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June 6, 1930

Dean Kendric C. Babcock  
University of Illinois  
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Mr. Babcock:-

If I remember correctly, you were to send me a corrected copy of your address at the memorial exercises in honor of Dr. Folwell. We are working on plans for the publication of this address and I should be glad to receive the copy at your early convenience.

Sincerely yours

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JOHN BAKELESS  
FIFTY-FOUR WEST ELEVENTH STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

23 Sept. 1931

My dear Dr. Buck:

Your "Story of the Grand Portage," which I have recently read with great interest, suggests that you are probably aware of any writing that has already been done with regard to the Indian rock paintings in northern Minnesota and the adjoining area in Ontario.

I have recently become much interested in these paintings and should like to know as much as possible about them. Has anything been written about them by contemporary scholars, or are you aware of references to them in journals of early explorers? Of course, I don't want you to trouble yourself with an investigation of the matter, but I should welcome any bibliographical hints or suggestions that you can give me off-hand.

Ever very truly,

*John Bakeless*

Solon J. Buck, Esq.,  
University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

October 15, 1931.

Mr. John Bakeless,  
54 West 11th Street,  
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Bakeless:-

My delay in replying to your letter of September 23, addressed to me at the University of Minnesota, has been due to my removal to Pittsburgh and the pressure of work connected with getting the new project under way here.

I am, of course, much pleased that you found my "Story of the Grand Portage" of interest and I wish that I could be of assistance to you in the matter of the Indian rock paintings to which you refer. I have no specific information about them, however, but I do have some recollection that Mr. Willoughby M. Babcock, Curator of the Museum of the Minnesota Historical Society, Saint Paul, knows something about them, and I would suggest that you write to him on the subject.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck.

SJB:AM

State of Minnesota  
Department of Education

No. 30523

Virginia L. Baker

My acquaintance with Miss Baker is not such as to enable me to fill out the blanks above. She has taken two courses in history with me at the University of Minnesota, doing very good work in one and excellent work in the other. She has, I believe, had considerable experience in teaching, but I have no knowledge of her professional qualifications beyond her scholarship. Her personal appearance is agreeable and I should expect her to be a very good teacher.

July 13, 1931

Professor of History  
University of Minnesota

# NORTH-CENTRAL TEACHER SERVICE

853 Plymouth Building  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

## INQUIRY BLANK

Virginia L. Baker

has applied for membership in North-Central Teacher Service and gives you as a reference.

Our service is organized for the purpose of providing the very best teachers for the North Central States. We trust that your interest in children over-balances any desire which you may have to serve the applicant. We realize that more time and thought will be required in filling in this inquiry blank than the general reference blanks of ordinary agencies; however, we believe that your interest in the education of American Children will prompt you to help us by filling in this blank.

Your reply will be used in confidence and only with prospective employing officials.

Fifteen factors are listed below, and a means of measuring these factors is indicated by a scale with descriptive adjectives and phrases. Place an (X) at the points which in your judgment most nearly describes the applicant.

If applicant is inexperienced kindly indicate the prospective rating which you believe applicant to have.

### RATING SCALE

PERSONAL APPEARANCE	Attractive	Well Groomed	Neat	Improper; Careless	Unkempt
VOICE	Well Modulated; Distinct	Pleasing	Clear	Indistinct; Unnatural	Disagreeable
HEALTH	Vigorous	Never absent for illness	Absent occasionally for illness	Frail	Poor
PERSONALITY	Inspiring; Forceful	Strong; Interesting	Unnoticed; Non-descript	Unpleasant; Vacillating	Repulsive Weak
DISPOSITION	Optimistic	Genial	Agreeable	Dejected	Pessimistic
CHARACTER	Irreproachable; Stimulating	Strong	Conventional; Conforms	Unstable; Vacillating	Weak
MENTALITY	Brilliant	Exceptional	Ordinary	Slow	Dull
TACT	Frank without giving offense	Overcomes most difficulties	Meets ordinary situations satisfactorily	Blundering	Antagonistic
CO-OPERATION	Genuine	Effective	Willing	Lacking	Unwilling
PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE	Exceptional	Knows newest and best	Knows generally accepted things	Knows only outstanding facts	Deficient
ATTITUDE TOWARDS WORK	Energetic	Conscientious	Does what is generally expected of teacher	Vacillating	Lazy
ATTITUDE TOWARDS CHILDREN	Sympathetic	Judicious	Passive	Critical	Arrogant
TEACHING RESULTS	Reaches objective without hesitation	Reaches objective by means of greater effort and time	Reaches greater part of objective most of the time	Usually continues until part of objective is reached	Usually fails to reach objective
RELATION TO COMMUNITY	Popular; Interested	Interested	Willing to assume responsibility	Shirks responsibility	Not interested
TEACHING ABILITY	Expert	Resourceful	Average	Lacking	Inefficient

The ten point scale below represents all the teachers you know ranging from the very best teacher you have in mind to the very poorest you know. Kindly check the point on the scale which would approximate your evaluation of the applicant as a teacher.

A	B	C	D	E
10%	15%	50%	15%	10%

Has applicant been under your supervision as a teacher? ..... When? .....

If applicant is under your supervision now, how do you rate him or her among your teachers? ..... among .....  
students      Candidate Rank      No. of teachers supervised or students in class

Why did applicant leave position under your supervision? .....

Would you unhesitatingly employ applicant for a position? .....

What subjects or grade is applicant best fitted to teach? .....

Describe any deformity which applicant may have? .....

Signed .....

Address .....

Date ..... Position .....

Kindly list on the reverse side any additional information which you may believe of interest or importance to employing officials. This will be greatly appreciated.

JUN 10 1932

Baker

1219-4th St. S.E.

Minneapolis, Minnesota

June 8, 1932

Professor S. J. Buck

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Buck:

A year ago I asked you if you would recommend me for a teaching position. I am going to trouble you now. Will you please write a letter concerning me to Mr. L. N. McWhorter, Assistant Superintendent, Minneapolis City Schools, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

At this time I do not hope to secure a regular teaching position here in Minneapolis, in fact Mr. McWhorter told me there were no History vacancies at this time. However, I have applied for night school teaching or substitute work in History. Mr. McWhorter told me that he would recommend me for this work. I thought that I might in time work into a regular position.

