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# Saturday Lunch Club

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Elks' Club  
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Saturday - December 8 - 12:30 P. M.

SOLON J. BUCK, superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society, will be our guest and speaker. "The New Interpretation of the American Revolution" will be the subject of his address.

Mr. Buck is a prominent personality in the Minnesota Historical Society and is professor of History at the University of Minnesota.

The members are assured of an interesting message.

Attend and bring a friend.

Lunch 50¢

bring a card



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS ADDRESS

Mr. Solow & Buck  
c/o Minnesota Historical Society  
St Paul Minn

DEC 6 - 1928

*The cause of truth is advanced by allowing all to air their prejudices and advocate all their errors.—Wendell Phillips.*

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Dec. 5, 1928.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I am very happy to confirm the invitation extended to you by the Executive Committee of the Saturday Lunch Club to be their guest and speaker Saturday noon, December 8, 1928, at the Elks' Club.

I have worded your subject as per your request, "The New Interpretation of the American Revolution". I am certain that your message will prove of great interest to our members.

With many thanks for your acceptance, I am

Yours very truly,

*Harry Fiterman*  
Executive Secretary,

*By B.R.*

HF:BR

September 22, 1927

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

Dear Mr. Schafer:-

Recently I finished reading your Prairie and Forest and I want to tell you that it seems to me an outstanding contribution to our knowledge of American history. While I have no special interest in the region dealt with, I found most of the book fascinating reading and I think you have been remarkably successful in handling a subject that is very difficult from the point of view of presentation.

Sincerely yours

SJB/B

SEP 24 1927

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JOSEPH SCHAFER  
Superintendent

September 23, 1927.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I want to thank you for your delightful appreciation of the Four Counties book. It is the opinions of men like yourself which I treasure. I have a great many notes of appreciation from people whose equipment is not such as to render the opinions valuable. The few from men like yourself are placed above all others. With kind personal regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

*Joseph Schaffer*  
Superintendent.

S:M

February 7, 1927

Dr. Joseph Schafer  
Wisconsin Historical Society  
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Schafer:-

I have just run through with much interest the copy of your Schedule for the Study of Local History (Teachers' Edition) which came to our library.

I am planning to put the students in an intensive course of mine at the University at work on township studies and, therefore, would appreciate it very much if you will send me two copies of your Schedule, one for my own use and one for the class. If any other editions are issued, I should like very much to receive copies of them also. Please have them sent to my home address, 67 Barton Ave. S. E., Minneapolis.

Sincerely yours

B/P

February 11, 1927

Dr. Joseph Schafer  
Wisconsin Historical Society  
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Schafer:-

Thank you very much for  
the two copies of the Schedule for  
the Study of Local History. They  
will be very useful to me.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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PROFESSOR SOLON J BUCK=

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY STPAUL MINN=

DEPARTMENT HISTORY INVITIES YOU TEACH TWO COURSES IN SUMMER  
SCHOOL JULY 2 TO AUGUST 11. ONE ON NEW VIEWPOINTS OR  
SPECIAL MOVEMENTS IN AMERICAN HISTORY AND MORE ADVANCED  
COURSE PREFERABLY ON SOME PHASE OF WESTERN HISTORY  
COMPENSATION ONE SEVENTH PRESENT SALARY PLUS TWO THIRD  
TRANSPORTATION INCLUDING PULLMAN REPLY COLLECT=

A M SCHLESINGER.

Telegram

Jan 5, 1928

Prof. S. M. Schlesinger  
Harvard U. Cambridge Mass

Accept with pleasure invitation to  
teach in summer school, contingent on  
~~obtaining~~ <sup>getting</sup> release from Historical Society.  
~~securing~~ No objection anticipated and ~~action~~ decision  
will be made in a few days. Letter follows

S. J. O. B.

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January 6, 1928

Prof. A. M. Schlesinger  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Mass.

Release obtained from Historical Society.

Solon J. Buck

January 6, 1938

Professor A. M. Schlesinger  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Schlesinger:-

By a curious coincidence your telegram reached me at the same time as one from the University of Oregon asking me to teach at the summer school there. There was, of course, no question in my mind as to which offer I would prefer to accept. As a matter of fact, I probably should not have accepted the one from Oregon anyway, as it would be very difficult for me to get out there by the time their session begins. The Harvard dates are most convenient for me, as I shall be able to wind up the fiscal year for the Minnesota Historical Society and attend our summer convention before leaving. I had expected to teach half time in the summer session at the University of Minnesota, but Ford has very kindly released me and I have just finished polling the members of the executive committee of the Minnesota Historical Society and getting them to agree to let me off.

My salary at the University is twenty-four hundred dollars for half time and at the Historical Society three thousand for half time. I hope that you will find it possible to figure my salary for the summer session on the basis of the sum of these two salaries, as I shall have to take a leave of absence without pay from the Historical Society. Should the compensation be figured on the basis of twice my University salary, the difference between what I would get there and what I would surrender here would be less than the extra expenses involved.

I should be glad to have, at your convenience, more information about the nature of the courses that you want me to give. I take it that the course on "New Viewpoints" is meant to be something along the line of your book on the subject, and that it would be a lecture course, but I should like to know what the prerequisites will be.

For the advanced course there are a number of phases of the History of the West that could be selected. Before deciding, however, I should like to know about how advanced the course is supposed to be. If a sort of pre-seminar for seniors and graduate students is desired, I might take some such subject as "The New England Frontier" or "The Westward Movement in New England" if agreeable to the Department.

You will be interested to know that Dr. Coville, the chairman of the research committee of the National Geographic

A. M. S. 1/6/28 -- 2

Society, appeared to be very much interested in our project for the Bibliography of Travel and agreed to recommend it to the committee. I have just completed drawing up a statement for presentation to his committee. I told you, I believe that I would send you a copy of my paper on the subject, but this briefer statement will take up less of your time, and so I am sending a copy of it instead. If the National Geographic Society does not support the work, I think it would be very desirable to lay the matter before the Social Science Research Council.

It is my hope that considerable checking on the bibliography in the Harvard Library can be done this summer while I shall be there to supervise it.

I assure you that I appreciate very much the invitation from the Department, and I am sure that I shall enjoy the work.

Sincerely yours

B/P

JAN 12 1928

HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

415 Widener Library, January 9, 1928

Dear Buck:

We all rejoice that you have accepted the invitation for this summer and that your executive committee are agreeable. Further arrangements will now be made by the Director of the Summer School, with whom I have canvassed the matter of your courses; but I can assure you now that the matter of your salary will be adjusted in accordance with your desires. That is only fair.

I read with great interest your memorandum on the travel bibliography, and am glad the present prospect is so promising. No doubt Mr. Smith has informed you that he is sending the four volumes of the History of American Life for review; perhaps you have already received them. With cordial regards I am

Sincerely yours,

A. M. Schlesinger

~~Harvard~~

January 13, 1928

Professor A. M. Schlesinger  
415 Widener Library  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Schlesinger:-

Your letter of January 9  
has been received and I appreciate  
the assurance with reference to salary.

I have not heard from the  
Mr. Smith to whom you refer, but the  
four volumes of the History of Amer-  
ican Life have been received and I  
am looking them over with much in-  
terest.

Sincerely yours

B/P

April 13, 1928

Professor Arthur M. Schlesinger  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Schlesinger:-

I have been giving some thought and doing some reading along the lines of my projected course on New Points of View at Harvard this summer, and I am getting much interested in its possibilities. I have been wondering whether or not it would be considered proper to use a textbook in connection with this course. I do not use textbooks in my regular courses at Minnesota, but it seems to me that a subject so loose as this one needs something more than the lectures to tie it together, and I believe it would be advisable to require each student to have a copy of your book. I could then be certain of some uniformity in reading and have a basis for occasional class discussion.

I should expect, of course, to require considerable additional reading of the students and I am wondering if it will be necessary for me to send in a list of books in advance in order that they may be available in the library. If so I will compile a tentative list, but it will probably be necessary to make additions to it as the course progresses. If I were giving this course at Minnesota, I should expect the students to read a minimum of two hundred pages a week. Is that too much or too little for a class at Harvard meeting five times a week; or would it be better to let the students read as much or as little as they please? Any advice or suggestions that will help me in planning the work will be much appreciated.

Another matter to which I must give some attention is that of a place to live. Professor Hart very kindly offered to rent me his apartment, but I expect to be alone there and could not afford to take it. What I would like to have is an inexpensive but comfortable room in some club or dormitory; then if I could be given the privileges of the Colonial Club (if I remember correctly that is the name of the faculty club), I should be quite comfortable.

Perhaps I should have written to Mr. Chase instead of to you, but it seemed to me that your familiarity with the subject matter of the course that I am to give would make you the logical person to advise me.

I have read the books by Wertenbaker and Adams in the History of American Life and hope to read the other two soon and get the review written in time for the June number of our magazine. Adams' book is a masterpiece.

Sincerely yours

B/P

APR 19 1928

HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

415 Widener Library,  
April 16, 1928.

My dear Buck:

In reply to your letter of April 13 I should say that there is no reason why you should not require each student to purchase a textbook, even though the book you recommend should be one of my own. From the standpoint of the library it would be desirable for you to send an advanced list of your collateral readings, which may, of course, be added to from time to time after you are on the ground. A minimum of 200 pages a week is not too much. The average student is allowed to take only one course of five hours, so he has more time for study than summer-school students at most institutions. I shall keep in mind your lodging problem for the summer. Perhaps the best arrangement will be to wait until you arrive and then consult one of the summer lists of lodging places; meantime you could put up with me until you had made permanent arrangements. Of course, in any case, I shall see that the privileges of the Colonial Club are extended to you.

