



[Solon J. Buck Papers.](#)

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February 11, 1927

Dr. Milo M. Quaife
Burton Historical Collections
Detroit Public Library
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Quaife:-

In checking over my personal file of the Burton Historical Leaflet recently, I found that I have volume 2, numbers 1-5; volume 3, numbers 1-5; volume 4, numbers 1-3 and 5; and volume 5, numbers 1-3. Some of these you were kind to send to me personally and others were culled from duplicates received by the Minnesota Historical Society.

If I am correct in assuming that there are only five numbers to the volume, all I lack of a complete set would appear to be volume 1, and volume 4, number 4. I find the series rather valuable in my personal work and would much appreciate receiving copies to fill in the gaps if they are available.

At present the Minnesota Historical Society appears to be receiving two copies regularly, and personal copies come to me occasionally. I would suggest that you have only one copy sent to the society and one to me at my home address, 67 Barton Ave., S. E., Minneapolis. The back numbers requested had better be sent to that address also.

While I am in the business of asking favors, I might add that a personal copy of the Askin Papers would be much appreciated when they are published. I expect to find a great deal of material in them that will be useful to me in some studies that I am making of the British Regime in the Northwest.

Sincerely yours

B/P

THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL REVIEW
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MANAGING EDITOR
M. M. QUAIFE

February 16, 1927

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

It is not possible to supply copies of issues of Vol. I of the Leaflet since apparently no effort was made by those in charge to preserve any Library supply. Vol. IV, No. 4, we are happy to be able to send you at this time.

I am considerably doubtful whether the publication program which is in process of present development by the Board of Commissioners of the Library will be such as to permit of my sending you a personal copy of the Askin volume. The volume is going to be a pretty expensive one and the number of copies issued will be correspondingly limited. If it should be possible to comply with your request I will be very glad to do so. I will also take up with the mailing department the matter you speak of in connection with the addressing of copies of the Leaflet ^{to you and} there to the Historical Society. In this connection I may say that the Leaflet is mailed free to any one who expresses a desire to receive it, so that the sending of 2 copies to the Historical Society instead of 1 is a matter of no particular moment from our point of view.

I hope you can send in the review of the Bates Papers soon, so that we can include it in our next issue. Mr. Marshall is inclined to be a trifle touchy on such matters and both for this and other sufficient reasons I would be sorry to delay too long about printing our review notice.

Sincerely yours,



M. M. QUAIFE.

Q/M

February 25, 1937

Dr. M. M. Quaife
Detroit Public Library
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Quaife:-

Thank you very much for filling the gap
in my file of the Leaflet.

I appreciate very much also your willingness to send me a copy of the Askin volume if the publication program will permit. Perhaps you could send it to our magazine as a review copy, and Elegen will doubtless turn it over to me for reviewing.

I am sorry to have been so dilatory about the review of the Bates Papers. I finished reading them some time ago but have not had enough mental energy to spare from the things that had to be done to enable me to write the review. I am feeling somewhat better now, however, and expect to get at it in the near future. I assume that it is now too late for the March issue, but I shall certainly have it in your hands in time for the next one. Marshall knows that the books were sent to me for review so that he will hold me rather than you responsible for the delay.

Sincerely yours

B/P

April 25, 1927

Dr. M. M. Quaife
Burton Historical Collections
Detroit Public Library
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Quaife:-

I got off my review of Marshall's work so hastily that I did not read it over very carefully after it was typed. Having just read over the carbon copy, I observe two slips that ought to be corrected. They are both on the last page. In line 3, the first of the two colons that appear in the parenthesis should be changed to a figure¹one, and in line 9, the word "for" should be changed to "from."

Presumably you can have these corrections made in proof if the copy has gone to the printer.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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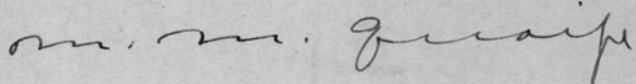
April 28, 1927

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I will be glad to see that the changes you request are made in your copy of the review of the Bates Papers. It did not come to hand to permit of inclusion in the June issue, consequently it will go over until September.

Sincerely yours,



Q:M

M. M. QUAIFE.

April 29, 1927

Dr. M. M. Quaife
Burton Historical Collections
Detroit Public Library
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Quaife:-

I have just sent you a night letter that reads as follows: "Please suppress my review of Bates Papers. It might cause serious harm to the cause of history. If any expense is involved I will bear it. Letter follows."