I much prefer teaching in a city. My last teaching was done in Seattle, Washington, where I taught History and Civics in one of the high schools for three years and two months. My rating as a teacher there was A. I resigned in the midst of

the school year on account of a death in my immediate family and circumstances necessitated my remaining at home for a while.

My graduate major here at the University is History, most of my work being in the American field. My undergraduate major was also History in which I specialized in European History, but my undergraduate work was taken here before you came to Minnesota. I received my B.A. in 1913. I took the following graduate courses from you: The West in American History to 1815, The West in American History since 1865 <sup>(in 1930)</sup> my marks being B and A and Seminar in American History <sup>(in 1931)</sup> in which my marks was B.

I am enclosing a recent photograph of myself to make it easier for you to "locate" me from among your various graduate students here at Minnesota. You may dispose of the picture and not bother to return it as I have several copies of it.

The course in American Seminars served as an inspiration for me to do something that I, as well as my family, have been very much interested in for a long time - trace back our family genealogy. We knew that both my father's and my mother's family came to Massachusetts and Connecticut from England in the early sixteen hundreds and we had

planned to some day have the various family lines traced back. I found this work quite fascinating, in fact, it was rather hard on my thesis for a while. As a starting point, I had the aid of our family bible whose records go back to 1780. I secured nearly all of my material in the Historical Library in St. Paul. Where some of the records were lacking, I wrote back to town clerks and ministers and I found them exceedingly obliging in sending me records, often sending me more information than I had asked for. I found family lines going back to early Salem, Yarmouth and Plymouth in Massachusetts and to Hartford and Norwich in Connecticut. I succeeded in tracing the family back to 1620, to William Brewster. This was what I was in hopes of finding as the "Mayflower tradition" had been handed down in our family but we had not known before whether it was fact or fiction.

I doubt if I would have attempted this interesting but very exacting work if I had not of taken that course in methods of research. I thought you might be interested in knowing this.

Sincerely yours,  
Virginia L. Baker.

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June 10, 1932

Miss Virginia L. Baker,  
1219 Fourth Street, S. E.,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Miss Baker:

I was very glad to write a letter of recommendation to Mr. McWhorter for you and I hope that you will receive the appointment.

I was gratified to know that the work you had with me so stimulated your interest in research that you went ahead on your own initiative. Genealogical research is certainly fascinating and, while the results are mainly of personal and family interest, the work itself is excellent training in the location and use of material.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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June 10, 1932

Mr. L. N. McWhorter,  
Minneapolis City Schools,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. McWhorter:

Miss Virginia L. Baker informs me that she is applying for a position to teach history in the Minneapolis city schools. Miss Baker was a graduate student in the University of Minnesota in 1930-31 and took several courses in history with me, doing work of a very high grade. She appears to have, not only an excellent foundation, but also a very real enthusiasm for the subject, and I should expect her to be a first-class teacher. She has, I understand, had considerable experience in teaching history in high schools but doubtless you will be informed about this from other sources.

I take pleasure in recommending her to your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

JUN 22 1932

L. N. McWHORTER,  
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

June 20, 1932

Mr. Solon J. Buck  
University of Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Buck:

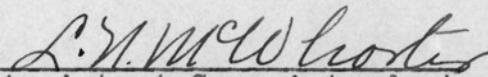
I have your letter regarding Miss Baker.

We have been obliged to inform Miss Baker that we are not taking on any new teachers next September.

Our latest records show that Miss Baker has not taught since 1924. Under those conditions, we could not give her a regular appointment at the outset even if we had one. If she came into the Minneapolis schools at all it would be necessary for her to start in as a substitute teacher, but there will be no opportunity for even this kind of position next September.

I thank you for your interest in her application.

Very truly yours,

  
Assistant Superintendent

LNMcW:BH

July 25, 1931

North-Central Teacher Service  
853 Plymouth Building  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Gentlemen:-

My acquaintance with Miss Virginia L. Baker is not such as to enable me to fill out the inquiry blank concerning her that I have just received from you. She has taken two courses in history with me at the University of Minnesota, doing very good work in one and excellent work in the other. She has, I believe, had considerable experience in teaching, but I have no knowledge of her professional qualifications beyond her scholarship. Her personal appearance is agreeable and I should expect her to be a very good teacher.

Very truly yours

Professor <sup>H</sup>History

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DEC 2 1932

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY  
PHILADELPHIA

SCHOOL OF COMMERCE

November 30, 1932

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
The Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Buck:

I was sorry to learn that you could not be in Philadelphia on December 3. We shall be looking forward to your visit in January.

Sincerely yours,

*James A. Barnes*

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JAN 12 1933

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY  
PHILADELPHIA

SCHOOL OF COMMERCE

January 11, 1933

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
The Western Pennsylvania Historical Society  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Buck:

I am glad to have your letter and to know that you are going to be in Philadelphia next week. It might be more convenient for you to stay at the club as I live in the extreme northern part of the city. We had hoped, however, that you could stay with us. I am not sure just how good a host and hostess we would make just at the present. I spent the holidays in the bed with the "flu" and my wife is just now recovering from the "bug."

Mr. Nichols just called me tonight and asked me if I would come to supper at the Linope Club next Tuesday evening and bring along my equipment. I want to see you then, but we hope that you can have dinner with us one evening if possible. I think you might learn much more about the photographic equipment if we could have an evening together. We could set up the instrument, take a roll of photographs, and develop the film <sup>all</sup> within an hour in my study and you would see the whole process.

Call me up when you get to town and let me know your plans. My telephone is Hancock 8386. My University number is Stevenson 7600 - and ask for the History Office.

Very sincerely,

James A. Barnes

January 12, 1933

Dr. James A. Barnes,  
Temple University,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Barnes:

I should like very much to spend Monday evening with you if it is convenient. I expect to get to Philadelphia from New York some time Monday afternoon and will get in touch with you by telephone. Please do not think it necessary to have me to dinner. I know that the effects of the flu hang on for some time and I would not want to be the cause of any trouble to Mrs. Barnes. I can easily get my dinner elsewhere and go out for the evening.