We are looking forward to having you come and Mrs. Schlesinger and I are sorry that Mrs. Buck is not to accompany you.

Sincerely yours,

*A. M. Schlesinger*

AMS/H

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

April 19, 1928

Professor A. M. Schlesinger  
415 Widener Library  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

My dear Schlesinger:-

Thank you for the information in your letter of April 16. I shall appreciate it if you will have arrangements made so that an adequate supply of your New View Points will be available for purchase by the students in the course.

It is very kind of you to offer to take me in until I find a lodging place. I take it that the demand for rooms is not so great in the summer as to occasion any difficulty in finding satisfactory quarters.

It is a matter of regret to us that Mrs. Buck cannot accompany me, but the problem of disposing of three small children makes it infeasible. There is a possibility that she may spend part of the time with her parents in Brooklyn, in which case she will probably come to Cambridge for a few days.

I had taken it for granted that you would be away for the summer and I am very glad to discover that I was mistaken and that I shall have the pleasure of seeing something of you and Mrs. Schlesinger.

Sincerely yours

B/P

June 28, 1933

Professor A. M. Schlesinger  
32 Avon Hill St.  
North Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Schlesinger:-

In view of your kindness in offering to take me in until I should get located, I ought to let you know that I have engaged a room at the Colonial Club. I expect to arrive Sunday night or Monday morning and hope to see you soon thereafter.

This spring has been a very hectic one with me; one member or another of my family has been sick most of the time, although none seriously. I had the flu myself in April and, after several recurrent attacks, I finally had my tonsils removed about three weeks ago. As a consequence of this situation I was not able to get my review of the volumes in the History of American Life ready in time for the June number of our magazine. I have read all the volumes, however, and hope to have the review in the September issue. Nor have I been able to organize the work for my summer courses as thoroughly as I had hoped to; so I shall probably have a busy time keeping up with the work this summer.

Sincerely yours

B/P

JAN 26 1928

1547 DEARBORN PARKWAY  
CHICAGO, ILL.

Jan. 26, 1928

Dear Professor Buch:

I have just received a letter from Mr. Bernard, Urbana, step-son of Prof. Alford that he was informed by cablegram of Alford's sudden death. His body will be brought home.

I write in haste as you may not have heard of our

friend's passing away,  
With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Alto L. Johnson

January 30, 1928

Dr. O. L. Schmidt  
1547 Dearborn Parkway  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Schmidt:-

Thank you very much for your letter of January 26 concerning Professor Alvord. An announcement of his death appeared in Saturday's Minneapolis Journal, probably supplied by Dean Ford, who told me some time ago that he had asked Mr. Blanchard to wire him in case such news was received.

Mrs. Ford and Miss Wheelhouse have had several letters during the last month or two indicating that Mr. Alvord was very sick, and shortly before Christmas a rumor reached here via Urbana that he was dead, but a letter received by Mrs. Ford soon thereafter indicated that he was somewhat better.

I had taken it for granted that you were informed of the situation or I should have written to you before this. It is my opinion that in the course of time Alvord will be recognized as one of the two or three leading historians in the American history field of his generation.

Sincerely yours

B/P

December 20, 1928

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt  
1615 Mallers Building  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

Presumably you have seen my article on Alvord and bibliography of his writings in the December Mississippi Valley Historical Review. The separates of it have just reached me and I am sending one to you today. ✓

I expect to be in Chicago on Thursday, December 27, on my way to the Indianapolis meeting of the A.H.A.; and, if possible, I should like very much to have a talk with you about a number of matters. I shall try to get in touch with you by telephone when I get in and find out whether or not it will be convenient for you to see me.

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas

Sincerely yours

B/P



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GROSVENOR LIBRARY.

BUFFALO, N. Y.

June 14, 1927

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

It is now nearly a year since I wrote you asking if you would write a paper on the bibliography of travel in the United States. We had a session at Atlantic City last October with four papers on the progress of American bibliography since 1876. Another was read at the March meeting. Since writing you I have talked with Quaife and then with L. L. Hubbard and with Quaife again and with somebody else and it comes back to you. The meeting will be held at Christmas time jointly with the A.H.A. at Washington. You have six good months to sum up what you already have a good preliminary knowledge of. Therefore, at the request of Mr. H. H. B. Meyer of the Library of Congress, President of the Bibliographical Society of America, I would request that you would consider favorably a paper on this subject to be presented at the joint meeting of the conference of historical societies and Bibliographical Society of America.

Yours sincerely,

*Augustus H. Shearer*

AHS:EG

Secretary

June 20, 1927

Dr. Augustus H. Shearer  
Grosvenor Library  
Buffalo, New York

Dear Mr. Shearer:-

I will endeavor to prepare something on the Bibliography of Travel for the joint session of the Conference of Historical Societies and the Bibliographical Society of America. I may not be able to do much more than to tell about the work that the American Historical Association has done in this field and outline plans for the future but, that, I think, will be worth while.

Sincerely yours

B/P

JUL 2 1927



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Buffalo, N. Y., June 30, 1927

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

Your letter of June 20th just seen. I am glad  
to have your favorable reply.

AHS: EG

Yours sincerely,

*Augustus H. Shearer*

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Buffalo, N. Y., December 5, 1927

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

The American Council of Learned Societies is going to have a press bureau during the Christmas meeting. They want to have abstracts of all papers. The Bibliographical Society of America has only your paper listed. Can you send some three hundred to five hundred words on your paper? I am writing Leland that I think I can send him material in a week but since we are working at long distances I will be glad to have what you can send me at any time.

AHS:EG

Yours sincerely,

*Augustus H. Shearer*

December 9, 1927

Dr. Augustus H. Shearer  
The Grosvenor Library  
Buffalo, New York

My dear Dr. Shearer:-

Your letter of December 5 is the fourth I have received with reference to an abstract of my paper. The others, from Leland, Learned, and Coleman, all asked me to send the abstract directly to Leland, and I think that that will be the best procedure. If you desire, I can have another copy made for you. I cannot promise, however, to have the paper or the abstract ready within a week but will get it in as soon as possible. I had planned on the last week before Christmas, when the University is not in session, for the preparation of this paper, but I may be able to get something in shape sooner.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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Buffalo, N. Y.

Dec. 12

Dear Buck

Efficiency is frequently expensive.

4 letters to you x 2 [replies] + 1 from me to you,  
+ maybe 1 [relaid to you] + abstract + thanks,  
+ 2 letters [relaid to me] x 2 [replies] + relaid to Coleman  
+ me to H & B Meyer = 18.

Yours  
AHS

January 11, 1928

Dr. A. H. Shearer  
Grosvenor Library  
Buffalo, New York

Dear Shearer:-

Herewith I am sending you my paper  
on the Bibliography of American Travel.

You will be interested to know that  
Dr. Coville, the chairman of the committee on  
research of the National Geographic Society,  
has agreed to recommend the project to his  
committee, and the prospects are good of their  
joining with the A. H. A. in providing funds  
for the completion of the bibliography.

Sincerely yours

B/P

1/21/28

Dear Steve,

Excuse the paper.

The enclosed is a statement Ford wanted drawn up so that the Press might have an alibi to fall back. If you can sign will you do so and send to Mrs. Harding to file in the archives.

Bess with her father and mother was over here last evening and she reported you as working hard and leaving some American history. Good for you.

Our first term is over with only the usual casualties. Now we propose to start for the lake tomorrow, a place where we trust to see you later in next month.

Meantime we must to our preparation.

L. B. S.

Shuffled

November 21, 1928

Hon. Henrik Shipstead  
Curtis Hotel  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Senator Shipstead:

Noting from the papers that you have returned from your post-election vacation I want to offer you my congratulations on the tremendous victory that you achieved. Certainly any man would have a right to be proud of such a majority, and the fact that you were running practically as an Independent makes it a double distinction. Doubtless you are aware of the fact that you are the first United States Senator elected in Minnesota otherwise than as a Republican since the first election in 1858. In my course in Minnesota history at the University of Minnesota I characterized the recent period of our political history as one of increasing independence on the part of the voter, and this election would seem to justify even more than any previous one such characterization.

Sincerely yours

SJB/H

JUL 9 1928

West Virginia University

MORGANTOWN, W. VA.

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July 7, 1928.

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

Dear Dr. Buck,

I am wondering if you might know of an opening in American History, or if you might hear of one and pass the information on to me. I have a good position here except that I am not doing just what I would like to do. I would like to work entirely in American History and that does not seem possible here. I have just declined an offer of \$5000 as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Marshall College, Huntington, West Virginia, because that, like my position here, is not just what I would like best. My salary here is \$4800 including six weeks of summer school.

My book, a high school text in American History, is in galley proof by The Macmillan Co. and will be out in the early fall. I would rather teach in the field where I have done, and want to do, my research work.

I shall appreciate it very much if you can give me any information at this or at some future time that might lead to my getting into the work that I would like best.

Very truly yours,

*W. P. Shortridge,*

August 14, 1928

Professor W. P. Shortridge  
West Virginia University  
Morgantown, West Virginia

Dear Shortridge:

Your letter of July 7 was forwarded to me at Harvard where I was teaching in the summer school. I did not reply to it then because I was very busy, had no stenographer, and had nothing special to suggest.

If I hear of any opening in American history that would be attractive to you, I should be very glad indeed to let you know. The difficulty of course is that your present salary is as large as or larger than that paid by most institutions, and the better positions are obtained as a rule by those who have established reputations for productivity. Your textbook will, I trust, bring in considerable income, but for advancement in the profession you ought to devote as much time as possible to research.