Having an extra copy of my review of the Bates Papers, I sent it on to Marshall for his perusal. I have just received a letter from him in which he states that, because of opposition to him in the Missouri Historical Society, the publication of my review will probably end his influence with the Society. I gather also that he feels that this would probably result in the dropping of the work of historical publication by the Society, and the turning of its energies into other and less desirable channels. This is more than a personal matter, of course, and, while I do not feel that my review is unfair or improper in any way, there are some things in it that might be seized upon by Marshall's enemies and used unfairly.

I certainly do not want to be responsible for checking the movement that is transforming the Missouri Historical Society into an effective institution; and, from what I know about the situation, I believe there is some force in Marshall's contention. I could not honestly rewrite the review, even if there were time, so that it seems to me that the only thing to do is to suppress it.

I shall expect, of course, to return the books to you or to send them on to any ^{one} else whom you may designate. Please accept my humble apologies for any inconvenience that this may cause you.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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M. M. QUAIFE

May 4, 1927

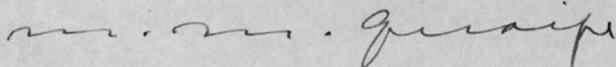
Mr. Solon J. Buck
Superintendent, Minnesota Historical Society
Saint Paul, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Buck:

There is no trouble whatever about suppressing the book review since, as I previously wrote you, it did not come to hand until after we had sent our June copy to the printer. I am sorry the dilemma you describe has arisen, and I hope that Marshall may succeed in working this out to a happy conclusion. In view of the situation as it presents itself, I do not see how we can undertake to publish any review of the book at all. I am perfectly willing not to publish one since this seems to be Marshall's desire. I am sure that both you and he will agree with me that if one is to be published, the reviewer, whoever he may be, must be given absolute freedom to express his honest opinion of the volume. I think myself that you turned out a good review, and I do not see how anything is to be gained by assigning the book to another person, since, if he is really equal to his job, he will express, probably, much the same sort of opinions as those you have expressed.

I think that you have quite earned the review copy, and I do not see that it is through any fault of yours that your review is not to be printed. Kindly keep the book, therefore, and we will proceed to forget the matter.

Sincerely yours,



M. M. Quaife

Q.R

May 9, 1927

Dr. M. M. Quaife
Burton Historical Collections
Detroit Public Library
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Quaife:-

I am very glad to know that you thought my review of Marshall's book a good one, and I think you are quite justified in declining to arrange for another one.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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MANAGING EDITOR
M. M. QUAIFE

September 20, 1927

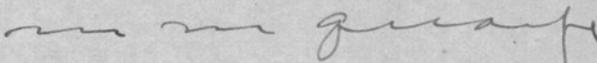
Dr. Solon J. Buck
Superintendent, Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota

My dear Buck:

A couple of years ago you prepared for us your review of Schafer's Wisconsin Domesday Book. We have now received another volume in the series (Prairie and Forest) which I hope you will be willing likewise to review.

I think 1000 words should be adequate, and if you conclude to produce a shorter notice it will be entirely satisfactory with me. We would like it by January 1st, if possible, but if you find this impracticable we can extend the time until the first of April.

Sincerely yours,



M. M. Quaife

Q.A

September 23, 1927

Dr. Milo M. Quaife
Detroit Public Library
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Quaife:-

I appreciate your asking me to review Schafer's Prairie and Forest, particularly after the fiasco with reference to the last review that I wrote for you.

I have read the book with great interest and think very highly of it, but I feel that I must not take the time from other work pressing upon me that would be necessary in order to write the kind of review that I would want to do. Possibly Shippee would be willing to review it if you do not have someone else in mind for it.

Sincerely yours

SJB/B

March 23, 1928

Dr. M. M. Quaife
Burton Historical Collection
Detroit Public Library
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Quaife:-

Having been asked to prepare a brief sketch of Alvord for the Dictionary of American Biography and resolutions with reference to his death for the M. V. H. A. meeting, it has occurred to me that it might be worth while to write something more extensive concerning his career and contributions to the cause of history.

Would you be interested in publishing an article of this sort in the Review? It happens that some years ago I had occasion to compile an extensive bibliography of Alvord's work and, if such an article were to be published, I should like to combine with it this bibliography, revised and brought up to date. I realize that this would be an unusual feature for the Review, but it seems to me that the bibliography would be valuable in itself and that its publication in the Review he founded would be peculiarly appropriate.