As you know, I am tied up for Tuesday evening and I expect to move on to Harrisburg Wednesday afternoon.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Jackson, Mississippi  
September 1, 1933

Dear Mr. Buck,

Someone told me at Chicago that some organization in West Virginia had some very good papers in the post-Civil War period. I wrote to Mr. Chitwood but got no definite information. I am writing to you in the hope that you were the person who gave me the information at first. If you are guilty - or if you are not - I should greatly appreciate any light on the subject that you may be able to give me. If convenient please write me care Kentucky Teachers College, Bowling Green, Kentucky, before September 9.

How is the State Historical organization progressing? I hope I get back for the fall meeting - or did you have it last spring? I am not sure that I am a legal member, but if someone will be brash enough to recommend me, if that is necessary, I want to join. In the meantime, if there is anything that I can do to help the cause do not hesitate to call on me.

Since Chicago I have seen the "Show Me" State, faced the hot Kansas winds out in Sockless Jerry Simpson's bailiwick, visited Colorado, fought mosquitoes in Texas and Louisiana, and am now in Mississippi looking for newspapers and manuscripts that died a bornin. I hope to get back to Temple about October 1. If you come to Philadelphia this winter do not fail to let me know; we want you to come out to the house whenever you can.

Sincerely,

*James A. Barnes*

*Act. by postal [initials]*

September 13, 1933.

Dr. James A. Barnes,  
c/o Kentucky Teachers College,  
Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Dear Mr. Barnes:

I am sorry that I did not return from my vacation in time to reply to your letter of September 1 before September 9. I believe that Holbrook sent you a postal to the effect that Ambler is the man with whom you should get in touch at West Virginia University. There is a very large collection of post Civil War material in his custody there. I am surprised that Chitwood did not give you more definite information. It would certainly be worth your while to stop in Morgantown.

The Pennsylvania Historical Association is moving along. The first annual meeting was held at Bethlehem in April, and at that time the organization was completed and a constitution adopted. We have about one hundred and twenty-five members, and we hope to get out the first number of a quarterly magazine in January. The dues for annual membership are two dollars. If you will send a check for that amount to Miss Frances Dorrance, Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, Wilkes Barre, Pa., you will be enrolled as a charter member. Miss Dorrance is chairman of the membership committee.

I am sending this letter to Bowling Green in the hope that it will be forwarded and will ultimately reach you. If you do go to Morgantown I trust that you will come to Pittsburgh and get in touch with me. I should like to have you meet my family.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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TEMPLE UNIVERSITY  
PHILADELPHIA

OCT 23 1933

SCHOOL OF COMMERCE

October 19, 1933

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
Historical Society  
Western Pa.  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Doctor Buck:

I changed my course on the way back to Philadelphia, and therefore did not get your letter until my return here. I am very sorry that I did not go by Morgantown. I am sure Mr. Chitwood did not understand my letter, or he should have been more explicit. He is an old friend of mine.

I had hoped to get by Pittsburgh to see your laboratory sometime during the trip, but found it impossible. We have bought a new house now, and the only way I see of ever getting out to go through your laboratory is for you to help me induce John Oliver to give me a job in the summer school next year.

I have not sent my check to the secretary of the Society yet, but if the house leaves a couple of dollars over, I shall send it next week. I want to talk to you sometime about <sup>a projected</sup> ~~writing~~ the history of the Secretary of the Treasury, but I shall have to postpone that, I suppose, until sometime when you are in Philadelphia. When you come to the city be sure to let us know.

Very sincerely,

*James A. Barnes*  
James A. Barnes

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January 9, 1933

Professor Viola D. Barnes,  
Mount Holyoke College,  
South Hadley, Mass.

My dear Miss Barnes:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of the reprint of your "Land Tenure in English Colonial Charters of the Seventeenth Century". I am interested in the subject for its possible bearing on the history of land speculation in the later Colonial period. I shall read the essay at the first opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

West Virginia University  
MORGANTOWN, W. VA.  
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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MAR 7 1932

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

March 1, 1932.

Professor Solon J. Buck,  
Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

My dear Doctor Buck:

Professor Ambler told me that he had talked with you about the investigation in Southern history, in which I am engaged, and for which I have applied for a Grant-in-Aid from the Social Science Research Council. He suggested that I write to you about it.

I am very glad to know that you are interested in my work, and take this opportunity of sending you a brief outline of what I hope to be able to accomplish. I have hesitated about calling upon my friends for assistance knowing that they are busy with their own enterprises, but I have been very much encouraged by the responses I have received wherever I have asked for support, particularly from F. J. Turner, A. N. Holcombe, and A. M. Schlesinger.

If you do not feel that I have asked too many kindnesses of you already, I should be very glad to have you do anything your numerous duties permit that would help me in securing the Grant-in-Aid, or that would further my investigation in any way. I hope that I may be able to come to Pittsburgh and talk the matter over with you in some detail.

We hope that you and Mrs. Buck have become acclimated to this coal area and are finding things interesting and enjoyable.

Sincerely yours,

*John D. Barnhart*

## OUTLINE OF PROJECT

### Proposed field of investigation:

The political and social results of the recent industrial development in the southern Appalachian states.

### Purpose of investigation:

To coordinate the geographic, economic, social, and political factors which are producing a New South socially and politically.

### Plan of procedure:

I. To investigate (1) the geography of the area, (2) the recent industrial development in manufactures, extractive industries, and agriculture, (3) the changes this development is producing in the life of the people of the area, and (4) the political changes taking place in respect to national parties and issues.

II. As a synthesis of this investigation, to determine the influence of the exploitation of the natural resources of the area in creating the present social and political status as contrasted with conditions existing at the close of Reconstruction.

### Place of the investigation to studies previously published:

A study of this type does not exist in this field and period. Other studies which touch the subject are confined to a locality (as Matthew Fage Andrews, History of Maryland: province and state, New York, 1929), or a phase of the subject (as Charles Chilton Pearson, The Readjuster Movement in Virginia, New Haven, 1917), or

Place of the investigation to studies previously published  
(continued):

are brief generalizations (as Holland Thompson, The New South: a chronicle of social and industrial evolution, New Haven, 1919). It is planned to make a sectional analysis, that is, an approach to the problem by way of the geographic provinces and of the forces active in each. So far as this is possible the desire is to make the kind of a study that has been associated with the name of Frederick Jackson Turner; or in a limited field of social and political history to attempt what has been done by Arthur Norman Holcombe, in the field of national political history in his work, Political Parties of Today: a study in Republican and Democratic politics, New York, 1924.