I very much hope that you succeed in finding a more satisfactory position but just at present I know of nothing that would be attractive to you. The demand seems to be principally for assistant professors at \$2200 or some such salary.

Sincerely yours

SJB/H

February 20, 1928

Professor Grant Showerman  
University of Wisconsin  
Madison, Wisconsin

My dear Mr. Showerman:-

Having just finished reading your book, A Country Child, to my five year old boy, I feel that I ought to thank you for the pleasure that you have given to both of us. It is very difficult to find books suitable for reading to young children that are also interesting to adults. I do not suppose that your book was intended primarily for children, but it certainly interested my boy very much and I should think that, if the publishers would get out an edition in the usual format of children's books, with more illustrations, it might have a very extensive sale.

You may not remember that I was a student of yours many years ago, but I have pleasant recollections of it, even though I have forgotten most of the Latin I then learned.

Sincerely yours

B/P

MAY 24 1928

AMERICAN ACADEMY IN ROME  
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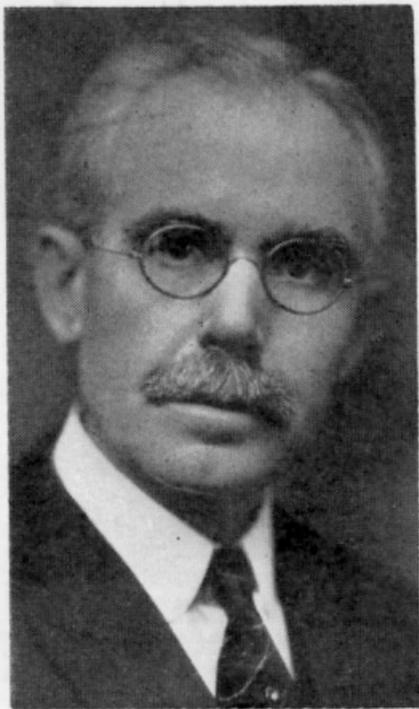
Dear Solon Buck:

I was much pleased to have your note last February and to know we still had something in common. It was very kind in you to take the trouble to write.

The Country Child and the Country Chronicle were read to my children day by day as I wrote them, and there was where I got my best faith that some publisher would be interested in them.

With best wishes,

*Graet Showerman*



With the Christmas Wishes  
of The Country Child



October 17, 1937

As I have not seen anything of Mr. Shurtleff since 1933, I think that I had better give you the following quotation from a letter written on April 11 of that year.

"Mr. Shurtleff was a student in my graduate seminar in American history last term and did good work. He impresses me as an earnest and conscientious student, not particularly brilliant, but interested in his work and likely to make a successful teacher. My opportunities for observing him have been very limited, and consequently I am not in a position to make very positive statements about him."

June 13, 1927

Miss Clara A. Smith  
Newberry Library  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Miss Smith:-

I have just looked over the copy of your List of Manuscript Maps in the Edward E. Ayer Collection that came to the Minnesota Historical Society.

It seems to me that you have rendered a very great service to students of American History by compiling this list and I, for one, want to express my appreciation.

If you could send me a copy for my personal collection, the favor would be deeply appreciated. It would be best to send it to my home address, 67 Barton Ave, S. E., Minneapolis, in order to avoid confusion with mail designed for the society.

Please give my best regards to Mr. Ayer.

Sincerely yours

B/P

July 1, 1927

Miss Clara A. Smith  
Newberry Library  
80 W. Walton Place  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Miss Smith:-

Thank you very much for  
your generous response to my re-  
quest for a copy of your list of  
manuscript maps in the Ayer Col-  
lection. It will be very convenient  
for me to have this.

Sincerely yours

B/P

August 17, 1928

Professor Guy-Harold Smith  
Department of Geography  
University of Wisconsin  
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you very much for sending me the separates of your articles from the Geographical Review of July, 1928. I have read them with very much interest, especially the one on Wisconsin, which seems to me to be a very valuable contribution to the history of settlement.

The maps are very effective, especially the one of Ohio. As I may have told you we used the dot system in making two maps of Minnesota, one for 1875 and one for 1920, for the third volume of Dr. Folwell's History of Minnesota. These maps were more crudely constructed than yours, however. We used one dot for 100 instead of 25 people, and we indicated cities and villages of more than 350 population by area only. I wish that someone would make a whole series of maps of Minnesota comparable to those that you have made of Wisconsin, and perhaps between the University and the Historical Society we can get something of the sort done in the course of time.

Sincerely yours

SJB/H

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November 22, 1928

Professor Solon Justus Buck  
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My dear Professor Buck:

In behalf of Social Science Abstracts, I have the honor to invite you to cooperate with us as a consulting editor for a term of three years. (U.S. History—Local and State).

For your information and convenience we enclose several circulars descriptive of Social Science Abstracts. The folder illustrates the cover page, supplies a condensed classification of the subject matter, offers for your examination a sample page of abstracts, and supplies a list of periodicals selected at random from 3,000 journals to be regularly examined. The Guide for Abstractors sets forth the criteria to be used in deciding whether or not an article should be abstracted, and describes the desired form and limits of an abstract. We trust that an examination of these materials will persuade you to accept our invitation.

The responsibilities of a consulting editor are not arduous, since there are only three matters concerning which we shall ask your cooperation: first, to suggest the names of competent abstractors in your specialty; second, to advise us regarding the rubrics appropriate to your specialty and which will make the annual index useful as a tool for tracing down materials; third, to advise us concerning sources of information about newly published or inaccessible materials which ought to be abstracted.

If a considerable number of specialists will agree to send us on request abstracts of the important articles that they read in following the regular course of their special interests, we can pool the results with the minimum of effort and to the mutual advantage of all by publishing the abstracts month by month in a common medium. By adequate cross-referencing, readers will be appraised of new developments in allied fields; they will obtain insights into borderline zones, and cross-lights on their own specialties. The enterprise is thus cooperative in a very real sense, since the findings of the various specialists will be so integrated that the gains of one field will be accessible to and may be shared by all.

The following tangible assurances lie back of this statement: Over six hundred scholars, distributed over America, Europe and Asia have agreed to abstract articles in their specialties. The articles to be abstracted are assigned by a central editorial staff in consideration of the libraries which contain the periodicals. Hundreds of abstracts produced in this manner are pouring into the editor's office each week. Finally, several European research institutes are actively cooperating to give this service a world-wide scope.

After you have considered the matter, we shall appreciate an early reply.

Cordially yours,

*F. S. Chapin*

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Abstracts will be made of articles in periodicals (beginning in 1928) and of books, monographs, pamphlets, serials, etc. (beginning in 1929) in the fields of cultural anthropology, economics, history, human geography, political science, sociology and statistics.

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### TYPES OF ASSIGNMENT

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2. Assignments are sent to abstractors with the exact citation on a special slip. In rare cases, the article itself, clipped from a periodical, may accompany the assignment slip. *It is of the utmost importance that the assignment slip be returned to the central office*, for it is used in the preparation of the author index. If, for any reason, an assignment cannot be undertaken within the time limit set, the special slip should be immediately returned to the central office with a notation to this effect. This is necessary to avoid delay in making a re-assignment.

3. Some abstractors are given complete charge of one or more periodicals.

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4. In general, assignments will be so arranged that the abstractor will have immediately available the material to be abstracted. In the case of periodical articles the abstractor will be expected to make use of the libraries to which he has access. Abstracts are due at the central office *not later than two weeks following the receipt of assignment*.

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*not later than three weeks following the appearance of that number of the periodical in which such material appeared.*

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7. The test of published materials to be abstracted will in general be the criterion of new information, in the sense of important factual studies and contributions to theory and opinion, in the fields of the social sciences. Interpretation of this statement will depend somewhat upon the peculiar characteristics of a particular field. Nevertheless, it is important to seek a systematic (if not wholly objective) basis for selection which will be common to several fields. With this purpose in mind the following criteria are suggested as a general guide to abstractors:

#### 8. Include:

1. Newly discovered or assembled information resulting from original research in gathering new information or from the comparative study of known materials.
2. New interpretations of known materials.
3. New hypotheses or newly stated hypotheses for research and verification.
4. New techniques and methods of research in the form of variations in old methods, additions to old techniques, or combinations of old techniques into new.

5. New criticisms of research procedures or of the results of applying such procedures.
6. New criticism of hypotheses for research.
7. New criticism of old interpretations of materials.

#### 9. Exclude:

1. Summaries of known and accessible materials whether factual, interpretative, methodological or critical in nature, such, for example, as textbooks.
2. Reviews which evaluate and add nothing new.
3. Speculative and theoretical material not formulated into hypotheses or not carefully stated as mere hypotheses.

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10. Abstracts should cover the important points included in the article as judged by the criteria of selection. In case of original researches, the abstract should give information on scope, plan, and method of research necessary to set forth the importance and nature of the contribution. Occasionally, pertinent facts about the author, or a brief statement of the auspices under which a piece of research was undertaken may add materially to the value of an abstract. In abstracting articles in closely related fields such as law, the abstract should be limited to points of interest to the social sciences.

11. If an article contains a valuable bibliography, charts, maps, texts of documents, or other information impossible to abstract, indicate this briefly in parentheses at the end of the abstract.

12. In general, abstracts should be *informational rather than descriptive*.

13. Abstracts should not contain criticism or evaluation of the author's results. In reproducing the author's views, avoid the type of sentence construction which even implies criticism by the abstractor. Abstracts are to be sharply distinguished from reviews which attempt to criticize and evaluate, and from annotated bibliographies.

