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November 28, 1927

Rev. H. G. C. Hallock  
C. P. O. Box 1234  
Shanghai, China

My dear Mr. Hallock:-

I have read with much interest your letter of November 2. Creation myths have always interested me very much and this Chinese one is new to me. The picture of Pan-Ku is also very interesting.

I am somewhat at a loss to know how you happened to send these to me, but I assure you that they are much appreciated.

Sincerely yours

B/P

*See Curiosa*

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April 12, 1928

Mr. Edgar R. Harlan  
Historical, Memorial, and Art  
Department of Iowa  
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Mr. Harlan:-

I have just seen the program for the M. V. H. A. meeting and I am writing this note to let you know that I expect to be there. The prospects are that there will be eight or ten people from the Twin Cities in attendance. Some of us will probably drive down on Wednesday and others will go by train.

If I am correct in inferring that \$8.50 is the minimum for a double room with bath at the Headquarters Hotel, it seems to me an unfortunate situation. That is more than I paid at The New Willard in Washington last December, and it is considerably above the rates at the best hotels in the Twin Cities. While I always prefer to go to the Headquarters Hotel, I do not like to pay exorbitant rates, even though the society pays my expenses. I should appreciate, therefore, a suggestion as to which of the lower priced hotels might be convenient and satisfactory.

Sincerely yours

*Solon J. Buck*

B/P

You didn't read straight. \$8.50 is the maximum and \$5.00 the minimum. Of the other hotels listed, the Brown, Chamberlain, Savery and Franklin are all fine, and rates are lower. W

I just called the hotel and the clerk advises that all rooms listed have baths.

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April 19, 1928

Mr. Edgar R. Harlan  
Historical, Memorial, and Art  
Department of Iowa  
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Mr. Harlan:-

Thank you for the information about  
hotels.

I have reread the statement in the  
program and still think that my original in-  
terpretation of it is the obvious one. The  
note heading the table speaks of it as "A  
schedule of rates, with and without bath,  
applying to two or more persons." Since  
the schedule contains two prices, the assump-  
tion would be that the lower is the price  
without bath and the higher the price with  
bath. The three or four other people here  
to whom I have mentioned the matter had in-  
terpreted the table the same way that I did.  
I am glad to know, however, that our inter-  
pretation is not in accord with the facts  
and shall spread the information.

I am reserving a room at the  
Fort Des Moines.

Sincerely yours

B/P

ALBERT BUSHNELL HART  
PROFESSOR OF GOVERNMENT EMERITUS IN HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
775 WIDENER LIBRARY, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

March 19, 1928.

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

Dear Professor Buck:-

I observe that you are to take part in the Harvard Summer School of 1928.

I occupy a flat, which is directly opposite the College Library; it takes only three minutes to go from the seventh floor of the Library (elevator) to the sixth floor of Hampton Hall (elevator) at 8 Plympton Street.

I expect to be overseas most of the summer, and am willing to let the flat to responsible people. It consists of an excellent living room, dining room and kitchen; one large bedroom, with two beds; a smaller bedroom; bathroom and connecting corridors. It is very well situated, with an extensive view of the countryside in two directions.

I am willing to let it furnished as it is, beginning any time after July 1st and occupable up to October 15th, at \$23. a week, which is the rent that I pay. The minimum payment is \$200., being about two months' normal rent; the maximum payment is \$250., under which the rooms could be occupied until my return, which will be about October 21st.

The flat is very well furnished, and I should not be willing to let it to a family with young children. It was occupied last summer by Charles A. Prosser, Director of Dunwoody Institute, Minneapolis, and Mrs. Prosser. I should have no objection to two gentlemen, not of the same family, occupying these quarters together.

Of course it would give me especial pleasure to have a long-time friend and former student as locum tenens.

Very truly yours,

Albert Bushnell Hart

March 28, 1928

Professor Albert Bushnell Hart  
775 Widener Library  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

My dear Professor Hart:-

I appreciate very much your thinking of me in connection with your apartment and wish that it might be possible for me to lease it. It is practically certain, however, that my wife will not accompany me; and, if she should, the children would be with us.

I have considered the possibility of trying to find some other unattached man to lease the apartment with me, but I shall be there only six weeks and I feel that my share of the rent would be more than I could afford to pay for that length of time.

Sincerely yours

B/P

SEP 19 1927

HARVARD CLUB OF MINNESOTA

Your last contribution to the Scholarship Fund was \$<sup>5.00</sup>....., paid <sup>10/2/26</sup>.....

The scholarship committee and our club have suffered a sad loss in the death of Edward Blake Young. It is a personal sorrow to us all. He was a most regular attendant at all our meetings, he always had a cheery greeting for each of us, he was devotedly loyal to Harvard, and he gave unstintingly of his time and thought as chairman of this committee during time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary.

Just before his death Mr. Young was corresponding with the college office in regard to the two young men who are to receive our scholarships for the coming year, and in whom he had taken a very warm interest. It is therefore particularly laid upon us to make good his word to these young men by raising the necessary minimum of \$700.

You will be interested to know something about these new recipients of our aid:

Richard Orvis Grisdale, 813 Fulton St. SE., Minneapolis, graduated a year ago from the Minneapolis Central High School with a grade of A in all of his studies. He was valedictorian of his class, a leader in extra-curriculum activities, and highly recommended by his principal. He was to have had our scholarship last year, and so "it was the most disheartening news" for him to learn that he was denied admission because of certain defects in his school schedule. Pursuant to advice from the college office he has attended the University this year, and there received 10 A's and 3 B's, and is now duly admitted to the Freshman class at Harvard.

Perry McMasters Gilfillan, 751 Linwood Place, St. Paul, graduated this year from the St. Paul Central High School, with an average of 89, he was well up in the first seventh of his class, and has chosen to accept a Harvard rather than the Yale scholarship which had been offered to him. He has been admitted to the Freshman class at Harvard. In his school he was a member of the student council, manager of football and hockey, active in the debating and dramatic clubs, and a judge of the school court. In this connection lawyers will be interested to know that he is a grandson of James Gilfillan, long chief justice of Minnesota, and whose reputation as a great judge extended far beyond the borders of our state.

We believe these men will make as gratifying a showing as was made this past year by former holders of our scholarships: Harry A. Blackmun '29 had 3 A's and a B plus, making group II, and Otto Eugene Schoen-Rene '30 had 5 A's and a B, making group I.

One worthy candidate has been turned down this year because the committee felt that, in view of the depleted condition of our funds, two scholarships were all that we could afford this year. If receipts exceed the \$700 minimum, they can well be used to increasing the amount of our scholarships, which are too small, or to restoring our exhausted loan fund.

Funds in the past have come from a large number of subscribers. Thus last year when there was only one scholarship, there were 51 subscribers: 3 for \$50 or more; 6 for \$25 or more; 5 for \$15 or more; 14 for \$10; 20 for \$5; and balance under \$5.

The committee is thankful for any amount and would like to have every member a subscriber. \$350 must be remitted to the college treasurer before October 1st. Subscriptions may be sent now to the chairman of the scholarship committee.

Dated September 15th, 1927.

KARL DE LAITRE,  
BERGMANN RICHARDS,  
WILLIAM W. CUTLER, Chairman,  
517 Merchants Bank Building,  
St. Paul, Minn.

To Mr. S. J. Buch.....

September 20, 1927

Mr. William W. Cutler  
517 Merchants Bank Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Cutler:-

Herewith I am sending  
you a check for five dollars as my  
contribution to the Scholarship Fund  
of the Harvard Club of Minnesota.

Sincerely yours

SJB/B

HARVARD CLUB OF MINNESOTA

Your last contribution to the Scholarship Fund was \$<sup>5.00</sup>....., paid .....<sup>9/21/27</sup>.....

At the eleventh hour this year, Miss Deem, of the St. Paul Mechanic Arts High School, who has recommended to us so many desirable boys, sent us another candidate of high standing and whose record was acceptable to the college. Accordingly, your committee awarded a scholarship of \$500.00 to:

Edwin Milton Grant, 596 Canada Street, St. Paul, who has just graduated from the Mechanic Arts High School very near the top of his class. His record shows twelve marks between 85 and 90 and twenty-seven in the 90's, or an average of a little over 91. He has been active in basketball, football and swimming. He has worked this summer at the Canyon Hotel, Yellowstone.

You will be interested in the good record of the former holders of our scholarship:

Earl E. Eckert, 1928, received one A, three B's and one C.

Richard S. Kersten, 1928, received two A's and three B's.

Harry A. Blackmun, 1929, received one A, two and a half B's and half C.

Otto Eugene Schoen-Rene, 1930, received two A's and three B's.

Richard O. Grisdall, 1931, received two A's and two B's.

Perry M. Gilfillan, 1931, received three B's and one C.

As a postscript to the letter enclosing these records, Dean Hanford wrote, "You are to be congratulated on the quality of the men selected by the Harvard Club of Minnesota."

Your committee had decided, in view of the larger scholarship based on the higher tuition, to award only one scholarship this year. As it happened no qualified candidate was refused.

Last year, the sum subscribed was just under \$500, which necessitated borrowing from the Club Treasurer. It is to be hoped that this year over \$600 may be raised so as to be square with the Club and to replenish the depleted loan fund.

There have always been a large number of subscribers and we hope they will all renew or increase their subscription, further, we hope there may be many new subscribers to make up for the several generous subscribers who have died or moved away.

The committee will be grateful for any amount, and if you cannot remit to the Chairman by October 1, 1928, when the first installment is due the college treasurer, the committee would be glad to know the amount of your subscription and when it will be convenient for you to pay it.

Dated September 20, 1928.

