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Gentlemen:-

Last summer we supplied a number of corrections for Stories of Early Minnesota, by Mrs. Buck and myself, which you are publishing. I shall appreciate it if you will let me know whether or not the book has been reprinted since then. If there has been a reprint embodying the corrections, I want to order ten copies of the corrected edition, to be charged against the royalty account.

Whether or not there has been such a reprint, I would suggest that you send a review copy of the book to Mrs. Fred Schilplin, care of the St. Cloud Daily Times, St. Cloud, Minnesota. Mrs. Schilplin is the wife of the owner of this paper and writes book reviews for it. She has said that she would like to publish a review of our book for the paper and also endeavor to have it adopted for use in the St. Cloud schools.

Very truly yours

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February 8, 1927.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I find upon inquiry that the corrections regarding which you ask in your letter of February 2nd have been made in the plates, but that no reprint has been ordered since the plates were corrected.

Meanwhile we take pleasure in sending the requested copy of the old edition to the journal that you suggest.

Very truly yours,

*P. A. Knowlton*

THE MACMILLAN COMPANY  
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PAK:H

April 25<sup>th</sup> 1927

Mr. P. A. Knowlton  
The MacMillan Company  
Editorial Department  
60 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City

Dear Mr. Knowlton:-

On February 8 you wrote me to the effect that the corrections had been made in the plates for our Stories of Early Minnesota but that no reprint had been ordered since the plates were corrected.

We have discovered a serious error in the book and I hope that it will be possible for you to have this additional correction made. On page 171, line 9 from the bottom, the date 1847 should be changed to 1850.

I shall appreciate it if you will notify me when a printing is made from the corrected plates.

Sincerely yours

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April 28, 1927.

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

Dear Sir:

Mr. Knowlton has turned over to me your letter of April 25th with the request that I take care of the manufacturing details involved in making the correction you desire on page 171 of *STORIES OF EARLY MINNESOTA*. Upon looking into the matter I find that a reprint of your book is now on the press. This means that we shall soon have copies containing the corrections which were sent us some time ago. Unfortunately it means also that we are too late to include in the reprint this latest correction. We have put it on file, however, and will incorporate it in the plate before another reprint.

Perhaps you would like to see a copy of the new printing when it is available. In case you would I shall be very glad to have a copy sent to you.

Very truly yours,

*Agnes M. Barry*

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May 6, 1927

Miss Agnes M. Barry  
The Macmillan Co.,  
Editorial Department  
60 Fifth Ave.,  
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My dear Miss Barry:-

Thank you for your letter of April 28 informing me that the reprint of our Stories of Early Minnesota is now on the press. We should, indeed, be very glad to see a copy of the new printing when it is available. Please have it sent to me at my home address, 67 Barton Ave. S. E., Minneapolis.

Sincerely yours

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May 11, 1927.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

Stock of the new printing of STORIES OF  
EARLY MINNESOTA has not yet been received in the  
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July 7, 1927.

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

Dear Mr. Buck,

When I wrote you some time ago that we would send you a copy of the new printing of *STORIES OF EARLY MINNESOTA* as soon as stock was available, I had no idea that so much time would elapse before it was possible to do so. However, this was a matter beyond my control, and I am glad to be able to forward you at last a copy of your book as reprinted May, 1927.

Very truly yours,

*Agnes M. Barry*

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We beg to send you enclosed herewith a statement of account of the book which we have the pleasure of publishing for you, in accordance with our agreement.

The sum shown by the statement to your credit is by the terms of the contract due in November next.

Kindly examine the account with the view of ascertaining its correctness and should there be any error please return statement to us without delay so that we may make correction.

Respectfully yours,

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August 11, 1927

Miss Agnes M. Barry  
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The Macmillan Company  
60 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Miss Barry:-

I owe you an apology for not having acknowledged before this your letter of July 7 and the complimentary copy of the new edition of our Stories of Early Minnesota that you had sent to me. The book was duly received and looked over with much interest.

The corrections seem to have been carefully made but in the copy that I received the leaves in the beginning and at the end of the book are somewhat wavy. I do not know what the cause of this might be unless the book was removed from the press too soon after binding. At any rate, I hope that this feature does not run through the entire edition.

Sincerely yours

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August 15, 1927.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I am sorry that the copy of STORIES OF EARLY MINNESOTA that you received was not in perfect condition. In any large printing of a book there are likely to be a few defective copies, and although we try to keep such copies segregated they do occasionally find their way into the general stock. I think I can safely assure you, however, that the copy you have is not representative and that the printing as a whole is entirely acceptable.

Very truly yours ,

*Agnes M. Barry*

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University of Minnesota  
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My dear Mr. Buck:

At the author's request a complimentary advance copy of GILMAN OF REDFORD by William Stearns Davis has just been mailed to you. This volume, the first of Mr. Davis' historical romances concerned with American history, is a story of Boston and Harvard College on the eve of the Revolutionary War.

If you decide to publish a review, the publishers will appreciate it if you will withhold its publication until after October 25, the date the book will be released. In this event, they also hope you will find it convenient to have one marked copy of the issue sent to me at this office, and another to the main office at 60 Fifth Avenue, New York City. May I ask that you notify us of any public mention you may make of the volume?

We hope we may have the pleasure of hearing from you.

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per *Ruth S. Larson*

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I am in receipt of your letter of October 10 informing me that a complimentary copy of Gilman of Redford by William Stearns Davis was being sent to me, and also of the volume itself.

I am not in a position to publish a review of this book or to give it any public mention, but I am sure that I shall enjoy reading it. Mr. Davis doubtless had it sent to me as a personal friend and former colleague of his in the Department of History in the University of Minnesota.

I presume that the slip that accompanied the book stating that it was sent "for examination purposes with a view to its adoption as a class text" was included by mistake, as it is difficult to see how you could expect a novel to be used as a class text.

I assure you that your courtesy in sending a copy to me is very much appreciated.

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My dear Mr. Buck:

Thank you for your letter of  
October 14 concerning the complimentary copy of  
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Of course the "examination copy"  
slip which was included with the book was enclosed  
in the packing room by error.