#### PREPARATION AND FORM OF MANUSCRIPT

14. Abstracts should be made interesting not only to the specialist but to the general reader in order that their usefulness may be increased. Remember that an attractively written abstract is an opportunity gained for your subject—in that it arouses the interest of the layman.

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19. The form of citation to appear as the heading to the abstract is shown in the following model:

Jones, Smith S. / The law of diminishing returns in American agriculture. / United States Review. / 10 / (2) July, 1928: / 218-226./

Please note carefully the punctuation used. The slant lines are for the purpose of indicating to the compositor changes in type fonts.

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## THE SUBJECT MATTER

Social Science Abstracts will cover a wide range of subject matter. The realization of inclusiveness as a goal depends among other things upon a systematic survey of the whole field so that no important division is omitted or any borderline zone between fields left obscure. The first step in this direction is to set up a scheme of classification. This step was taken in the spring of 1928 when seven committees of American scholars were appointed to consider the problems of classification in each separate field. The experience of other abstract services with the complicated problem of classifying the subject matter of a science was corroboratory and emphatic upon the point that rubrics which describe topics of major importance around which the interests of research scholars have crystallized in practice are superior to any logical scheme of classification. To try to integrate into one seamless garment the schemes of classification which experience has yielded as practicable working devices seemed worth the attempt. Consequently the following scheme has been provisionally adopted after six months of study. Each subject has received the critical examination of representative specialists in that field. Three previous drafts were evolved out of critical exchange of views and this draft embodies the judgment of twenty-six specialists. The numbers in parentheses indicate cross references and suggest some examples of the way in which overlapping and borderline regions will be taken care of. An annual index, elaborately cross-referenced, will be provided.

## CLASSIFICATION

### DIVISION I. METHODOLOGICAL MATERIALS

#### 10. Historical Method in

11. Human Geography (101)
12. Cultural Anthropology (201)
13. History (301)
14. Economics (401)
15. Political Science (501)
16. Sociology (601)

#### 20. Miscellaneous Methods

*e.g.*, Case, experimental, interview, questionnaire, survey methods, etc.  
In the six subjects listed under 10.

#### 30. Statistical Method

In the six subjects (101, 201, 301, 401, 501, 601) listed under 10, and

37. Statistical Techniques  
History of Statistics; Research Methods and Statistics; Work of Statistical Agencies.  
Units, Scales, Tests, and Ratings; Collection of Data; Classification and Tabulation.  
Averages, Dispersion, and Skewness; Correlation; Probability.  
Curves and Curve Fitting; Time Series Analysis; Forecasting Techniques.  
Rates and Ratios; Index Numbers.  
Graphic Presentation; Mechanical Aids and Labor Saving Devices.

#### 40. Teaching and Education

In the seven subjects (101, 201, 301, 401, 501, 601, 37) listed under 30.

#### 50. Theoretical and Philosophical Methods

In the six subjects (101, 201, 301, 401, 501, 601) listed under 10.

### DIVISION II. SYSTEMATIC (CONTENT) MATERIALS

#### 100. Human Geography

101. General Works on Geography (11, 21, 31, 41, 51, 201, 301, 501, 601)
102. Travel and Exploration
103. Systematic Human Geography (604, 606)
104. Regional Studies (Systematically and alphabetically arranged) (606).

#### 200. Cultural Anthropology

201. General (12, 22, 32, 42, 52)
202. Linguistics (602)
203. Archaeology (by regions alphabetically arranged) (302, 608)
204. Ethnology (by regions alphabetically arranged) (103, 104, 604, 606, 608)

#### 300. History

301. General (13, 23, 33, 43, 53)
302. The World to 383 A.D. (by regions and countries alphabetically arranged; also Archaeology)
303. The World, 383 to 1648 (by regions and countries alphabetically arranged; also international and intercultural relations)

304. The World, 1648 to 1920 (by regions and countries alphabetically arranged; also international relations to 1920)
305. The World since 1920 (by regions and countries alphabetically arranged)

#### 400. Economics

401. Economic theory and its history (14, 24, 34, 44, 54, 101, 201, 301, 501, 601)
402. Economic history (cross-referenced to history) (300-305)
403. Land and agricultural economics (103, 104, 606)
404. Extractive industries
405. Manufactures
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407. Accounting
408. Transportation and communication (604, 605, 606, 607)
409. Commerce: domestic and foreign (103, 104, 604, 606)
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413. Money, banking and credit
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422. Public finance
423. Public utilities (507)
424. Government regulation of business (506, 507, 607)
425. Criticism of economic systems: socialism, communism, anarchism (505, 605, 607)
426. Population (606)
427. Poverty and relief measures (609, 610)

#### 500. Political Science

501. Political Theory (15, 25, 35, 45, 55, 101, 201, 301, 401, 601)
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504. Government: Historical and Descriptive (alphabetically by countries)
505. Political Parties and Politics (alphabetically by countries) (604, 605)
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507. The Public Services (423)
508. International Law (606)
509. International Organization (604)
510. International Relations since 1920 (304)

#### 600. Sociology

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603. The Family (602)
604. Peoples and Cultural Groups (103, 104, 202, 203, 204, 508, 509, 608)
605. Conflict and Accommodation Groups (504, 505)
606. Population and Territorial Groups (103, 104, 203, 204, 426, 506)
607. Collective Behavior and Social Control (424, 506, 607)
608. Social Organization, Social Institutions, and Culture (37, 103, 104, 203, 204, 302, 303, 304, 403, 502, 506, 604)
609. Social Problems (427)
610. Social Adjustments and Social Agencies (427)

## SAMPLE ABSTRACTS

(chosen from main divisions and illustrating approximate typography and format.)

37. THOMAS, WOODLIEF. Problem of weighting a production index. *Jour. Amer. Statistical Assn.* 23 (161A): 95-97 Mar. 1928: suppl.—The problem of weighting in the construction of production indices is particularly important because: 1, the small number of items in most production series makes the indices extremely sensitive to variations in weights; 2, dispersion of the relatives is frequently wide; 3, there is often no marked grouping about a central item; 4, industries or groups of industries involved are of very different degrees of importance.—*H. R. Hosea.*

100. HANNEMANN, MAX. Lake Charles, ein neuer Seehafen der Vereinigten Staaten. [Lake Charles, a new seaport of the United States.] *Zeitsch. d. Gesellsch. Erdkunde zu Berlin.* (3-4): 133-136. 1928.—The economic development of Louisiana has resulted in the linking of Lake Charles with the Gulf of Mexico. Hitherto the hinterland of the 400 km. stretch between New Orleans and the Texas boundary has been handicapped by the lack of proper shipping facilities. The project as carried out was that of the construction of a canal connecting Lake Charles with Port Arthur, an important petroleum refining center, and thence on to the Gulf of Mexico through Sabine Pass. The development of the shorter route through the Calcasieu River, Calcasieu Lake, and Calcasieu Pass was not feasible because of the extensive coastal marshes of the region and lack of important industrial centers and producing areas en route to the Gulf.—*E. T. Platt.*

200. HICHENS, W. Native magic and leprosy in Africa. *Discovery.* 9 (103): 229-232. Jul. 1928.—The magical practices of East African savages often result, not only in frustration of successful medical treatment of leprosy, but in an actual increase in the number of cases. In one small tribe of about 150,000 natives in Tanganyika, 400 lepers were discovered and more are known to exist. Magical practices having, however, sound bacteriological bases are used by individuals to afflict their enemies with the disease. The natives do not fear the plague so much as might be expected. They are very much opposed to medical treatment, but have great faith in the power of the witch doctors to cure them.—*F. S. Chapin.*

301. REIN, ADOLPH. Nachricht über Rankes Bibliothek. [Note concerning Ranke's Library.] *Historische Vierteljahrsschrift.* 24 (2): 253-254. 1928.—It was Ranke's wish that his library stay intact after his death. When the Royal Library at Berlin refused to buy it for that reason, Professor Bennet, an American student of Ranke's, purchased it and transferred it bodily to Syracuse, New York. There it remains to this day, seldom used. It contains 16,000 to 20,000 volumes and many manuscripts, especially Italian of the 16th to 18th centuries. Syracuse University, the custodian of the library, lacks the funds to make this valuable material generally accessible.—*H. C. Engelbrecht.*

304. KRATSKHOVSKY, IGN. Die Literatur der arabischen Emigranten in Amerika. [The literature of the Arab emigrants in America.] *Monde Oriental.* 21: 193-213. 1927-28.—Neo-Arabic literature is closely tied up with emigration. Napoleon's expedition to Egypt produced a French-Arab literature in Marseilles and Paris. Arab emigration to America, beginning in the '70s, settled from 300,000 to 500,000 Arabs here, scattered over the New World. The original small trader was soon followed by more learned groups: teachers, journalists and writers. Thus literary centers arose to be followed rapidly by dramatic and artistic societies. Dozens of Arab newspapers are published in America. The year 1895 may be taken as the beginning of a new period in Arabic literature which came to an end with the World War. The first emigrés carried on the Arab tradition in lengthy romances and lyric poetry. But the generation reared in America changed its themes and its manner. A great variety of subjects was dealt with briefly. American literature had little

influence on these Arab-Americans, but European literature, now first met with, moved them greatly (Voltaire, Goethe, Keats, Carlyle).—*H. C. Engelbrecht.*