KARL DE LAITRE,  
BERGMANN RICHARDS,  
WILLIAM W. CUTLER, Chairman,  
517 Merchants Bank Building,  
St. Paul, Minn.

To Mr. S. J. Buck.....

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Lehman Hall,  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

March 15, 1928

To the Alumni of the Graduate Schools:

Considering the figures for the first two years of the Harvard Fund (1926 and 1927), it is apparent that while the growth of the Fund in general has been adequate, the Alumni of the Graduate Schools have shared in it in a remarkably small degree. Since the beginning, the burden of support of the Fund has rested with the Alumni of the College.

For this there are at least two reasons. In the first place, as was said in a similar letter last year, the majority of the Alumni of the Graduate Schools have College affiliations other than Harvard. In the second, many men, otherwise disposed to contribute to the Fund, may have felt that their money "for the unrestricted use of the University" would be largely spent on the College and its immediate needs rather than on a number, or even one, of the Graduate Schools.

The second deterrent has now been removed. By vote of the Harvard Fund Council and with the approval of the President and Fellows, all gifts to the Harvard Fund made by Alumni whose connections are with a Harvard Graduate School only will be credited to that School. As for one's College affiliation and first allegiance, there are few men of Graduate School standing who do not feel some obligation (it does not matter that it may be secondary) to the Graduate Department that gave them a specialized training.

This should mean that a greatly increased number of Alumni of the Harvard Graduate Schools will give to the Fund this year. The need of every Department in Harvard for unrestricted money is continual and unsatisfied. The Fund was established to supply it. It is a Harvard undertaking. Gifts to it have ranged from \$1 to \$1,000 annually. Will you not give something? The amount is of relatively small importance. The Fund needs your name.

The usual blank is enclosed. Remember, your gift goes to your School.

Sincerely yours,

JRH:A

March 17, 1927

Professor James B. Hedges  
Clark University  
Worcester, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Hedges:-

Some time ago you very kindly sent me a separate of your article entitled "The Colonization Work of the Northern Pacific Railroad." I had already read the article in the Mississippi Valley Historical Review and found it a valuable contribution to the history of Minnesota in the Northwest. I am very glad, to have a copy in separate form and I appreciate your kindness in sending it to me.

Very truly yours

B/P

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*July*  
~~June~~ 6, 1928

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

The Britannica article is finished at last and I am sending you two copies and the original under separate cover today. I think that everything has been checked except the statement regarding electric transmission lines on page 16 of the original and page 26 of the copy. Yesterday, after seeing Mr. Holmes, I found the information on which several points that I had been unable to check previously were based. I was quite surprised to learn that he had written the original article. He gave me several clues for running down information.

I have succeeded in getting together a good bit of material for the sketch of Governor Ives. When I phoned to Mr. Harris, however, I learned that he is in the hospital and will probably be there for a month. It looks as if you will have a chance to give him the material after all.

I hope that you will find the Britannica article in fairly good shape and that you will be able to get it off with very little effort on your part.

Sincerely

*Bertha L. Heilbron*

BLH/H

October 19, 1928

Hertzberg Bindery  
East Grand Ave. at Twenty-second St.,  
Des Moines, Iowa

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am sending you my personal check for \$1.64 in payment of the enclosed bill. ✓

The book that you bound for me entitled "Essays in American History dedicated to Frederick Jackson Turner" was one of a very limited number printed on special paper for the authors of the Essays. Recently I decided to have my copy bound and, wanting an especially good job, I asked Mr. Hodnefield, the acting librarian, of the Minnesota Historical Society, to recommend a binder. He recommended you and I asked him to send the book to you for binding. I must say that I am very much disappointed in the result. The book was bound without any backing or headband, and consequently the back at top and bottom is ~~cracked~~ *cracked*. The lettering on the back is in much too small letters to look well, and the word "Turner," which is supposed to go with the word "Essays" has been widely separated from it, so that it looks like "Essays in American History" written by Turner instead of "Turner Essays in American History." My initials, which were supposed to go on at the bottom, were omitted. I am returning the bindery slip from which you will see that instructions were given on these points. ✓ End sheets of cheap bond paper have been inserted and the whole book has been varnished. As a consequence it has the appearance of a cheap job throughout, and I am quite sure that I could have had it done more satisfactorily in one of our local binderies.

Very truly yours

B/P

OCT 24 1928



*The* HERTZBERG BINDERY  
*East Grand Avenue, at Twenty-second Street*  
DES MOINES, IOWA

October 22 1928

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

My dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of October 19th, we are very sorry indeed to hear of your complaint concerning the binding of your copy entitled *ESSAYS IN AMERICAN HISTORY DEDICATED TO FREDERICK JACKSON TURNER*.

The book was rebound and charged according to our regular specifications for public library binding. However, if we had known that this was sent from your personal library and was to have special handling, we certainly would have given it the extra touches required for fine binding.

May we suggest that you return the volume and we will gladly rebind it, making charge only for the extra touches.

Very truly yours

THE HERTZBERG BINDERY  
BY

*Deane Miller*

EGH:DM

October 26, 1928

Hertzberg Bindery  
East Grand Ave. at Twenty-second St.  
Des Moines, Iowa

Attention Mr. Deane Mullin

Gentlemen:-

I appreciate very much your willingness to rebind my copy of the Turner Essays, and I shall be glad to pay such extra charges as may be necessary. The book is being forwarded to you under separate cover. ✓

I realize now that I should have had your attention called to the fact that this book belongs in a private library, but part of the difficulty was due to the failure to follow instructions. My previous letter to you, which you have doubtless kept, will indicate the principal changes that I would like to have made when the book is rebound.

Sincerely yours

B/P

C O P Y

Elsinaes  
Manchester-by-the-Sea

May 25th, 1927

Dear Mr. Buck:

For months this house has been in a state of confusion owing to many changes while we are living within the walls, and today I was rash enough to look over my papers packed away during the flux of things and found the enclosed letter to you unsent, in an envelope stamped and ready for the post. Whether I felt in looking it over that my writing was too difficult or whether I used it merely for copy, I cannot remember, but it should have gone and if you heard nothing from me, then this very belated letter will explain my bad manners!

Since my good friend Beveridge's untimely end I have been questioning who would take his place,

I have thus far heard little or nothing in this part of the world about the American Historical Crusade. I have no appeal vital enough to make the slightest impression and yet I know that there is an appeal that thinking men and women of fortune could not resist.

I am still convinced, too, that the great American industrialists, etc., could be appealed to romantically! I cannot make myself believe that it isn't possible and ? that those who have made their great fortunes in America, if approached by the right man, would not readily see that they could take part in this great constructive crusade. Well, it's too big to attempt to write about.

How is Mr. Evarts Greene? Do please remember me most kindly and tell him I heard of his illness with sincere regret. I shall not forget his two days here and his willingness to take me just as I wished to be taken, -- and you also, how truly patient and amiable you were!

I saw Charles Francis Adams, 2nd, not many days ago, member of the Harvard Corporation, and when I discussed the American Historical Collection at Harvard, etc., he seemed to know little about it and care less! This portion of New England thinks almost always in terms of itself and in consequence is ingrowing and there's not the really far-reaching patriotism and optimism and energy which is characteristic of the west.

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May 25th, 1927

Sometimes I feel as if I should explode when I want to talk about the American History Association and the subject in general -- to realize that there's literally no one I see who knows or cares a fig about it.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Alice Foster Perkins Hooper

To Solon J. Buck  
From Mrs. William Hooper

G O P Y

July 3rd, 1926

Elsinaes  
Manchester - By - The - Sea

Dear Mr. Buck:

Your note comes in the nick of time to relieve my mind, because I have been thinking a great deal about this American Historical question at close range, and my silence since your first note came has not been caused by a feeling of indifference; on the contrary, I am so deeply concerned that nothing but mature deliberation is worthy of the subject.

I shall be far better satisfied to see Mr. Greene here on our own ground where we can talk easily and peacefully and where I can think in my own surroundings -- from which I but seldom divorce myself! and where I seem to see everything in proper proportion. I shall immediately try to get in touch and shall suit myself to Mr. Greene's convenience, and after we meet and discuss the questions to be decided, then you will hear from me. There's no \_\_\_\_\_ like that of ignorance and I know too much about the difficulties and breakers ahead to be willing to leap into the arena of this undertaking without looking at it from every angle. And I am a coward and tremble since my failure to convince Mr. Lowell and his fellows that it was time to stop and take account of American history twelve years ago. We fought what was a losing cause from the first gun fire because neither Mr. Lowell nor his corporation saw the possibilities that I saw nor read into our crusade what we did, though at first we were led to believe that they did.

And after failing to do the big, far-reaching thing I hoped to do, I am so punished that my powers are atrophied for the time being and I've become to a certain extent a Doubting Thomas. It comes to this -- it is, or it isn't worthwhile, -- which? There are arguments to each that are convincing. Those of us who happen to see the reasons for stressing our American history interest see it in gigantic proportions illumined; those who do not see it see no particular value in our quest.

I've said all this to Mr. Turner, for I do always see both sides -- if I choose to! -- a great inconvenience!

Off-hand it would seem to me that I am hardly powerful enough mentally, physically, or materially, to take the helm of any office whatsoever, and if I had to decide by snap judgment, I should say "No" for every reason. But perhaps in my decision I can turn up some con-

structive counterstrokes that may be useful in a mild way, perhaps more useful than I myself would be in office!

The seats of the mighty have never had any charm for me and to tell the truth, I am desperately afraid of them! Especially afraid when the female of the species sits in them. Emotionally, impulsively, energetically I am always terrified by the woman in me! There's something inherent that is skittish and undependable and I have all these qualities well developed, but I hope, for the time being, under control. But I am not so sure that I should be safe in harness.