Outline of proposed investigation:

Note: Parts I to III of the following outline represent some old and possibly well known material but it has not been approached, correlated, or documented in this manner. Parts IV to VI represent an original study which has not appeared in published accounts to date.

I. Introduction: The area to be studied.

A. States: Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, and West Virginia.

B. Physiographic provinces: Coastal Plain, Piedmont, Blue Ridge, Valley and Ridge, Appalachian Plateau, and the Interior Low Plateaus.

C. The relation of the physiographic provinces to each state.

Outline of proposed investigation (continued):

II. Background.

A. Historical: Settlement, population, political development; briefly stated.

B. Industrial: Changes in agriculture and manufactures previous to 1850; a sketch.

C. Significant unity of area when considered by states: Historical, agricultural, the interruption of the agrarian tradition by modern industry.

D. Significant differences when considered by geographic provinces: Economic interests; attitude to political, economic, and social questions; extent and time of industrial development.

III. Recent Industrial Developments.

A. Increased facilities for transportation.

B. The extractive industries.

C. The growth of manufactures.

D. The importance of northern and foreign capital, management, and labor.

E. Effects upon agriculture: increase of transportation facilities, markets, and income from sale of land or mineral and timber rights.

IV. Recent Social Changes.

A. Stagnant conditions in areas once prosperous.

Outline of proposed investigation (continued):

IV. Recent Social Changes (continued).

- B. Increase in population and wealth creating
  - 1. Problems of housing, sanitation, and racial relations;
  - 2. Paternalism of the industrialist, and labor conflicts;
  - 3. Stronger social agencies and lessened isolation;
  - 4. Problems of absentee ownership, as indifference to civic needs, welfare of laborers, adequate support by taxation of governmental and social agencies.
  
- C. New social classes.
  - 1. The new rich.
  - 2. The laborers in mine, factory, and mill.
  - 3. Effects upon the older society.
  - 4. New intellectual leaders.
  - 5. The declining importance of the negro.

V. Political Developments.

- A. Changes in the sectional alignment within the states with the restoration of white control.
  
- B. The rise of the common white man: Populism.
  
- C. The growth of the Republican party.
  - 1. The disfranchisement of the negro.
  - 2. The Bryan campaigns: Money, the tariff, and industry.
  
- D. The World War and the recent industrial boom.
  - 1. The tendency to vote Republican in national elections.
  - 2. The effect upon Democratic principles.

Outline of proposed investigation (continued):

V. Political Developments (continued).

E. The Campaign of 1928.

F. The sectional alignment within the states since 1896.

G. The defects of the one party system.

1. Unrepresentative and narrow control.
2. Decline in political leadership.
3. Failure of the opposition party to advance the interests of the business men or of the South.

VI. Correlation of the Industrial, Social, and Political Changes.

A. Areas and periods in which industrial growth has occurred.

B. Areas and periods in which social changes have been most marked.

C. Areas and periods in which modifications in the political alignments have occurred.

D. Conclusions.

1. The relations of the industrial development to the natural resources of the area.
2. The relations of the social developments to the industrial changes.
3. The effects of the industrial and social developments upon the political evolution.
4. An appraisal of these changes.

March 17, 1932

Professor John D. Barnhart,  
West Virginia University,  
Morgantown, W. Va.

Dear Barnhart:-

Your letter of March 1, with the enclosure, was duly received and examined with much interest. A brief illness, followed by a trip out of town, have prevented me from replying sooner.

I was a little disappointed in your project because I had thought from what Ambler said that it was to be a special study of the Appalachian Plateau, which would include, of course, western Pennsylvania. While the Plateau makes a natural geographic unit with much history in common, you are doubtless right from the historical point of view in planning your study to include the whole of the southern Appalachian states, as you call them.

It seems to me that your project has been worked out logically and with great care and that a comprehensive study along these lines would be very valuable. If you find that you can come to Pittsburgh, I should like very much to talk this matter over with you and, also, other things. Let me know in advance when you plan to come. I shall be glad to write a letter, or letters, endorsing your project if you will let me know to whom they should be sent.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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West Virginia University  
MORGANTOWN, W. VA.  
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

JUL 8 1933

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

July 6, 1933.

Professor Solon J. Buck,  
Historical Society of  
Western Pennsylvania,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

My dear Doctor Buck:

Our president and board of governors have, in the name of economy, dropped eighteen members of the faculty and placed nineteen more on a reserved list whose employment depends upon enrollment and finances. Unfortunately my name is in the latter group and I am anxious to secure, if possible, a more certain status. I am assured that my possible elimination is due to the fact that there are three older men in American history, and not to any question related to my teaching. Professor Ambler and Dean Shortridge have endeavored to prevent my name being included and are ready to help me in every possible way.

Professor Ambler suggested that I should accompany him to Pittsburgh to see you in the near future and I shall gladly do so, but I thought that a letter to you now might possibly prevent some opportunity from escaping. Will you be so kind as to keep me in mind in case any position is available which I might fill?

Sincerely,

*John D. Barnhart*

July 8, 1933

Professor John D. Barnhart,  
West Virginia University,  
Morgantown, W. Va.

Dear Mr. Barnhart:

I am very sorry to learn that there is a possibility of your being out of a job for next year, particularly as I see little prospect of my being able to help you to find anything else. The University of Pittsburgh has also dropped many of its men--about a hundred according to reports. I think your best chance of employment is at West Virginia University. The indications are here that the enrollment next year will be larger than has been anticipated; and, if the improvement in business keeps up, the academic situation may be much improved by fall.

I shall, of course, be glad to let you know of any opening that may come to my attention, and I shall be glad to see you whenever you come to Pittsburgh.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

West Virginia University  
MORGANTOWN, W. VA.  
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

August 15, 1933.

