now, than to invite your cooperation and advice. I feel myself woefully incompetent to undertake anything of this sort. I feel that I can hardly draw up an intelligent prospectus to submit to Harper Bros. without assistance and advice from yourself or Mr. Blegen. Unfortunately Mr. Blegen feels that he cannot afford to give any of his time to the matter at present. I wonder if I may ask you to give me the benefit of your wide knowledge and editorial competency in connection with the projection of such a Series.

If Harper Bros are willing to go through with this project, and you are able to lend your time and effort, I shall warmly recommend that they ask you to take charge of the editorial work, and permit me to work under your direction. Without the aid of either yourself or Mr. Blegen I do not feel that I can go on with the matter at all.

If you are interested in this matter, I wonder if you would send me at your earliest convenience a tentative list of volumes, arranged preferably by decade, which I might submit to Harper's. If you think a topical or

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sectional arrangement would be better, perhaps you would be good enough to work one out that I could submit to the publishers. I would like to know, too, whether you think the volumes should be limited to foreign travel, or whether they should include some of the domestic accounts. The latter would bring in such important volumes as those of F. L. Olmstead. (though I think Putnam published a couple of them early in the century).

There are any number of other questions which come to mind at once, of course. Some of them I have suggested in my letters to Mr. Blegen. It is unnecessary to go into any detail at present, of course. A general plan is all that is needed now, and one which might hold some prospect of marketability to the publisher. It is not at all certain that Harper Bros. are prepared to go any further with the matter, but in any event it seems worth trying. Do you not think so?

Very sincerely yours,

Henry Counger

Return this
letter to
J. G. B.

March 28, 1928

Mr. Henry Commager
New York University
Washington Square College
Washington Square East
New York City

Dear Mr. Commager:-

Blegen has left on my desk his recent correspondence with you concerning a series of travel reprints and I have read it with much interest. Our arrangements have been such during the past term that Blegen and I have seen very little of each other. He did mention this matter to me one day when we happened to meet, but we did not have time to talk about it very much. It happens that I have had in mind for several years the possibility of editing a series of travel reprints, but have had so many other things to do that I have not worked out the plans in any detail nor taken the matter up with any publisher.

As you may know, I have had charge for some years of a Bibliography of Travel that is being compiled under the auspices of the American Historical Association. Cards have been assembled -- mostly Library of Congress cards -- for seven or eight thousand items, and part of them have been annotated. The work was held up for a while for lack of funds, but an appropriation was made by the association at its last meeting and there is some prospect that another organization may join in supporting the work, in which case it will go forward more rapidly. In view of my interest in this field, the Minnesota Historical Society has purchased travel books very extensively in recent years and these, added to the extensive collection that it already had, makes it especially strong in this field.

My own interest in travel goes back, as you may know, to the bibliography of Illinois Travel and Description that I compiled for publication as volume IX of the Illinois Historical Collections (1914).

I have not had time to consider the details of a plan for such a series, but it seems to me that a combination of chronological and sectional arrangement could be worked out. On the whole, however, I think it would be desirable to have the series a rather loose one, with each volume or each work a unit in itself. In some cases it might be desirable to devote two volumes to a single work. I doubt also the desirability of having them contain a uniform number of pages, which would require cutting the material arbitrarily rather on a basis of merit. An approximate uniformity of thickness could be attained, if desirable, by using thinner paper for the longer works.

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I think that the interests of the research worker as well as those of the general reader should be kept in mind, but I agree with you that extensive annotations is undesirable.

As for the illustrations, I should be inclined to reproduce those in the original or to draw upon contemporaneous books of travel. As for the translations, I quite agree with you that if old ones are used they should be extensively revised, not only from the point of view of style but also from that of accuracy.

It is my opinion that no difficulty would be experienced in finding competent people to edit the individual volumes, and I should think that the series as a whole might have considerable sale.

It might be added that there are a great many very interesting travel books in foreign languages that have never been translated into English, and some of them, in my opinion, should be included in such a series.