All this is beside the point, however, until after I see and talk with Mr. Green, but your two notes deserve acknowledgment at once and in this acknowledgment it seems more natural to speak my mind.

Mr. Turner has been very generous in spirit and I may say that he is one of the few people in my life to whose tender mercies I trust my limited intelligence. He -- the authority -- has ever been so patient with me that I have dared to express my hopes and I have allowed my unbridled Mississippi \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_ imagination to run wild with no fear of being \_\_\_\_\_?, no fear of being misunderstood. I feel deeply touched by his tribute to my imagination in this instance, for I know that has been the force behind your suggestion I should hold the reins of the Woman's Committee for the Endowment Fund, all of which I appreciate. Until I have seen Mr. Greene, then, I shall withhold my final decision.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Alice Foster Perkins Hooper

(Mrs. William Hooper)

June 3, 1927

Mrs. William Hooper  
Elsinaes  
Manchester-By-the-Sea, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Hooper:-

Your letter of May 25 enclosing one of July 3, 1926, has been forwarded to me here. I think that you must have sent me a copy of the letter of July 3, as I seem to remember having read it or one similar to it before.

Much to my regret I was obliged to give up the work for the Endowment Committee of the American Historical Association on January 1. My original leave of absence from the Minnesota Historical Society and the University of Minnesota ended October 1, 1926, but I got an extension until the first of the year. I could not, however, remain away longer without serious injury to the work here and so Professor Harry J. Carman of Columbia University was appointed executive secretary of the committee in my stead. From reports that I have had from him, it appears that the work of building up the endowment is going forward steadily, though not nearly so rapidly as we all wish that it would.

I feel as you do, that there must be some legitimate way by which the people who have made large fortunes in America could be aroused to support this movement, but I must confess that I seemed to be unable to find that method.

I have not heard from Mr. Greene since I left New York. He was of very great help to me in the endowment work and I am afraid that he gave too much of his time and energy to it. His family insisted that he drop out of everything of the sort and so he resigned his position on the committee. I assume that he has not been seriously ill since the first of the year or I should have heard of it.

Professor D. C. Munro of Princeton has been vice-chairman of the committee since last summer and I understand that an attempt will be made to get Mr. Dwight Morrow to accept the chairmanship in the place of Senator Beveridge.

Sincerely yours

March 2, 1927

Professor Earl Hudelson  
Room 208, Old Library  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Hudelson:-

The questionnaire of the sub-committee on class size was duly received, but I have not attempted to fill it out because my experience with large classes has been too limited to be of any value in such a symposium. Except for one semester in 1914, when I taught the general course in American history, which then numbered about fifty students, my classes here have never, I think, exceeded thirty. The largest class I ever taught was one of a hundred at the University of Wisconsin in the summer of 1925.

In the intermediate group of courses in history -- that is, those between the introductory courses and the "intensive" courses, which are really pro-seminars -- I consider that I can handle classes up to a hundred as effectively as the much smaller classes that I have usually had here, provided, of course, I have assistance to help read the papers. This means, of course, that I prefer the lecture method with this class of courses. Most of my colleagues in the Department, however, seem to prefer the class discussion method, and for that it seems to me that the ideal class would not exceed thirty.

My ideal size for the "intensive" course, referred to above, is eight, but unfortunately I have frequently had as many as fifteen or twenty registered in these courses.

Sincerely yours

B/P

August 5, 1927

Mr. Thomas W. Hughes  
Mankato, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Hughes:-

How can I get a copy of your Indian Chiefs of Southern Minnesota? Mr. Elegen tells me that you left two copies here, of which one went into the library and the other went to the reviewer. I find it convenient to have such things available at my home, however, and therefore I am building up a personal collection of Minnesota material.

Sincerely yours

SJB/B

THOMAS HUGHES  
E. RAYMOND HUGHES  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

AUG 23 1927

OFFICES IN  
MANKATO SAVINGS & BUILDING  
ASSOCIATION BLOCK

MANKATO, MINN. August 22nd, 1927

Solon J. Buck, Supt.,  
Minn. Historical Soc.,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Buck:

Your favor of the 5th came duly to hand, but I have been unable to attend to any matters in the office for the past two weeks or more. In the first place, I was a little under the weather myself, and went to Rochester for examination. They did not seem to find anything very serious the matter with me, but they insisted that I should take a rest, so I have not been very much in the office.

Then last week, we had the great misfortune of having my wife taken suddenly ill and in a few days she passed away, so I have been all broken up and have been unable to get down to the office until this morning and find your correspondence.

I am sending you under separate cover a copy of the Indian Chiefs of Southern Minnesota, which you ask for, and trust that you will find it of some interest.

With best regards, I am

Very truly yours,

*Thomas Hughes*

TH:BF

August 23, 1927

Mr. Thomas Hughes  
Mankato, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Hughes:-

I want to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the twenty-second addressed to Mr. Buck. He is away at present on a vacation and will not be back for a couple of weeks.

I am sure that Mr. Buck will be very sorry-indeed to hear of your misfortune in the loss of your wife and also of your own illness, and I wish to express his sympathy.

Thank you for the copy of Indian Chiefs of Southern Minnesota. It has not arrived yet but doubtless will be here in a day or two.

Sincerely yours

Chief clerk

September 13, 1927

Mr. Thomas Hughes  
Mankato, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Hughes:-

It was very kind indeed of you to bother with my request under the circumstances to which you refer in your letter of August 23, and I assure you that I appreciate it very much. The copy of your Indian Chiefs of Southern Minnesota will be a welcome addition to my Minnesota collection.

I assure you that you have my deepest sympathy for your loss and my best wishes for your own complete recovery.

Sincerely yours

B/P

January 20, 1928

Professor Archer B. Hulbert  
Colorado College  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dear Hulbert:-

Thank you very much for sending me your address on "The Work of the Stewart Commission on Western History." I read it with great interest and shall file it in the library of the Minnesota Historical Society.

Your publication plans are of much interest to me and I hope to see some of the volumes before very long.

You may be interested to know that the Bibliography of American Travel, the compilation of which was begun under the auspices of the American Historical Association many years ago but which has been held up for lack of funds, is now making progress once more. - I have had charge of the matter for several years but not until the last meeting of the Association was an appropriation made for continuing the work. I expect to call upon people in various parts of the country for assistance as the work proceeds, and you will doubtless hear from me about it at some time in the future. I am sure that your cooperation would be very valuable.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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April 30, 1937

Miss Georgia Osborne  
Illinois State Historical Library  
Springfield, Illinois

My dear Miss Osborne:-

The receipt of volume 20 of the Illinois Historical Collections reminds me that I was to write to you in regard to gaps in my file.

On checking it over, I find that it is complete with the exception of volume 17. This, I believe is the volume containing the laws of the North West Territory; and, as I am particularly interested in this material, I shall appreciate it very much if you will have a copy sent to me at my home address, 67 Barton Ave. S. E., Minneapolis, at your early convenience.

Sincerely yours

B/P

September 28, 1928

Miss Georgia Osborne, Librarian  
Illinois State Historical Library  
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Miss Osborne:-

Will you be so good as to examine for me your copy of the report of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library for 1910-12 and let me know whether or not it contains a report by Mr. Alvord as editor of the Collections, similar to the reports that are to be found in the succeeding issues? If it does contain such a report, I should like to know the inclusive pages thereof.

I want this information for a bibliography of Mr. Alvord's writings that is to be published in the Mississippi Valley Historical Review, and, as the bibliography is already in the hands of the printer, I should like to have the information at your earliest convenience. I assure you that your coöperation in this matter will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours

SJB/B

OCT 3 1928



OTTO L. SCHMIDT, CHICAGO, PRESIDENT  
CHARLES H. RAMMELKAMP, JACKSONVILLE  
LAURENCE M. LARSON, URBANA.  
GEORGIA L. OSBORNE, SPRINGFIELD, LIBRARIAN

October 1, 1928.

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

My dear Doctor Buck:

I have your letter and have looked over the report of the Board of Trustees for the period October 1, 1908 to September 30, 1910, and it contains no report from Mr. Alvord as Editor of the Illinois Historical Collections. If I can be of further service to you I will be glad to do so.

Very truly yours,

*Georgia L. Osborne*

Librarian, Illinois State Historical Library.  
Secretary, Illinois Historical Collections.

October 3, 1928

Miss Georgia L. Osborne, Librarian  
Illinois State Historical Library  
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Miss Osborne:-

Thank you very much for the information contained in your letter of October 1. This solves one of my problems concerning the bibliography of Mr. Alvord's writings. This bibliography and also the a paper entitled "Clarence Walworth Alvord, Historian" will appear in the December number of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review.

Sincerely yours

B/P

# INDIANA HISTORICAL BUREAU

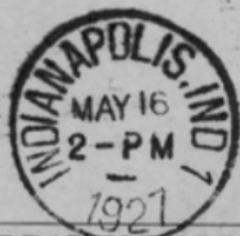
Room 334 State House  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Mr. Buck:

5/16/27

The Historical Bureau has received, and thanks you for is  
mailing to you today Vols 2, 3, 4 and, 13 of the  
Indiana Historical Collection for your personal  
use, as you suggested in your letter of May 9.

CHRISTOPHER B. COLEMAN  
*Director*



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

LET'S GO  
CITIZENS  
MILITARY  
TRAINING  
- CAMP



Dr. Solon J. Buck,

67 Barton Ave., S.E.,

Minneapolis, Minn.

May 25, 1927

Dr. Christopher B. Coleman  
Historical Bureau  
State House  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mr. Coleman:-

Thank you very  
much for the volumes of the Indiana  
Historical Collections that you sent  
me for my personal use. I am very  
glad indeed to have them and I assure  
you that the favor is much appreci-  
ated.