401. SHOVE, G. F. Varying costs and marginal net profits. *Econ. Jour.* 38 (150): 258-266. Jun. 1928.—Professor Pigou, in the second edition of *Economics of Welfare*, Part II, Ch. X, states that increased production in an industry operating under conditions of diminishing returns involves merely a transfer (of fortunes) from purchasers to landlords. In the case of decreasing cost industries, increased production causes a net change (increase), according to Pigou, in the fortunes of the community. These propositions are valid, according to the author, only if increased production has the same effect upon infra-marginal as upon marginal costs. If increased production affects infra-marginal and marginal costs differently, the net result in the balance of transfers from purchasers to landlords and in net gain (or loss) to the community "outside those who make the investment" depends upon the effect of increased production upon the cost, not of the marginal unit, but of the rest of the output. In other words, the effect of increased production on the fortunes of the community depends upon the relation between the change in the "final trade cost" (of the whole product) and the change in marginal cost. Professor Pigou's conclusion that there is "a presumption in favor of State bounties to industries in which the law of increasing returns operates strongly, and of State taxes upon industries in which the law of diminishing returns operates strongly, and in which conditions are such that effects upon rent may be ignored" is subject to the same limitation. Account must be taken of the effect on rent in both types of industries. The doctrine might better be stated in terms of the divergence between marginal cost and "final trade cost," the latter term meaning the whole cost per unit of the augmented output.—*H. R. Hosea.*

508. GUETZEVITCH, M. Le progrès du droit international. [The progress of international law.] *Rev. Pol. et Parl.* 134: 279-284. 1928.—The replacement of ideology by technique is indisputable in every domain of social relations, but especially in the domain of international law. M. Politis, in his *Les nouvelles tendances du droit international*, seeks to state precisely the actual tendencies of international law. He considers the individual as the sole and supreme end of all law. The new conception of universal law struggles against the old conception of *interstatal* law.—*L. Burchfield.*

606. DUBLIN, LOUIS I. Longevity of College Athletes. *Harpers Magazine.* 229-238. July, 1928.—A study of the mortality experience, from time of graduation to date, of nearly 5,000 athletes, graduates prior to 1905, of ten colleges. The experience covers about 146,000 years of exposure and includes 1,290 deaths. Measured by average mortality among insured men from 1900 to 1915 as embodied in the American Men Table, the mortality among these athletes was only 91.5% of that expected according to average rates at corresponding ages. Divided into periods, the athletes graduated in the last period, 1900-1905, had only 72.6% of that expected. Intensive selection and careful supervision of athletes were doubtless partly responsible for this low rate; lack of supervision over athletics may have been a factor in the relatively higher mortality among earlier graduates. But the decline in mortality among athletes parallels an improvement in death rates in the general population. At ages over 45 an unusually high mortality from heart disease was noted. Data on the cause of death were available in less than one-half the total number of deaths. There is need, moreover, for comparison between the mortality of athletes and of non-athletes of the college-graduate class.—*R. M. Woodbury.*

## A PARTIAL LIST OF JOURNALS

(Taken from 3,000 periodicals in 20 languages to be regularly examined for articles to abstract.)

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| Accademia dei Lincei                            | Geografia                                       | Occupational Therapy and Rehabilitation           |
| Accounting Review                               | Geografiska Annaler                             | Océanie Française                                 |
| Acta Geographica                                | Geographical Review                             | Österreichische Volkswirt                         |
| Afrique Française                               | Géographie                                      | Open Court  |
| Allgemeines Statistisches Archiv                | Geographische Zeitschrift                       | Oriens  |
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| Année Politique Française et Étrangère          | Hospital Social Service                         |   |
| Anthropologie                                   |   | Quarterly Journal of Economics                    |
| Anthropos                                       | Indian Journal of Economics                     | Questions Pratiques                               |
| Archelon  | Indian Review                                   |   |
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| Archiv für die Gesamte Psychologie              | Information Sociale                             | Revista de Economía Argentina                     |
| Archiv für Kriminologie                         | International Labour Review                     | Revista de la Academia Americana de la            |
| Archiv für Kulturgeschichte                     | International Journal of Psycho-Analysis        | Historia  |
| Archiv für Politik und Geschichte               | Internationales Archiv für Ethnographie         | Revista de la Sociedad Geográfica de Cuba         |
| Archiv für Rechts und Wirtschaftsphilosophie    | Ieis  | Revista General de Legislación y Jurisprudencia   |
| Archiv für Sozialwissenschaft und Sozialpolitik | Islam   | Revolution de 1848                                |
| Archivio di Antropologia Criminale              | Islamica  | Revue Anthropologique                             |
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| Australasian Journal of Psychology and Philo-   |   | Comparée  |
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| Australian Law Journal                          | tistik  | Revue de Genève                                   |
|   | Jahresbericht der Geographischen Gesellschaft   | Revue de Géographie Alpine                        |
|   | von Bern  | Revue de Paris                                    |
| Bankarchiv                                      | Janus   | Revue de l'Amérique Latine                        |
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| Boletim da Sociedade de Geographia de Lisboa    | Jewish Social Service Quarterly                 | Revue des Deux Mondes                             |
| Boletín de Historia y Antigüedades              | Journal des Economistes                         | Revue des Études Historiques                      |
| Boletín de la Real Sociedad Geográfica (Madrid) | Journal für Psychologie und Neurologie          | Revue des Sciences Politiques                     |
| Boletín del Instituto de Investigaciones His-   | Journal of Abnormal and Social Psychology       | Revue du Droit Public et de la Science Poli-      |
| tóricas   | Journal of Farm Economics                       | tique (en France et à l'Étranger)                 |
| Bollettino delle Reale Società Geografica       | Journal of Geography                            | Revue Économique Internationale                   |
| Italiana  | Journal of Hellenic Studies                     | Revue Générale de Droit International Public      |
| Bulletin de l'Institut Général Psychologique    | Journal of Land and Public Utility Economics    | Revue Internationale de l'Enfant                  |
| Bulletin de la Section de Géographie            | Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases          | Revue Internationale de Sociologie                |
| Bulletin de la Société de Géographie d'Alger et | Journal of Roman Studies                        | Revue Mensuelle de Géographie, Société            |
| de l'Afrique du Nord                            | Journal of the American Medical Association     | Polonaise de Géographie                           |
| Bulletin Mensuel des Institutions Économiques   | Journal of the Institute of Actuaries           | Revue Mondiale                                    |
| et Sociales                                     | Journal of the Manchester Geographical Society  | Rivista di Antropologia                           |
| Canadian Historical Review                      | Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society            | Rivista di Filosofia                              |
| Certified Public Accountant                     | Journal of the Royal Statistical Society        | Rivista di Sociologia                             |
| České Společnost Zemevedna v Praze              |   | Revista Indo-Greco-Italica                        |
| Charity Organisation Quarterly                  | Kartell Rundschau                               | Round Table                                       |
| Chinese Social and Political Science Review     | Klio  |   |
| Classical Quarterly                             | Kokogaku zasshi (Tokyo)                         | Schmollers Jahrbuch                               |
| Commerce and Finance                            | Krasnyi Arkhiv                                  | Scientia  |
| Comptes Rendu de l'Académie des Sciences de     | Kyoto University Economic Review                | Scottish Geographical Magazine                    |
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| Credit i Khoziaistvo                            | Law and Labor                                   | Social Forces                                     |
|   | Law Quarterly Review                            | Société des Americanistes de Paris Journal        |
| Deutsche Archeologisches Institut Jahrbuch      |   | Society of Oriental Research Journal              |
| Deutsche Rundschau                              | Man   | Sociology and Social Research                     |
| Deutsches Statistisches Zentralblatt            | Manufacturing Industries                        | Sozialistische Gids                               |
| Difesa Sociale                                  | Markenschutz und Wettbewerb                     | Spectator   |
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| Dizionario di Legislazione Sociale              | Métron  |   |
|   | Mexico Antiquo                                  | Tijdschrift voor Economische Geographie           |
| Economic Geography                              | Mississippi Valley Historical Review            | T'oung Pao  |
| Economic History Review                         | Mitteilungen aus den Deutschen Schutzge-        |   |
| Economic Journal                                | bietten   | Ungarische Jahrbücher                             |
| Economic Record                                 | Mitteilungen der Geographischen Gesellschaft    | University of Denver Business Review              |
| Economic Review of the Soviet Union             | zu Hamburg                                      | Universo  |
| Economica                                       | Monatschrift für Geschichte und Wissenschaft    |   |
| Economiste                                      | des Judentums                                   | Vie des Peuples                                   |
| Ekonomisk Tidskrift                             | Monatschrift für Kriminalpsychologie und        |   |
| English Historical Review                       | Strafrechtreform                                | Weltwirtschaftliches Archiv                       |
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| Ethnologischer Anzeiger                         | Muktatár  | Zeitschrift für die Assyriologie und Verwandte    |
| Eugenics Review                                 | Mysore Economic Journal                         | Gebiete   |
| Europäische Gespräche                           |   | Zeitschrift für die Gesamte Staatswissenschaft    |
| Europe Nouvelle                                 | National Geographic Magazine                    | Zeitschrift für die Gesamte Strafrechtswissen-    |
|   | National Municipal Review                       | schaft  |
| Factory and Industrial Management               | New England Quarterly                           | Zeitschrift für die Gesamte Versicherungswis-     |
| Fennia: Bulletin de las Société de Géographie   | New Leader                                      | senschaft   |
| de Finlande                                     | New Orient                                      | Zeitschrift für Ethnologie                        |
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| Folklore Italiano                               | Norsk Geografisk Tidskrift                      | delspraxis  |
| Foreign Affairs (New York)                      | Noctros   | Zeitschrift für Kirchengeschichte                 |
| Forschungen zur Brandenburgischen und Preus-    | Nouvelle Revue                                  | Zeitschrift für Öffentliches Recht                |
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| Genetics  | Observation                                     | Zemlevedenie                                      |

December 3, 1928

Dr. F. Stuart Chapin  
611 Fayerweather Hall  
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New York City

My dear Dr. Chapin:-

I shall be glad to serve as a consulting editor of Social Science Abstracts, for U. S. History - Local and State, as requested in your letter of November 23.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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

My dear Professor Buck:

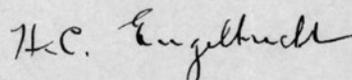
I was very glad to know that you had agreed to become a consulting editor in *United States History*, largely in the field of local and state history. This field appears to be one of the most difficult. The journals are numerous and of very unequal value. It is apparently impossible for us to include everything contained in them. Many will have to be left aside entirely, others will yield a rather large number of abstracts.