Yours very truly,

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April 26, 1928

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Gentlemen:-

In connection with a course  
that I am to give in the coming Summer  
School of Harvard University, I am consider-  
ing using New Viewpoints in American History  
by Arthur M. Schlesinger as a text and will  
appreciate it if you will send me a copy  
for examination.

Very truly yours

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May 4, 1928

Prof. S. J. Buck  
67 Barton Avenue, S.E.  
Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Professor Buck:

We are very glad to send you an examination copy of  
Schlesinger: NEW VIEWPOINTS IN AMERICAN HISTORY, which we hope  
will prove entirely suited to your work at the University of  
Minnesota.

You have probably already seen the volumes in our new  
Schlesinger-Fox: HISTORY OF AMERICAN LIFE SERIES. We have  
thought, however, that they might interest you for reference  
work in connection with your summer school course at Harvard,  
and if you wish to see any of them we shall be glad to have  
you write us again.

Very truly yours,

THE MACMILLAN COMPANY  
College Department

Q. R. S.

GRS:E

67 Barton Ave. S. E.

May 10, 1928

The Macmillan Company  
60 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City

Attention G. R. S., College Department

Gentlemen:-

Thank you very much for the copy of Schlesinger's New Viewpoints in American History. It will be the logical book for use as a text in my course at Harvard next summer, but it does not fit in with any course that I give at the University of Minnesota at present.

I am already familiar with the Schlesinger-Fox Series, History of American Life, having nearly completed reading the four volumes already published, and I expect to write a review of them for Minnesota History, the quarterly of the Minnesota Historical Society. Undoubtedly I shall make considerable use of them for collateral reading in my courses, both at Harvard this summer and at the University of Minnesota.

Sincerely yours

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

Dear Professor Buck:-

May we thank you for your letter of the 10th acknowledging receipt of Schlesinger's NEW VIEWPOINTS IN AMERICAN HISTORY? And in this connection may we say that we are glad that it will fit in with your course in this subject at Harvard next summer?

We are interested to learn that you are writing a review of THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN LIFE for the quarterly of the Minnesota Historical Society and we hope we may have an opportunity to see this review when it is published.

In the meantime, kindly do not hesitate to call upon us if we can be of any further service in regard to any of our college texts.

Very truly yours,

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College Department  
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If you will send a copy of my Stories of Early Minnesota to Mr. Daniel A. Wallace, Editor The Farmer, Webb Publishing Co., 55 E. 10 St., St. Paul, Minnesota, I think the book will receive some publicity that may assist in promoting sales.

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Mr. Solon J. Buck, Supt.,  
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Dear Mr. Buck:

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addressed to our New York office, has been re-  
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sota is territory handled from this point.

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MINNESOTA, to Mr. Daniel A. Wallace, Editor  
of THE FARMER, Webb Publishing Co., 55 E. 10th  
St., St. Paul, Minnesota, however, and trust  
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Trusting we have fully complied  
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BY

*Alice Seltman*

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ASSOCIATE EDITOR

January 28, 1928

My dear Dr. Buck:

At the suggestion of Macmillan representatives Miss Gallaher and I have prepared a manuscript of "Stories of Iowa for Boys and Girls" somewhat after the fashion of your interesting little book Stories of Early Minnesota. May I ask what sort of a business arrangement Macmillans made with you and Mrs. Buck for your manuscript? I shall consider this information strictly confidential, but I am anxious to have some figures in mind when we begin to discuss the contract.

Thanking you for this favor and hoping to see yourself, Blegen, Babcock, Miss Nute, et al at the Des Moines meeting, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Bruce E. Mahan*

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

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Mr. Bruce E. Mahan  
State Historical Society of  
Iowa  
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Mr. Mahan:--

Our contract with the Macmillan Company was on the basis of royalties of six per cent on the net returns, with the proviso that should twenty thousand copies be sold in any one year the royalty should be seven per cent. I have often thought that we would have made more out of the book if we had published it ourselves, but that would have been somewhat of a gamble.

The Macmillans appear to have a good organization for handling sales to schools, but we feel that they missed an opportunity to sell several thousand copies to the general public through the book stores. The book came out in November, 1925, and there was considerable demand for it in the book stores but most of the stores were not adequately supplied with stock. The sales up to last spring amounted to about fifteen thousand copies.

Sincerely yours

B/P

FEB 7 1928

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA  
IOWA CITY IOWA

BRUCE E. MAHAN  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

February 6, 1928

My dear Dr. Buck:

Thank you very kindly for your letter of February 1st giving me the information about the contract with Macmillans. Its unfortunate, I think, that the company did not make more of the opportunity to push your book during the holiday season following its appearance. In my opinion it has a strong appeal not only for school use but for the general public as well.

Hoping to see you at Des Moines, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Bruce E. Mahan*

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

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OCT 23 1928

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA  
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BRUCE E. MAHAN  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

October 22, 1928

My dear Dr. Buck:

The Macmillan Company is bringing out a little volume Stories of Iowa for Boys and Girls by Ruth A. Gallaher and myself, and we are now engaged in the task of collecting the illustrations for the same. We would like to use the illustration on page 50 of your book Stories of Early Minnesota in our chapter describing the arrival of Marquette and Joliet in the Iowa country. I am writing to ask your permission to use this illustration; and as we do not know the address of the original owner of the sketch, I am wondering if you would be so kind as to get his permission also. Macmillan and Company already have the cut, I believe.

Thanking you for this favor, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Bruce E. Mahan*

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

*Hubbard Mulling Co  
Mankato.*

October 26, 1928

Mr. Bruce E. Mahan  
State Historical Society of Iowa  
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Mr. Mahan:-

The illustration about which you inquire was obtained from the Hubbard Milling Company of Mankato, Minnesota, and I would suggest that you write directly to the company to ask for permission to use the cut. You might state that you are doing this at my suggestion and that you have my permission. I am glad to learn that your book of Stories has reached the illustration stage, and I trust that it proves profitable to you and Miss Callaher.