Dr. S. J. Buck,  
Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

My dear Dr. Buck:

I have just been informed that there may be a vacancy in the Manuscripts Division of the Library of Congress. I should like to have the position if it develops, and I am making application for it. I should appreciate it highly if you would write a letter in my support to the Librarian, Dr. Herbert Putnam, and to Dr. J. Franklin Jameson, Head of the Manuscripts Division of the Library of Congress. The latter is on his vacation at North Edgecomb, Maine. I am quite certain that there will not be any employment for me here and am, therefore, more than anxious to do all that can be done to secure this position.

In the course of my training and research I have worked with manuscripts in a number of Libraries, as the State Historical Library of Minnesota, the Newberry Library of Chicago, and the Library of Congress.

If you care to make any suggestions that will help me with this application, I should appreciate them very much.

Nothing seems to have been done about the position of State Historian for which I have applied. Many thanks for writing.

Very truly yours,

*John D. Barnhart*

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August 17, 1933

Dr. John D. Barnhart,  
West Virginia University,  
Morgantown, West Virginia.

Dear Barnhart:

I have written to Dr. Jameson to support your application for the prospective position in the manuscript division of the Library of Congress. I am not writing to Dr. Putnam, as it seems to me that that would be a work of supererogation. I am quite sure that the selection will be made by Jameson.

I very much hope that you succeed in landing this or some other satisfactory position.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

West Virginia University  
MORGANTOWN, W. VA.  
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

SEP 5 1933

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

September 1, 1933.

Professor S. J. Buck,  
Historical Society of  
Western Pennsylvania,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Professor Buck:

I have just located what may be an opportunity to remain in the profession in case my other possibilities fail. Since I have heard nothing definite from any of them I should like to do what I can to develop this last situation.

The history department of the University of Illinois eliminated all of its teaching assistants this past year and is facing a possibility of an enlarged enrollment this fall. Should this occur, additional help may be necessary. I met and talked with the head of the department, Professor Lawrence M. Larson, who was very cordial. I dislike very much to trouble you again, but I know your word at Illinois is quite influential. I would appreciate a letter to Professor Larson. It may be that I could secure part time employment that would enable me to survive the present situation, and it is possible that such might lead to something better. I should be glad to begin at the bottom at the University of Illinois if there was any opportunity of becoming a member of the department.

Due to the kind suggestion of someone, I have been invited to be on the program of the American Historical Association's meeting in December.

Very truly yours,

*John D. Barnhart*

Postal acknowledgement 9/8/33, FFH.

*Recd. by J. C. 9/13/33 S. J. B.*

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Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania  
4338 Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
September 13, 1933.

Dear Barnhart:

On returning from my vacation I found here your letter of September 1. I have just written to Larson, and I hope that the letter will be in-time to assist you.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

To: Dr. John D. Barnhart,  
West Virginia University,  
Morgantown, W. Va.

(Please forward)

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

October 9, 1933.

Professor S. J. Buck,  
Historical Society of  
Western Pennsylvania,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

My dear Dr. Buck:

This is to let you know that enrollment at West Virginia University did not equal that of last year and that the president did not feel able to continue me on the faculty. I have also failed to secure any other position, I hope you will keep me in mind and inform me of any opening of which you learn. I appreciate very much the help you already have given me.

Very truly yours,

*John D. Barnhart*

Box 205,  
Morgantown, West Virginia.

*P. B. Bant*

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

December 7, 1933.

Professor Solon J. Buck,  
Historical Society of  
Western Pennsylvania,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

My dear Doctor Buck:

I appreciate very much your letter of December 6, particularly because it indicates your continued interest in my welfare.

I should like very much to do what you suggest. Is it impossible at this date to know whether it would extend beyond the month? I am doing very little, at present, either financially or historically, and should like to make a contact that would lead to something better. As unpromising as my present prospects are, I fear to let go of them to undertake work that will likely last only a month.

Efforts are being made by an official at the Arthurdale Homestead Project to work me in under another name, but in reality as an

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historian to develop the history of the Fairfax family in America. He is also trying to work out a project for a number of self-supporting historical monuments throughout the country under governmental auspices. He holds this out to me as a possibility. However, all may end at any time.

Professor Ambler is driving to Pittsburgh Saturday. He hopes to see you and would like to talk with you about the work you have suggested. I hope that you will not have to act until he sees you and that you can find some way to make it more permanent so that I can afford to undertake it.

Very truly yours,

*John D. Barnhart*

*P.S. I can go to work  
any time*

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December 13, 1933

Dr. John D. Barnhart,  
Box 205,  
Morgantown, W. Va.

Dear Mr. Barnhart:

Doubtless, Ambler has reported to you about our conversation concerning the project that I wrote you about. If you succeed in getting the position referred to in your letter of December 7, it would certainly be advisable for you to accept it, as I have no assurances that this other work would be offered to you. I had recommended you for it and was asked to find out if you would be available. Please let me know your decision as soon as possible, as I want to recommend someone else if you are not available.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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April 22, 1930.

Dear Mr. Buck:

This week, we have with us in our Gallery Mr. Robert Fulton Logan of Paris.

Mr. Logan is an American artist in painting and etching. His work is already distinguished and his beautiful plates of some of the American Universities are becoming rare.

He is showing in our Gallery the "Johnston Gate" and "Harvard Hall".

You are cordially invited to see these etchings and to meet Mr. Logan.

Yours very truly,  
The Beard Art Galleries.

66-68 South 10th Street,  
Minneapolis.

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April 24, 1930

The Beard Art Galleries  
66-68 South 10th St .,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Gentlemen:-

Your invitation to Mr. Buck to meet Mr. Logan and to see his etchings has arrived during his absence from the city. I want to thank you for this invitation, on his behalf, and to express to you his regrets at not being able to visit your gallery this week.

Very truly yours

Secretary to Mr. Buck

DEC 14 1931

December 10, 1931.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
University of Pittsburgh,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Buck:

For the last few years I have sent in to the Boston Transcript accounts of the annual meetings of the American Historical Association. That paper has usually seen fit to give one or two columns a day to this event; and the general reaction which I have from our colleagues has suggested that this is a not undesirable recognition to the public of our activities. I should like to make mention as completely as space will permit of all the papers read to the Association. I want to ask you if you can send me a brief abstract of the most significant points of your paper, with any short, pertinent quotation from it which you think has news value.