Sincerely yours

SJB/B

*Informal Club*

February 25, 1927

Rev. Frederick M. Eliot  
807 Fairmount Ave.,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Eliot:-

I expect to attend the dinner  
of the Informal Club with the Skylight  
Club on Monday, February 28. Enclosed  
you will find my check for three dollars  
as requested.

Sincerely yours

B/P

67 Barton Ave. S. E.

June 16, 1928

Professor Alfred P. James  
Department of History  
University of Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear James:-

A few days ago I saw a reference to a publication of yours, entitled Recent Ideas in the Interpretation of American History, issued as Radio Publication, number 24, of the University of Pittsburgh. As I am to give a course at Harvard this summer on "New Points of View in American History," I should like very much to get hold of a copy of this publication as soon as possible.

I shall be here for ten days or two weeks longer, and shall appreciate it very much if you will arrange to have a copy sent to me. If there is any charge for it, I should be glad to pay it.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY  
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL  
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Dear Buck:-

I want to thank you for the excellent resume of the work of Alvord. This should be done also for the Am. Hist. Review.

I gave an address, Friday night on George Rogers Clark, Civilian at the meeting of the Indiana Hist. Society. I was much pleased with what I saw of Coleman's work.

The plan for the Clark Memorial at Vincennes is going forward in good shape.

Sincerely yours,  
J. A. James

MAY 20 1927

CARNEGIE INSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

J. FRANKLIN JAMESON  
DIRECTOR

1140 WOODWARD BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

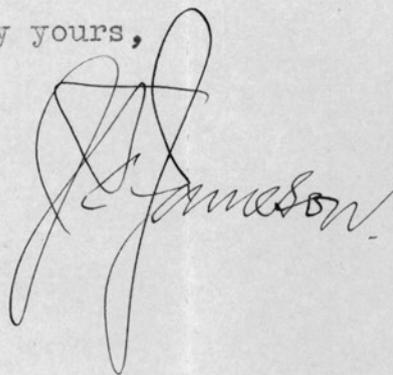
May 18, 1927.

My dear Buck:

I thank you for your letter about the fellowship, and appreciate the qualifications of the young lady you have named; but on the whole I have felt impelled to place my choice elsewhere.

With thanks for your interest in the matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Franklin Jameson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed closing "Very truly yours,".

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

May 13, 1927

Dr. J. Franklin Jameson  
1140 Woodward Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jameson:-

Ford tells me that he had an inquiry from you about candidates for a scholarship, open to a woman, for research work in Washington.

The only one we know of who might be suitable is Miss Alice Smith, formerly a graduate student at the University of Minnesota and at present doing research and editorial work for the Minnesota Historical Society. Miss Smith had two years of graduate work at the University, holding a teaching fellowship at the time, and received her master's degree. She has also taught several years in high schools. She has exceptional initiative and ability to do independent work, and I should like to see her go on and get the doctor's degree. She has not made any plans for doing so, however, because she has to support herself entirely. She hopes to make research and editorial work in history her career rather than teaching, and I feel that she is very well fitted for work of this sort.

Her master's thesis was on the Fur Trade of southern Minnesota during the British régime, and her work for the Society has carried her into a wide variety of fields. She does not at present, however, have any work under way toward a doctor's thesis and, in this respect, I presume that she will be at a disadvantage in competition with other candidates for the scholarship.

If, under the circumstances, you would care to consider her, I should be glad to supply more specific information. I might add also that if you know of any research or editorial positions for which she might be suitable, I should be glad to be informed. The position that she holds here is a temporary one for the current year only, and unless an unexpected vacancy should occur in our staff, we will not be able to retain her services after this year.

Sincerely yours

B/P

MAY 27 1927

CARNEGIE INSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

J. FRANKLIN JAMESON  
DIRECTOR

1140 WOODWARD BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
May 26, 1927.

My dear Buck:

I thank you for your kindness in sending me a copy of your plan respecting manuscript materials for American history. I can see that several good results would follow from its publication in the Review, but I hesitate to publish it there. I fear that it would seem to many readers that a paper suggesting to the American Historical Association a given course of action might, as a rule, better not be printed in the organ of the Association without having been previously addressed to, and considered by, the Executive Council. I would like however, since evidently you have other copies, to be allowed to retain this one for subsequent consultation. If I hear no objection from you, I will take this course.

I know that Miss Nute has the doctor's degree, but it has not been my practice to use, either in speech or in the Review, the prefix "Dr." in the case of women. I suppose I am too old-fashioned about it, and any logical defense of my practice would be imperfect, but to my ear Miss Nute has always sounded better than Dr. Nute, and I have also felt that there was an advantage in the reader's knowing that it

Dr. Buck -

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was a woman one was talking about, which is obscured when Dr. is used without the whole name, as we often use it; and I fear I am too old to change. Anyhow, omitting the "Dr." in Miss Nute's case was not individual or exceptional.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. S. Johnson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed closing "Very truly yours,".

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

November 21, 1927

Dr. J. Franklin Jameson  
1140 Woodward Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jameson:-

Now that the committee on nominations for the American Historical Association has decided upon its report, I want to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of October 8 and to assure you that, although your suggestions were not accepted, the letter received careful consideration from all the members of the committee.

The principal obstacle to the nomination of those whom you suggested was the fact that, with the exception of Beard, they were suggested by only one other person at most. Beard was among the six highest for the second vice-presidency, but Greene and E. D. Adams each received about fifty per cent more votes than were cast for Beard. Moreover, Beard is comparatively young and should have an opportunity in the future. The committee has decided to nominate Greene. The committee felt also that one non-professional person should be named to the council and chose Fairfax Harrison, and he will take the place of Boyd in the geographical arrangement. As the candidate from the Middle West, W. T. Root of Iowa was selected, and the third nominee is S. E. Morison of Harvard.

I fully agree with you that Leland would be a very valuable member of the council, but it was not possible to bring about his nomination this year.

For the new committee on nominations, we have proposed C. W. Hackett, chairman, P. A. Martin, Lucy E. Textor, L. B. Packard, and Randolph Adams.

Sincerely yours

B/P

*For letter to which this is a reply -  
See A. H. C. Com. on Nom., Oct 8.*

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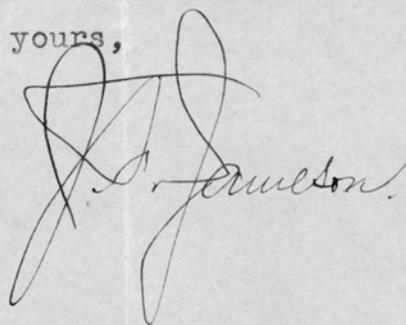
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December 19, 1927.

My dear Buck:

I meant to add a postscript to my letter of the other day, in reply to your letter about the work of the nominating committee. It was only to say that you need not have felt that there was any occasion to offer explanations for the nominations you made. They are all excellent. I take it that every member has a right to make suggestions to the nominating committee, and that every nominating committee has a perfect right to disregard them, or rather, to make up its own mind which suggestions, among those it receives, it shall follow.

Very truly yours,



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

May 18, 1927

Dr. J. Franklin Jameson  
1140 Woodward Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jameson:-

About a year ago I drew up "A Plan for Discovering, Conserving, and Making Available Manuscript Materials for Research in American History," the primary purpose of which was to sustain the interest of Mr. Benjamin in the American Historical Association. I think it succeeded in that purpose; at any rate, he expressed his approval of the plan.

It now occurs to me that you might consider it worth while to publish the "Plan" as a note in the American Historical Review. I am not sure whether or not a copy was sent to you last year, but at any rate one is enclosed herewith. Some modifications would probably be desirable if you should want to publish it, and I should very much appreciate any suggestions that occur to you. ✓

By the way, I notice that in the list of contributors in the April number of the Review Miss Nute's name appears without the "Dr." From the fact that the title is used with several other names in the same list, I infer that you do not know that she has the degree. She received it from Radcliffe before she came to Minnesota -- some five or six years ago. She has not mentioned this matter to me and neither of us would want any correction made; I mention it merely as a matter of information that I thought you would want to have.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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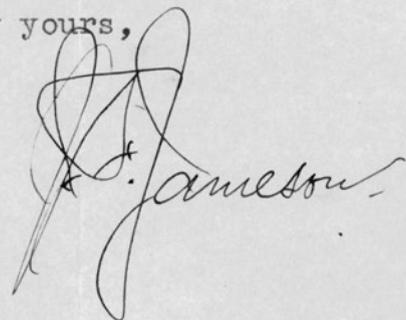
January 18, 1928.

My dear Dr. Buck:

I am glad that your talk with Dr. Coville was so successful. As to publication, I don't know what the Council of the A. H. A. or its Committee on Publications might say, but it was natural for Dr. Coville to safeguard that point, since in the organization of the National Geographic Society the matter of publication is in the hands of a quite different committee from his, and the main question there will be, I suppose, what Dr. Grosvenor thinks.

I shall read your paper with interest when it comes to me from Leland. I was sorry that I was not able to hear it.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Franklin Jameson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed closing "Very truly yours,".

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

J. FRANKLIN JAMESON  
DIRECTOR

1140 WOODWARD BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 15, 1928.

My dear Buck:

I had a letter yesterday from the widow of Jonathan A. Rawson of Hamilton, N. Y., which makes me wish to do anything I can for her in her present circumstances. Her husband, whom I knew as a younger boy in Amherst many years ago, and with whom in recent years I have had some contact and correspondence, died not long ago, leaving her with two children who are approaching college age, so that she needs whatever income she can get. He was a newspaper writer, I suppose about fifty years of age, and I presume had not laid up a great deal. One asset which ought to be of considerable value is a book that he published last year, entitled "1776". I thought it very well done, and so did Burnett, whose knowledge of the history of the Revolution is so much greater than mine. I copy here what I said about it in the January number of the Review. Please take a look at it, for I presume there is a copy of it in your university library.