Sincerely yours

B/P

OCT 30 1928

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA  
IOWA CITY IOWA

BRUCE E. MAHAN  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

October 29, 1928

Dear Dr. Buck,

Thank you for your prompt reply to my recent query about the missionary-explorer illustration, and for your permission to use the same. Per your suggestion I am writing to the Hubbard Milling Company for their consent.

Very sincerely yours,

*Bruce E. Mahan*

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

September 19, 1938

Professor Dumas Malone  
University of Virginia  
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mr. Malone:-

Congratulations on your article entitled "A Challenge to Patriots" in the Virginia Quarterly Review for October. It is good medicine and might well be taken by people in other sections besides the South who feel disgruntled over their place in history.

We have recently returned from a vacation in northern Minnesota and are hoping to call upon your sister and her husband in the near future.

Sincerely yours

B/P

EDGEWOOD LANE  
UNIVERSITY, VIRGINIA

Sept. 25, 1928

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

Dear Mr. Buck,

Thank you for your kind words about my article. I had not expected it to be read in far distant Minnesota, or much even in Virginia for that matter. There is some consolation in the thought that you too are beset with hysterical patriotism. Our difficulties along this line are really much less than they used to be. The constructive emphasis, however, which I tried to make, is greatly needed.

I know Lillian and David will be glad to see you, when you can call.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

*Dumas Malone*

April 25, 1927

Professor Thomas M. Marshall  
Washington University  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Marshall:-

It occurred to me that you might be interested to read my review of your Bates Papers before it comes out in the Mississippi Valley Historical Review, so I had an extra copy made and am sending it to you herewith. ✓

You will observe that I was unable to repress my predilections in the matter of editorial methods. I trust you will understand that my criticism in matters of detail does not indicate any lack of appreciation of the work as a whole.

Sincerely yours

B/P

Return to  
J. P. O. B.

APR 28 1927

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
SAINT LOUIS



HISTORY DEPARTMENT

Apr. 28, 1927

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

Dear Sir:

Allow me to thank you for sending me a copy of your review of my Life and Papers of Frederick Bates. You have a perfect right to your editorial ideas and if that is the way you look at it you ought to state your convictions. I naturally feel that you have been unnecessarily harsh and that your review fails to give an idea of the real value of the documents. As to the fact that the documents are few in number on the latter part of Bates' career I am not to blame. They simply do not exist.

Barker's review in The Northwestern Historical Quarterly and Cox's review in The American Historical Review are very favorable. I believe that they are both competent scholars.

To be very frank, I am very much surprised at the tenor of your review. You have wounded me deeply, and if this review appears in its present form I am sure that I shall have to cast into the discard a friendship

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which I had treated. I expected justice from you and I do not consider that this review is just. To say that the index is meager is simply untrue. To imply that the documents were not faithfully reproduced is unjust. The altering of Thruader to Shruader was intentional and should have had a note. As far as I can remember that is the only case of alteration, and that was done because of an obvious error in the printed document. As to the dropping of a comma, I'll take your word for it. Is it worth mentioning, unless you want to be nasty? As to the question of printing superscriptions, etc., I disagree with your editorial notions, as do many editors.

After reading the review, I do not see how you can justly call me "an able and scholarly editor." You appear to have done the best that you could to prove that I am neither.

Yours very truly,  
Thomas M. Marshall.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
SAINT LOUIS



HISTORY DEPARTMENT

April 28, 1927

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

Dear Sir:

After writing to you yesterday I realized that I did not explain another angle which might show you the damage which your review is bound to do.

For three years I have been laboring without compensation to make the Missouri Historical Society a going concern. My chief supporter is Mr. W. K. Bixby. A few months ago Mr. Bixby had a stroke of paralysis and is no longer active in the affairs of the Society. The acting-president, Mr. Brockenridge Jones, is interested mainly in genealogy and I have had a difficult time to keep him from destroying the historical work. He has backed the publication scheme systematically and is very powerful, so powerful that he defeated my proposal to publish a fine lot of papers on the Santa Fe Trail edited by Dr. Bixby. These will soon be published by the Yale Press.

I have also had the difficulty of handling Miss Drumm, a Catholic who hates Washington University and wants to turn the control over to St. Louis University, a Jesuit

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institution. She came back from New Orleans and spread the glad tidings that Mr. Buck did not like the Butler papers.

It is probable that your review will use my influence with the Society. It will be used as a weapon and I do not believe that my armor is thick enough to save me.

Yours very truly,  
T. W. Marshall

MAY 11 1927

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
SAINT LOUIS



HISTORY DEPARTMENT

May 12, 1927

Mr. Solon J. Buch:  
Minnesota Historical Society,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Buch:

I feel much relieved by your withdrawal  
of the review. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

E. M. Marshall

June 6, 1927

Professor E. M. Marshall  
Washington University  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Marshall:-

I think enough time has elapsed so that it may be safe for me to reply to your letters. I have read over the review several times since receiving your letters and I still cannot see wherein it is unfair in tone. I had heard that you were very sensitive to criticism and, while not really believing it, I tried to be extremely careful to avoid anything that might be interpreted as harsh or unfair criticism, and I thought that I had succeeded.

In dealing with the matter of changes from copy, for instance, I was careful to point out that "there is much diversity of opinion as to what is the best procedure in such cases" and the only criticism implied was of the failure to indicate what Yules had been followed. In the main, the review is merely a statement of facts about the book; and such comments as there are are, on the whole, more favorable than unfavorable. Thus, it seemed to be my business as a reviewer to indicate the scope and relative distribution of the documents, and certainly there was no implication of any criticism of you because they are scant in the latter part. It was merely a fact that the reader of the review would be entitled to know. It seemed to me and still seems to me an important fact and I cannot see why you should have wanted it suppressed.

You take exception to my reference to the omission of a comma although it is included merely to show that certain modifications, which I supposed were intentional, have been made, but you fail to note or give weight apparently to my statement that the documents "appear to have been carefully copied."