I cannot say in advance, of course, whether or not I should be willing to undertake the general editorship of such a series, because that would depend upon various conditions, but, if Harpers are interested in having me do so, I should be glad to have them take the matter up with me. Dean Ford, who is editing a series for Harpers, would doubtless be glad to give them his opinion with reference to my qualifications for such a project.

Sincerely yours

B/P

March 30, 1928

Mr. Henry Commager
New York University
Washington Square College
Washington Square East
New York City

Dear Mr. Commager:-

Your letter of March 26 was received the day after my letter of March 28 was written.

It seems to me that it would be unwise to work out any detailed plans in advance of consultation with the publishers, as their ideas would largely determine the nature of the plans. For example, it would be possible for me to plan a closely integrated series of almost any number of volumes, but it might be that the publishers would prefer a flexible series that could be developed as the demand might justify. Moreover, I do not feel like submitting a plan until I have had some intimation from the publishers, not only that they are interested in the project, but that they might want me to assume the general editorship.

If I should undertake such a project, either for Harpers or for some other publishers, I should be very glad to have your assistance if it can be arranged, either on the general editorial work or in the editing of individual volumes.

There is no question but that ample material both interesting and historically significant is available for such a series. It seems to me at present that it should certainly include the accounts of domestic as well as of foreign travelers and, on the whole, I should be inclined to put in the less well known works, including some previously untranslated, rather than the well known accounts that are already available in most large libraries. In many cases these accounts are little known only because they were issued in small editions and have long been out of print; often they are more interesting and more valuable than the better known works. A list of such works, however, would not mean much to Harpers unless each item were described in considerable detail and that would seem to me to be a matter for a later stage in planning the project. As an indication of the amount of material available, however, attention might be called to my bibliography of Illinois Travel and Description (Illinois Historical Collections, vol. IX), which lists most of the travelers who visited the middle west during the century from 1765 to 1865.

As I indicated in my previous letter, if Harpers care to take up the matter with me, I shall be glad to discuss it with them and to submit plans, but, if they are not interested, I shall probably take up the matter with some other publisher in the near future.

H. C. 3/30/28 -- 3

I appreciate your thinking of me in connection with this project; and, although I do not have quite the intimacy with travel literature that you attribute to me, I expect to acquire more as the work on the bibliography of travel proceeds, and I am sufficiently familiar with the field to be certain that it has great possibilities.

Sincerely yours

B/P

APR 16 1928

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April 16, 1928

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Dear Professor Buck:

I've sent your letters, along with one of my own, on to Harper Bros. I imagine you will hear from them directly in a short time. I do hope we will be able to go through with the projected Series: the possibilities of such a series positively entrance me. One or two points I would take issue with you. I think the series idea should be preserved, though of course the volumes should sell separately. The Golden Hind Series, which Harpers is now publishing, is an excellent example of the kind of thing I suggest. The idea of bringing out translations is undoubtedly an excellent one, but I am inclined to think that the extra expense of such an undertaking would discourage the publishers. It would mean four or five hundred dollars in addition to the other costs, and, in as much as we cannot hope for a very wide sale of reprints, it will doubtless be of some importance to keep expenses down to a minimum. For the same reason, I am inclined to think publishers might be suspicious of two volume works.

I strongly agree with you that it would be desirable to republish some volumes of domestic travel, along with the foreign. It is a pity that such excellent volumes as those of Olssted will necessarily be omitted. Putnam brought them out in 1904, and I imagine that they are still in print.

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Now here is another matter.- Dr. Speare of the Oxford University Press asked me about someone who might be willing and able to do a volume on the Middle west or the West. It was a rather casual question, and I didn't get it very exactly.- I recommended that he get in touch with you immediately, and was bold enough to suggest that you were undoubtedly the most competent man to do anything on the middle west or on western history that he could find anywhere. He told me that he was on his way out to Minneapolis and would talk to you about it.

