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3-22-27

To the Members of the Executive Committee
of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association:

For your information preliminary to the coming annual meeting in New Orleans the following report is herewith submitted.

The mid year meeting was held as usual in connection with the meeting of the American Historical Association in Rochester, N.Y., Dec. 28-30, 1926. The president, Dr. Otto L. Schmidt, presided at the session Wednesday afternoon. Three important papers were read, Illinois to Oregon in 1852 by C.A. Duniway, Carlton College, from a diary written by his mother at the age of seventeen; The High Tide of the French Conquest in North America, G.A. Wood of Lake Forest College; The St. Lawrence in the Boundary Settlement of 1783, G.W. Brown, Toronto University. The chairman of the program committee for the mid year session was Homer C. Hockett.

The annual dinner was held the same evening, Dr. Benjamin F. Shambaugh, toastmaster. The dinner program furnished a welcome relaxation as Dr. Shambaugh had provided ten three minute speakers among whom were Hamline Garland, J. Franklin Jameson, Albert Bushnell Hart and others.

At the annual meeting in Springfield in 1926 invitations were extended from three cities for the 1927 meeting, Cincinnati, Memphis and New Orleans. No deciding vote was taken until later in the summer when a poll by mail resulted in a large majority of the executive committee expressing themselves in favor of New Orleans.

Program Committee-- The president appointed Prof. E.M. Violette, chairman, University of Louisiana, Melvin J. White and William O. Lynch to prepare the program. The December and March Reviews carried notices of the date of meeting, a letter was sent to every member giving date and place, and the programs have been mailed. In addition the Louisville and Nashville railroad and the Publicity Bureau of New Orleans have sent printed matter advertising the meeting.

Committee on Arrangements-- Hon. William O. Hart of New Orleans was appointed chairman of the local committee on arrangements. He has been assisted by the members of the Association living in New Orleans and in Louisiana and by representatives of colleges and universities. Mr. Hart has arranged a most attractive program of entertainment.

Finances-- The finances of the Association are in good condition, all bills paid to date and a balance of more than \$1200 in the treasury although the cost of printing the Review has been very greatly increased on account of the better grade of paper used in volume 13. Detailed financial report will be presented at New Orleans.

George Rogers Clark Sesquicentennial Commission-- Arthur C. Cole was appointed chairman of this committee for the Association. Letters have been sent and meetings held. Mr. Cole will report the work of the committee at New Orleans.

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Committee on Printing Territorial Papers-- Dr. James A. Woodburn, Chairman, has directed the work of this committee during the year. Two letters have been sent to certain members of the House and Senate in the hope that the territorial papers may be printed as a unified collection.

Committee on Cooperation in Historical Work-- Mr. Herbert A. Kellar, chairman, will report at the meeting in New Orleans.

Nominating Committee-- Dr. C.S. Boucher, chairman, E. Merton Coulter and Bruce Mahan were appointed to serve as a nominating committee. The preliminary report of the chairman to the members of the executive committee is as follows:

For president, Joseph Schafer of the Wisconsin Historical Society.

For secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Clarence S. Paine.

For members of the executive committee for three years,

A.O. Craven of Illinois
Lester B. Shippee of Minnesota
Homer C. Hockett of Ohio

E.E. Dale of Oklahoma is nominated for appointment in the place of Joseph Schafer for the term ending in 1928.

Members-- Three members have paid life dues during the year, Chauncey S. Boucher, Ralph Budd, James A. Woodburn. A detailed report on the membership will be ready for the executive committee at meeting to be held Thursday, March 31st, at one o'clock.

Numerous letters have been received by the secretary commenting upon the activities of the Association during the past twenty years, all expressing the greatest appreciation of the Proceedings and Review. These letters will be at New Orleans and will be of interest to the committee.

Mid Year Meeting, December 1927-- James C. Malin of the University of Kansas has been appointed to prepare the program for the joint session to be held in Washington, D.C., next December.

The officers and members of the executive committee should express appreciation on behalf of the Association to the guarantors for their continued support, to Dr. Otto L. Schmidt for his generous contributions, to Dr. Milo M. Quaife for his efficient management of the Review and to Dr. James A. Woodburn, chairman of the executive committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Clara S. Paine
Secretary-treasurer.

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May 18, 1927.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I received to-day a schedule from the Secretary of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association though the minutes of the last meeting have not yet come into my hands. It will be necessary for me to attend to this business within the next couple of weeks, for I shall be away in Oregon (Eugene) after about the 8th of June.

It appears that the most critical matter to look after right now is the appointment of a good live committee on publication of state papers by the United States Government. It appears that Mr. Mereness recommended a committee to be made up of one member from each state, with the design of bringing pressure from each of the states upon Congress through the local members in order to secure the appropriation necessary to publish the documents pertaining to the several states about which much discussion has already been had. My personal predilection is to appoint a chairman and give him complete freedom to organize the business by appointing either a state chairman in each state or a committee of correspondents in each state, or by dealing with the matter regionally--or any other way that seems best. I have no confidence in the committee as such. If we can get the right person to act as chairman something will be done; if not, not.

Several weeks ago I wrote about this subject to J. A. Woodburn, who as you will remember was chairman of the Committee appointed at Springfield. His appointment naturally expired at the time of the New Orleans meeting. I practically put it up to him whether or not he would be willing to undertake a program of active organization to bring pressure upon Congress. I have not heard from him and assume that he is not interested.

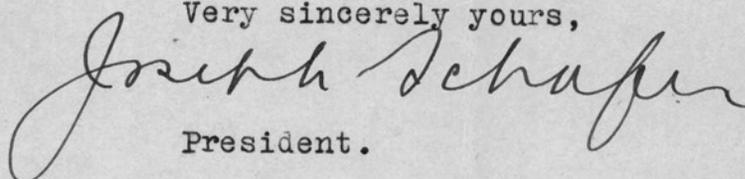
May I now ask if you would undertake this piece of work which is probably the most important executive job that the

M. V. H. A. has before it for the year. If you will do this, I know that something will come out of it. Kindly let me know how the matter strikes you and if you are willing to undertake it please indicate your plan of operations.