The only point on which there seems to be any possibility of joining an issue is that of the meagerness of the index. Perhaps meager was too strong a word, but I think that a fuller and more analytical index would have been more valuable to scholars. The two volumes contain 627 pages of text and only 19 pages of index, whereas volume 19 of the Illinois Historical Collections (George Rogers Clark Papers) contain 477 pages of text and 83 pages of index, and volume 16 of the same series (Trade and Politics) contains 645 pages of text and 111 pages of index. There are, of course, differences in type but it is clear that the proportion of index to text in these volumes is much greater than in the Bates Papers. I observe also that some of the headings such as "Indians," "Fur Trade," "John Smith T.," etc., have nearly fifty unanalyzed references under them. If a student were looking

T. M. M. 6/6/27--2

for some specific fact about "John Smith T." for example, he would not enjoy having to look up so many different pages.

I have taken the trouble to go into these matters, not because of ~~the~~ desire to carry on a controversy, but in the hopes that I may be able to convince you that the review was not written in a spirit of malice but rather one of professional candor. I believe in that kind of reviews rather than the eulogistic variety, and, in view of some of your own reviews that I have read and enjoyed, I supposed that you did also.

It might seem to some that my withdrawal of the review is an admission of unfairness but I do not so consider it. I recognized, however, that if you yourself can misinterpret it, it might be misinterpreted by your uncritical and untrained opponents, and I certainly did not want to risk the consequences to which you refer in your second letter. I am inclined to think that you greatly overestimate the weight that my opinion would carry, but I did not want to take any chances. I should add that in deciding to withdraw the review, I was influenced solely by your second letter and not at all by the first.

I might add that I did not tell Miss Drum that I "did not like the Bates Papers," nor say anything that would justify her in reaching such a conclusion. I recall that there was some conversation on the subject and I presume I did say something which might be taken to indicate that I did not consider the work absolutely perfect and above criticism.

In spite of the somewhat intemperate character of your first letter and <sup>no matter</sup> of anything contained in the review, I am still unable to retract my description of you as "an able and scholarly editor."

Sincerely yours

B/P

JUN 20 1927

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
AUSTIN

June 16, 1927

Dear Buck:

I am down here in Texas where the weather is warm and where one of the main businesses of life is to keep cool. I don't feel a bit controversial. Let's forget all about the Bates review and just go on being good friends as we have been for many years. I admire your scholarship and ideals even if I don't always agree with your editorial ideas. Men don't have to agree in all the details to be friends. I prize the friendship and want to keep it, and I believe that you feel the same as I do. We are both doing the best that we can and I believe that the field of American history will be a little richer when we pass out, not because we have passed out, but because we have lived and worked. Surely in this there is the basis for friendship. My hearty wish is that it may go on as long as we live.

Yours sincerely,

T. M. Marshall.

APR 11 1928

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HISTORY DEPARTMENT

Apr. 6, 1928.

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

Dear Buck:

I have not been a member of the  
Mississippi Valley Historical Association for some  
time. Therefore it would hardly be becoming for  
me to give advice regarding one of its important  
projects.

Yours very truly,  
T. M. Marshall

AUG 10 1927

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On Line, Butte Divn., August 6, 1927

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

Dear Doctor Buck:

In the Yale Chronicles there is a book entitled The Agrarian Crusade, of which you are the author. I believe that it was originally published perhaps in somewhat different form, under a different name.

I would like to get a copy of the book if it is to be had outside of the set, and wonder if you can tell me where to get it?

Very truly yours,

*G. R. Martin*

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August 11, 1927

Mr. G. R. Martin  
Great Northern Railway Company  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Martin:-

I am in receipt of your letter of August 6 inquiring about my Agrarian Crusade. My first book in this field was entitled The Granger Movement; A Study of Agricultural Organization and its Political, Economic, and Social Manifestations, 1870-1880 and was published by the Harvard University Press in 1913. The first five of the sixteen chapters in the Agrarian Crusade cover the same field as that of the earlier book but with much condensation and more popular treatment, and the remaining chapters deal with the period from 1880 to 1896, which is not covered in the earlier work.

Copies of the Granger Movement can be purchased from the Harvard University Press, Cambridge, or the St. Paul Book and Stationery Company could doubtless get a copy for you. The Yale Chronicles set is published in a "Text Book Edition" at a much lower price than the regular edition (\$1.50 a volume, if I remember correctly) and the volumes in this edition can be bought separately. In theory they are sold only to students but I think you could get a copy without any difficulty from the Co-operative Book and Stationery Store, 1501 University Avenue, S. E. If you have any difficulty, however, I shall be very glad to get one for you, if you so desire.

Sincerely yours

SJB/B

April 27, 1937

Professor J. Lloyd Meecham  
University of Texas  
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Meecham:-

It was kind of you to send me a copy of your article on "The Real de Minas as a Political Institution." I was especially interested in your comparison with American institutions in the last paragraph.

Sincerely yours

B/P

June 25, 1927

Professor J. Lloyd Mechem  
University of Texas  
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Mechem:-

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of your bibliography of the northern expansion of New Spain. I had observed this in the Review and am very glad indeed to have a separate as it will be useful in connection with my work in the History of the West.

It seems to me that bibliographical lists of this sort are very desirable and we need them for various other fields of American history.

Sincerely yours

B/P

March 7, 1937

Dr. George N. Fuller  
Michigan Historical Commission  
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Fuller:-

Some time ago you were kind enough to send me a personal copy of the first volume of the Messages of the Governors of Michigan, a favor which was much appreciated. I understand now that two more volumes have been issued and I wonder if it would be possible for you to let me have copies of them also. You have been very generous in supplying me with your publications in the past and my interest in the Northwest is such that I like to have my files as complete as possible.

In checking over my file of the Michigan History Magazine, after my return from New York, I found that I lacked volume 10, number 4, the issue for October, 1926. Presumably this was sent but got sidetracked somewhere, and I hope you will be able to let me have another copy. Publications designed for me personally should be sent to my home address, 67 Barton Ave. S. E., Minneapolis.