Some time ago Speare was talking to me about a volume of Readings in American History. I believe S. E. Morison was going to do ^{it} them. Since then it has occurred to me that if the Oxford press is interested in that, it might be possible to work with you on a volume of Readings in the History of the West. If you do a volume for them on the history of the West, I would be awfully pleased to undertake a volume of readings on that subject. I am going to suggest this to Speare as soon as he returns: I wonder if you would care to call his attention to it if he approaches you on the other subject- that of a History of the West.

Very sincerely yours,

Henry Cozens

April 19, 1928

Mr. Henry Commager
New York University
Washington Square College
Washington Square East
New York City

Dear Mr. Commager:-

Your letter of April 16 has just been received. Since writing you I have given considerable thought to the matter of a Travel Series and am keeping it in mind as the work on the Travel Bibliography proceeds.

With reference to the "series idea," you must have misunderstood me. It seems to me that is fundamental, but I am in doubt as to whether the series should be a closely knit one, all planned out in advance, or an open series that might develop as publication progressed. As for translations, I feel sure that a few would be worth the extra expense involved -- for example, I have recently discovered a fascinating book by a Frenchman who traveled all through the country just before the Civil War -- but there are plenty of works in English to start with.

I appreciate your recommending me to Dr. Speare and shall be glad to talk with him, but there is no prospect of my being able to undertake a book for him, as I am under contract with the Century Company to write, in collaboration with Professor Shippee, a volume on "The West in American History." Several years before this book was started, I gave some consideration to the possibility of a volume of Readings in the field, but the publishers' representatives to whom I then suggested the matter seemed to feel that there would not be sufficient market for such a book.

Sincerely yours

B/P

MAY 4 1928

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON SQUARE COLLEGE
WASHINGTON SQUARE EAST, NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

April 29, 1928

Dear Professor Buck:

Thank you for your note of last week. I am glad to learn that you and Professor Shippee are going to do a History of the West; it ought to be good.- I hav'nt seen Speare as yet, but shall get in touch with him sometime next week.- If he should express sympathy for the idea of a volume of Readings in the History of the West, would you be willing to work with me on it, or would you have any objections to my going ahead with it independently.

I presume you have heard from Mr. Saxton of Harpers. I received a note from him just yesterday. He wrote:

" Since our last conversation, I have been going over the project of the travel book series and we have about come to this conclusion: we should be perfectly prepared to discuss with you certain books which might be published as individual volumes to stand on their own feet, but we should not care to go into a series. We are governed in this largely by the failure of the Broadway Travellers. Perhaps we can talk this whole problem over some time at your convenience."

I shall attempt to see him next week, and will get in touch with you at once. Doubtless you will hear from him directly.

Very sincerely yours,

Henry Coe

May 9, 1928

Mr. Henry Commager
New York University
Washington Square College
Washington Square East
New York City

Dear Mr. Commager:-

Thank you for your letter of April 29. I certainly could not raise any objections to your going ahead with a volume of Readings on the West even if I wanted to, but there are several reasons why I could not cooperate in the project at present. In the first place, I must devote all the time that I can spare to the work on the History; and secondly, if I should contemplate such a volume, it would seem only fair to give the Century Company the opportunity to bring it out as a companion volume, so to speak, to the History, and also to ask Professor Shippee to cooperate with me in producing it. I have no plans for anything of the sort at the present time, however, and I doubt if any consideration will be given to such a project until after the History is completed. I do not feel, therefore, that this possibility should restrain you from going ahead with a volume of Readings if you have the opportunity to do it. There is plenty of material available for several such volumes, and the more that are brought out the better the facilities for teaching.

I have heard nothing from Mr. Saxton with reference to the project of Travel reprints and doubt if he intends to write to me. Since all he has in mind is a few individual volumes he probably feels that a general editor would be unnecessary.

I am interested in what he says about the failure of the Broadway Travellers and should be glad to know more about the matter. Do you know who were the publisher and editor or any of the circumstances?