Sincerely yours

B/P

MAR 27 1928

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March 27, 1928

MANAGING EDITOR
M. M. QUAIFFÉ

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

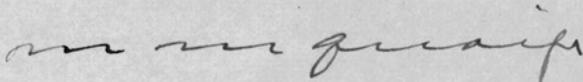
Dear Dr. Buck:

Professor Paxson has undertaken to prepare a notice concerning Professor Alvord for publication in the forthcoming issue of the REVIEW. Although it has not yet come to hand I understand it will be comparatively brief (about two pages, he indicates). I think it highly desirable to pay every reasonable tribute of recognition to Professor Alvord for his services to the Association and to the subject matter in which it is interested. I should have been glad if Paxson should prepare a longer article but this was his own judgment as to what he thought proper to write. You will perceive, I presume, that the situation outlined has some bearing on your suggestion; quite likely there will still be room for your proposed paper which I presume would take the form of a more formal and definitive contribution, while Paxson's will be more in the nature of a current expression of appreciation evoked by the report of Professor Alvord's death. Until I shall see Paxson's paper I do not feel at liberty to make a definite commitment with respect to your suggestion. You would in any event be under the necessity of adapting what you may write to what he shall have already written, and in view of his preliminary notice I should suppose there would be no particular occasion for hurry about the preparation of the one you propose.

When Professor Paxson's contribution comes to hand I will endeavor to write you again on the subject. It would certainly be desirable to have a pretty thoroughgoing estimate of Professor Alvord's career. Professor Paxson's notice will not be lacking in respect and appreciation I feel confident but if, as he has intimated, it

is to be comparatively brief it will not be a thorough-going assessment. I do not feel too sure about the desirability of printing the bibliography in the REVIEW. Something would depend upon the length. Perhaps you can give me some indication as to this. If it were to be anything like as long as the Thwaites bibliography was I doubt whether the REVIEW would be the place to print it. Possibly, however, it might take the place of the usual document in the issue of the REVIEW in which the proposed article shall appear. I will send you a copy of Paxson's write-up and will be glad to hear further from you in the light of it and of the comment in the present letter.

Sincerely yours,



M. M. Quaife

Q.A

MAR 28

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MANAGING EDITOR
M. M. QUAIFE

March 28, 1928

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

Dear Sir:

At the request of Dr. Quaife I am herewith sending to you a copy of the contribution which Professor Paxson has just sent in concerning Professor Alvord. There is evidently an omission in the next to last sentence, and we have written to Paxson asking him to correct this. When he answers our inquiry, Dr. Quaife will probably write to you.

Yours very truly,

Ethel Armstrong
Secretary to Dr. Quaife

March 29, 1938

Dr. M. M. Quaife
Mississippi Valley His-
torical Review
Detroit Public Library
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Quaife:-

Thank you for explaining
the situation in your letter of March
27. I quite agree with you that it
will be necessary to wait and see
what Paxson produces before consider-
ing anything further. Doubtless we
can talk the matter over at the Des
Moines meeting.

Sincerely yours

B/P

April 11, 1928

Dr. M. M. Quaife, Managing Editor
The Mississippi Valley Historical
Review
Detroit Public Library
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Quaife:-

In her letter of March 28, your secretary implied that you would probably write to me concerning Paxson's contribution and that is why I have not written before to acknowledge it. I read it with much interest and think that it should be published, but it does not seem to me to preclude the desirability of publishing a more extensive and more informative article.

As I wrote you before, I have prepared a brief sketch for the Dictionary of American Biography, and, if a longer article is to be published in the Review, I should like to be able to refer to it in the bibliography appended to the Dictionary article. In order to do this, however, it would be necessary to have the matter settled, including the issue of publication, if it is to go in before the end of April.

I see no objection to publishing the bibliography in the Notes and Documents section as you suggest; in fact it would be very much in the nature of a "Note."