Since I am leaving Washington immediately after Christmas for Minneapolis, it will be necessary for me to have your abstract here at 3312 Cathedral Avenue, Washington, D. C., by the 24th, or as much earlier as possible, making due allowance for the blockade of heavy Christmas mail.

Very truly yours,

*Samuel F. Bemis*

Samuel F. Bemis.

*No answer  
needed*

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T. BENNETT.

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74 CITY ROAD,  
BIRMINGHAM.

II August 1932

( England )

Dear Sir ,

I am preparing for disposal a large collection of old books . They include some very early printed works on the pioneer history of Illinois . I thought to mention this to you being familiar with your work , " Illinois in 1818 " .

The books will not be fully sorted out ~~on~~ ready for sale before about the first week in September . If you wished , I should then be glad to send you details of anything there was relating to your special interests . The prices would be very cheap as the books have to be cleared in order to close an estate .

With compliments ,

Yours very truly ,

T. Bennett.

T. Bennett .

Professor Buck



August 24, 1932

Mr. T. Bennett,  
74 City Road,  
Birmingham, England.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of August 11, addressed to me in Minneapolis, has been forwarded to me here. I appreciate your thinking of me in this connection but I am not at present interested in collecting Illinois material, and the institution with which I am now connected specializes in a different field.

Very truly yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

*Berlin High School Alumni Association*

*Berlin, Wisconsin*

Dear Friend:

Do you know that 1930 is the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Berlin High School Alumni Association? It is, and we are to make this a real Golden Jubilee.

We want you back with us on that occasion and this letter is to ask whether we can count on you to come for the big event. The plan is to attract as many old graduates as possible (you are one of them) to be with us for a good old fashioned reunion where you'll meet and greet school friends and classmates in the afternoon of Thursday, June 12 - Golden Jubilee Day. This home-coming celebration is to be held in the afternoon and will be in addition to the usual banquet and program of the evening.

Regardless of whether or not you have kept up your membership or have been taken off the active membership list, WE WANT YOU BACK FOR THIS OCCASION. It will not be necessary for you to pay the \$1.25 reinstatement if you do not feel you care to become an active member again. We are making an effort to interest you in this Golden Anniversary and want you to be with us.

Do not disregard this request as it is imperative that we know how many to expect. Just give us an indication as to whether you think there is any possibility of your attending--return card is enclosed for your convenience--PLEASE DO NOT DELAY.

Yours for success,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
B.H.S.A.A.

By

*Carlew Johnson*

January 17, 1929

The Society met at the Drake Hotel, Chicago, December 27 at 8 P.M., President Meyer in the chair.

The Constitution was adopted. The report of the Constitution was sent to every member with News Sheet No. 6. The question of a Board of Trustees for the endowment fund was brought up and on motion of Mr. P. L. Windsor, the matter was reported to the Committee on the Constitution to frame a clause creating such a Board.

Mr. Meyer reported that after correspondence with Sir Frederick Kenyon of the British Museum the reprinting of the catalog was possible. It developed that we need to know as soon as possible,

1. How many copies of the old B.M. catalog are in America.
2. How many American libraries subscribed to the accession catalog.
3. How many libraries are likely to purchase the new edition.

For these purposes regional sub-committees were appointed under the chairmanship of the following,

For New England, Mr. Andrew Keogh, Yale University.  
For the middle states, Mr. H. M. Lydenberg, New York Public Library.  
For the Southern States, Mr. Louis N. Wilson, University of North Carolina.  
For the middle west, W. W. Bishop, University of Michigan.  
For the Pacific Coast, Mr. H. L. Leupp, University of California.

The program for the meeting in May at Washington was announced as Latin American Bibliography in cooperation with the general committee on Pan-American bibliography.

The paper by M. E. Pellett was read by Mr. H. O. Severance. Mr. Pellett told of the work of the Port of New York Authority's Library and the necessity of having a source of information for all inquirers about water transportation. He had a list of subject headings, and besought cooperation in preparing information. He hoped a volume might be published in a year or so. A limited number of copies of Mr. Pellett's paper are available for those who desire to see it before it can be put in print.

The paper by W. H. Bonner of the University of Buffalo was on "The publication of William Dampier's voyages." These appeared successively in four volumes, beginning in 1697, but by the time a collected edition was issued in 1729, the first volume has reached 7th edition. This tangled skein was unravelled, and Mr. Bonner's chart of editions is available to a limited number of inquirers. These voyages accelerated an interest in others, and influenced writers like DeFoe.

Mr. Charles D. Abbott of the University of Buffalo described Christopher Smart's writings. The recent revival of interest in Smart, the search for his writings, together with the consequent rise in prices made the sketch of his life, and of his writings valuable as an introduction to a complete bibliography which Mr. Abbott has in hand.

The same papers were on the program at the meeting of the American Historical Association at Indianapolis where a different group of members attended, Victor Hugo Paltsits presiding.

At the American Historical Association meeting there were several papers of interest to bibliographers. These were,

The Correspondence of Gregory VII.

Ephraim Emerton, Harvard University

Dr. Coulton, Interpreter of the Middle Ages

Alfred H. Sweet, Washington and Jefferson College

The 1928 Legislation Relating to Public Archives and Records

George S. Godard, Connecticut State Library.

Discussion as to the authorship of the Diary of a Public Man,  
in North American Review, 1879.

The Proposed Bibliography dealing with Hispanic America

A. Curtis Wilgus, University of South Carolina.

A Bibliography of the Published Works of Clarence W. Alvord, compiled by Solon J. Buck is in the Mississippi Valley Historical Review for December 1928, p. 385 to p. 390.

The Compendium of Sources for early American History (1600-1800) in New York City will be prepared under the direction of Professor E. B. Greene will be published by the Columbia University Press early this year.

Copy for the next part of Sabin is in the hands of the printer.

New members are,

Nathan Van Patten

520 Cowper Street

Palo Alto, Calif.

Miss Wilhelmina E. Carothers

Carnegie Library School

Pittsburg, Pa.

John S. Brownne

Hartworth, N.J.