Sincerely yours

B/P

MAY 15 1928

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON SQUARE COLLEGE
WASHINGTON SQUARE EAST, NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

May 13, 1928

Dear professor Buck:

I do not know who the editor of the Broadway Travellers is, but Harper And Bros. published the series. I think it is largely the complete failure of that series that is making Mr. Saxton cautious about going on with another of the same kind. I will try to find out as much as I can about the Broadway Travellers, and let you know.-

Mr. Saxton has by no means given up the idea of bringing out volumes of American Travel. The possibilities of such a series- whether actually called Series or not- is attractive to him, and he is investigating the matter now. I think he will start with one or two volumes, and if they go well, continue with others. In my last discussion with him I recommended especially Harriet Martineau's Society in America, Miss Kemble's Journal of a Georgia Plantation , and Russell's My Diary, North and South . Saxton is having these volumes investigated now.

I think that his failure to get in touch with you is due to his reluctance to take up the matter before he has come to some definite decision as to what Harper's are willing and able to do. I feel sure that he would welcome your editorial assistance if he decides to bring out several volumes.

I have not seen Dr. Speare since he returned from the west, and it is unlikely that I will see him before June or July. I may then take up the matter of a volume of Readings in the History of the West, similar to Morison's Select Documents, only of a less documentary nature. In all probability nothing will come of the matter, however. I should think that the Century Company would jump at a volume edited by yourself and Prof. Shippee. As you suggest, there is plenty of material for several volumes of Readings; the problem would be to avoid duplication.- In any event, this thing is pretty far in the future, and I think I will put it out of my mind for this summer.

Please give my regards to Dr. Elegen.

Very sincerely yours,

Henry Comager

Coulter

THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LEARNED SOCIETIES

Committee on Aid to Research. Dec. 28, 1926.

Dear Sir:

In his application for a grant filed with the Committee on Aid to Research of the American Council of Learned Societies.

Ellis Merton Coulter has given your name as a reference.

His project is _____
study of educational conditions in the ante-bellum South -
an attempt to give a glimpse into a phase of life and culture
in the South as important though not so widespread as
plantation life.

The Committee would be very glad to have any light you can throw on the importance of the project and of the particular fitness of the applicant for carrying it on.

Sincerely,

Prof. S.J. Buck,
102 Old Library.

Guy Stanton Ford,
234 Administration Building,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minn.

GSF:HR

Coulter

January 19, 1927

Dean Guy Stanton Ford
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Ford:-

Your note of December 28 asking for an opinion about E. Herton Coulter, who has applied for a grant from the American Council of Learned Societies, was duly received, and I regret that illness and the pressure of work prevented me from replying before.

I have known Coulter for a number of years and have considered him a man of sound scholarship and considerable initiative. I saw a good deal of him in the summer of 1925, when we both taught at Wisconsin, and he talked with me some about his interest in the cultural history of the antebellum south. I have also seen one or two articles that he has written touching this subject and they impressed me as evidence of the importance of the field of investigation and of his ability to work it. I take pleasure, therefore, in recommending that the grant be made.

Sincerely yours

B/P

FEB 28 1928

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

Feb. 26, 1928.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Dear Buck: The League of Women Voters of St. Paul have invited me to be present at their Conference on March 12th, so I have the following day (Tuesday) free I should like to see something of the University and the Historical Society on that day. But I don't want to make anybody any special trouble. I know Ford ~~very~~ well and have met several of the other men, but I believe has never had a chance to see Shippey. I should like to meet some of the men and see something of your work, if that is agreeable.

Very sincerely yours, J. G. P.

February 29, 1928

Professor I. J. Cox
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Cox:-

I learned just yesterday that you *are* ~~were~~ to be here for the League of Women Voters Conference and was intending to write to you today to inquire about your plans. I am very glad indeed to know that you will be free on Tuesday to see something of the Historical Society and the University, and I am sure that the members of the Department will appreciate the opportunity to meet you.