Your secretary speaks of the paper sent to me as a copy, so I assume that it need not be returned; if I am mistaken, let me know and I will send it back.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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MANAGING EDITOR
M. M. QUAIFE

April 13, 1928

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

I will be very glad to have the article about Professor Alvord which you are proposing to supply. We can publish it either in the September issue of the Review, or in any later number, depending wholly upon how soon you get it ready for submission. Our closing date for the September issue is July 1, but since there is likely to be some occasion for editorial question and comment in preparing the article for the printer, it would be necessary for us to have the paper from you not later than about June 15. In view of our publication of Professor Paxson's item, it would seem to me that there is no particular occasion for undue hurry about printing your article. If you can readily supply it by the time indicated, of course I shall be very glad to have it. If you prefer to take somewhat longer time, we will plan to run it in the December issue, and it would seem to me that this would be quite as appropriate as the earlier publication. The closing date for the December copy is October 1, and there would be the same necessity as indicated above for our receiving the copy from you two weeks earlier than this in order to assure time for editorial revision in preparation for sending it to the printer.

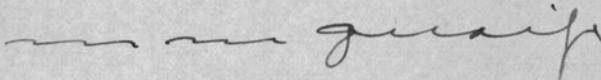
I think the foregoing will answer your need as to citing the article in your sketch for the Dictionary of American Biography; ~~but~~ if you will send us the article by June 15, we will plan to put it in the September issue; if after this date but not later than September 15, we will plan to run it in December.

I presume that it will be agreeable to you if I reserve more definite decision as to the precise order for

printing the bibliography until I have the material before me. I gather that it will be agreeable to you to have me run it either directly after the biographical sketch or separately in the documents section. It is not necessary for you to return the copy of Professor Alvord's item, since I have retained the original. It

If the foregoing does not answer in every respect the needs of the situation as you view it, I will be glad to hear further from you and to do anything that may be possible to accomodate your desire.

Sincerely yours,



M.M. Quaife

Q.R

CERTIFIED

April 28, 1928

Dr. M. M. Quaife, Editor
Mississippi Valley His-
torical Review
Detroit Public Library
Detroit, Michigan

My dear Dr. Quaife:-

I have your letter of
April 13 and shall plan to have the
article on Alvord, with the bib-
liography, ready for the December
issue of the Review.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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MANAGING EDITOR
M. M. QUAIFFE

August 31, 1928

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

I am writing this note merely to remind you of the time schedule with respect to the December issue of the magazine for which you are to supply the article and bibliography on Professor Alvord. The copy goes to the printer the first of October but the exigencies of editing require as you will understand that we have the material in hand a considerable time in advance of this date. I should like if possible to receive it by the middle of September so that there need be no undue haste in preparing it. I should like also to know at as early a date as you can inform me about how long you expect the article to be and how long the bibliography, since on these factors depends to some extent the question what other material can be included in the December issue.

Sincerely yours,



M. M. Quaife

Q.A

September 4, 1928

Dr. M. M. Quaife
Mississippi Valley Historical
Review
Detroit Public Library
Detroit, Michigan

My dear Mr. Quaife:-

Your note of August 31 arrived this morning during Mr. Buck's absence on a short vacation. He will be back the last of the week, however, and your letter will be called to his attention immediately.

Sincerely yours

Chief clerk

September 10, 1928

Dr. M. M. Quaife
Mississippi Valley His-
torical Review
Detroit Public Library
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Quaife:-

I am now back from a brief vacation and am hard at work on the article and bibliography about which you inquire in your letter of August 31.

I expect to have the material in your hands early next week if not before, and I shall write you again in a day or two concerning the probable length. My impression at present is that the bibliography will require about six pages of the Review, and the article will probably be between fifteen and twenty pages in length.

Sincerely yours

B/P

September 17, 1938

Dr. M. M. Quaife
Mississippi Valley Historical
Review
Detroit Public Library
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Quaife:-

Herewith you will receive the paper on Alvord and the bibliography. If the bibliography is to appear in a separate section instead of a supplement to the paper, it might be well to include a reference to it in a note attached to the title of the paper.

It is probable that I shall have a few corrections or additions to make in the bibliography as there are some points that I cannot settle without correspondence. I shall send these in to you as soon as they are received and I assume that proof will be sent to me so that I will have another opportunity to make minor corrections.

I trust that the few days delay has not inconvenienced you and I hope that the work will meet with your approval.

Sincerely yours

B/P

September 31, 1928

Dr. M. M. Quaife
Mississippi Valley Historical
Review
Detroit Public Library
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Quaife:-

Herewith you will find some sheets from the carbon of my paper on Alvord. I shall appreciate it very much if you will have your assistant transfer the corrections on these sheets to the corresponding sheets of the original copy. I should like to have these sheets returned to me at your convenience.