Up until now I have only begun to work out this problem. I have asked several scholars in American history to take over several such state historical journals and to abstract only the important articles. The results thus far do not permit me to judge whether I am on the right track or not.

You could be a very great help to us if you could send us a list of the really important state and local historical journals. Furthermore, if you would suggest ways and means by which the valuable contributions in these journals might be abstracted. It goes without saying that we shall need a large number of abstractors, and for all suggestions along this line we shall also be very grateful.

I shall appreciate all the suggestions and assistance that you may be able to render.

Very sincerely yours,



H. C. Engelbrecht  
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December 12, 1928

Mr. H. C. Engelbrecht  
Division Editor in History  
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My dear Mr. Engelbrecht:-

With reference to the field of local and state history, my first suggestion is that you enlist the coöperation of Dr. Leo Stock of the Division of History of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, 1140 Woodward Building, Washington, D. C. Doubtless you are familiar with Dr. Stock's "List of American Journals Devoted to the Human ~~Interests~~ and Social Sciences" a revised version of which has just been published in Bulletin No. 8 of the American Council of Learned Societies. Dr. Stock has also prepared for several years the monthly list of historical articles in periodicals published in the Historical Outlook, and in these lists he has included articles in state and local publications. If some arrangement could be made whereby he would send these lists to you as they are compiled, you could then send the titles out to your abstractors.

It is not possible, unfortunately, to divide the state and local historical publications into the important and the unimportant with any degree of accuracy. All of them published some articles that would probably not be worth abstracting, and even the weakest of them occasionally have articles that would be well worth including in your list. Moreover the general character of a given publication in this field is likely to change frequently for the better or for the worst with a change in the editorship.

The outstanding regional, state, and local periodicals at the present time seem to me to be the Mississippi Valley Historical Review, the New England Quarterly, the Southwestern Historical Quarterly, the Iowa Journal of History and Politics, the North Carolina Historical Review, the Wisconsin Magazine of History, and Minnesota History. Possibly the Quarterly Journal of the New York State Historical Association and the Indiana Magazine of History should be included in this first group. I should think that as a rule nearly all the papers published in these magazines would be worth abstracting. A second group composed of numbers 155, 157, 158, 159, 163, 166, 168, 170, 175, 176, 180, 181, 182-185, and 192, as given in Stock's List referred to above, usually contain one or more articles that would be worth abstracting; and the rest of the publications in the list occasionally contain worth-while material.

I should think it would be worth while for you to continue the arrangement of assigning publications in the first group to individuals for abstracting, but for the remainder of the material it would be better, if possible, as suggested above, to have a list of articles selected by some competent person and then to send out the titles of articles to abstractors. The list would have to be made up of course by someone who has access to a large historical library and Stock doubtless uses the Library of Congress for the purpose. If for any reason he cannot help you out I would suggest that you ask Dr. J. F. Jameson, who holds the chair of American History in the Library of Congress, to arrange for someone else to do it. The Minnesota Historical Society receives regularly all of these publications and it would be possible for us to make up such lists here but we are not anxious to take on any more work.

In conclusion I want to emphasize my opinion that unless some arrangement is made with some competent person to glance over every issue of every one of these state and local historical publications, some very important material is going to be missed. It seems to me that the great value of Social Science Abstracts will be to save the student from the necessity of making such surveys himself, as I have been doing regularly for years. If I can be of any further assistance do not hesitate to let me know. Perhaps I ought to add that we have a considerable group of competent people connected with the Minnesota Historical Society and the department of history at the University of Minnesota whose services might be enlisted in the preparation of abstracts.

Sincerely yours

B/H

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

My dear Professor Buck:

May I express the appreciation of the Board of Directors of Social Science Abstracts on receiving your letter accepting our invitation to act as Consulting Editor. The responsibilities will not be arduous and will be limited to those outlined in the letter of invitation.

Cordially yours,

*F. S. Chapin*

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December 16, 1928

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 12 containing your suggestions in regard to the handling of local and state historic materials. I like your scheme very much and I shall endeavor to carry it out. Dr. Stock's list of American journals has been in my hands since its appearance, and if I can get some aid I am sure that we shall cover adequately this particular field. I shall continue to assign certain journals to competent people and depend for the rest upon lists which I hope to get from Dr. Stock and Dr. Jameson.

Let me assure you that I appreciate your cooperation very much and that I shall feel free to consult you in all matters relating to this field. If you are attending the Indianapolis Conference I shall see you there.

Sincerely yours,

*H. C. Engelbrecht*

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Division Editor in History

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Ynglingagatan IX 13 III  
Stockholm 9-25-27

Dear Mr. Ford:

Now that we have set foot on Swedish soil and are about to be domiciled in Stockholm, I feel that I ought to write a line to inform you of our safe arrival after a most pleasant voyage from the hour we left Minneapolis to the time of our arrival at Gothenburg.

I had pictured an ocean voyage as something quite different from what we experienced. With the exception of one day of rain, the sun smiled on an ocean almost as calm as Lake Harriet during the eight days we were on the "Gripsholm". There wasn't even a sign of a storm. I had wished for one stormy day in order to get a taste of what Steffan Steffanson endured when he sailed from Gothenburg to New York, in order to make it possible for the undersigned to be on American soil; but I will have to wait for that day when we sail in the same direction. The "Gripsholm" is a fine boat and the crew from the Captain down behaved as only Swedes (especially Swedish-Americans) know how. The passengers were few in number, so we were assigned to two large and comfortable staterooms. The food was horribly plentiful and very good, but a little too rich for Americans. Gordon remarked that "What mother gives us at home is only a crumb - not like this."

The purser told me that our crew of passengers was the deadiest he has ever seen. One evening the orchestra couldn't even scare up a couple to dance, so a little ~~NEW~~ nineyear old girl danced the charleston in order to give the musicians an excuse for performing. The bulk of the passengers seemed to consist of Swedish Americans who were going back to display their knowledge of English and to end their days in the land of Gustavus Adolphus. The last night on board a Swedish sea captain insisted on getting drunk and insisted that every one else should follow his example. So Lil and I were drawn into the company, but just when things were becoming quite interesting, we were able to retire gracefully, and also sober in order to put our boys to bed. The Captain, however, insisted on drinking a toast to me, and it was executed in a choice melange of Swedish, Norweigan, and American, such as any Minnesota resident of long standing could understand.

We landed in Gothenburg, Monday the 19th, staying overnight and driving about the city during the fornoon. From our window we could see a "Texaco" sign, by which sign the evil of the ship's vibration was driven out, only to be replaced by the memory of our sedan which was left behind.

As we left the boat the deck steward handed me a letter from Professor Stomberg, who was in Stockholm when we arrived. We had a half hour's conversation with him and Mrs. Stomberg between 11:30 and 12 P.M. He thinks the Upsala people are terribly cold. Fortunately we had wired ahead for a room, otherwise we would have been out of luck. Apparently this is a poor time to land in Stockholm. We searched through the "want ads" in all the newspapers and several rental magazines without getting results. Finally, through the very friendly offices of a Mr. Wilson, a member of the Stockholm

harbor commission, whom I met on the boat, we rented a furnished apartment which I think will serve us well. My heart sank when the good Swedish "fru" looked sharply at our boys, but fortunately Mr. Wilson knew the ~~XXXX~~ man who is vacating the apartment, who just came in, and that seemed to remove the mountain. The lady has kindly promised to house us in one room until October 1st, moving day in Stockholm. All's well that ends well, so we are very happy.

I sometimes wonder if this really is Stockholm. Not only do American signs stare at us, and American automobiles endanger our lives, but wherever I go I seem to fall in with somebody who has been in American or has a son or daughter over there. This afternoon when we were out at Skausen (The Rock Creek Park of Sweden) I actually thought that an elderly man was going to kiss me when he learned I was an American.

If anybody tells me that living is cheap in Stockholm, I know now what to call him. Some things are cheaper than in America, but it does go against the grain to pay fifty cents for a pack of Camels that Walgreen sells for 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. It isn't only that rents are high, but the quarters are miserably small. Fortunately ~~our~~ our rooms are large and light. But the newspapers are full of quips about people being unable to get their furniture through doors about cutting things in two, about the necessity of making phonograph records thinner, etc. It appears that the Swedish architects have tried to copy the American without getting the finer points, Murphy beds, Frigidaires, etc.

This letter is getting long, whereas my intention was to let you know that we are all well and happy and full of anticipation. I trust all is well with the members of the department, new as well as old. Please tell them that we are thinking about them and ask them to write an occasional "American letter" to us.

In conclusion let me thank you most sincerely for past favors and to wish you all a most pleasant academic year.

Cordially,

George M. Stephenson.