It appears that for several years (at least two) there was a committee on publicity. No such committee was appointed last year and it now is a question whether it shall be revived. May I ask what services that committee rendered while it was in existence, and whether you know why it was dropped? I would be glad to appoint such a committee if it has a real function.

I would be grateful for your suggestions on this and any other points relative to the Society.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Schaffer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name "President.".

President.

S:M

May 25, 1927

Dr. Joseph Schafer
State Historical Society of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin.

Dear Mr. Schafer:-

I am sorry to have delayed several days in replying to your letter of May 18 but it came in just when my time was all taken up with other matters.

I am sorry also to have to decline the appointment as chairman of the committee of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association on the territorial papers. I have firmly resolved not to assume any additional obligation until I dig out from under the load that has been hanging over me ever since my return from New York. I wrote Mereness some time ago, when he proposed a plan of district organization, that I would do what I can in Minnesota and with our Minnesota congressmen but would not assume any responsibilities outside. Since this project was inaugurated by Indiana people, it seems to me that they should be given the primary responsibility for putting it over and I would suggest that Coleman be made chairman of the committee; or perhaps it would be better to ask him to get in touch with Woodburn and find out whether or not he will take active hold of the matter. It may be, of course, that your letter did not reach Woodburn.

My recollection is somewhat hazy but I am inclined to think that I was responsible for the appointment of the committee on publicity. It was my idea, I believe, that such a committee could work out plans for giving more adequate publicity through the newspapers to the meetings and other activities of the Association. I think that every number of the Review is good for at least one newspaper story, but it would have to be prepared by a competent person and distributed by someone who knows how to reach the newspapers. I don't believe that such work can be done effectively, as a rule, by a committee, but the committee could make plans for it. The actual work ought to be done, of course, through the secretariat, and I see little likelihood of anything of the sort being done effectively so long as the present management continues.

Sincerely yours

SJB/B

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May 26, 1927.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

After I had written you, Woodburn wrote from Ann Arbor saying that he would be glad to assist about seeing the Congressmen and Senators of Indiana but that the business of organizing the work for the whole country required a younger man. He suggested either yourself or Christopher Coleman. In as much as his attitude was what I had supposed, I did not write you further for I anticipated hearing from you soon.

I am sorry that it will be impossible for you to organize the thing, but I appreciate your situation having been in similar tight places myself. I think I will ask Coleman; he would be a logical man in as much as he is already Secretary of the Historical Conference. To carry out that work he must of course utilize clerical assistance which would serve him just as well in this other field--and the two activities would go very well together. At least, this is what I am writing him.

I am glad to get your views on the publicity question. Here again the thing is for one interested individual, not for a committee. I will see what can be done about it. You are quite right in believing that some good publicity could be secured for the M. V. H. A.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Schaffer
President.

S:M

Resolution Adopted December 29, 1927
By the George Rogers Clark Committee of the Mississippi
Valley Historical Association

On May 7, 1926, the Mississippi Valley Historical Association then in session at Springfield, Ill., passed a resolution calling attention to the heroic and dramatic character of the expedition of George Rogers Clark into the old Northwest (1778 and 1779) and to the significance of his capture of Fort Sackville at Vincennes as the epitome of the American Revolution in the West. The association indorsed the movement for a suitable observance of the 150th anniversary of Clark's expedition, and shortly thereafter this committee was appointed to co-operate with and to advise organizations which might be formed to promote suitable observance of the Revolution in the West.

We note that efforts are now being made to secure much deserved and long postponed memorials for Clark at Vincennes, Ind., and Harrodsburg and Louisville, Ky., and to observe the 150th anniversary of his possession of Kaskaskia and Cahokia in Illinois. Epecially are we gratified at the action of the State of Indiana in creating an official George Rogers Clark Memorial Committee and in providing, at a cost of more than \$400,000, for the purchase of the site of Fort Sackville in Vincennes as the site for a great national memorial of George Rogers Clark and the Revolution in the West. The committee urges the passage by the Congress of the United States of the joint resolution introduced in the Senate by James E. Watson and in the House by Representative Will R. Wood, authorizing an appropriation for this national memorial and for the historical observance of the 150th anniversary of the climax of the Revolution west of the Allegheny Mountains. This undoubtedly affords the greatest opportunity for holding up before the people of the United States the achievements and the example of those heroic pioneers and soldiers of the army of the American Revolution who won the West and opened to the American nation the interior of the continent.

The committee also calls attention to the increased publication of writings upon George Rogers Clark. It urges upon historical societies and historical agencies the publication of all known original material upon the Revolution in the West and upon George Rogers Clark so that the year 1929 may make available to the American people, as nearly as possible, the historical documents in which the true story of this great movement can be made known to the whole country.

Signed: A. C. COLE,
Ohio State University, Chairman.
JOSEPH SCHAFER,
Wisconsin State Historical Society.
STELLA M. DRUMM,
Missouri Historical Society.
C. B. COLEMAN,
Indiana Historical Society.
JOHN E. IGLEHART,
Southwestern Historical Society.

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March 14, 1928.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

In view of the death of Professor Alvord, the Committee on Resolutions of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association ought to prepare in advance of the meeting a careful statement covering the significance of his career with particular reference to the Association. I know of no one who could handle that matter so well as yourself and I am going to ask you to serve as Chairman of that committee and to have your Resolutions in such shape that a short conference with two other members to be appointed at the meeting will suffice for getting them ready to present.

With kind personal regards to yourself and Mrs. Buck, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Joseph Schaffer
Superintendent.

S:M

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March 16, 1928

Mr. Solon J. Buck,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Buck:

The twenty first annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, April 26-28. Complete program will be mailed to all members early in April. The local committee is headed by Mr. Edgar R. Harlan of the State Historical Department of Iowa and Professor O. B. Clark of Drake University. Extensive plans have been made by the committee for the entertainment of all attending the meeting. A complimentary luncheon will be given Saturday by Drake University and tickets to the Drake relays.