Sincerely yours

B/P

September 25, 1928

Dr. M. M. Quaife
Detroit Public Library
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Quaife:-

Herewith I am sending you revision^s and corrections for the paper on Alvord and accompanying bibliography as follows:

- A. Insert^s for pages 1 and 2 of the article.
- B. Carbon copies of pages 11, 12 and 15 of the article, each containing corrections to be attached to the original copy.
- C. Pages 6, 7, and 8 of the bibliography to be substituted for the pages of the copy originally sent to you.

I regret very much that these revisions and additions are necessary, but the fact that Dean Ford, who has furnished me with some information, was in Europe until a few days ago and the further fact that Mrs. Alvord, who is here, did not have access to some of her material until a day or two ago, made it impossible for me to get this information.

There are still one or two puzzles that I hope to solve and I trust that you will be willing to help me on one of them or have your assistant do so. You will observe the second item on page 8 of the bibliography lacks the page numbers. According to the Union List of Serials, the Detroit Public Library has a file of the Landmark and I trust that you can supply the missing page numbers. There is no file of this publication in the Twin Cities apparently except an incomplete one in the possession of Mrs. Alvord. My information about this particular article comes from a reference to it in another number of the Landmark. Since Mrs. Alvord's files do not include this number, it is possible that it may lack other numbers that contain articles by Alvord. I would appreciate it very much, therefore, if your assistant or someone else in the Detroit Public Library could run through the file for the years 1925, 1926 and 1927, and see whether or not I have included all the articles by Alvord contained therein.

Sincerely yours

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MANAGING EDITOR
M. M. QUAIFFE

September 25, 1928.

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

Dear doctor Buck:

Your copy came to hand in due time a few days ago and has already been sent to the printer. We are now sending on to them the carbon copy included in your note of September 21 instructing them to make the changes therein noted on the copy first sent them. I am also asking them to return the carbon copy to us and when it is received, I will be glad to return it to you.

I am proposing to print the bibliography in the documents section as I have formerly suggested to you and I have therefore supplied a note at the conclusion of your narrative article calling attention to this fact. Your paper was received in sufficient time for our purpose and I am greatly obliged to you for your promptness. We are making a number of typographical changes to correspond with our general practice in the Review but these are of a sort that will afford you, I think, no particular concern. We will send you galley proof for your inspection when received which will be presumably a matter of three or four weeks.

Sincerely yours,



M. M. QUAIFFE
Detroit Public Library.

Q/W

September 26, 1928

Dr. M. M. Quaife
Detroit Public Library
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Quaife:-

Since writing you yesterday I have discovered that there is an error in the arrangement of the Alvord bibliography. The item beginning "Archives" at the bottom of page 2 and running over to the top of page 3 should be moved down towards the bottom of page 3 between the items beginning "Edward Cole" and "Preservation." It was my intention that the items should be arranged in the order of publication. This particular item got in the 1909 group because it is in the A.H.A. Proceedings for 1909, but the volume was not published until 1911. I shall appreciate it very much if you will have your assistant make the necessary transfer.

Sincerely yours

B/P

September 28, 1928

Dr. M. M. Quaife
Detroit Public Library
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Quaife:-

I am sorry that my correction^s for the Alvord paper did not reach you before it went to the printer. From something in one of your earlier letters I had assumed that copy would not go to the printer before the first of October. As I explained in my last letter, circumstances over which I had no control made it impossible for me to get the information sooner on which the last batch of correction was based. If an undue amount of expense for corrections is involved I shall be glad to take care of it.

Will you kindly tell me what the present arrangements are for separates? I think that I shall want about a hundred separates of the article and the bibliography bound together.

Sincerely yours

SJB/B

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MANAGING EDITOR
M. M. QUAIFE

September 28, 1928

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

Dr. Quaife wishes me to acknowledge the receipt of your recent letters. Unfortunately the material had already been sent to the press before their arrival, however, I forwarded the carbon sheets of your introduction with instructions to incorporate the changes. If agreeable to you, I shall keep these sheets until I have had an opportunity to read the galley proof. The other corrections will have to be inserted in galley, as I should not be willing to trust the printer with them.