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Stockholm, Sweden

January 19, 1927

Dr. Wayne E. Stevens  
Graduate Club  
Dartmouth College  
Hanover, New Hampshire

Dear Wayne:-

On looking over my set of Michigan Col-  
lections recently, I observed that volumes 22, 23,  
and 25 are lacking. I had, at one time, all but  
one of the volumes in the set but I am not sure  
which was the missing one. I have a somewhat dim  
recollection of having loaned some volumes to  
you, and I am writing therefore merely to ask  
whether you still have them or have returned them.  
I am not in any immediate need of them but should  
like to satisfy my mind as to where they are.

Rochester seemed to have a bad effect  
on the Minnesota contingent. I spent the first  
week of January at home with the "flu" and Elegen  
had it last week. Naturally things have piled up  
pretty badly here, but with the annual meeting  
out of the way we hope to dig out from under.

Cordially

B/P

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE  
HANOVER, N. H.

April 2, 1927.

Dear Solon:

I have been more than usually remiss in the matter of my correspondence during the past few weeks and your letter of January 19 is one of those which has gone unanswered longer than it should. I am using a day or two at the beginning of my vacation to catch up a little. First of all, with regard to the volumes of the Michigan Pioneer Collections. While I was moving a few weeks ago I unearthed the letter you wrote me at the time when you forwarded the volumes which I asked to borrow. According to the letter, you sent volumes 23, 25, 26, and 27. I subsequently returned two of them but I still have 23 and 25. By a process of elimination, therefore, I assume that the volume which was missing from your set was 22. I should have returned these two volumes long ago, but I delayed for this reason. I thought that before doing so it might be well to find out what your plans are with regard to the volumes of fur trade documents. If I proceed with the calendaring of those which are in the period assigned to me, I might as well go through these volumes before sending them back. My thesis is off my hands now except for the proof reading and I can now turn to something else. I should be very glad to know what is the present status of the project as well as something of your plans for the near future.

As I have said, the work on my thesis is finished, for which praise be. I sent off the bibliography and preface last week and judging from a letter which I received from Mr. Cunningham, of the University of Illinois Press, I assume that the manuscript is going to the printer immediately. They are beginning on it much sooner than I had really expected and I should think it might be out in the early summer. I hope never again to be obliged to revise a piece of work which has been allowed to get cold.

I really feel just a little bit lost with my thesis off my hands and I am casting about a little for some subject on which I can begin a new piece of work. I should like to find something in the colonial period and I should naturally like to undertake something for which my previous work might serve as a preparation. Do you have anything to suggest? Among other things I had considered the possibility of a study of Governor Dongan of New York, and his conduct of Indian affairs. He was among the first of the colonial officials to appreciate the importance of the Lake tribes from the diplomatic standpoint and I don't know that that phase of his activities has ever been worked up. The material should be easily accessible to me here. I shall really be very grateful to you if you will give me any suggestions

which may occur to you.

I have been very busy since I saw you at Rochester. Within a few days after I received your letter the Graduate Club moved into new quarters and being chairman of the house committee, I had to look after not only my own things but also a good deal of the club property. Either my vacation trip or my visit to Rochester seemed to have a bad effect on me and while I wasn't sick in bed, I was way below par all through January. Herbert Kellar said he was sick after the meeting. I wonder what it could have been.

I am going down to New York either tonight or tomorrow to spend a part of my vacation. I could remain here and work with profit but I don't believe it would be best in the long run. In June I am scheduled to read College Board entrance examinations for a week or ten days which will take me to New York again.

We have had a very early spring here and the snow is practically gone, excepting in the woods and upon the hills. I understand that you have had an early spring, too.

I shall be very glad to hear from you, and in the meantime, I can send the volumes of the Colledtions back immediately if you need them. My thought was that if they could be of any use in the connection I mentioned, it would be better to go through them first.

Please remember me to the members of your family. I hope they have all been well this winter. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are spending the vacation in Minneapolis and I am wondering whether you will see them.

Very sincerely,

*Wayne.*

April 27, 1927

Dr. Wayne E. Stevens  
Graduate Club  
Hanover, New Hampshire

Dear Wayne:-

I seem to be the one this time who is remiss in correspondence, but I have been swamped with a variety of things since your letter of April 2 was received.

I am in no hurry whatever for the two volumes of the Michigan Pioneer Collections that you borrowed; I merely wanted to make sure of their location. I think that the thing that confused me was the fact that you had returned two volumes and, remembering that, I thought perhaps you had returned all you borrowed and I had loaned a couple of volumes to someone else.

I have not had any time to work on the Fur Trade documents for over a year now and I cannot tell when I will be able to get back to the subject. You have suggested once or twice that we ought to make somewhat more definite plans before proceeding much farther and you are probably right, but I am afraid that there isn't much prospect of my being able to work out any such plans in the near future. If you could do this yourself, however, and then let me go over them, perhaps we could make some progress.

I should like very much, if possible, to make some arrangement for you to continue the collection of material for us in Ottawa or elsewhere during the coming summer and should be glad to know if you would be interested. We have not worked out our budget as yet but I think that money will be available. If you are interested, let me know what you think would be the most desirable procedure.

I don't know a great deal about Governor Dongan of New York and his conduct of Indian affairs further than the fact that he played a leading part in the rivalry with the French for the influence over the Indians. I have a faint impression that somebody has done a good deal of work on the subject but I may be mistaken.

There are possibilities for interesting work in the field of the administration of the Upper Northwest during the British Regime, especially between the end of the Revolution and the surrender of the posts.

W. E. S. 4/27/27 --2

I was glad to learn of the completion of your thesis. Pease told me on the way to the M. V. H. A. meeting at New Orleans that it was in the hands of the printer.

We had a departmental luncheon for Anderson while he was here. I did not see Mrs. Anderson, however.

I hope that you will get out this way sometime during the summer.

Sincerely yours

B/P

P. S. Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of a pamphlet entitled The Earliest Fur Traders on the Upper Red River and Red Lake, Minn. that will interest you, I think. We got from Mr. Bell photostat copies of the originals of the documents that prints. I saw one of these documents last summer when I met Mr. Bell at Grand Forks. It was the one in English and on the back of it the following is endorsed: "Copied in Page 104 NW Agreement Bk. GP J C L [?] and at Montreal f<sup>o</sup>80."

October 26, 1937

Dr. Wayne E. Stevens  
Graduate Club  
Hanover, New Hampshire

Dear Wayne:-

Do you have my card calendar of material on the British period? I remember that I sent it to you a couple of years ago, but I was under the impression that it had been returned. The other day I looked for it, however, and could not seem to locate it. If you have it and have any use for it, it need not be returned now, but, if you do not have it, I want to make a more thorough search for it.

You will doubtless remember Cephas Allin of the Political Science Department. He died last Saturday, just a week after the death of his father-in-law, F. L. Washburn, the entomologist.

I don't know that I have any other news of interest except that the Shippees have bought a farm out near Lake Johanna and are living there.

Cordially yours

B/P

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Am. Illinois,

December 19, 1927.

Dear Helen:

I have been intending to write to you for several days but it seemed as though I couldn't find the time until I reached home. I am not altogether sure of being in Washington for the meeting, due to the recent death of my brother. However, I should like to see you and I am wondering whether you can give me some hint as to your plans after leaving Washington. Perhaps I could meet you somewhere else, in New York, or Chicago, or you way back, in case I can't get to the meeting. If you can drop me a line and tell me something of your plans it might help me.

My brother's death was a very real blow to us all. He lived in Upper Manhattan, New York. I was going down to spend I don't know how long with them. My train was then hours late and when I telephoned the house from the Grand Central Station upon my arrival, I was told that he had passed away as the result of a heart attack. It happened about a half hour before I reached New York. I spent several days helping his wife,

before I returned to Hannover.

I can have Saturday to spend Christmas with my father and mother and remaining brother. Perhaps I shall be able to attend the meeting in Washington, though I feel that if my presence here can help in any way, I ought to remain. Personally, I should like to go, as I need a little change and rest myself, but I'll do what seems best when the time comes.

I haven't had an opportunity to do much thinking with regard to the five book volumes but I shall try to formulate some ideas during these few days at home, so we will have a common basis for discussion if I should chance to see you.

Please remember me to all of your family. I wish you all the happiest possible holiday season, and hope I may be fortunate enough to see you.

Most sincerely,

W. W. W.

December 21, 1927

Dr. Wayne E. Stevens  
Avon, Illinois

Dear Wayne:-

I am afraid that unless you do go to Washington, it will not be possible for us to get together. I am leaving here Monday night and shall have barely time in Chicago to catch my train, the Capitol Limited, on the B. & O. I shall have to stay over in Washington until sometime Saturday, December 31, so probably will reach Chicago on the return trip Sunday night and leave immediately for Minneapolis. I hope, however, that you will find it feasible to take in the meeting.

We were extremely sorry to learn of the death of your brother. It must have been very hard for your parents to bear and I can understand why they should want you with them at this time.

Our little girl has been sick with a Streptococcus infection for about three weeks but is much better now, and we expect that she will be fully recovered in the course of another week or so. Her illness has prevented me, however, from doing anything except what had to be done, and I feared for a time that it might keep me from attending the Washington meeting.

The family join me in best Christmas wishes.

Sincerely yours

B/P

January 16, 1928

Dr. Wayne E. Stevens  
Graduate Club  
Hanover, New Hampshire

Dear Wayne:-

You will recall that Ford spoke to you about the possibility of doing some teaching at Minnesota next summer. Recently I received two telegrams at the same time -- one asking me to teach in summer school at the University of Oregon, and the other asking me to teach in the Harvard summer school. Naturally the latter interested me the most and I have accepted the offer. I had planned to teach half time in the second session of the summer school at Minnesota but Ford has agreed to release me and has authorized me to ask you whether or not you would be interested. It appears that there is one other place for that term about which there is some doubt at the present time, and it is possible that we might be able to offer you full time work for the term. If not, however, the half time position would be available and I should like to make an arrangement for you to help out in the work of the Minnesota Historical Society. I shall be away during July and the first half of August and we shall need some extra help. As soon as we know what can be done at the University you will receive a more definite offer, but I wanted you to know now that there is going to be something available here.