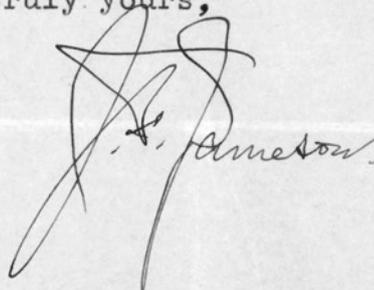
1776: a Day-by-Day Story, by Jonathan Rawson (New York, Frederick A. Stokes Company, pp. x, 429) is the product of an attempt to supply a syndicate of newspapers with a news-letter during each day of 1926 such as might have been written in 1776 detailing the important news of that day. The news-letters are prepared with excellent knowledge and care and judgment, and will give many readers excellent historical reading and a vivid sense of what was going on in that memorable year, as seen with the eyes of the time.

Dr. S. J. Buck -

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I wish you would see whether that book can not be properly recommended for some extent of use in school courses in your state, or for school and other libraries, in such a way that a good many more copies of it will be worked off. Rawson was a fine fellow, with a genuine interest in historical work, and I should like to help Mrs. Rawson if there is any possibility of it.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. A. Rawson". The signature is highly stylized and cursive, with large loops and flourishes. The name "Rawson" is clearly legible at the end of the signature.

Professor Solon J. Buck  
67 Barton Avenue, S.E.  
Minneapolis  
Minnesota.

May 17, 1928

Dr. J. Franklin Jameson  
1140 Woodward Building  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Jameson:-

I understand that Ford has written to you to propose the name of Miss Alice Smith for the scholarship available to a woman for graduate work in Washington that is at your disposal.

If I remember correctly, I suggested Miss Smith's name to you last year. During the past year she has been assisting Dr. Folwell on the last volume of his History of Minnesota, doing editorial work for the Minnesota Historical Society and the University of Minnesota Press, and carrying some graduate work in the University of Minnesota. This work has been done mainly under the direction of Professor Shippee and he will doubtless write you more definitely about it. She has now, I understand, the equivalent of about two full years' of graduate work.

One of Miss Smith's outstanding characteristics is the ability to go ahead with a piece of work and produce excellent results with a minimum of supervision. She has no financial resources except her own work and a scholarship that would enable her to devote all her time to research would be particularly helpful to her. I am confident, moreover, that she would produce a very creditable piece of work.

Sincerely yours

B/P

May 25, 1928

Dr. J. Franklin Jameson  
1140 Woodward Building  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Jameson:-

I had already seen a copy of Rawson's 1776: a Day-by-Day Story and been favorably impressed by it when your letter of May 15 was received, and I shall be glad to do what I can to introduce the book in the schools and libraries of Minnesota.

The proper organization through which to accomplish this in Minnesota is the Library Division of the State Department of Education. The woman who has charge of such matters in this Division is away just now attending the A. L. A. meeting, but she will be back in a week or two and I shall be glad to take up the matter with her then. The Division issues lists of books recommended to school and public libraries, and I think there will be no difficulty in arranging to have this book included in one of these lists, and perhaps brought to the attention of teachers and librarians in other ways.

Sincerely yours

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J. FRANKLIN JAMESON  
DIRECTOR

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 23, 1938

My dear Mr. Buck:

By some mischance I overlooked the fact that you were to be in New England this summer, and so should have been invited to the Convivium Historicum that meets annually in Branford, Connecticut. You are perhaps no longer there and at any rate I have no means of reaching you but through your home address. Nevertheless, assuming that you already know about this gathering, and against the possibility that you are in the East, I enclose herewith copy of the last circular that was sent out. If you find it possible to attend the gathering, I am sure those who are going will be glad to see you.

Very truly yours,

*Cornelia M. Perce*  
Secretary.

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
67 Barton Avenue, S. E.  
Minneapolis  
Minnesota

CONVIVIUM HISTORICUM

Washington, D. C.,  
August 10th, 1928.

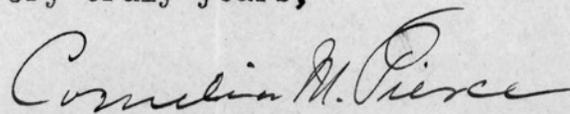
My dear Sir:

The dates this year for the gathering at Branford run from Tuesday September 11 to Monday September 17. It is presumed that, by this time, those to whom this circular is sent need no explanation of the character of the occasion. Various interesting men, including some who have been in Europe this summer, and one or more who have been at the Oslo Congress, will be present; and all will, as in previous years, say and do what they like. Each is expected to make his own arrangements with the proprietor of the hotel, Mr. H. D. Stratton, Owenego House, Branford, Connecticut.

Except on Saturdays and Sundays, the train which leaves New York at 3 p. m., Standard time, would, by change at New Haven, bring one to Branford station at 5:08. On Saturdays a train leaving New York at 10:45 brings one to Branford, by similar change at 12:58. If one takes any other train to New Haven, one has to go up to the Green and take an electric car marked "Stony Creek" (not Branford). No trains from Boston stop at Branford now. One must go to New Haven and come back from there on the 4:52, arriving at Branford at 5:08 (or, on Saturdays, the 12:40, arriving at 12:58). All these figures are of Eastern Standard Time.

Dr. Jameson, who is spending the summer in Europe, arranged with Professor Arthur I. Andrews to attend to all necessary details respecting the Branford gathering. It is now expected, however, that Dr. Jameson will return in season to be present during at least one or two days of the week. It would be a convenience if you would indicate on the enclosed card the information thereon requested, returning it to this office before the end of the present month, together with any suggestions you may care to make.

Very truly yours,



Acting as secretary to J. F. Jameson.

(Enclosure)

March 31, 1927

Dean J. B. Johnston  
219 Administration Bldg.,  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Johnston:-

I should like to have the following  
notice appear in the Official Daily Bulletin  
on Monday and Tuesday, March 28 and 29.

History 154s Topics, Minnesota  
listed to meet VIII, IX, Hr. TTh will  
meet instead II Hr. TThS in 321OL

Sincerely yours

B/P

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THE ALBERT KAHN FOUNDATION  
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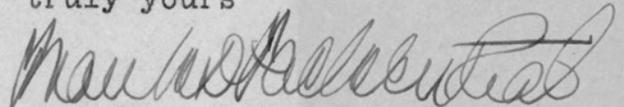
FRANK D. FACKENTHAL, SECRETARY  
531 WEST 116TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY

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

Dear Dr. Buck

Dr. C. B. Kuhlmann has been nominated for the Albert Kahn Fellowship for the year 1928-29. I understand that you know him well enough to give the Trustees of the Kahn Foundation a confidential statement in regard to his qualifications, as you see them, for carrying out the purposes of the Fellowship. I enclose a folder setting forth the underlying principles of the Foundation. As the Trustees meet shortly I would appreciate an early reply.

Very truly yours



Frank D. Fackenthal

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March 21, 1928

Mr. Frank D. Fackenthal, Secretary  
The Albert Kahn Foundation  
531 West 116 St.,  
New York City

Dear Mr. Fackenthal:-

Your letter of March 14 requesting a statement concerning Dr. C. B. Kuhlmann with reference to the Albert Kahn Fellowship has been received.

Kuhlmann did some graduate work with me at the University of Minnesota about a dozen years ago and I have seen something of him from time to time since then. Much to my regret, I cannot say that he seems to me to have the desired qualifications to an eminent degree. He is, I believe, a conscientious student, but I should not call him brilliant, and I feel sure that it would be possible to find a more suitable candidate.

Sincerely yours

B/P

## THE ALBERT KAHN FOUNDATION FOR THE FOREIGN TRAVEL OF AMERICAN TEACHERS

The essential object of the Foundation is in no sense to further any special line of individual and above all academic research. It is to enable men of proved intellectual attainments to enjoy during one year or more, sufficient leisure and freedom from all professional pursuits or preoccupations, to enter into personal contact with men and countries they might otherwise never have known. It is to enable them to issue from the world of books and their narrow sphere of habitual interests into the broader world of various civilizations and such human interests, struggles and endeavors as go to the making of general civilization. From a disinterested survey of different countries, some attempt to enter into the spirit of their inner life from the mere contrast, however summarily or imperfectly perceived, of their varying aims and ideals, all living minds must necessarily receive a stimulus, lose prejudices, gain a broader view, a more generous and philosophical outlook on human life and the wider issues of civilization at large. It is in order to increase the number of men who have some personal and direct knowledge of other countries than their own, some understanding appreciation of other civilizations, to give fuller opportunities for such comparisons between them as may gradually lead to a saner, kinder, more accurate and just conception of the world and the general movement of civilization, that these Traveling Fellowships have been founded. Each Fellow should consequently have in view, not the pursuit of some personal aim, hobby or professional preoccupation, but this broadening of his mind and sympathies. The end each should pursue is thus, not the completion of any particular line of study, however interesting or important, the intensifying or confirmation of the ideas he may already possess, of his individual or national peculiarities, but a free and open-minded examination of other forms of life and activity, an unprejudiced revision of his own ideas, a comparison of other human values with those he already knows.

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It was Mr. Kahn's long experience as Treasurer of the International Conciliation that impressed him with the importance in obtaining an understanding of peoples and countries of an acquaintanceship gained by travel and kept active by subsequent correspondence.