Tuesday is one of my days at the University, but Blegen will be at the Historical Society, and I would suggest that you plan to visit it in the forenoon and then come over to the University for luncheon with members of the Department at the Campus Club. I shall write you again, however, after consulting with Shippee and other members of the Department.

Sincerely yours

B/P

March 7, 1938

Professor I. J. Cox
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Cox:-

I have spoken to Shippee and Blegen about your prospective visit to the Twin Cities, and it is agreed that Blegen will show you about the Historical Society Tuesday forenoon and then bring you over to the Campus Club at the University for lunch with some of the members of the Department. You can then see something of the University in the afternoon and we can make plans for the rest of the day.

I shall probably not attend the conference on Monday but I shall be in my office at the Historical Society until five o'clock, and, if you get in before that, you might call me up. To reach me by telephone it is necessary to call the Capitol, Cedar 3020, and ask for the Historical Society.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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APR 13 1928

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

April 15, 1928.

Dear Buck: You must think I am very ungrateful for the good time you showed me, when I was in your city last month. I can't say more than that I was always waiting for the more convenient time that never seemed to come. So I'll just say once more that I am more than pleased with my memory of the hospitalities of the Twin Cities, and especially with the part that you and your good wife, assisted by Olsen & Shuffie, showed me. Please present my thanks and kindest greetings to them and remember me to Ford, Dingley & the others as you may find occasion to do so.

James expects to be at des Moines. At the present writing, it seems doubtful if I get to the meeting this year. The pro-

gram looks inviting, however, and if I can
get through with some of the other tasks hang-
ing over me, I may come anyhow.

You certainly have a very attractive plant
at the Historical Society and Blyden was very
good guide around the building. It was a pleas-
ure to meet the men at luncheon. I only
regret that I didn't have a little more time
for looking over your wonderful new library.

Mrs Bush and the children certainly gave
me a cordial welcome and I greatly ap-
preciated our little dinner en famille. You
are very well situated, it seems to me, in work,
family and prospects. May all prosper as you
wish. Stop off & say so when you can.

Sincerely yours,
J. L. S.

OCT 4 8 1927

DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN COLONISTS
1300 DOUGLAS AVENUE
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Mr. Solon J. Buck,

Oct 5, 1927

My dear Sir:

The Daughters of American Colonists wish to express to you their deep appreciation of your beautiful remarks at the planting of the trees on the river banks September the twenty-second. Through association with Dr. Folwell. no one

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could have been better fitted to
speak of the Grand Old Man.

Please to accept our grateful
thanks for your kindness.

Daughters of American Colonists

Through -

Belle S. Pearson

(Recording Secretary)

OCT 18 1927

DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN COLONISTS

1300 DOUGLAS AVENUE

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Oct. 18, 1927

Dear Mr Buck:

The women of The Daughters
of American Colonists greatly desire
to have your talk on Dr. Folwell
placed in their historical files.

Have you a copy of it or
a resume that you could give us?

Very sincerely,

Mrs. Belle S. Pearson

Corresponding Secretary
2500 Lyndale Av. So.

D. A. C

October 21, 1927

Mrs. Belle S. Pearson
2500 Lyndale Ave. So.,
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Pearson:-

I am in receipt of your note of October 18 asking for a copy of my remarks on Dr. Folwell. I gave the original, from which I read, to Miss Mary Folwell, and a carbon copy to Mrs. Caswell of Anoka, who, I understand, is your historian. I have only one copy left and that I should like to keep but, if none of the others is available to you, I can have another copy made.

Sincerely yours

B/P

NOV 7 1927

DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN COLONISTS
1300 DOUGLAS AVENUE
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Nov. 4, 1927

Mr Solon Buck,

My dear Sir:

Mrs. Morris did not know that you had given a copy of your remarks to Mrs. Caswell, our Historian. That one copy is all that is needed.

I thank you, for your very courteous and prompt reply.

Sincerely,

Belle S. Pearson

25th Lyndale Av So

Corresponding Secretary

June 28, 1928

Professor Darrell H. Davis
Department of Geography
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Davis:-

Much to my regret I have not found it possible to do the work requested of me for the proposed Northwest Atlas and, as I am leaving tomorrow to teach in the Harvard Summer School, it will not be possible for me to do it before fall.