Our library has just received a copy of your thesis from the University of Illinois, but I have had time as yet only to glance at it. I shall soon be making considerable use of it, however, as I am dealing with the diplomatic aspects of the west from the Revolution to 1803 in an intensive course. I trust that you can persuade the University of Illinois to send a copy to Blegen for review in Minnesota History.

Sincerely yours

B/P

P. S. Enclosed you will find an item copied from Stevens's new catalogue. What do you know about this? I am not thinking of buying the document, but, if worth while, we might be able to get a photostat copy.

JAN 25 1928

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE  
HANOVER, N. H.

January 22, 1928.

Dear Solon:

I wish to take this opportunity to answer your letter, which came a short time ago and was somewhat of a surprise to me. I remember Mr. Ford's saying something just as we parted but had thought little more about it. It would seem as though I might have more uses for my summer than I can take advantage of. However, I shall be interested to know just what it is that you may have in mind and shall be awaiting further information. There are several things which I shall have to take into account in making my plans for the summer and which may affect any decision I am called upon to make. My next year here is going to be an unusually heavy one and I had hoped to take at least the latter part of the summer for a vacation. Other things being equal, I should have preferred working the early part of the summer. I have forgotten just how late your summer school extends. I should also be interested to know something of the nature of the work which you might wish done for the Historical Society.

Yes, my thesis is done at last, and I couldn't do any more on it even if I wanted to. That is a strange feeling, too. I am having a bound copy sent to you personally, and a copy with paper covers for review purposes. I think they did a pretty good job on it, from the typographical standpoint.

I was interested in the item described in the enclosure in your letter. I can't quite place it and yet it seems to me that the document is in print or else easily available somewhere. At least something very similar to it is. If I run across anything that will throw any light on it I shall let you know.

We will soon be in the midst of our examinations and making preparations for the work of the next semester. Your break comes at Christmas time doesn't it?

We are having some real winter now, after a rather prolonged period of spring weather. On the whole though, it has been a very pleasant and comfortable winter.

I shall be interested in knowing more when your plans have shaped themselves and shall give the matter very careful consideration when that time comes.

Most sincerely,

*W. Ayer.*

February 1, 1938

Dr. Wayne E. Stevens  
Graduate Club  
Hanover, New Hampshire

Dear Wayne:-

Thank you for the copy of your book; it is very attractively bound and I appreciate very much your having it sent to me. I had already read several chapters of it in the society's copy and hope to finish it soon. The value of the contribution that you have made is even more apparent to me now than it was when I went through the work in manuscript.

The situation with reference to summer work here has not cleared up as yet but I shall write to you as soon as it is possible to make a definite proposition.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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TALKED WITH PRESIDENT TODAY AND CONSIDERED IT BEST TO REMAIN

HERE NEXT YEAR AM WRITING TO YOU WITH REGARD TO MATTER OF

SUMMER WORK=

WAYNE E STEVENS.

Graduate Club.  
Hanover, New Hampshire,  
August 9, 1928.

Dear Solon:

I had thought that there might be a possibility of my being in Boston before your summer school session was over, in which case I should make an effort to see you, but it looks now as though I shouldn't get down. I am planning to start home within a few days, to spend the rest of the summer and have been considering the possibility of going up to Quebec for two or three days, on my way. I have been wondering ~~how~~ you would be through with your work and what your plans would be then. Is there any possibility that you would be interested in seeing Quebec on your way home? I can't remember whether you have ever been there. I am certain I haven't been there before, since I am so late, and everyone tells me it is a very interesting place. My plans are rather flexible and I can leave here almost any time next week. If I do go to Quebec, I should enjoy

having company, and I am mentioning it in the  
event you might be interested.

I spent the early part of the summer in Washington,  
at the Army War College, serving as a member of an  
advising board which was organized to help them  
in their project for research and publication relating  
to the War. The other members of the committee were  
Professor Hoops, of Columbia, Hubert C. Bell, of Wesleyan,  
and a few known by the name of Johnson, who  
lives in Windsor, Vermont. It was very interesting  
and promises to be a continuing project. Probably  
we shall go down again next summer. It came  
up late in the year and very suddenly and I  
couldn't resist the temptation to accept the proposal.  
I have been in Hammon for a little while resting  
up and doing a little work in preparation for  
next year. It was rather fortunate I didn't take  
on anything else for the summer. My task closed  
I decided to postpone in the hope that I shall  
be getting my substantial soon.

It would certainly be a pleasure to see you

sometimes during the summer, as I have a number  
of things I should like to discuss with you. In  
any event, can't you drop me a line and let  
me know what your plans are? If you weren't  
interested in seeing Quebec, maybe you could see  
it here for a day or two, or perhaps stop on your  
way home, in case you wanted to go by way  
of Montreal. It wouldn't be out of your way at  
all, and I should be delighted to have you see  
the place. In fact, if you were interested in going to  
Quebec, it would be very little out of your way to  
come here first. I should really like to have you see  
Harrow, and Quebec is easily reached from here  
by train.

Hoping that we may make connections some-  
times during the summer, I am

Very sincerely,

W. Ayres.

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Hanover, N. H.,

November 4, 1928.

Dear Helen:

It was very kind of you to offer to send me volume 6 of the Dr. William Johnson Papers and if I did not have a copy already, I should certainly be delighted to have it. I have had some correspondence with Mr. Thirk and he has put me on their list, so I have all six volumes. And an interesting note they are, too, on my shelves! I also have a number of the Dr. William Johnson volumes scattered about the room and am hoping for the time when I can really do something with them.

In regard to the Cross volume, I feel extremely apologetic. I delayed replying to your letter for a few days, hoping that I would be able to finish reading the volume and to write the review. But the past two weeks have been about the busiest I have ever experienced at home and I haven't had any time since I received your letter. And I am afraid your "dead lion" is already tamed. But I am going to finish it at the earliest possible moment and send it in, and hope that it will still be of some use when it gets there.

Our new curriculum is going into full operation for the first time this year and everybody is pretty nearly swamped. I have had several special lectures to prepare in connection with it and I give the last one this week - for a while. So after this coming week I expect to have a little more time for other things.

By the way, have you seen W. C. McLeod's The American Indian Frontier, published by Knapp? I got a copy the other day but have read very little in it. It looks extremely interesting although I should say that the material is rather poorly organized. I am interested in it myself as I have been accumulating some material which I hope to use as the basis for a paper on that subject. Just what I shall do until the paper after it is written I don't know.

I was sorry you couldn't go to Quebec last summer. I went up a few days after I wrote to you and was there a short time. It was extremely interesting and very much worth while. You should by all means go there at your first opportunity. I then went on home. When I spent the rest of the summer. Mother was taken ill again. She lives on my <sup>very</sup> home and had to go to the hospital. Well she is a little better now. She seems to have gone into a gradual decline from which she will

never recover. In fact, I don't believe she will ever be  
able to go home again. The illness is the result of an in-  
fection, which has attacked the central nervous system.  
The mind is perfectly clear but she has little power of  
movement. The condition is a cause of great anxiety to  
us and I really didn't see much of a vacation at  
home. Are you folks and mother both well? I should  
like to be remembered to them, and should very much  
like to see them again.

I find myself often wishing in some ways that I  
was at the University of Minnesota this year. The oppor-  
tunity which was presented to me was a real temptation,  
but I thought that I ought to defer to the wishes of the  
little one. Sometimes, however, I don't want to sleep  
you anywhere. An occasional change of environment  
is a good thing.

I can imagine how long you would want to  
stay and I wish that I might follow your example  
a little more and like mine "philosophically" too. If  
conditions at home permit, I like to be at Indianapolis  
during the holidays and it will be a pleasure to look  
forward to seeing you.

I thank you again for thinking of me in connection  
with the Johnson volume and I hope Miss Hillborn won't  
be too hard on me. I hope to be able to do something to  
rehabilitate myself in her esteem before long!

Please remember me to Elizabeth and write when you  
can.

Most sincerely,

W. A. G.

November 9, 1928

Dr. Wayne E. Stevens  
Graduate Club  
Hanover, New Hampshire

Dear Wayne:

I was glad to hear from you even though you were unable to send the review, and I assure you that I do not hold the delay against you. In view of the fact that I have just finished a review of the four volumes of the History of American Life that should have been done three or four months ago and of the further fact that I have just failed to get in on time a review for the American Historical Review, it would not be becoming of me to criticize anyone else for such delay. If your review reaches us before the number goes into page proof we may still be able to stick it in. I should like to have it if possible, because otherwise this number of the magazine will not have any reviews by people outside the staff.

Thank you for calling my attention to the book by McLeod. I had not seen it or heard of it but I shall be on the lookout for it.

I am very sorry to hear of the condition of your mother and I can understand how it must affect you. My father and mother remain as well as could be expected, I suppose, of people of their age. They often inquire about you. I shall look forward to seeing you at Indianapolis during the holidays. Elizabeth sends her regards.

Sincerely yours

SJB/GH

Swanson, Roy W.

University of Minnesota  
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March 26, 1928

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Mr. Swanson's scholarship is usually very good, particularly if the subject interests him; and he has literary ability of an exceptionally high order. The outstanding characteristic of his personality is shyness, but I think he is improving in this respect. This might interfere with his success as a teacher but, on the other hand, he might develop into a very good teacher.

Professor of History