#### EXTRACTS FROM THE DEED OF GIFT

DEED OF GIFT AND TRUST, entered into at the City of New York, the sixth day of January, One thousand nine hundred and eleven, by and between ALBERT KAHN, of Paris, France, hereinafter called the Founder, as party of the first part; and EDWARD D. ADAMS, NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER, HENRY FAIRFIELD OSBORN, all of the City of New York, CHARLES W. ELIOT, of Cambridge, Mass., and CHARLES D. WALCOTT, of Washington, D. C., hereinafter called the Trustees, as parties of the second part:

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Although the Trustees in the selection of such beneficiaries are to exercise their own judgment and discretion, the Founder hopes that teachers or scholars will be chosen who have shown

marked ability and promise as educators, and who will enter into and appreciate the spirit of the foundation and look upon their travels as preparation for the performance of high duties in the instruction and education of the youth of their country, and not as affording a mere vacation or pleasure trip.

The Founder suggests that the itinerary of any such travelers shall be regulated by the Trustees in their discretion, and shall, if deemed practicable, involve an absence from America of at least one year and include the various countries of Europe and Egypt, India, China, Japan, Ceylon and Java.

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Further information in regard to the Kahn Foundation and forms of application for appointment may be obtained by addressing Frank D. Fackenthal, 531 West 116th Street, New York, N. Y.

**The stipend of the single Albert Kahn Fellowship to be awarded will be \$5000.**

December 12, 1928

Mr. Herbert A. Kellar  
679 Rush St.,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Herbert:-

You may have noticed that I am scheduled to be in two places at the same time at the meeting of the American Historical Association. In view of this fact and of the further fact that I am to preside at the luncheon of the Agricultural History Society, I want to arrange for someone else to preside at the joint session on Saturday morning. If I remember correctly, you were responsible for inveigling me into presiding last year and, as thrn about is fair play, I trust that you will be willing to take my place this year. I have had some correspondence with Stine about this and I think perhaps he has already written you on the subject.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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HERBERT A KELLAR.

December 20, 1928

Mr. Herbert A. Kellar  
679 Rush St.,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Herbert:-

I expect to be in Chicago on Thursday, December 27, on my way to the A.H.A. meeting, and hope that it will be possible to see you, as there are a number of things that I should like to talk over with you. In particular I should like to see, if feasible, the material that you have collected about manuscript material in various western depositories.

I am planning to take the eleven-forty train on the Big Four from Chicago to Indianapolis Thursday night; perhaps you will be going on the same train.

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas

Sincerely yours

B/P



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October 10, 1928

Hon. Frank B. Kellogg  
Secretary of State  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Kellogg:-

Information having reached me to the effect that there is a possibility that the position of chief of the Division of Publications in the Department of State may be classified as a clerical position, with the consequence that it would probably be impossible to retain the services of a trained historical scholar to edit the publications, I took the liberty of sending you the following telegram:

"Minnesota Historical Society and historical scholars generally vitally interested in quality of state department publications such as diplomatic correspondence and projected territorial papers and feel that position of chief of division of publications should be so classified as to attract the services of a trained expert to supervise the work."

The matter was discussed at a meeting of the executive committee of the Minnesota Historical Society and it was the unanimous opinion of the members of the committee that anything that might interfere with the present high standard of the publications of the State Department from the point of view of historical scholars would be most unfortunate. Some of the more extensive and expensive publications of historical material by the government, as, for example, the "Rebellion Records" have been so badly edited that they can be used by scholars only with the greatest caution, and it is to be hoped that the government will recognize that the editing of historical documents requires professional skill of a very high order.

The Minnesota Historical Society and other state historical societies in the West have been very much concerned in the movement for the editing and publication by the State Department of the papers in the archives at Washington relating to the territories. I understand that the prospects are good for an appropriation at the next session of Congress for the publication of this material under the supervision of the State Department, and we feel that it is very important that the work should be in fully competent hands.

Sincerely yours

B/P

JUL 18 1928

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

JOSEPH SCHAFER  
Superintendent

(TRUSTEE OF THE STATE)

MADISON

July 17, 1928

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I have been obliged to lay aside my research on Carver and Robert Rogers for some time, as other things pressed in. Yesterday, however, a call from John Thomas Lee of Chicago, aroused my interest and hence this letter. Mr. Lee is naturally very much interested in the Carver journals from the British Museum and would like to see them published. He thinks the Newberry Library has photostats and will look it up and let me know. He would like to get the material for a Caxton Club publication. I told him this could not be done without consultation with you, that you had plans for publishing. Between ourselves I am not keen to have these journals done by the Caxton Club, since they are so exclusive about their output. However, if there is no better chance, it might be well to let them consider it. I know you spoke of either the Minnesota Historical Society or the Mississippi Valley. Have you any plans?

Meanwhile my paper will come out in our December magazine and my description and discussion at greater length in the next volume of our histories of Wisconsin. But it will be some time before that can be published. Let me hear what you think about the whole matter.

Very sincerely yours,

Louise Phelps Kellogg

July 25, 1928

Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
Harvard University,  
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Buck:

I was glad to receive yours of the 21st and have been meditating since on the problems it suggests. I haven't heard yet from Mr. Lee who promised to let me know about the Carver transcripts in the Newberry library. Perhaps it would be well to encourage publication by the Caxton Club, as it is so hard to have such things printed in these days of high printing prices. Do I understand, then, that if Mr. Lee and myself decide to go on with a Carver volume, you would have no objections? The Club will not issue a cheap edition; I proposed an extra edition of my Charlevoix, but they wouldn't listen to it. They will, however, circularize the important libraries of this country and take their orders in advance. If the publication committee of the Caxton Club takes up the matter, I know of no person better fitted to decide what to include than Mr. Lee himself. My study is quite recent and attempts to show chiefly why Carver took his journey. I have not gone extensively into his different manuscripts and their relations one to another. Yes! thank you, Miss Nute sent me quite a package of additional material some of which is very interesting.

Your suggestion about a travel series is very interesting, and I should dearly like to see it worked out. I doubt, however, if any one publisher would take it up and bring out a series like the Early Western Travels. Moreover, even when that was published Dr. Thwaites did not have a free hand. There were some works he wished to include which Arthur H. Clark wouldn't have, because

they were not sufficiently rare; and there were those he included which would better have been excluded, because the publisher insisted. I tell you this bit of history as suggestive of the difference between the historian's and the publisher's view point. I think it would be best, if it could be taken up, to bring these travels out separately, not in a series. In fact I think that rather accords with your idea. This is only in response to your request for my opinion.

Yes! I am glad you are knocking some of the stuffing out of George Rogers Clark; he is much in danger of being over-heroized. Bodley's book is scandalous; documents are distorted and adjusted to, meet his view of Clark. I think James's book will be ~~the same~~ <sup>sane</sup>. It will be out this fall.

Hope you will have a pleasant vacation. The Schafers are sailing next week.

Sincerely yours,

Louise Phelps Kellogg.

P.S. Letter just received from Lee; he says nothing about the publication, informs me of the photostats in the Newberry library. Also a note from James A. James accompanying a copy of his George Rogers Clark.

P.S. No. 2. Aug 4th. How brief is our fame! You gave me no Cambridge address, and see the result!!

August 14, 1928

Dr. Louise P. Kellogg  
The State Historical Society  
of Wisconsin  
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Miss Kellogg:

Your letter of July 25 finally reached me at Harvard just before I left for home. As I indicated in my previous letter, I do not feel that I have any claim on Carver and certainly I should be very glad if you and Mr. Lee would edit the material for publication by the Caxton Club.

You are probably right in thinking that no publisher would undertake to bring out a comprehensive series of travels. It might be, however, that by subordinating the series idea and making each work a unit in itself the thing could ultimately be accomplished. I am too much worn out to give much thought to it now, however, but sometime I hope to talk the matter over with you.

Sincerely yours

SJB/H

September 25, 1928

Dr. Louise P. Kellogg  
State Historical Society of Wisconsin  
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Miss Kellogg:

In compiling the bibliography of Alvord's work for publication in the Mississippi Valley Historical Review, I have struck a couple of snags concerning which you can probably give me some assistance. The Biennial Reports of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library from 1912-14 on contain reports written by Mr. Alvord as editor of the Collections. Presumably similar reports appear in the earlier issues but they are not in our library. Doubtless your file of these reports is complete and I will appreciate it very much if you will look up and let me know what issues of the trustees' reports prior to the one for 1912-14 contain reports by Alvord as editor and the inclusive pages on which these reports appear.

Alvord's article entitled "Lord Shelburne and the Founding of British-American Goodwill," which we have in pamphlet form, was read before the British Academy in 1925, and the pamphlet contains on the cover the words "From the Proceedings of the British Academy." The file of these Proceedings in the University of Minnesota Library end with the issue for 1924. I see from the Union List of Serials that the University of Wisconsin Library has a file and I wish you would see if you can discover this article of Alvord's in it, presumably in the Proceedings for 1925. If you find it please let me know the number of the volume, the inclusive pages of the article, and the place and date of publication.

The bibliography, which is to accompany a paper on Alvord for the Mississippi Valley Historical Review, has already been sent to Quaife, but I understand it will not go to press until the first of October. If you will look up these matters for me this week, therefore, it will probably be possible for me to make the necessary additions and corrections before the copy goes to the printer. I assure you that your cooperation will be much appreciated.

Sincerely yours

SJB/H

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September 26, 1928

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

Unfortunately we do not have the Biennial Report of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library for 1910-22; the report for 1908-10 contains no report by the editor of the Collections - I doubt if 1910-12 did. I think they began with 1912-14, but can not be certain.

Alvord's article on "Lord Shelburne and the Founding of British-American Goodwill" is in the British Academy Proceedings for 1926, but the University copy has not arrived so I can not get the pages for you.