In your letter of September 25, you ask me to check the Alvord material in the Landmark. I did so with the following results:

- I. Those Muddling Empire Builders. In the Landmark, 8: 221-24 (April, 1926).
- II. Some Makers of America. In the Landmark, 8: 721-24 (November, 1926).
- III. The American Colonists Grow Violent. In the Landmark, 9: 611-15 (October, 1927).

These seem to be the only articles - I believe you are not listing book reviews.

Sincerely yours,

Lois Rau

- OCT 4 1928

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MANAGING EDITOR
M. M. QUAIFFÉ

October 1, 1928.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

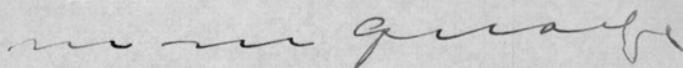
There is no difficulty about attending to your paper and you are quite correct in your understanding that I named October 1 as the date copy must be ready for the printer. It happens this time that Miss Rau is to take a vacation in October and so we have been under the necessity of getting our copy to the printer somewhat in advance of the requirement of our usual schedule. Miss Rau's recent explanation to you was intended I think merely to inform you just what was being done with your corrections and additions. We will be very glad to take care of them for you although you will understand of course that it is pretty difficult to make much change after pageproof has been set up. This stage will not be reached in the present instance for some time to come.

The ruling about separates is that I am permitted to furnish contributors with twenty copies; the additional number desired you will have to order direct from the Torch Press. I should suppose there would be no particular difficulty about arranging to have the article and the bibliography bound together. It would be well to take the matter up with the Press not later than December 1 (somewhat earlier would be better) so as to insure getting what you want before type has been destroyed.

We have not your copy here and so I do not know whether or not you have listed in the bibliography the article entitled "Coöperation With Regard to Historical Periodicals Published in the English Language" which was printed in the Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research for November, 1924, pages 31-36. There is a footnote stating that this is a part of a paper given before the third interim Anglo American Conference

July 8, 1924; I happen to have clipped the article at the time it came out and only recently the item has come to my attention. If you have not included it already in your bibliography, I presume you will wish to do so.

Sincerely yours,



M. M. QUAIPE,
Detroit Public Library.

Q/W

OCT 6 1928

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MANAGING EDITOR
M. M. QUAIPE

October 4, 1928

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

Enclosed herewith is the galley proof of your article - the bibliography will be forwarded when I receive it from the printer. You will note that some of your corrections are included, others not, since they were not received in time to be incorporated. I am, therefore, returning to you your carbon. Kindly read and return to me at your earliest convenience.

You will be furnished gratis twenty reprints of your article. Should you wish additional copies, kindly take the matter up with Mr. Edward F. Misak, Torch Press, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Sincerely yours,

Louise R. ...

October 5, 1928

Dr. M. M. Quaife
Detroit Public Library
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Quaife:-

Thank you very much for the information concerning separates. I shall take the matter up with the Torch Press at once.

The article to which you refer is already listed in the bibliography, but I appreciate your courtesy in calling it to my attention.

Sincerely yours

B/P

October 8, 1928

Miss Louise Rau
Detroit Public Library
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Miss Rau:

Herewith I am returning to you the proof with correction of the Alvord article. Most of your corrections are acceptable to me but I feel that the preposition preceding "the preparatory school of the University of Illinois" in the second paragraph should be "in" rather than "at," especially as "in" is used two lines below preceding "the University proper." I agree with you that "he had graduated" (paragraph 2) is bad English, but "he was graduated" won't do because the past perfect tense is used elsewhere throughout the sentence. Consequently it will have to be "he had been graduated."

I have made a few additional changes but have kept them down as much as possible. It seems to me that the "Mr." in the final footnote should be eliminated to make the style conform to that of the paper itself.

Thank you for the information concerning reprints. I shall write to Mr. Misak in the near future.

Sincerely yours

SJB/H

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MANAGING EDITOR
M. M. QUAIFFÉ

October 8, 1928

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

Enclosed is the galley proof for your
Alvord bibliography. Will you kindly read and return it
to me not later than October 17.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence R. ...

October 10, 1928

Miss Louise Rau
Detroit Public Library
Detroit, Michigan

My dear Miss Rau:

Herewith I am returning to you the proof of the bibliography. I have taken out two sets of parentheses because you have taken them out in similar cases elsewhere. It seems to me that the introductory sentences should be further distinguished from the bibliography proper and I would suggest that they be set in smaller type, or, if this does not seem feasible, that they be put in the form of a footnote attached to the title. Be sure not to miss the correction in the wording of the item numbered 1 on the second galley sheet.