Dr. John D. Hicks, chairman of the program committee, states that the program will deal very distinctly with Western history and the last frontier. One session will be devoted to state historical work to which several prominent State Historical Officials will contribute. Dr. Frederic L. Paxson of the University of Wisconsin will deal with the movement to "Americanize" the teaching of history at the history teachers' section on Friday afternoon.

Please mention this meeting to your friends and co-workers and invite them to attend. We will appreciate names of prospective members and will send program and invitation to membership if you will be kind enough to send names on the slip enclosed for your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Clara S. Paine

Secretary

P.S. Will you also see that a notice of this meeting is published in your local papers?

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THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

(TRUSTEE OF THE STATE)

MADISON

JOSEPH SCHAFER
Superintendent

March 20, 1928

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

Thank you for your letter with its important suggestion. I heartily agree with the plan you propose and will be prepared to do what I can at the meeting to favor its adoption. We can talk over the details when we meet.

I am glad you are prepared to handle the Resolutions Business.

Cordially yours,

Joseph Schaffer
Superintendent

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SUCCESS BOND

March 23, 1928

Dr. Joseph Schafer
Wisconsin Historical Society
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Schafer:-

I am delighted that you approve of the project for an Alvord Fund, and I am writing about it now to Shambaugh, Pease, Marshall, Libby, Coleman, and Cole.

I should be glad to have you show my letter on the subject to Miss Kellogg and to people in the history department at Wisconsin if you care to do so.

Sincerely yours

B/P

March 23, 1928

Dr. B. F. Shambaugh
State Historical Society of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Shambaugh:-

For several weeks I have been revolving in my mind a scheme for a memorial to Alvord. As you probably know, he always hoped that the Mississippi Valley Historical Association would undertake the publication of source material and, as chairman of the committee on publication, he collected and edited material for a volume on the British Period. It seems to me that if the Association could carry out his plan and connect his name with the work, it would be the finest possible memorial of his services to the cause of western history.

What would you think of attempting to raise a Clarence Walworth Alvord publication fund for this purpose? It is my opinion that if we could get together in the course of time from ten to twenty thousand or more dollars to be used as a revolving fund, we could bring out a continuous series of publications. There are plenty of competent members of the Association who would be glad to contribute their services for editing such volumes provided funds were available to pay the cost of typing, collating, proof reading, etc., and I believe that if properly handled the volumes would sell in sufficient quantity to keep up the fund. If necessary, this could be assured by taking advance subscriptions and issuing them in limited editions to subscribers only and at prices sufficient to cover the cost. It would not be possible, of course, to supply them free of charge to members of the Association; but arrangements might be made to give them a discount, or better perhaps to give a discount to those who contribute to the fund.

The material that Alvord prepared is now in my possession. It consists of rare tracts relating to the Mississippi Valley in the British Period, and could probably be got ready for the press with very little labor. Other possibilities that occur to me are Radisson's Journals (apparently Clark is not going to bring them out and I doubt if the projected edition by Agnes Laut will materialize), Carver's Travels from the original journals, selections from the French archives as listed in the Calendar published by the Carnegie Institution, etc., etc. The possibilities would seem to be almost unlimited.

Cox was here the other day to participate in a League of Women Voters' Conference and I talked this project over with him a little. He seemed to think that it has possibilities. I should be very glad to know what you think of it. Having tried some years ago without success to get the Association to venture into the field of publication, I do not want to make another attempt without the assurance of considerable backing from influential members.

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Sincerely yours

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This letter written to

Dr. T. C. Pease
Prof. T. M. Marshall
Dr. O. G. Libby
Mr. C. B. Coleman
Prof. Arthur C. Cole

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April 5, 1928.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

For your information as a member of the executive committee preliminary to the coming annual meeting in Des Moines, April 26-28, the enclosed report is herewith submitted.

Page proof for the program of the meeting has been approved by the chairman of the program committee and the program will reach you soon. I hope that you are planning to attend the meeting. The executive committee will meet at 4 P. M. Thursday, April 26th in Hotel Fort Des Moines.

It has been suggested that the managing editor of the Review should be a member of the executive committee and the following change in the Constitution will be offered for your consideration: Article IV-Officers. "The officers of the association shall be a president, and a secretary-treasurer, who with nine other active members, and such ex-presidents of the association as retain their membership therein, and the managing editor of the Review, shall constitute the executive committee". The remainder of article IV remains the same. The Constitution is contained in the Proceedings issued in April 1924, Vol. 11 pt. 1.

If you have any suggestions for the betterment of the Association they will be gladly received.

Yours very truly,

Clara S. Paine

Secretary.

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer of

THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

For the year from April 1, 1927 to March 31, 1928

The twenty-first year in the history of the Association has been one of interest and activity. Detailed report follows:

Photographic Survey The petition of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, addressed to the President of the United States on the subject of photographic surveys of historical routes in the Great West, upon which action was deferred at the annual meeting in New Orleans and left to the decision of the executive committee, was referred to the members of the executive committee by mail and signed by the majority of the committee. The said petition was forwarded to President Coolidge and was referred by him to the Secretary of War, Dwight F. Davis, who replied under date of December 19, 1927 as follows:

"The petition of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, dated Nov. 28, 1927, and addressed to the President of the United States, on the subject of photographic surveys, has been referred to me for reply.

"The petition in effect submits the query as to whether it would be proper and expedient for the U. S. Government to undertake and execute an aerial photographic survey of the historic routes from the Mississippi to the Pacific Coast and further suggests that such survey be executed incidental to other photographic survey projects undertaken by the War Department from time to time for the several departments of the Government.