I trust that you are planning to attend the Mississippi Valley Historical Association meeting in New Orleans. I am having so much difficulty in digging out from under the accumulation of work here that I ought not to go, but I feel that a few days in the sunny south will do me good so I shall probably be there.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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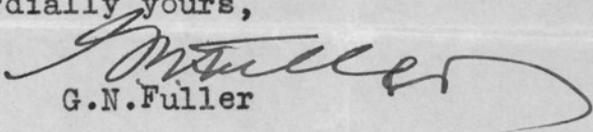
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67 Barton Ave. S.E.,  
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Dear Doctor Buck:

Volumes II and III of the Messages of the  
Governors of Michigan go forward to you today; also a  
duplicate copy of the October 1926 number of the Michigan  
History Magazine.

Cordially yours,

  
G.N. Fuller

GNF/NA

March 17, 1927

Dr. George N. Fuller  
Michigan Historical Commission  
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Fuller:-

Thank you very much for  
the copies of volumes 2 and 3 of  
the Messages of the Governors of  
Michigan and the extra copy of the  
magazine to complete my file. Your  
generosity in supplying these is  
much appreciated.

Sincerely yours

B/P

November 2, 1928

Dr. George N. Fuller  
Michigan Historical Commission  
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Fuller:-

Noting a list of your publications at the end of your magazine for autumn, I checked it with my personal file and I find that I lack quite a number of the miscellaneous publications. The only ones of these publications that I have are the Life and Times of Mason, the Michigan Bibliography, the first three volumes of the Messages of the Governors, and Michigan Under British Rule. I should be very glad indeed to receive copies of any of the other miscellaneous publications that may be available, and especially I should like to be able to complete my set of the Messages of the Governors and to have the Geological Reports of Douglass Houghton.

I assure you that your courtesy in keeping me on the mailing list for the Michigan History Magazine and sending me some of your publications, as you have in the past, is very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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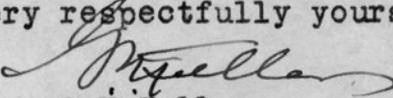
Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
67 Barton Ave. S.E.  
Minneapolis, Minn.

November  
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Dear Buck,-

A copy of Vol. 4 of the Messages goes forward to you today, also the Houghton volume, and Education in Detroit Prior to 1850. Our edition of Jackson's State Control of Public Instruction in Michigan is exhausted, but I'll try to find you a copy.

Very respectfully yours,



G. N. Fuller

GNF/NA

November 23, 1928

Dr. George N. Fuller  
Michigan Historical Commission  
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Fuller:-

Thank you very much for the publications. I am finding the Houghton volume very interesting. I regret to have to report that whoever wrapped up the volumes made a mistake and included the first three volumes of the Governors Messages, as well as the fourth. As a consequence, I now have duplicates of the first three volumes. Shall I return them to you or would you like to have me turn them over to someone else?

The Minnesota Historical Society has in press the first volume of a two-volume work on Minnesota in the War with Germany, and you will doubtless receive a copy in a few weeks.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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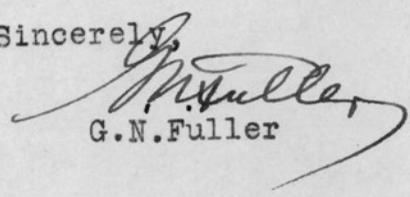
Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
Minnesota Historical Society,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

December  
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1928

Dear Buck,

We are sending you a copy of Volume 4 of the Messages, to go with your three duplicates, which will make a set for Blegen, and if you will present them to him with our compliments we shall be obliged. If Blegen doesn't care for them, you may dispose of them as you wish.

Sincerely,

  
G.N. Fuller

GNF/NA

December 4, 1928

Dr. George N. Fuller  
Michigan Historical Commission  
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Fuller:-

Blegen is spending this year in Norway but will be back next year. Knowing his interest in such material I am sure that he will be glad to have a set of the Messages, so I will lay aside the extra set and give it to him upon his return.

I am hoping to see you at the Indianapolis meeting.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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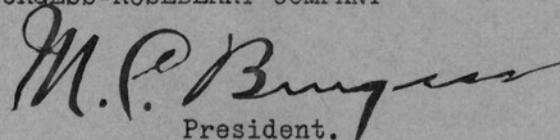
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Remembering our conversation at the "Smoker" in the Rochester Club, I asked our Advertising Manager for the article on:

"Canned Goods and Napoleon".

I am not able to find one of the canning publications, but I enclose our house organ, which contains a very good condensation of the article, on page 10, entitled:

"Canned Foods Alter the  
Trend of History".

Disregard the rest of the publication, as it happens to be the month which was devoted to the Argentine, and as a result, the cover is rather lurid.

It was a great pleasure to have seen you here, and I hope that we shall have the pleasure again in the near future.

Meantime, with the best of good wishes to you for the coming year, I am

Yours very truly,



Prof. Solon J. Buck,  
Executive Secretary,  
National Endowment Headquarters,  
110 Library,  
Columbia University,  
New York, N. Y.

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February 9, 1927

Mr. Edward G. Miner  
The Pfaudler Co.,  
Rochester, New York

My dear Mr. Miner:-

Your letter of January 4, with the accompanying copy of your house organ, have just reached me after much delay, and I want to express my appreciation of the trouble that you took in this matter. I have read, with much interest, the article entitled "Canned Foods Alter the Trend of History" and it has given me some ideas that will be useful from time to time.

My obligations to the Minnesota Historical Society and the University of Minnesota made it necessary for me to give up the work for the Committee on Endowment of the American Historical Association at the end of the year and return to Minnesota. Professor Harry Garman of Columbia University has been appointed executive secretary in my place and the work is going forward.

I trust that Mr. Perkins will succeed in organizing an effective committee for Rochester and vicinity, for I feel sure that the community will be ready to participate in the movement.

Sincerely yours

B/P.

FEB 2 1929



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February 2, 1928

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

Dear Doctor Buck:

I am asking a number of University men who are members of various national societies which hold meetings during the Christmas Holidays to a luncheon meeting on Saturday, February 4, 1928, at 12:30 P.M. at the Nicollet Hotel, for the purpose of discussing with them the advisability of inviting these national groups to meet in Minneapolis.