My work during the past year has been greatly interfered with by almost continuous sickness in my family; and then this spring I had the flu and, after several recurrent attacks, I had to have my tonsils removed. As a consequence I have been barely able to handle my routine work for the University and the Historical Society.

I realize that I should have informed you of the situation before this, but I kept hoping that I should be able to do the work on the Atlas before leaving for Harvard. If you can arrange for someone else to do it, I shall be greatly relieved; but, if that is not feasible and you still want me to do it, I shall get it done as soon as possible in the fall.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

ALLEN JOHNSON EDITOR

602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

February 4, 1928.

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

Dear Sir:

Would you have time and inclination to contribute an article on
Clarence Walworth Alvord (1868-1927), historian
to our Dictionary? The article should contain not more than 600 words,
and the honorarium, following the uniform rate which we have adopted,
would be \$12.00. I should like to have this article by April 1, 1928.
If you will indicate your willingness to write it, I will send you a
little pamphlet of biographies which we have had printed for the use of
contributors. Acceptance of any article and payment for it will vest
all rights to it in the American Council of Learned Societies for publi-
cation or otherwise. It would give me great pleasure to have you as a
contributor to the Dictionary.

Very truly yours,

Allen Johnson

*I certainly hope you will consent
to do this, for we wish to have
it for the first volume.*

February 8, 1928

Dr. Allen Johnson, Editor
Dictionary of American
Biography
602 Hill Building
17 St., Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:-

Certainly I could not refuse
to prepare the article on Alvord for
the Dictionary of American Biography.
I shall do it as soon as possible and
I expect to have the article in your
hands by April 1.

Sincerely yours

B/P

March 29, 1928

Dr. Allen Johnson, Editor
Dictionary of American
Biography
603 Hill Building.
17 St., Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:-

Herewith I am sending you the article on Alvord. Although I have pruned it over and over again, it is still, I regret to say, somewhat over the prescribed limit of six hundred words. I do not see how I can cut it further without omitting some of the features indicated by your sheet of instructions as desirable if not essential. Consequently I think I had better send it on to you as it is and let you decide what to omit, unless of course you are willing to let it run over.

It is probable that I shall contribute a more extensive article, with a detailed bibliography, to the Mississippi Valley Historical Review, and if this is definitely arranged in time I should like to add a reference to it to the note at the end of the article.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

ALLEN JOHNSON EDITOR

602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

April 3, 1928.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

Let me thank you for the good article on Alvord. I think we can bring it within the limits set without troubling you further about it. A printer's copy will go to you before we send it to the press. If you do publish a more extensive article and can give me the exact reference within a month, we can insert it in the article.

Miss Louise Kellogg has written the article on Jonathan Carver. I do not know what the material is to which you refer, but her account seems to be painstaking and accurate. If you should care to look it over, I shall be glad to send it to you later for your comments and criticisms.

Sincerely yours,

Allen Johnson

April 9, 1928

Dr. Allen Johnson, Editor
Dictionary of American Biography
602 Hill Building
17th St.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:-

Miss Kellogg recently borrowed our photostat reproductions of the original Carver Journals and other material, and her article on Carver will undoubtedly embody the latest discoveries. I understood that she was writing a paper on the subject for the Mississippi Valley Historical ^{meeting}, but did not know that she was handling it for the Dictionary. I do not think it would be worth while, therefore, for me to go over her manuscript.

If my projected article on Alvord is to be published in the Mississippi Valley Historical Review I will have definite information before the end of the month and will send it on to you.

I am glad that you found my article for the Dictionary satisfactory.

Sincerely yours

B/P

April 18, 1928

Dr. Allen Johnson
Dictionary of American Biography
602 Hill Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:-

The copy for the article on Alvord reached my office April 16, but an attack of influenza prevented me from seeing it until today.