"For a number of years the U. S. Army Air Corps has been cooperating with the Departments of Interior and Agriculture, the Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Reclamation and other governmental agencies in furnishing aerial photographs of areas thruout the country for mapping, development projects and various other purposes. The photographs so furnished, however, are of the vertical type, having no real pictorial quality and as such it is doubtful if they would be satisfactory for instruction purposes in public schools. Altho this type of photograph furnishes a multitude of data of great assistance in the making of maps and supplying information for various similar purposes; considerable technical training is required to properly read and interpret them and it would be impossible to cast them into a suitable pictorial form for the use the Association has in mind. Furthermore, one set of photographs covering the routes mentioned, under present systems of aerial photography, would amount to several hundred thousand in number and the handling and proper display of such a great bulk of material in any one educational institution would be a serious consideration. The only plan that seems to hold out practical possibilities would be to obtain aerial oblique photographs or motion pictures of selected portions of the routes of the most historical and pictorial interest, and arrange some suitable system of displaying them with appropriate text.

"No law, however, exists which would authorize undertaking a photographic project covering the routes mentioned and no funds, therefore, would be available for its execution.

"Altho the members of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association are to be congratulated on their commendable efforts to promote public interest in the historic routes of the Great West, I regret to advise you that it would not be expedient for the government to undertake a project of this nature at the present time."

National Memorial Park The resolution asking cooperation in the project of the establishment of a national park on the banks of the Bayou Teche in Louisiana, to be known as the Longfellow Evangeline National Memorial Park, in commemoration of the poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and the perpetuation of the scenes depicted in his poem, Evangeline, and referred to the executive committee by action of the Association, was submitted by mail to the members of the committee. It was approved by the majority of the committee that the Mississippi Valley Historical Association express its friendly interest in the aims and plans of the above named Memorial Association and invite its members to cooperate in so far as may be found possible.

George Rogers Clark Committee, of which Mr. Arthur C. Cole is chairman, report as follows:

"On May 7, 1926, the Mississippi Valley Historical Association then in session at Springfield, Illinois, passed a resolution calling attention to the heroic and dramatic character of the expedition of George Rogers Clark into the old Northwest (1778 and 1779) and to the significance of his capture of Fort Sackville at Vincennes as the epitome of the American Revolution in the West. The association indorsed the movement for a suitable observance of the 150th anniversary of Clark's expedition, and shortly thereafter this committee was appointed to co-operate with and to advise organizations which might be formed to promote suitable observance of the Revolution in the West.

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"The committee also calls attention to the increased publication of writings upon George Rogers Clark. It urges upon historical societies and historical agencies the publication of all known original material upon the Revolution in the West and upon George Rogers Clark so that the year 1929 may make available to the American people, as nearly as possible, the historical documents in which the true story of this great movement can be made known to the whole country."

By invitation of the George Rogers Clark Memorial Committee and the Indiana Historical Commission, the Mississippi Valley Historical Association will hold its twenty-second annual meeting in Indiana in the spring of 1929 to further the 150th anniversary celebration for George Rogers Clark. The mid year meeting will also be held in Indiana at Indianapolis in connection with the annual meeting of the American Historical Association.

Territorial Papers, Mr. C. B. Coleman, chairman, states that the bill authorizing the appropriation for printing the official papers of the Territories was reported favorably by the Senate Committee on Printing February 3rd which makes the prospect for final passage in Senate and House encouraging but not yet certain. Following is a report of the committee on Printing the Territorial Papers:

"Largely through the efforts of the late Senator Samuel M. Ralston of Indiana, an act was passed by the 68th Congress authorizing an appropriation for the collection and editing of official papers at Washington relating to the development and the federal relation of the territories which have since become states. Mimeographed copies of such papers as related to any one state were to be sent to such states as officially requested them.

"This measure represented a compromise between the advocates of the collection, editing, and printing of these territorial papers and those who sought to reduce the expense involved in this work. Since the passage of the act and the passage of the appropriation called for, that is, \$20,000 a year for three years, so many requests have been received from practically all the states involved that it is apparent that there should be a uniform printed collection of these papers. Since, in many cases, several of the present states had been formed out of a single territory -- in some instances ten or more -- there will be an enormous amount of duplication when these collections are finally printed by the states. Furthermore, the separate collections, made state by state, will fail to give the great sweep of the movement which converted federal lands into states of the Union equal in every way to the original states -- which is perhaps the most distinctive feature of the expansion of the United States.

"In the present Congress a resolution has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Simeon D. Fess (S. 1168) and in the House by Representative Theodore E. Burton (H.R. 6040) authorizing an appropriation of \$125,000 for the printing of a unified collection of these papers.

"Dr. Newton D. Mereness who has had long experience in the government archives and is recognized as one of the ablest scholars in the United States in this line of work has been engaged under the original act of 1925 in collecting, editing and copying the material. It is now practically ready for publication. The material would occupy probably fifteen volumes. It would be one of the most valuable historical collections ever published in the United States."

Mid Year Meeting The mid year meeting was held as usual in connection with the annual meeting of the American Historical Association which convened in Washington, December 28-30. For the first time in eleven years the secretary was unable to attend. The joint history session was held on Thursday morning of December 29th with Mr. Joseph Schafer, president, presiding. Mr. James Malin was chairman of the program committee for the Mississippi Valley Historical Association and the general subject was "A Revaluation of the Period before the Civil War". Lester B. Shippee prepared a paper on "Public Lands and Immigration"; "Railroads" by Robert R. Russel; "Manufacturing and Commerce" by Victor S. Clark; and "Restatement of the Slavery Problem" by C. S. Boucher. By request the annual dinner was not held and the Mississippi Valley joined with the American Historical Association and other societies in a dinner on Thursday evening. Mr. Joseph Schafer represented the Mississippi Valley at the speakers table. From the number of protests received from members attending the meeting in Washington, the secretary is more than ever of the opinion that the mid year dinner of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association is a most important function and should be held each December.