As a member of the American Historical Society, I would be grateful to you if you could arrange to be present at this meeting.

Very truly yours,

*J. Burgess*  
Chairman  
Convention Committee

J. Burgess:AMS



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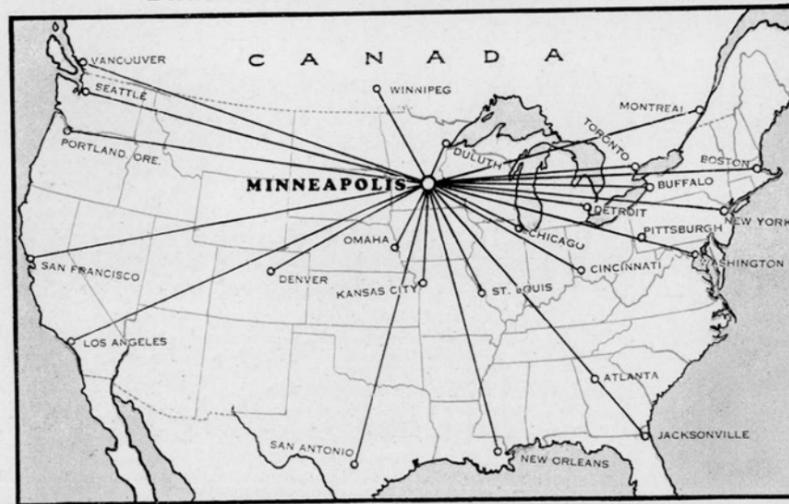
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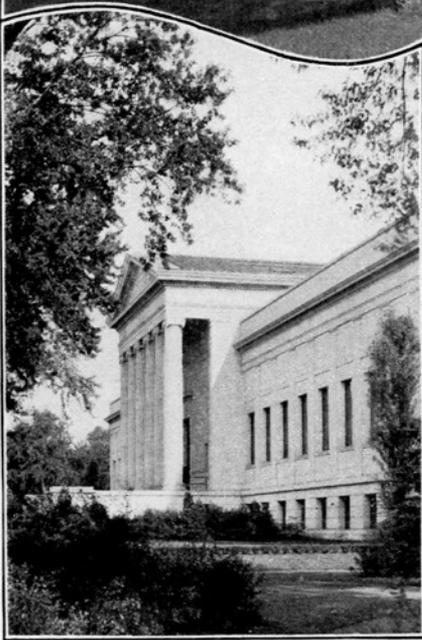


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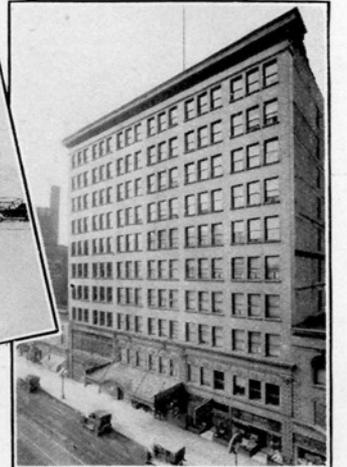
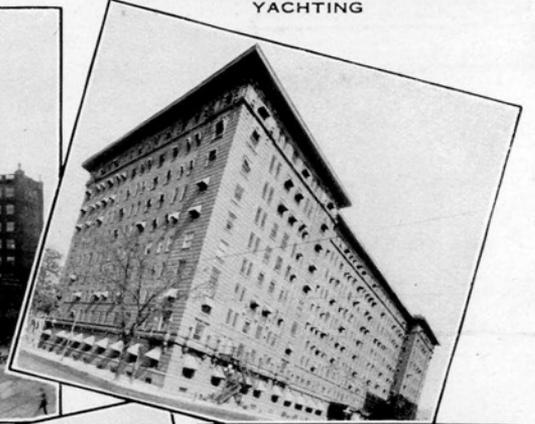
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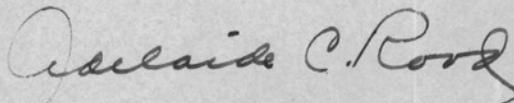
Minneapolis, Minn.  
October 14, 1927.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
Librarian  
State Historical Society Library,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Dr. Buck:

I am writing at the request of Miss Harriet Wood, president of the Minnesota State Library Association to ask you to sit at the speakers' table at the opening dinner of the state library convention. The dinner will be at the New Lowry Hotel the evening of November 8th.

Sincerely yours,



Sec. Minnesota State Library Assoc.

Sumner Branch Library  
6th Ave. N. & Emerson

October 17, 1927

Miss Adelaide C. Rood  
Secretary Minnesota State  
Library Association.  
Summer Branch Library,  
6 Ave. No. & Emerson  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Miss Rood:-

Your letter of October 14 is received,  
and I appreciate very much the honor of being  
asked to sit at the speakers' table at the open-  
ing dinner of the State Library Convention on  
November 8.

Unless something unforeseen should  
intervene to prevent my attendance, I shall be  
glad to accept the invitation, and, if it is not  
possible for me to be there, I shall let you  
know so that you can make other arrangements.

Sincerely yours

B/P

November 23, 1927

Mr. Floyd C. Shoemaker, Secretary  
State Historical Society of Missouri  
Columbia, Missouri

Dear Mr. Shoemaker:-

I am sending you today by express collect another package of manuscripts that appear to have the character of Missouri archives. They are a part of the collection, the remainder of which were sent to you some time ago and apparently were overlooked at that time.

Some time when I see you, I will tell you what I know about these papers, which is not very much.

Sincerely yours

B/P

Nov. 21 1927

S. J. By to Bassett  
Wm. Bassett

Extract from letter of April 5th from

Mrs. H. S. Morehead  
Sidon, Mississippi

"And now I am asking a personal favor of you on a subject about which I have been a bit ill at ease for almost a year. I was one of the party invited to make the trip, without cost to myself, with the Columbia River Expedition last summer. As alluring as the "little journey in the world" would have been to me, I was unable to accept. The one letter of thanks and regret that I wrote was returned to me unclaimed. Could you suggest if such a letter was appropriate, if it is too late for such a courtesy, and, if not, to whom such a letter should be addressed. I should gladly express belated thanks. I trust the reply to this question will not be a tax on you."