Your letter of instructions stated that the subject's temperament, character, and personality should be brought out, and especially that there should be "a critical appraisal of the subject and his achievements." Most of my attempts to follow these instructions have been eliminated, and the sketch as it stands is pretty much a bare recital, with only a little more juice in it than one finds in the sketches in Who's Who. I realize, however, that limits must be observed and I acquiesce in most of the cuts. I can see no reason, however, why I should not be permitted to characterize the introduction to the Cahokia Records as "brilliant," and I object strenuously to the elimination of all characterization of his volume in the Centennial History. The change that I have indicated adds only ten words.

The last sentence, as written by the reviser, is also objectionable to me, partly because it is not clear whether it is the "incisive intellect" or the "kindly spirit" or both "which gave him a strong influence." The changes that I have indicated do not increase the length of the sentence.

In accordance with out punderstanding, I have added to the bibliographical note a reference to the article that I am preparing for the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. Probably one of your expert revisers can put it into fewer words.

In view of the delay occasioned by my illness, I am sending this by airplane mail.

Sincerely yours

B/P I have indicated other possible omissions that would more than make up for the extra 10 words.

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DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

ALLEN JOHNSON EDITOR

602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

April 20, 1928.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I am sorry that the editing of your manuscript did not please you. If you knew how often that word "brilliant" was used to describe performances that are really only notable and praiseworthy, you would realize why we reserve it for special occasions. However, I shall restore your own language. I shall accept your judgment, too, in the latter sentences, though I confess my own acquaintance with Alvord would prevent me from ever describing him as a "genial personality." Here again, however, your intimate acquaintance with him must be determining. So then I shall accept all your emendations.

Sincerely yours,

Allen Johnson

April 23, 1928

Dr. Allen Johnson, Editor
Dictionary of American Biography
602 Hill Building
17th St., Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:-

I appreciate very much your willingness to accept my changes in the article on Alvord as revised. I have had enough experience editing the work of other people to have some conception of the difficulties and the problems with which you are confronted, and, as you doubtless observed, I accepted most of the editorial revision without objections.

You could not, of course, know that I had used the expressions "brilliant" and "genial personality" advisedly; that they represented my measured judgment. I think that among his intimate friends Alvord's genial personality would be considered one of his outstanding characteristics.

Sincerely yours

B/P

JUN 5 1928

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DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

ALLEN JOHNSON EDITOR

602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

May 31, 1928.

Professor Solon J. Buck,
Minn. Historical Society,
Saint Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Will you contribute the following articles to the Dictionary of American Biography?

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Date due</u>	<u>Fee</u>
James M. Goodhue (d. 1852) Ed. <u>Minn. Pioneer</u> (1849-52); first newspaper in Minn.	600	Feb. 1, 1929	\$12.00
Lucius Frederick Hubbard (1836-1913) Soldier; gov. of Minn.	800	" " "	\$16.00

Acceptance of any article and payment for it will vest all rights to it in the American Council of Learned Societies for publication or otherwise.

Very truly yours,



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ALLEN JOHNSON EDITOR

602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

To answer frequent inquiries, the following instructions have been drafted for those preparing articles for the Dictionary of American Biography:

Literary
Form

The article should be, as to content and literary form, a fresh and original writing, and should contain nothing infringing any existing copyright. It should give precise and accurate information, based on original sources, in as condensed a form as is consistent with clearness and completeness. At the same time every effort should be made to present the information in a way to attract and interest readers.

Selection
of Facts

The selection and arrangement of facts should be made with the utmost care. So far as space and material permit, the writer should not only state but also appraise the circumstances and influences which shaped the career of the subject of the article, such as ancestry, parentage, childhood experiences, educational advantages, physical and social environment.

Arrangement
of Facts

The salient facts should be so arranged as to place achievements in their proper perspective. So far as possible, the temperament, character, and physical appearance of the subject of the article should be portrayed, and his personality should be made to stand out against the background of his times.