Program Committee for the twenty-second annual meeting to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, April 26-28 was appointed by the president as follows: John D. Hicks, chairman, University of Nebraska, Reginald McGrane, O. B. Clark, Bruce Malin, E. M. Violette. The Program will deal with the history of the West and the last frontier. The December and March Reviews contained notices of the meeting and letters have been sent to every member of the Association urging attendance.

Committee on Local Arrangements Mr. O. B. Clark was appointed chairman and Mr. Edgar R. Harlan, secretary, of the committee on local arrangements. They are assisted by a large committee from Des Moines and by the staff of the Historical Department of Iowa. A most attractive program is planned for the entertainment of those in attendance including a luncheon by Drake University and the opportunity to attend the Drake relays. An evening reception and entertainment will be given by the Historical Department of Iowa and Mr. Edgar R. Harlan.

Nominating Committee Miss Margaret Norton, chairman, Dr. C. S. Boucher and James L. Sellers have been appointed to serve as the nominating committee.

Cooperation in Historical Work This committee was continued with Herbert A. Kellar, chairman.

Publicity Mr. Joseph Schafer has acted on this committee the past year. News items have been given to the press by the secretary as well. Much publicity was given the project of air plane photography and many newspapers and college bulletins have carried announcements

of the annual meeting, organization of the Association and the value of its work.

Resolutions Committee Dr. Solon J. Buck has been appointed chairman of this committee to prepare suitable memorial resolutions on account of the death of Dr. Clarence W. Alvord, founder of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review and managing editor from 1914 to his resignation in 1923 to go abroad. The Association has also lost a valued member in the death of Albert J. Beveridge, life member and frequent contributor to the financial needs of the Association.

Membership Committee Since the last annual meeting the following deaths have been reported in addition to the two above named: Edward E. Ayer, Rev. Martin S. Brennan, Prof. Samuel B. Harding, Alfred Landon Baker, Frederick V. Holman, Horace Adam Rhoads, Rev. Michael A. Shine. 36 members have cancelled or been dropped from the list. The present membership is 930.

Finances All bills are paid to March 31st including cost of printing of the March number of the Review and there is an approximate balance of \$2000 in the treasury. Detailed financial report will be rendered at Des Moines accompanied by certified statement from the public accountants who now have the books for audit.

Respectfully submitted,

Clara S. Paine,

Secretary-Treasurer.

May 7, 1928

Dr. Joseph Schafer
Wisconsin Historical Society
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Schafer:-

Shippee had told me something of the happenings at Des Moines but I was very glad to receive your letter of May 3 with the copy of your letter to Ramsdell.

Your endorsement of my suggestion with reference to a Committee on Policy is much appreciated. I suppose I should have known when I made the suggestion that it would probably involve me in a lot of work. I am not quite sure yet that I want to accept the appointment to be the Committee or even the chairman of it, but I shall take it under advisement. Something will depend upon the personnel of the Executive Committee and, if you know the names of the new members, I wish you would give me the information. I should like to know also who, if anyone, was elected chairman of the Executive Committee. Naturally I do not want to put in time and energy that a thorough report would require without a fairly good prospect that it would have some results.

I trust that your trip to Europe this summer will be both successful and enjoyable.

Sincerely yours

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THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

(TRUSTEE OF THE STATE)

MADISON

JOSEPH SCHAFER
Superintendent

May 9, 1928.

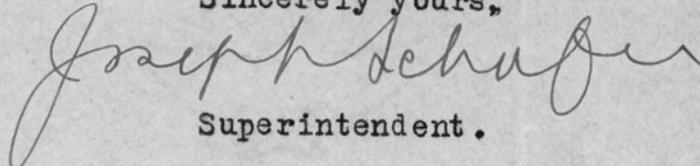
Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Buck:

I sincerely hope you will consent to be the Committee on Policy which is to prepare a complete report and present it at the next meeting of the M.V.H.A. It will do the whole organization good to hear a thorough discussion of possibilities of development. I think the best plan will be, after the discussion in the Executive Committee, to have the matter presented at the business session so that all members can be informed about the suggestions. Please keep this idea in mind and I feel sure we can work it out at Vincennes.

I am asking Mrs. Paine to send me the full list of the members of the Executive Committee, including the ones added at the Des Moines meeting. This list I will forward to you as soon as it is received. The attendance at the Executive Committee meeting having been considerably less than one hundred percent, I am just a little in doubt as to who the new members were.

Sincerely yours,



Superintendent.

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May 21, 1928

Dr. Joseph Schafer
Wisconsin Historical Society
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Schafer:-

Thank you for sending me the names of the members of the M. V. H. A. Executive Committee. There are a number of people on it whose support we can count upon, but I am not sure that they are in the majority. Something depends also on the chairmanship of the Executive Committee. The chairman is in a position to exercise considerable authority and influence if he is of a mind to do so. I was responsible for creating this position and it was my hope that it would be held more or less permanently by an academic man, preferably an ex-president of the Association, who would serve to give continuity to the purpose and policy of the Association. Cox was the first chairman, held the position for a number of years, and did very well, but since he resigned it has been shifted around, and it looked for a time as if the precedent was going to be established of designating the latest ex-president each year as chairman of the Executive Committee. I held the position for two years, but, finding it very difficult to work with Mrs. Paine, I decided to withdraw. Later I learned that she had carried on an extensive campaign among the members of the committee to prevent my re-election.

Woodburn has held the position for the last two years; he means well doubtless but knows little about the situation and probably does whatever Mrs. Paine tells him to without question. The chairman is supposed to be elected annually at the first meeting of the new committee, which is held after the business meeting of the Association. I am wondering whether any such meeting was held this year and, if so, whether there was an election of the chairman; if not, I suppose an election could be held by mail, or it might be assumed that Woodburn would hold over. It is quite important that the position be not left vacant because we have no vice presidents and, should anything happen to the president, the Association would be without a head.

What would you think of the idea of having a meeting of the Executive Committee during the A. H. A. meeting in Indianapolis? We could probably get together a larger proportion of the academic people there than at the annual meeting, and I might present a preliminary report for consideration.