May 25, 1927

Mrs. H. S. Morehead  
Sidon, Mississippi

My dear Mrs. Morehead:-

Professor Carman, my successor as executive secretary of the Committee on Endowment of the American Historical Association, has sent me a copy of the paragraph in your letter of April 5 referring to the Columbia River Historical Expedition. The invitations for this expedition were sent out by the Great Northern Railroad, St. Paul, of which Mr. Ralph Budd is the president. If you feel that any acknowledgment is necessary, I would suggest that you send it to Mr. Budd.

Very truly yours

SJB/B

MAR 15 1928

STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE  
MANKATO, MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
ALBERT B. MORRIS

March 14, 1928.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I am going to give for the first time this summer a course in the study of the frontier in American history.

I expect to select texts and to build up a reference library. Can you suggest some good bibliographies or give me other valuable suggestions? As my time is limited I shall appreciate greatly any help you may give me.

Very truly yours

Albert B. Morris.

Tanner + Murk  
list of refs  
on the West of  
the West  
H.V.P., 1922

Shannon, Hart, + Tanner  
Journals

March 16, 1928

Mr. Albert B. Morris  
State Teachers College  
Mankato, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Morris:-

I have your letter of March 14 and I am very much interested in your plan to give a course on the Frontier in American History this summer.

The most complete list of references on this subject will be found in a pamphlet by Frederick J. Turner and Frederick Merk entitled List of References on the History of the West published by the Harvard University Press in 1922. For my course entitled "The West in American History to 1815" at the University of Minnesota, I compiled several years ago a multigraphed syllabus containing selected references from the Turner and Merk list and some additional material. I take pleasure in sending a complimentary copy of this syllabus to you under separate cover. Both my list and the Harvard list are planned, of course, for use with students who have access to large libraries, and you will probably find that many of the works referred to will not be available.

I have never used a text book in my course and the only single work in print at present that could possibly be used is Paxson's History of the American Frontier. My course is organized, as you will observe if you compare my syllabus with the Turner list, along the same lines as the famous course given for so many years by Turner, first at Wisconsin and later at Harvard. The organization of Paxson's book is so utterly different that I could not use it without reworking my course completely.

Professor Lester B. Shippee gives at the University of Minnesota a continuation course on "The West in American History, 1815-1865," and presumably he would be glad to send you a copy of his syllabus on request, if any copies are available.

Doubtless you are familiar with Channing, Hart, & Turner's Guide to the Study and Teaching of American History. The new sections added by Turner to the old Channing and Hart Guide contain valuable references on the West.

You may be interested to know that Professor Shippee and I are writing a book on The West in American History for publication by the Century Company, but it will be two or three years before this book will be available.

B/P

Sincerely yours

MAR 27 1928

STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE  
MANKATO, MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
ALBERT B. MORRIS

March 26, 1928.

Mr. Solan J. Buck,  
St. Paul Minn.

My dear Mr. Buck:

I wish to thank you very heartily for the suggestions and the material which you sent me. I surely appreciate your help. I have a large number of the references in your syllabus in the library and will be able to add more. I am writing to Mr. Shippee about his syllabus.

I shall be very much interested in the book which you plan to publish.

Very truly yours

Albert B. Morris

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October 3, 1927.

*Return to S.J. B.*  
Department of History

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

My dear Buck:

I was very glad to find the third volume of the History when I returned. I have enjoyed reading in it. I wish that every state might have as satisfactory a history written.

You will be glad to know that while contributions have been comparatively few, they have been steady during the summer, especially from Indiana. I wish that some of the other states might make as good a showing.

Yours sincerely,

*Wanda C. Weiss*

October 14, 1927

Professor Dana C. Munro  
Princeton University  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Munro:-

I don't see how you could have found time to do any reading in a field so remote from your main interests as that of our History of Minnesota in view of the multitude of other things that you must have to do, but I certainly appreciate very deeply your approval of the work.

Your letter concerning the A. H. A. Nominations was received some time ago and your suggestion coincides with my own inclination in the matter. I have no idea as yet, however, how the other members of the committee feel about it.

I have had communications from Carman from time to time and am glad to know that the endowment fund continues to grow. The Indiana people have certainly done remarkably well in comparison with the other states. I have some hopes that something more may be done here this winter, but Blegen and I are so driven by our double jobs that it is almost impossible for us to do much of anything. Possibly Krey would take hold of the matter if you would ask him to, and I think that he would be more likely to succeed in the direct solicitation of funds from individuals than anyone else around here.

Sincerely yours

B/P

November 21, 1927

Professor Dana C. Munro  
Princeton University  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Munro:--

Now that the report of the committee on nominations of the American Historical Association has gone in to Washington, I think I may with propriety inform you that your suggestion of the nomination of Greene for second vice-president has been accepted. This is a matter of gratification to me, not only because I feel that he is fully entitled to the honor, but because, as you suggest, his familiarity with the affairs of the Association will be of great value at the present time.

For new members of the Council, the committee is proposing S. E. Morison, Fairfax Harrison, and W. T. Root.

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

No word has reached me concerning the endowment campaign for some time. I trust that it will be kept going as long as any possibilities remain in sight.

Much to my regret I cannot report that any great progress is being made on the book that Shippee and I are supposed to be writing. It begins to look as if I shall have to take some time off from some of my other jobs in order to get it done.

Sincerely yours

B/P

*His letter to which this is a reply  
is A. H. A. Com. on Nomin. July 26.*

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PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

November 23, 1927

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

Dear Buck:

I am delighted to know of Greene's nomination, and I think the others are excellent also. We are all much troubled by Jameson's resignation, but very glad that he is to have the position at the Library.

Money has been coming in slowly but steadily all through the summer and at present committees are actively at work in three or four places. We hope to get some very active work done in the near future as Bassett has kindly consented to take my place. He hopes to get a great amount of active work done in the early part of next year. I have no doubt that he will write to you in the near future.