Have you the articles from the Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research, London University? I suppose you have everything from the Transactions. Have you "Illinois - the Origins" from Military Tract Papers, No. 3, 14-16?

It must have been a big undertaking to prepare this bibliography but I know it was a labor of love.

Faithfully yours,

Louise Phelps Kellogg

Write  
Miss Osborne.

September 28, 1928

Dr. Louise P. Kellogg  
State Historical Society of Wisconsin  
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Miss Kellogg:-

Thank you very much for the trouble that you took about the Alvord bibliography. I wrote to Pease some time ago about the report of the Illinois State Historical Library but have had no reply. I shall now try Miss Osborne, the librarian. I had all the articles to which you refer but doubtless I have missed some others.

The compilation of the bibliography did take considerable time but it was interesting work and it brought to my own knowledge some of Alvord's writings of which I had never heard before.

Sincerely yours

SJB/B

MAR 28 1928

Kerkhoven Public School

Stanley H. Anonsen, Superintendent

Kerkhoven, Minn.

March 27, 1928

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
State Historical Building  
State Capitol, St. Paul

Dear Mr. Buck:

A church conference has just been scheduled to begin the Friday evening when you will be here to deliver the Commencement Address. Tho it will not materially concern our plans, it would be better if no such conflict existed. I am writing to find out whether or not it would make any difference to you if the Commencement activities be set for Thursday evening, May 31st. If that date is not available we shall let the original date stand.

I wish to express my appreciation of your acceptance of the invitation. If you will let me know the time of your arrival, I shall arrange to have someone meet you, provided I cannot do it.

Sincerely yours,

*S. H. Anonsen*

Superintendent

March 28, 1928

Mr. Stanley H. Anonsen  
Kerkhoven Public School  
Kerkhoven, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Anonsen:-

Thursday, May 31, will suit me better than Friday, June 1, for the Commencement address, as I have a class at the University Saturday forenoon and might have difficulty in getting back to it. I shall plan to be there on Thursday, therefore, unless I hear from you to the contrary.

I have not looked up the matter of transportation as yet but shall let you know in due time when to expect me.

Sincerely yours

B/P

May 24, 1938

Mr. S. H. Anonsen, Superintendent  
Public School  
Kerkhoven, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Anonsen:-

It occurs to me that you may want to know the title of my Commencement Address to be given on Thursday, May 31. It is "The Challenge to American Democracy."

I have not decided yet whether to drive or take the train, but shall let you know later when to expect me.

Sincerely yours

B/P

May 28, 1938

Mr. S. H. Anonsen, Superintendent  
Public School  
Kerkhoven, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Anonsen:-

I am planning now to drive to Kerkhoven on Thursday and my wife expects to accompany me. I shall get in touch with you as soon as possible after our arrival, which will probably be sometime in the afternoon.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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February 24, 1927

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I notice that you are a member of the executive committee of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. As chairman of the teachers' section, I am trying to get up a program for the New Orleans meeting. Superintendent J. R. Barton of Oklahoma City is prepared to talk about the revision of their history program, in which they have done a notable work and from which the members of the teachers' section might profit greatly. He expresses a willingness to talk to the Association, but adds that he has no expense account which would permit him to make that journey. I told him that I did not believe that the Association ever helped to defray the expenses of any persons on its program, either in whole or in part, but I informed him that I would take the matter up with the executive authorities of the Association, and urge in his behalf the fact that he is not a member of the Association and that he would be conferring a distinct favor. I am writing to you as one who can inform me earliest about the possibility of such a payment of expenses.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,  
A. C. Krey

September 12, 1927

Professor A. C. Krey  
324 Walnut St. S. E.  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Krey:-

Upon my return to Minneapolis, I continued the reading of Mr. Graham's thesis and completed four chapters by last Saturday. I found further examples of the use of the language of other people without quotation marks, although not so many as in the first chapter, partly, perhaps, because I did not have at hand the materials that he was using, and partly because these materials were, in the main, of a different type.

On Saturday Mr. Graham came to see me, bringing the last four chapters of the thesis. As he is your advisee, I should have preferred to have you handle the matter with him, but in view of your absence and of his haste, it seemed advisable for me to tell him what I had found and explain its significance. His excuse was that he had been criticised for "literary" writing and for not sticking sufficiently close to the facts and that he used the language of his sources of information in order to avoid the danger of misinterpreting them. He took with him the four chapters that I had gone through and stated his intention of re-writing them in his own language. He said that he thought little if any of the same sort of thing would be found in the remaining chapters, but, in going through a couple of them, I found several paragraphs lifted almost bodily from Dr. Folwell's history. I suspect that a careful check would reveal much more of this with secondary writers and also that, when summarizing source material, he has often followed the language of the original more closely than is justified without quotation marks.

It seems to me that the thesis should not be accepted until we are certain that everything of this sort is eliminated, but I do not feel that I can take the time for any more detailed checking.

Mr. Graham told me that you had promised him that he could have his examination in the second week in September. I told him that I was perfectly willing to do anything I could to facilitate it, but that it seemed very doubtful to me if such an arrangement would be possible, as the thesis would have to be

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read by all the members of the committee in advance of the examination, and as it would probably be very difficult to get an examining committee together at this time of the year. I was careful to explain to him that I was not in any sense speaking for you in the matter and that technically my only function as a member of the committee was to pass upon the completed work and to participate in the examination.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

September 21, 1927.

Doctor S. J. Buck  
Minnesota Historical Society  
St. Paul Minnesota.

Dear Doctor Buck:

I wish to thank you for your kindness in making clear to Mr. Graham the further demands upon him in connection with his thesis. I think you are quite justified in leaving to his conscience the duty of avoiding further "literary <sup>copy</sup> liftings". I judge that you made your point definitely clear to him and I shall await his corrections of the manuscript. You are also quite right in making clear to him that the other members of the committee will have to pass upon his thesis before the examination can be set.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours

*A. C. Gray*

ACK:E

June 9, 1928

Professor A. C. Krey  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Krey:--

Herewith I am returning to you the thesis by Mr. Hugh Graham, including the "revised version" that he left with me the other day, and also the original version of chapters 5-11 inclusive, which have been in my possession since last year.

As you will doubtless recall, I returned the first four chapters of the original version to Mr. Graham last summer, having indicated on them a number of plagiarisms that I had discovered. Mr. Graham assured me the other day that these chapters had been thoroughly revised so as to eliminate all use of the language of others except in quotation marks, and that the later chapters did not contain similar plagiarisms. My examination of the work does not substantiate his claim. I find that there is still considerable use of the words of others without quotation marks in the first four chapters, probably in places that I did not mark when I went over the original version; also that his revision consists, in some cases at least, in a mere paraphrase of the language of the writer whom he is following. The later chapters also, I find by dipping into them here and there, contain a considerable amount of plagiarism; in fact it seems to have been Mr. Graham's method throughout to use the language of his sources whenever it would serve his purpose.

In order that you may have a more definite idea of these matters, I suggest that you examine pages 1, 29, 30, and 110 of the revised version, and pages 126, 167, 181, 182, 197, 198, 231-233, 236, and 237, of the original version. On these pages I have indicated, by underlining, material that is taken verbatim, or practically so, from others. I used the original rather than the revised version of the later chapters for this because I had checked them to some extent before the revised version was received. Comparing the two, however, I find them to be practically the same except for the correction of minor slips. I might add that in the one or two cases where I compared material that he presents in quotation marks with the originals, I found considerable differences.

Mr. Graham has unquestionably assembled a mass of material, but this material has not been thoroughly digested, assimilated and interpreted. The result is a collection or compilation rather than a monographic study, and it is distinctly lacking in literary finish. It does not seem to me that an acceptable thesis could be made out of this merely by changing the language a little here and there. What it needs is not revision but rewriting.

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This letter is written for your personal information and I should not like to have it shown to or quoted from to Mr. Graham; in fact it seems to me that you, as his advisor, should take the responsibility of directing his work, although there can be no objection, of course, to your making use of the information about it that I have supplied. I assume that I am not called upon at present to accept or reject the thesis, and I am writing this, not in my official capacity as a member of the committee, but rather in that of an unofficial aid to the chairman of the committee.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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Dear Professor Buck:

This afternoon's mail brought me a clipping from the Minnesota Historical Society of your criticism of my thesis. I am very grateful to whoever sent me the clipping.

My first reaction toward your criticism is one of relief. Though what you said was bad enough, you could have said worse things about it. I am glad to know that you had a good word for my index and that you thought "the material was well organized and interpreted with acumen" ( probably too much acumen?). Now that I have read your criticism I do not fear others so much, for there is no person who knows that field of history as you do.

I shall make use of the first opportunity to discuss my thesis with you. I hope you will give me a few minutes if I find time to go to St. Paul in September.

This gives me a much-desired occasion to tell you how humiliated I have felt over that awful examination in New York. I will admit that it would have been bad enough under ordinary conditions but the fact that I was having an attack of appendicitis and was using stimulants to enable me to be there made me more muddle-headed than usual. The offending appendix was removed shortly after that but too late to help me in the examination.

Very truly yours,

*Henrietta Larson*

August 11, 1927

Dr. Henrietta M. Larson  
Southern Illinois State Normal University  
Carbondale, Illinois

Dear Miss Larson:-

I am not quite sure from your letter of August 5 whether or not you feel that my review of your book was a fair one. At any rate, I tried to make it such and especially to make clear the fact that I thought you had made a valuable contribution to history. It seemed to me that the things for which the book was to be commended were much more important than those in which it was open to criticism. I shall certainly be very glad to talk the matter over with you when you are in St. Paul if I am here at that time. I shall probably be away during the first week in September and possibly the second.