No word of any sort has come to me from Mrs. Paine since the meeting.

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Sincerely yours

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THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

(TRUSTEE OF THE STATE)

MADISON

JOSEPH SCHAFER
Superintendent

May 22, 1928.

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

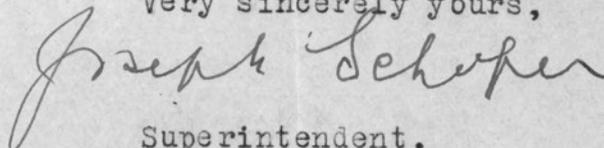
Dear Mr. Buck:

The preliminary report of the Secretary of the M. V. H. A. was sent me for approval a few days ago. It included the statement about your appointment as sole member of the Committee on Policy. The Executive Committee, at its final meeting in Des Moines, reelected Woodburn Chairman in his absence.

I think very well of your suggestion that an Executive Committee meeting be held at the time of the A. H. A. meeting in Indianapolis. If you could project your report at that time, it would afford opportunity for full consideration prior to the Vincennes meeting, at which time definite conclusions could be reached. I think there ought not be any difficulty from the side of the Chairman, he is perfectly accessible, has progressive ideas, and can be interviewed by some of the rest of us in the interest of a definite plan of procedure. No doubt he would be considerably under the influence of a vigorous person like the Secretary but only if he were unprepared to resist, which he would be if he were plied in advance with the suggestions for the improvement of the Association's business.

I am very glad indeed that you are disposed to take hold of the business.

Very sincerely yours,



Superintendent.

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Mississippi Valley Historical
Association

PRESIDENT
JOSEPH SCHAFER
STATE HISTORICAL LIBRARY
MADISON, WIS.

SECRETARY-TREASURER
MRS. CLARENCE S. PAINE
STATION A
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

May 25, 1928

Dear Dr. Buck:

Enclosed is a copy of the minutes of the meeting
in Des Moines, Iowa.

Sincerely yours,

Clara S. Paine
Secretary

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

Minutes of the business transacted by the executive committee, April 26, 1928, Des Moines, Iowa.

The meeting of the executive committee was called to order Thursday afternoon, April 26th, 1928 by Dr. Joseph Schafer. Those present were: Miss Stella Drumm, John D. Hicks, Fred A. Shannon, Lester B. Shippee, Mrs. C. S. Paine and Dr. Milo M. Quaife, managing editor. In the absence of Dr. Woodburn, chairman of the executive committee, the president presided. It was voted to meet in the city of Vincennes, Ind. in 1929. Invitation to meet in St. Louis in 1930 was presented by Miss Drumm on request of the Convention Bureau of that city. Invitation to meet in Lincoln, Nebr. in 1930 or 1931 was presented by Dr. Hicks and Mrs. Paine. No action was taken. Oliver M. Dickerson, James A. Woodburn and Thomas Abernathy were appointed to serve as members of the board of editors for three years. The report of the nominating committee was read and placed on file.

The following resolution, offered by Dr. Schafer on the subject of air plane photography, was adopted.

"Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association in session at Des Moines, Iowa, April 26, 1928, as followeth:

1. Inasmuch as the reply of the Secretary of War, Hon. Dwight F. Davis, to the petition of the Executive Committee of the Association suggests a type of aerial photographic survey which would be adapted to the educational needs of the people of the United States in the departments of history and geography, it is the sense of this Association that every legitimate effort ought to be made to give the people the advantage of what the government could very well do through the agency of the air forces of the Department of War.

2. Resolved, that the Executive Committee of this Association be instructed to conduct an inquiry calculated to ascertain what legislation would be necessary to authorize and enable the War Department of the United States government to execute the aerial photographic surveys suggested by the Secretary of War.

3. That the Executive Committee be instructed to use its influence to cause appropriate legislation to be initiated and to promote in all legitimate ways its adoption by the Senate and the House of Representatives."

The following resolution by Dr. Quaife was adopted:

"Whereas, the Literary Section of Church History is interested in studying the historical back grounds of the Mississippi Valley,

And whereas, a proposal has been made by said Literary Section inviting some measure of cooperation with the Mississippi Valley Historical Association in

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the work of cultivating these back grounds,

Resolved, that the Association will welcome any action its officials may deem practicable to take looking to the promotion of such cooperation."

It was voted that the president appoint a sub committee of the executive committee to serve as a committee on Policy. Dr. Schafer appointed Solon J. Buck, committee of one.

The proposed amendment to the constitution making the managing editor a member of the executive committee was recommended to the Association.

Adjourned.

The executive committee met Saturday morning, April 28th and was called to order by Dr. Schafer who presided. Present: Miss Drumm, Dr. Hicks, Mr. Shannon, Mr. Shippee, Mr. Clark, Mrs. Paine and Mr. Malin. James A. Woodburn was continued as chairman of the committee.

A letter just received from the Secretary of War, stating policy of the government in commercial flying, was read by Dr. Schafer and the resolutions adopted at previous meeting of executive committee were found tenable. Dr. Schafer was appointed a committee of one to act in the matter.

Adjourned.

Clara S. Paine, Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS SESSION

The business session of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association was called to order Friday noon, April 27th, 1928 by Dr. Joseph Schafer, president. The report of the secretary-treasurer was read. Mr. Harlow Lindley, appointed as auditor, stated that the financial report had been prepared by certified accountants as required by the Association and was approved, whereupon the report of the secretary-treasurer was accepted.

The secretary announced the appointment by the executive committee of Oliver M. Dickerson, James A. Woodburn, and Thomas Abernathy to serve as members of the board of editors for three years, also the decision to meet in the city of Vincennes, Ind. in 1929. The resolutions pertaining to the committee on cooperation in historical work in connection with the Literary Section of Church History as adopted by the executive committee were read, and the secretary announced the appointment of Dr. Schafer to further promote the project of aerial photographic surveys.