I hope that you and Shippee will be able to get the book done, because we need it very decidedly. I am sorry to say that several men who have tried to use the other books, especially the one by Paxson, have reported that they were not satisfactory. Of course this gives you a great opportunity, but I am dissatisfied that Paxson's book does not seem to be more useful.

Yours very sincerely,

*D. C. Whitt*

FEB 20 1928

You are invited to join in a dinner  
to be held at the Town Hall,  
123 West 43 Street, New York City,  
on Friday, February 24, at 7:30 P.M.,

in honor of

Dr. John Franklin Jameson,  
and in special recognition of his  
distinguished contributions to the  
progress of history in America.

Professor Solon J. Buck

A reply is requested to Professor  
Dana C. Munro, 609 Fayerweather Hall,  
Columbia University, New York City.  
The charge per plate will be \$3.50  
and checks should be made payable to  
Virginia Ackerley, Secretary.

February 20, 1928

Professor Dana C. Munro  
609 Fayerweather Hall  
Columbia University  
New York City

Dear Mr. Munro:-

I had heard of the dinner in honor of Dr. Jameson and was pleased to receive the invitation to it today. I wish very much that I could be there but it is not possible. The idea of such a dinner was certainly a great inspiration, not only as a well deserved testimonial of appreciation of Dr. Jameson's work but also as a means of stimulating interest, indirectly, in the endowment campaign.

The endowment committee seems fated to lose its chairmen, and I fear that Bassett's death has added to your burdens. It is unfortunate for the Association that this blow should come right on top of Dr. Jameson's resignation as editor.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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# The American Historical Review

J. FRANKLIN JAMESON  
MANAGING EDITOR

Dana C. Munroe

1140 WOODWARD BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Worcester, Mass.

August 15, 1928.

Dr. S. J. Buck,

DEAR SIR:

Would it be possible for you to write for this journal a brief review (say 400 words) of Williams, Early Travels in the Tennessee Country, 1540-1800?

The favor of your consent would be highly appreciated. A copy of the book would be sent to you.

If the review should reach me by November 5

it would be in season for the January

number. Our payment for reviews is at the rate of three dollars a page.

Very truly yours,

J. F. JAMESON, Dana C. Munroe

Managing Editor

August 20, 1928

Mr. Dana Munro  
Waquoit, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Munro:

There seems to be nothing at present in the line of accessions or special activities of the Minnesota Historical Society worthy of noting in the Review.

I shall be glad to review Williams' Early Travels in the Tennessee Country and shall try to get the review in by November 5.

I was sorry not to have an opportunity to see you while I was in the East to teach in the Harvard summer school. I heard from you indirectly, however, through Baxter and Albion. I had opportunity to get well acquainted with Albion and liked him very much. The combination of heat, humidity, and heavy work in Cambridge was almost too much for me but I managed to pull through and I think that a couple of weeks vacation in northern Minnesota will put me in good shape again.

I trust that you are having a pleasant vacation and that your duties as editor of the Review will not be unduly arduous. I was interested to learn of the appointment of Ivy Lee as chairman of the committee on endowment and trust that this will help to unlock the Rockefeller strong box.

Sincerely yours

SJB/H

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The American Historical Review

J. FRANKLIN JAMESON  
MANAGING EDITOR

1140 WOODWARD BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 16, 1928.

Professor S. J. Buck,  
DEAR SIR:

The managing editor would be glad to receive,  
as soon as may be convenient to you, the review of  
Williams, Early Travels in the  
Tennessee Country  
which you have kindly promised and suggests that for  
insertion in the next number, it should reach him by  
November 5.

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Very truly yours,

J. FRANKLIN JAMESON. Dana C. Munro

November 19, 1928

Professor Dana C. Munro  
1140 Woodward Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Munro:-

Herewith I am sending you some notes in response to your request for information about the activities of the Minnesota Historical Society. I doubt if any of them, except the first paragraph, are worth including in the Review. I am sending also my review of Williams, Early Travels in the Tennessee Country. If I could write book reviews as some people do, without reading the book and conducting extensive investigations, I might have had this ready by November 5, the date on which it was due. As it is, I can only apologize for the delay. Presumably it is too late for inclusion in the next number, but it can be held over I suppose.

I am looking forward to seeing you again in Indianapolis and hope that Mrs. Munro will be with you.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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DEPARTMENT OF  
ECONOMICS AND SOCIOLOGY

May 21, 1928.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
The University of Minnesota,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Buck,

Can you tell me anything about Mr. Henry Commager, who writes the leading article in the latest number of *Minnesota History*? Do his interests lie primarily in the literary or the historical field? Is he a person who would possibly be interested to develop courses in the history of institutions and social thought, with particular emphasis on the American side of things? How far along is he in the academic hierarchy? My attention was called to his article and I am interested by reason of certain possibilities in our situation which may set us to hunting for a new member of our staff. If you can give me any information concerning Mr. Commager I shall be very grateful to you.

Very sincerely yours,

*H. R. Mursey*

Chairman of the Department  
of Economics and Sociology.

*B.L.  
Please write  
Return to  
S.J. - 57.*

May 28, 1928

Mr. H. R. Mussey  
Department of Economics and  
Sociology  
Wellesley College  
Wellesley, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Mussey:-

My information about Mr. Henry Commager is not very extensive. His home is in Minneapolis, I believe, and he was working in our library at various times last summer. I had several talks with him and he impressed me as a very able young man, with a good deal of self-assurance. In view of his interests, I should think that the work you suggest would appeal to him very much. My impression is that he is an instructor in the New York University, and I know nothing of his previous academic career.

Professor Blegen, who is the editor of our magazine, is better acquainted with Mr. Commager than I am and I shall ask him to write to you.

Sincerely yours

B/P

JUN 5 1928

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WELLESLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF  
ECONOMICS AND SOCIOLOGY

June 1, 1928.

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

My dear Mr. Buck,

Thank you for your courteous letter of May 28  
in reply to my inquiry about Mr. Commager. I shall  
await with interest further word from Professor  
Blegen.

Sincerely yours,

*J. R. Mussey*  
Chairman of the Department  
of Economics and Sociology.