Sincerely yours

SJB/H

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MANAGING EDITOR
M. M. QUAIFE

October 12, 1928

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I appreciate your very prompt return of the proof -- would that all our contributors were so punctilious.

Dr. Quaife wonders if it would be satisfactory to you to put the introductory sentence of the Bibliography in a footnote. It does not seem quite logical to set it in small type, however, we shall follow your wishes in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence R. Quinn

No of 4.?

October 15, 1928

Miss Louise Rau
Detroit Public Library
Detroit, Michigan

My dear Miss Rau:

On the whole I think that the transfer of the sentence introductory to the bibliography to a footnote will be the best solution of the problem. I regret to say that I have found another error in the bibliography. In the first item for 1915 reading "The Relation of the State to Historical Work," the sentence at the end reading "Issued also as a separate" should be cut out. This item was not issued as a separate.

Mr. Misak of the Torch Press has sent me a quotation per page for separates. I will appreciate it, therefore, if you will let me know about how many pages the article and bibliography will comprise.

Sincerely yours

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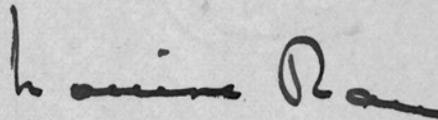
November 1, 1928

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I am chagrined to find the enclosed note to you among some papers. How it failed to be mailed, I cannot say; I only hope that its non-receipt has caused you no inconvenience.

Sincerely yours,



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October 17, 1928

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

In accordance with your letter of the 15th, I have changed the introductory sentence to a note and cut out the sentence for the 1915 item.

On account of changes and additional matter, it is a little bit difficult to state the exact number of pages your article and bibliography will run to. A rough estimate would put the former at 12-13 pages and the latter at 6-7. If you wish, I can send the definite information when the page proof comes to hand.

Sincerely yours,

Louise Ransom

November 5, 1928

Miss Louise Rau
Mississippi Valley Historical
Review
Detroit Public Library
Detroit, Michigan

My dear Miss Rau:-

Your failure to mail your note of
October 17 did not cause me any serious in-
convenience. I made a rough guess at the
number of pages and got it approximately
correct.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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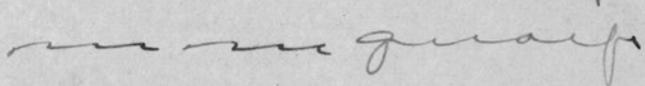
November 6, 1928

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

I am in need of a secretary, and in view of the nature of the work involved, we wish to find a person, presumably with an A.B. degree, who will be qualified to give us intelligent and accurate assistance in connection with such matters as proof-reading and other routine editorial processes as are involved in the carrying on of our research and editorial work. She need not be a trained editor in order to qualify for the position, but we wish to procure a person who is capable of acquiring under our direction the training indicated. The salary established for this position is \$1740 with reasonable prospects of promotion, although no definite promise can be given on this latter head. If you know of anyone whom you can recommend for the position, I should be very glad to learn of her. I think we can safely promise to make of her a first-rate historical editor within a reasonable period of time, assuming, of course, that she shall have the aptitude and the desire to master this calling.

Sincerely yours,



M.M. Quaife

Q.R

November 16, 1928

Miss Louise Rau
Detroit Public Library
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Miss Rau:

Would it be possible for you to send me page proof of my article on Alvord and of the bibliography? Some questions have arisen with reference to the arrangement of the material, title pages, et cetera, for the separates that I am having made by the Torch Press and I find it impossible to answer these questions satisfactorily without seeing the page proof. I could return the page proof to you promptly if desired.

Sincerely yours

SJB/H

November 19, 1928

Dr. M. M. Quaife
Mississippi Valley Historical Review
Detroit Public Library
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Quaife:-

Upon receipt of your letter of November 6, I inquired about here but was unable to locate anyone who would be interested in your secretarial position. It occurs to me, however, that Miss Velva Liesenfeld, care First National Bank, Mankato, Minnesota, might be interested in the job. Miss Liesenfeld graduated at the University of Minnesota four or five years ago. Her principal work was in English, but she had some work in history. After graduation, she attended business college for a few months and then took a stenographic position in the bank at Mankato. I have not seen her since her graduation and do not know for sure that she would be interested, but it might be worth your while to write to her. She was a good student and I think you would find her a competent person. She did some copy holding for Mrs. Buck while she was a student here, but can hardly be said to have had any experience in editorial work. I ought to add that she is a cousin of mine, but I hope that you won't hold that against her.