The recommendation of the executive committee to change paragraph one, Article IV, of the Constitution to include the managing editor as a member of the executive committee was presented to the Association and adopted. Paragraph one, Article IV, as amended, is as follows: "The officers of the association shall be a president, and a secretary-treasurer, who with nine other active members, and such ex-presidents of the association as retain their membership therein, and the managing editor, shall constitute the executive committee. Providing that all ex-presidents who have served on the executive committee for six consecutive years shall from and after that time no longer be ex-officio members of the executive committee.

Miss Margaret Norton, chairman, gave the report of the committee on nominations as follows:

President, Mr. Chas. W. Ramsdell, University of Texas.

Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Clarence S. Paine

Members of the executive committee for three years, Olynthus B. Clark, Des Moines; James C. Malin, Lawrence, Kansas.; Floyd Shoemaker, Columbia, Mo. There being no other nominations, the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the officers named.

At the meeting of the Teachers' Section following the business session, Miss Mary Gold of the University of Minnesota and Burr Phillips of the University of Wisconsin were elected members of the executive committee of the Teachers' Section for three years.

The committee on Resolutions offered the following report which was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Mississippi Valley Historical Association extends to its hosts in Des Moines - the Convention Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce - Drake University, The Historical and Art Department of Iowa, and the Rotary Club - its sincere thanks for and appreciation of the efforts put forth to make the Annual Meeting a success, and the occasion one to be recalled with pleasure by the members of the organization; in especial that the Committee on local arrangements under the efficient guidance of the chairman, Olynthus B. Clark, and the secretary, Edgar R. Harlan, be congratulated on the care taken that the members of the Association be granted the hospitalities so generously extended.

RESOLVED, that the Association expresses to its program committee its indebtedness for one of the most stimulating and well-balanced programs ever presented at an annual meeting.

RESOLVED, that the Mississippi Valley Historical Association here formally bear witness as a group to what its members individually have experienced; namely, its loss of a valued supporter and friend in the death of the Honorable Albert J. Beveridge, whose devotion to the cause of Historical truth made for him a name which is placed high among those of historians.

RESOLVED, that the Mississippi Valley Historical Association has, during the past year, sustained the loss of a more than ordinarily large number of valued members: Notably, Frederick V. Holman, a life member, who making the study and writing of History his avocation, particularly devoted himself to the History of the Pacific Northwest; Samuel Bannister Harding, whose long service in the ranks of professional writers and teachers of History made his a familiar name to thousands, a man whose loss is keenly felt by all who had been brought in contact with his genial personality, his stimulating instruction or his incisive yet constructive criticism; and Colonel Edward E. Ayer, whose services as a collector of Historical material of the Ayer Collection in the Newbury Library has left Historical students and writers perpetually in his debt.

RESOLVED, that the Association here renders to the name of Clarence Walworth Alvord a tribute of its genuine appreciation of his inestimable work in keeping alive this organization and in launching its organ - The Mississippi Valley Historical Review; the man who, above all others, made, nourished and brought to successful maturity this venture in scientific historical research and publication.

So vital a figure among American Historians in general and in this group in particular deserves a more personal tribute than any formal resolution can convey, hence the Committee on Resolutions desire to have spread on the record the statement which Professor F. L. Paxson has prepared and will read, and which will subsequently appear in the Review.

J. B. Shippee
Jonas Viles
John C. Parish

"Clarence Walworth Alvord died last January in a villa on the Riviera, whither he had gone seeking the sun and quiet. I had not seen him for nearly three years. I left him last in Paris in 1925, where he was struggling with doubtful health and an intense urge for expression with his pen. He was full of ideas, as always; and it was a constant source of pain that they would not come to paper fast enough. There was never a chat when he did not pour out his notions for books and papers, or swing over into the shop-talk of historians who cannot quite approve each other's works. Our critical and often combative arguments ranged over all of our contemporaries who were active and absent; and in the detachment of the quartier I think we both felt that there was an added clearness to our vision as we looked upon our common labors in the West.

The memory of Alvord will long remain fragrant among those who loved him. He was gifted with a penetrating personality that made new friends wherever he went, and that intrigued old ones. One summer he came to Madison, lived in the University Club, and taught the routine of the summer session. But there was no routine for him. Every one of his students was an altered man, and was shifted into an attitude of eager criticism of facts and conclusions. He made friends among his contemporaries, which it is not given to all professors to do. And in everything he undertook as historian his qualities as man assisted with vividness and reality.

He won the Loubat Prize of Columbia University in 1922, - a prize for a book that revealed him as master of one of our distinctive American fields. The range that Reuben Gold Thwaites ornamented for many years was too great for similar intimacy by any of his followers. Alvord carved off for his own special preserve the Ohio Valley. He knew much of everything; but here he was leader and without a rival. His Mississippi Valley in British Politics is perhaps the leading work in erudition and interpretation that our school of western historians has produced.

But we shall not remember Alvord longest for his Mississippi Valley. It is as the great spirit of this Review, and as the inspirer of the useful association of scholars whom this Review represents, that his service was greatest and will best endure. We cannot forget that he was more nearly our founder than was any other man. He edited the Review, and guided it among the financial hazards that have wrecked too many works of scholarship, and among the greater risks of the office that test the sincerity and courage of literary honesty. There will always be need in the United States for local and regional associations of historians; for whatever conclusions we may reach about American history as a whole, these can never be sounder than the local detail upon which they rest. But more than this, there will for a long time be a need for the exposition and interpretation of the point of view that Alvord represented in Transappalachia. We students of the West believe that the facts warrant our conviction that our national and frontier experience did more to shape American life than any other single factor. Most of this experience was felt in the Mississippi Valley, whereas most of the wealth and most of the assurance of the country drifts towards tidewater. The old South has never been understood, because with the lapse of time it left the telling of its story to the unsympathetic Northerner; if the West shall ever cease to appear to all of the

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American people as among the greatest of our realities, it will be because Clarence Alvord is dead, without successor; and because his ? dimmed with tears.