Luther A. Brewer

328 S. 3rd Street

Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Rev. Thomas Talbott

De Paul University

Chicago, Ill.

1010 Webster Ave.

Frank K. Walter

University of Minnesota Library, Minneapolis,

Minnesota.

Mrs. Mary C. Shields is preparing a bibliography of American translations from Italian writers, and is completing the work at the Library of Congress.

Dr. G. E. Wire at the Worcester County Law Library, Worcester, Mass. has just finished listing the colonial laws (to 1800) in the library. It includes 45 items of 11 states, and is available to those interested.

MAY 8 1929

# Bibliographical Society of America

NEWS SHEET No. 15

May 6, 1929.

The Bibliographical Society of America will meet at Washington in the Auditorium, Room 4, May 16, in the evening and again on May 17 in the evening at the same place.

The meeting on May 16 will be the 25th Anniversary meeting, and the program is

Introductory remarks by the President, followed by the gift of a gavel and block from Dr. George W. Cole to the Society.

Dr. George W. Cole. Survey of the Bibliography of English Literature, 1548-1926, with special reference to the work of the Bibliographical Society of London.

Nathan Van Patten. The Medical Literature of Central America and Mexico. **With lantern slides.**

W. O. Waters. Unrecorded Confederate Imprints (Abstracted).

Charles E. Babcock. Report on the Inter-American Conference on Bibliography.

On May 17 there will be important business in connection with the discussion of the reprinting of the British Museum Catalogue, the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, an amendment to the Constitution and election of officers.

## NOTES

The Society has received an invitation to send a delegate to the International Library and Bibliographical Congress in Rome. Dr. George Watson Cole, librarian emeritus of the Henry E. Huntington Library and former president of the Society, will be the delegate.

This will be the twenty-fifth anniversary meeting of the Society, and Dr. Cole will present to the Society in commemoration of this event a block and gavel. This will follow immediately after the president's introductory remarks.

The new edition of the British Museum Catalogue of Printed Books for which the Society has been working during the last two years, will be published if 200 subscribers can be secured in the United States by November 1, 1929. The Rockefeller Foundation, if this condition can be met, proposes to make a grant to the Society which will enable the Society to give a discount of 20 per cent to all American subscribers. It should be made clear to everyone interested that the new edition will include the material in the old catalogue of 1881-1900 and all accessions to approximately the date of publication. That the new edition has become likely is further indicated by the fact that certain European dealers are soliciting subscriptions in the United States. American subscribers must subscribe through the Bibliographical Society of America to secure the 20 per cent discount. A revised circular will be sent out shortly to American libraries.

M. E. Pellett, librarian of the Port of New York Authority, will speak at the meeting on May 16 about the present plans covering the Water Transportation bibliography. The project has reached the point where libraries have been asked if they will check titles and send additions. Fuller information will be sent in the News Sheet after the meeting.

The Pan-American Union has just mimeographed a list of newspapers and magazines in its library. The list bears the date of March, 1929.

Miss Ella May Thornton, State librarian of Georgia, has compiled a Finding-list of Books and Pamphlets relating to Georgia and Georgians. Many of the titles are one line entries, and locations are given in five different libraries.

In Touring Topics for February, 1929, (Los Angeles) is an article, "Toiler in the Vineyard of Books." It is a full and interesting account of George Watson Cole, with a very good picture.

Professor Clyde Grose of Northwestern University has a bibliography of English history from 1660-1760 under way.

The editor, James B. Childs, reports that copy for part 1, vol. 22 (1928), of the Papers is at the press. This is the Bibliography of Canadian History. Other papers are in hand, but the progress on the Handbook of American Bibliography is very slow.

### New members include:

Joseph L. Wheeler . . . . .	Enoch Pratt Free Library . . . . .	Baltimore, Md.
Winslow L. Webber . . . . .	Book Research and Valuation Service . . . . .	Babson Park, Mass.
Dr. H. W. E. Walther . . . . .	424 Pine Street . . . . .	New Orleans, La.
Miss Mary G. Lacy . . . . .	Library, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Dept. of Agr. . . . .	Washington, D. C.
Samuel Joseph . . . . .	48a Charing Cross . . . . .	London, WC2, Eng.

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November 25, 1929

Mr. James B. Childs  
Library of Congress  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Childs:-

As the contributor of a paper in volume 22, part 1, of the Papers of the Bibliographical Society of America, I should like to receive a copy of this issue for my personal file. If you will have one sent to me at my home address, 67 Barton Ave. S. E., Minneapolis, the favor will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

Let me turn to you on behalf of the Bibliographical Society and ask if you think it will be possible for you to do for Minnesota newspapers what Millington did for the District of Columbia (see Papers, volume 19, parts 1-2, pages 43-65) and Fox for New York City (Papers, volume 21, parts 1-2, pages 1-131). These two lists are so creditable that I feel the Society by their publication acquired a distinct responsibility toward continuing the work. If we could find some one to give us a similar list for Minnesota, I feel we should be sure of continuing the record of achievement already established.

Though these two lists stopped in 1850, I should be inclined to carry the dates two more decades, say until the seventies, when the publication of newspaper directories began and we have more information at our command than we have for the period after Brigham stopped in 1820. I am sure that I voice the sentiment of every member of the council of the Society when I say that I hope you can undertake the task.

Very truly yours,

H. M. Lydenberg,  
President.

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January 22, 1930

Mr. H. M. Lydenberg, President  
Bibliographical Society of America  
476 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Mr. Lydenberg:

My delay in replying to your letter of January 8 has been due to the pressure of work connected with our annual meeting. I have been much interested in the bibliographies of newspapers published in the Papers of the Bibliographical Society, and I quite agree with you that it is desirable to continue work of this sort in the period after 1820, and also to carry it considerably beyond 1850 in the case of the western states.

It happens, however, that I have had an even more comprehensive project for Minnesota under way for the last five or six years. Operating with grants from the graduate school of the University of Minnesota and with some assistance from members of the staff of the Minnesota Historical Society, I have had compiled a very comprehensive bibliography of Minnesota newspapers down to the end of 1900, together with inventories of extant files. The gathering of data and its assembling is about completed, but considerable revision will be necessary and it will probably be a year before the material is ready for publication. It will make, I think, a book of several hundred pages, and will probably be too large for publication by the Bibliographical Society. Presumably it will be published by the Minnesota Historical Society or the University of Minnesota.