It was unfortunate that you had to take your examination under the conditions you mention, but it impressed me as a reasonably good examination, as such things go, and my recollection is that the members of the committee considered it such. The candidates at such examinations frequently think that they have done much worse than is actually the case. For example, in two cases recently we have had difficulty in persuading students to accept the master's degree at Minnesota because they felt that they had made such poor showings in their examinations. I think that the better students are much more apt to have this reaction than the weaker ones.

Sincerely yours

SJB/B

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August 20, 1927

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

Dear Professor Buck:

Thank you for your kind letter. I expect to be in St. Paul the third week in September, and I shall be very glad to see you if I find you there.

Let me assure you that I was more than pleased with your review of my thesis. If you had not given evidence of having read it so carefully, I should have thought it almost too good to be true. I had hoped, of course, that some good things could be said about it, but, after concentrating so long on its faults, I did not have much confidence in my own judgment.

Sincerely yours,

*Henrietta Larson*

August 22, 1923

Miss Henrietta Larson  
Southern Illinois State  
Normal University  
Carbondale, Illinois

My dear Miss Larson:-

Your letter of August 20  
to Mr. Buck arrived just after he had  
left for a few weeks of vacation. He  
will probably be back by the time you  
arrive in St. Paul, however, and I  
am sure that he will be glad to see  
you.

Sincerely yours

*Chas. Clark*

B/P

June 3, 1927

Hon. Victor E. Lawson  
Willmar, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Lawson:-

Thank you very much  
for sending me a copy of the  
"Greater Minnesota Week Edi-  
tion" of the Willmar Tribune.  
I appreciate very much the prom-  
inent position that you have *given* to my  
article on "How Minnesota Became  
a State." I am afraid it does  
not quite measure up to the head-  
lines that were used with it, but  
the readers wouldn't notice this.

Sincerely yours

B/P

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

54 Concord Avenue,  
Cambridge, Mass. 7  
January 27, 1926.

Dear Mr. Buck,

Miss Ewing intends to give notice of her intent to leave the Society to Miss Krausnick on April 1, 1927.

Miss Ewing and I expect to be married just before my return to Cambridge this fall, and she wishes to continue library work or to engage in graduate study here during my last year in the Law School. May I ask your permission for her to use your name as a reference in applying for a position — provided, of course, that you are willing to recommend her?

As we do not wish to have our plans made public until this coming August, I am making this request for Miss Ewing and addressing this note to your residence.

Sincerely yours,  
Bruce E. Lehmann

February 9, 1927

Mr. Bryce E. Lehman  
54 Concord Ave.,  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Lehman:-

Permit me to extend my congratulations on the news contained in your letter of January 7.

I have no objections, of course, to my name being used as a reference for Miss Ewing, but I have absolutely no basis for an independent opinion about her or her work. Consequently I should have to refer inquirers to Miss Krausnick or to transmit to them information derived from Miss Krausnick, with a statement as to its source. It seems to me, therefore, that it would be better to refer people directly to Miss Krausnick.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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17th February 1928.

Dear Buck:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of your paper, which I have read with a great deal of interest and have turned over to Dr. Jameson for the use of the Review.

I very much hope that the enterprise to which you have given so generously of your time and effort will now be carried through to a successful conclusion.

It is an aggravation to me to know that you are to spend the summer at Harvard, for I am sailing on May 6 to attend a meeting of the Union of Academies in Brussels, and expect to stay over for the International Congress at Oslo in August; otherwise I should expect to be working in the Harvard Library at least part of the summer, and it would have given me the greatest pleasure to have a chance to see you frequently.

Most sincerely yours,

*Waldo G. Leland*

WGL-JNB

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

October 14, 1927

Dr. O. G. Libby  
University of North Dakota  
University, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Libby:-

Some time ago you were kind enough to say that you would put me on the mailing list for the North Dakota Historical Quarterly in order that I might have a file for my personal library. There must have been a slip somewhere, however, as the only issues I have received are the first two numbers, and I understand that two or three others have appeared since then. I should like very much to receive them regularly if it is permissible.

Sincerely yours

B/p

*P. S. They should be sent to my  
home address*

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October 18, 1927.

UNIVERSITY STATION  
GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I have your letter of October 14 and note the neglect on my part which has resulted in your failure to receive our Quarterly. I will see to it that the back numbers reach you and all future numbers.

Very truly yours,

O. G. Libby.

OGL:AJC

October 31, 1937

Dr. Orin G. Libby  
University of North Dakota  
University, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Libby:-

Thank you very much for putting me back on the mailing list for your magazine. Numbers 3 and 4 have reached me and I have looked them over with much interest. It seems to me that you are bringing out some very valuable material.

Sincerely yours,

B/P

November 3, 1928

Professor Orin G. Libby  
University of North Dakota  
University, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Libby:-

In looking over the account of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association meeting in the last number of the Review, I note that you were scheduled to read a paper entitled "The Source of Trudeau's Description of the Upper Mississippi" but that the paper was not read because of your absence. I am wondering if the paper was prepared and, if so, whether or not it will be printed in the near future; if not, would it be possible for you to let me have a copy for examination?

Sincerely yours

B/P

67 Barton Ave. S. E.

October 14, 1927

Dr. Herbert Putnam  
Librarian of Congress  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Putnam:-

If you will have sent to me at the above address a copy of the pamphlet entitled "The Library of Congress and its Activities," the favor will be much appreciated.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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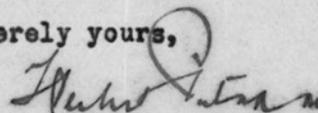
Dear Mr. Buck:

I have been very glad to send you (under separate cover) a copy of the pamphlet entitled "The Library of Congress and its activities", which you requested in your letter of October 14.

I have also directed to be sent to you copies of the following recent publications, which I think you may be interested to see:

The Library of Congress Trust Fund Board  
The Library of Congress: some notable  
items that it has and some examples of  
many others that it needs.

Very sincerely yours,



Librarian

Mr. Solon J. Buck  
Department of History  
College of Science, Literature and the Arts  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis Minnesota

[67 Barton Avenue S.E.]

67 Barton Ave. S. E.

October 26, 1927

Dr. Herbert Putnam  
Librarian of Congress  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Putnam:-

Thank you very much for the copy of the pamphlet entitled "The Library of Congress and its Activities," and the other publications that you sent me. I have been hearing about these new developments in the Library of Congress and am very glad to have more definite and detailed information.

Sincerely yours

B/P

September 17, 1928

Librarian of Congress  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

A pamphlet by Clarence W. Alvord entitled Lord Shelburne and the Founding of British-American Goodwill bears on its cover the statement "From the Proceedings of the British Academy." I am compiling a bibliography of the work of Professor Alvord for early publication and desire the data concerning the publication of this article in the Proceedings, but the only file of this in this vicinity (the one in the University) ends at present with the volume for 1924-5. Presumably this article appeared in the volume for 1925-6 -- it is an address that was read in 1925 -- and, if this volume is in the Library of Congress and does contain the article in question, I shall appreciate it very much if you will have someone send me the following data concerning it: The volume, number, year, inclusive pages of the article, and place and date of publication.

I assure you that your aid in this matter will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours

B/P

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS  
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OFFICE OF THE LIBRARIAN

October 9 1928

Dear Sir:

We regret that we are unable to aid you in response to your request of September 17, but the Superintendent of the Reading Room, to whom your letter was submitted, reports that the Library does not have the 1925-6 volume of the Proceedings of the British Academy. The 1921-23 volume (No. 10) is the latest received, either bound or unbound by the Smithsonian Division.

Very truly yours,

*J. L. Lamson*

Secretary  
[For the Librarian] *b*

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

January 30, 1928

Professor Harlow Lindley  
Earlham College  
Richmond, Indiana

Dear Mr. Lindley:-

Thank you very much for sending me the copy of the Richmond Item containing the account of your appointment as librarian of the Hayes Memorial Library. I have read from time to time about the plans of this institution and it seems to me that you will have an opportunity for valuable work there. I trust also that you will be in a position to cooperate with others in Ohio who are interested in getting some effective state historical work under way there.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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HERBERT F. JENKINS  
VICE PRESIDENT

April 24, 1928.

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

Dear Professor Buck:

We note that you are to give a course in American history at the Harvard Summer School and we believe, therefore, that you may be interested in our \$2500 competition for the best book on American history. I take the liberty of enclosing herewith a revised announcement of this contest.

We hope that you may have a manuscript to offer us in the near future.

Yours very truly,

*Herbert F. Jenkins*  
Vice president

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April 27, 1928

Mr. Herbert F. Jenkins, Vice President.  
Little, Brown & Company  
34 Beacon St.,  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Jenkins:-

I appreciate your note of April 24 and wish that it might be possible for me to submit a manuscript in your competition for the best book on American History. I have been much interested in this competition since the first announcement but my obligations are such that it will be impossible for me to participate in it.

If you contemplate another competition of this sort, I should like to suggest that it be announced at least two years in advance of the date of closing. No first class historical work, it seems to me, can be produced in less than that time and, as a consequence, the best works that will be submitted in your competition will probably be ones that were well under way before the competition was announced but for which publication arrangements had not yet been made. If the time were longer, however, competent scholars might be stimulated to produce books specifically for submission in the competition.

Very truly yours

B/P

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HERBERT F. JENKINS  
VICE PRESIDENT

April 30, 1928.

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

Dear Professor Buck:

I have yours of April 27th and appreciate that it may require upwards of two years to write a worth while book on American History. However, as you suggest, we hope to interest authors who had already commenced work.

Yours very truly,

HFJ/M