It is our job to close ranks, and carry on."

F. L. Paxson.

Adjourned.

Clara S. Paine,
Secretary.

May 28, 1928

Professor Charles W. Ramsdell
University of Texas
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Ramsdell:-

Schafer has sent your letter to him of May 22 on to me, and I am very glad to learn something of your ideas about the M. V. H. A. I have been intending to write to you but an attack of influenza has interfered with many of my intentions.

What would you think of having a meeting of the executive committee in Indianapolis during the American Historical Association meeting for the express purpose of discussing the future of the Association? I could probably present some sort of preliminary report at that time, and provision might then be made perhaps for expanding the committee. The probabilities are that anything we propose to do will meet with opposition from the secretary and her supporters, and it is useless to attempt very much unless we can be assured that a majority of the executive committee is prepared to support a progressive policy.

Much to my regret I was unable to attend the meeting at Des Moines, but I understand that it was a very good one, and I was especially pleased at your selection for the presidency. I shall probably write you more fully after I have had time to clarify somewhat my ideas about the Association.

Sincerely yours

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copy to Dr. Schaefer

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
AUSTIN

June 6, 1928

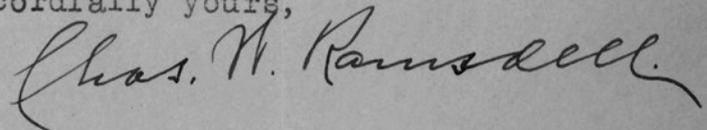
Dr. Solon J. Buck
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Buck:

I think it would be an excellent thing to have a meeting of the Executive Committee in Indianapolis at the time of the Christmas meeting for the express purpose of discussing the state of the M.V.H. Association with special reference to finances. If you can present a preliminary report, it would help undoubtedly to clarify the situation. I do not understand your reference to the probable opposition from the Secretary and ~~her~~ supporters. In fact, I am wholly in the dark as to these inside disturbances, though I have heard rumors of their existence. I very much hope that we can work out a satisfactory and forward-looking plan without having any internal difficulties that will embarrass us.

I shall be very glad indeed to have you write me more fully what plans are taking shape in your mind.

Very cordially yours,



C. W. Ramsdell

CWR:E

December 5, 1928

Dr. James A. Woodburn
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Dr. Woodburn:

policy

Last spring Dr. Schafer, the outgoing president of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, appointed me a committee of one "on ~~politics~~" with the expectation that I would present some plan for future activities of the association, especially in the field of publication. I had suggested to Schafer the desirability of such a committee but had not contemplated my own appointment as a committee of one, and I feel that, in the course of time, the committee should be enlarged. I have been giving considerable thought to the matter, however, and hope to be prepared to present a tentative report, or at least a statement, to the executive committee at the time of the Indianapolis meeting.

I am not aware that any arrangement has been made for holding a meeting of the executive committee in Indianapolis but it seems to me that such meeting would be very desirable, even apart from the report that I hope to present. As a rule more members of the committee are present at the December meeting than at the annual meeting in the spring, and it is desirable to get them together as frequently as possible. I am wondering therefore if you, as chairman of the committee, will not arrange for such a meeting. The program of the American Historical Association appears to be very full and I suppose it will be difficult to find a time for a committee meeting that will be satisfactory to everyone. Presumably it would not do to have it on Sunday and the only other time that seems particularly feasible is at breakfast on Saturday morning. I shall be glad to learn whether or not you think such a meeting can be held.

Sincerely yours

SJB/H

December 17, 1928

Professor Charles W. Ramsdell
University of Texas
Austin, Texas

Dear Ramsdell:-

You may recall that we had some correspondence several months ago concerning the possibility of holding a meeting of the executive committee of the M.V.H.A. at Indianapolis to consider a preliminary report of the "Committee on Policy." I shall probably not have a formal report prepared, but would like to be able to talk over some matters with the members of the committee. At any rate, I think it desirable to hold such a meeting, as more members of the committee are likely to be present at Indianapolis than at the spring meeting of the M.V.H.A. I have taken the liberty, therefore, of suggesting to Woodburn, as chairman of the committee, that he call us together for breakfast on Saturday morning. It may be that plans had already been made for holding such a meeting anyway, but if so I have not heard of them.

I trust that you are coming to the meeting for I should like to have an opportunity to talk over a number of things with you.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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PRESIDENT
CHARLES W. RAMSDELL
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
AUSTIN, TEXAS

Mississippi Valley Historical
Association

SECRETARY-TREASURER
MRS. CLARENCE S. PAINE
STATION A
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

December 18, 1928

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

There will be a meeting of the executive committee of this Association in Indianapolis, the date and hour to be announced on the bulletin board at headquarters in the Claypool Hotel.

Yours truly,

Clara S. Paine
Secretary

December 20, 1938

Dr. Joseph Schafer
Wisconsin Historical Society
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Schafer:-

I have just received word from Mrs. Paine that there is to be a meeting of the executive committee of the M.W.H.A. in Indianapolis, the time to be arranged. I am planning to present a tentative report of the "Committee on Policy"; and I should like very much to have an opportunity to talk things over with you before the meeting. I am planning to be in Chicago Thursday afternoon and evening, and to take the eleven-forty train on the Big Four for Indianapolis. Perhaps you can take the same train, or we might get together for breakfast in Indianapolis Friday morning.

I am also anxious, of course, to hear about your European experiences. They must have been very interesting.

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas

Sincerely yours

B/P

DEC 24 1928

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
AUSTIN

December 20, 1928

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

Dear Buck:

Yours of the 17th has just come. The breakfast on Saturday morning will suit me very well for the meeting of the executive committee. Mrs. Paine had previously written me asking for suggestions about this meeting and I have suggested luncheon on Friday, but perhaps yours is better. At any rate I will accommodate myself to any time selected.

Very sincerely yours,

Chas. W. Ramsdell

Charles W. Ramsdell

CWR/H