If you have not filled the position and think that Miss Liesenfeld might do, I would suggest that you write directly to her, stating that she has been recommended by me.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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November 19, 1928

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

In accordance with your request, I am enclosing herewith an uncorrected set of page proof for your article and bibliography. You need not bother to return them since I have a duplicate set.

Sincerely yours,

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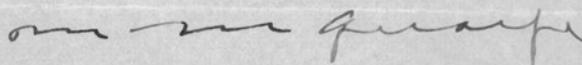
November 21, 1928

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

Kindly accept my thanks for the information you have given us concerning Miss Liesenfeld. At the present moment, we have several potential candidates in view and are engaged in the process of making a more detailed inquiry concerning them. I shall be glad to take the matter up with Miss Liesenfeld in case one or two whose records I now have in hand do not prove to be suited for the appointment.

Sincerely yours,



M.M. Quaife

Q.R

November 26, 1938

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

Dear Mr. Shambaugh:-

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of In Cabins and Sod Houses by T. H. Macbride. I have dipped into it here and there and it impresses me as an interesting and valuable publication. It is certainly a beautiful piece of book making.

The Minnesota Historical Society has in press at the present time the first volume of a two-volume work on Minnesota in the War with Germany. Copies of this will be available for distribution in a few weeks, and one will be sent to you, of course.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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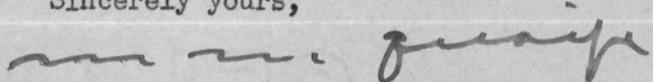
December 6, 1928

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

My dear Professor Buck:

Mr. Brigham has written me asking the date of the death of Professor Alvord and observing that in the June issue of the REVIEW we give it as January 24 while the Boston Transcript gives it as January 27. Mr. Brigham had not seen your article at the time of writing, and on turning to it, I find that you give the date as January 25 (page 318 of the December issue of the REVIEW). I gave January 24 on the authority of Pease to whom I had written expressly to confirm authoritatively the newspaper account I had seen of Professor Alvord's death. Evidently either you, or Pease, or the Boston Transcript (that is to say two of you) are in error. If you have certain information concerning the date, please inform me, and indicate, if practicable, the source of your authority. Mr. Brigham is writing a sketch of Alvord and I wish to get the matter straightened out for him.

Sincerely yours,



M. M. Quaife

Q.R

December 17, 1928

Dr. M. M. Quaife
Detroit Public Library
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Quaife:-

The matter of the date of Alvord's death is certainly a mess. I find that two different dates, derived from different sources, are used in the same number of our magazine, and I have used a different date in the Dictionary of American Biography article from that in the article published in the Review. The only authority that I find for January 25 is contained in a copy in my possession of a letter written by Mrs. Alvord to Mr. Ford on February 3, and that was my source for the date as given in the Review article. Mrs. Alvord read the article and said nothing about correcting it in this respect. She has now gone to Missouri, but I have written to her and pointed out the complications, and I trust that an authoritative answer will be forthcoming in the near future.

Sincerely yours

B/P

December 21, 1928

Dr. M. M. Quaife
Detroit Public Library
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Quaife:

I am now in receipt of a letter
from Mrs. Alvord which contains the following
sentence: "Clarence died on January 25 about
4 o'clock in the afternoon."

Sincerely yours

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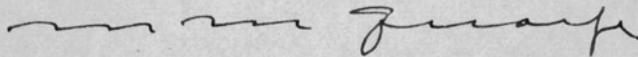
December 21, 1928

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

I wish to thank you for your note of December 17 with respect to the date of death of Dr. Alvord. I am transmitting a copy of the note to Mr. Brigham for his information. As soon as you shall hear from Mrs. Alvord, I hope you will take the trouble to write me so that both for myself and Mr. Brigham we may have the matter authoritatively settled. Having in view the confusion that exists, I rather think it may be well to print a supplementary note in our REVIEW designed to establish the correct date for those who may come after us and who may be interested in knowing the date.

Sincerely yours,



M. M. Quaife

Q.R