Bibliography

A concluding paragraph (to be printed in small type) should contain a list of the sources of information and of such previous biographies as are of importance. References in support of any particular statement in the article may be included between brackets in the text; but general references should be collected in the concluding paragraph.

It is expected that the initials of the writer will be appended to each article, and that the writer will amend and add to his article as may be necessary to make it conform to the plan and purpose of the Dictionary. The manuscript should be typewritten.

What Every
Article
Should
Contain

1. The exact dates of birth and death (day of month and year).
2. The names of father, mother, wife or husband.
3. Schools, colleges, universities attended.
4. A critical appraisal of the subject and his achievements.
5. A bibliography of sources of information.

Announcement

THE *Dictionary of American Biography*, now in preparation, was projected by a committee of the American Council of Learned Societies—a federation of twelve societies devoted to humanistic studies. These Societies are as follows:

- American Philosophical Society
- American Academy of Arts and Sciences
- American Antiquarian Society
- American Oriental Society
- American Philological Association
- Archaeological Institute of America
- Modern Language Association of America
- American Historical Association
- American Economic Association
- American Philosophical Association
- American Political Science Association
- American Sociological Society

ONE of the greatest needs felt by all these societies was a dictionary of American biography which should be based upon authentic material and written with literary distinction. The only available encyclopedias and dictionaries of American biography either were published many years ago and never fully revised, or were put together for commercial purposes, and include both the living and the dead, frequently accepting without question the data furnished by interested parties. The earlier works gave chief prominence to clergymen, military heroes, and public officers; but within fifty years American life has produced striking personalities in many fields of human endeavor, notably in commerce, in industry, in science, in scholarship, and in the fine arts, all of which ought to be given full proportion-

ate recognition. It is the purpose of this new dictionary to include only the biographies of men and women no longer living, and to give adequate treatment to these varied personalities by securing specialists who will contribute articles over their own signatures. To each article will be appended a list of original sources and of previous biographies upon which the contributor has based his account.

THE American Council of Learned Societies has created a Committee of Management, consisting of J. Franklin Jameson, *Chairman*, John H. Finley, Frederic L. Paxson, Mrs. Arthur H. Sulzberger, Carl Van Doren, Charles Warren; and this Committee has chosen Allen Johnson as Editor-in-Chief and seventh member of the Committee. The prepara-

tion of this work, which will contain from eighteen to twenty thousand biographies, in twenty volumes, has been made possible by the generosity of Mr. Adolph S. Ochs of the *New York Times*. It is expected that the twenty volumes will be published in alphabetical order, the first to appear as soon as possible, and all within a period of ten years.

Correspondence should be directed to the *Editor of the Dictionary of American Biography*, 602 Hill Building, Washington, D. C.

October 5, 1928

Dr. Allen Johnson
Dictionary of American Biography
602 Hill Building, 17th St.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:-

Several months ago I agreed to write two or three sketches for the Dictionary of American Biography. They were not due until next February at least, and consequently I put the letter away to await more leisure. I think I have put it away too carefully, however, for now I cannot find it. I shall appreciate it very much, therefore, if you will have someone send me a copy of it, as I should like to get to work upon the sketches in the near future.

Sincerely yours

B/P

January 4, 1928

Mr. Herbert P. Zimmermann
Vice President R. R. Donnelley & Sons
731 Plymouth Court
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Zimmermann:-

Again I am indebted to you for a very interesting and attractive book in the Lakeside Classics Series, Manly's Death Valley in 1849. The work is a valued addition to my collection of Americana, and I assure you that your courtesy in presenting it to me is much appreciated.

Sincerely yours

B/P

December 26, 1928

R. R. Donnelley & Sons Company
Chicago, Illinois

Attention Mr. Herbert P. Zimmermann
Vice-President

Gentlemen:-

Thank you very much for remembering me
once more with your Lakeside Classics. These
volumes are always very welcome additions to my
library. The old format was very attractive, but
the new one is an improvement upon it. I am looking
forward to reading this book in the near future.

Sincerely yours

B/P