Sincerely yours

SJB/S

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January 24, 1930.

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

My dear Professor Buck:

It is indeed a pleasure to hear from your note of January 22nd that your plan for publication of a bibliography of Minnesota newspapers is so well under way. The Bibliographical Society has nothing but hearty commendation and sincerest congratulations to offer the state and the secretary of its Historical Society. We have felt right along that it is best if lists like this can be prepared by local authorities. It is only when a means of publication seemed lacking that we have ventured to furnish it. More power to your elbow, and heartiest wishes for speedy completion of the task.

Very truly yours,

H. M. Lydenberg,  
President.

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August 4, 1930

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

Many thanks for sending me your "Trans-  
 Mississippi West". Every word you say meets with  
 hearty applause from

Your humble servant,

*H M Lydenberg*

H. M. Lydenberg,  
 President.

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*Office of the Secretary*

383 Franklin Street  
Buffalo, New York

Mr. Solon J. Buck  
The University of Pittsburgh  
Department of History  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

My dear Buck:

I am glad that you, a bibliographer, have now become a member of the Society interested in that subject.

I am sending you a copy of the last News Sheet, and when your name has passed the Council you will hear from the Treasurer. It will not be long.

Yours sincerely

*Augustus H. Shean*

Secretary

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Office of the Treasurer  
83 Francis Street  
Back Bay, Boston  
June 21, 1932

Mr. Solon J. Buck  
University of Pittsburgh  
Department of History  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mr. Buck:-

Your application for membership in the Bibliographical Society of America has been received, and we shall be very glad to welcome you as a member.

It is our custom to ask for payment for one year's dues before we officially enroll a new member. I enclose bill, and on receipt of your check I shall be glad to see that you receive the PAPERS for this year.

Yours very truly,

*J. W. Faxon*  
Treasurer

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AUG 20 1931

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

COLLEGE FOR WOMEN  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

16 August, 1931

Dear Buck:

Just received your story of the feared  
Portage, & it makes me want to take  
a canoe out that country. Thanks.

Sincerely

Robert Whitley

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95 Widener Library, Cambridge, Mass.  
16 December, 1932

Professor Solon J. Buck  
University of Pittsburg  
Pittsburg, Pa.

Dear Buck:

I have received my program of the A. H. A and am writing to coordinate our papers. Do you not think that this would be a good occasion to lay before the Historical Societies the possibilities of an organized market according to the project ~~afxxxxx~~ upon which we have been working? We ought to be able to tie our papers together in such a way that between us we get the whole problem presented in a manner which will be most instructive to us in trying to better the situation through the joint committee.

What had you planned to cover in your paper?

*Sincerely*  
*Robert C. Burdick*

DEC 17 1932

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December 19, 1932.

Professor Robert C. Binkley,  
95 Widener Library,  
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dear Binkley:

The program as printed for the Conference of Historical Societies is wrong. I am not going to read a paper. Some months ago Dr. Flick asked me for suggestions for the program, and then proceeded to put me down for a paper without consulting me. When I discovered this and protested, he agreed to revise the program, and on November 18 he sent me a version of it which called for a paper by you on "The Reproduction and Marketing of Historical Material," to be followed by a discussion led by me of the same subject. He wrote me that he had sent a copy of the corrected program to you. Apparently, however, he was too late to get the correction into the printed program.

At any rate, the fact is that I am not going to read a paper. I had no intention of doing so any way, and the fact that I have just been laid up for a week with the influenza makes it quite out of the question. You are quite free, therefore, to cover the whole field in any way you wish, and I will speak informally on such points as occur to me while listening to your paper.

I quite agree with you that it would be a good opportunity to lay before the historical societies the possibility of an organized market. That is what I had in mind when I suggested the subject.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck.

SJB:H

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Date *March 1-1929*

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*Treyler, Prof. Harrison A.*

File cross reference form under name or subject at top of the sheet and by the latest date of papers. Describe matter for identification purposes. The papers themselves should be filed under the name or subject after "See."

November 2, 1931.

Mrs. Emons Blaine,  
101 East Erie Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mrs. Blaine:-

Several weeks ago I received a copy of Cyrus Hall McCormick Seed-Time, 1809-1856 by William T. Hutchinson in the special de luxe edition, with your card and those of Cyrus H., Harold F., and Stanley McCormick enclosed. I was already somewhat familiar with this valuable contribution to American history, and I am very glad, indeed, to have a copy of it in so attractive a form. I assure you that your courtesy in having it sent to me is very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck.

SJB:AM

University of Minnesota  
Bureau of Recommendations

April 23, 1929

Blegen, Anne H.

Miss Blegen was never a student of mine but her work for the Minnesota Historical Society gave me an excellent opportunity to judge her ability and qualifications. She has a quick mind, learns rapidly, is thorough and accurate, and has a high degree of intelligence. She has an attractive personality combined with energy and enthusiasm, and I should expect her to become a very successful teacher.

Professor of History U. M.  
and Supt. Minnesota Historical Society

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
BERKELEY

January 6, 1929

My dear Professor Buck:

I have asked Ginn and Company to send you a copy of my History of the Americas: A Syllabus. I wanted you to see it. It has many of the defects of the pioneer, but I hope that you will approve the idea. Such an approach to American history should give us a better understanding of our place in the Western Hemisphere and a better basis for correct international relations.

Yours very sincerely,

*I incorporated most of your suggested changes in my maps. To my regret, Michellimacknoe was not corrected. Sorry.*

*Herbert E. Bolton*  
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February 11, 1929

Professor Herbert Bolton  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Bolton:-

Thank you very much for having a copy of your History of the Americas sent to me. The Minnesota Historical Society had purchased a copy which I had already examined with much interest but I am very glad indeed to have one for my personal library. It will be a very useful work of reference in connection with my course on the History of the West, and also in connection with my research work.

Sincerely yours

B/P

November 24, 1930

Prof. Arthur M. Borak  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Borak:

Thank you very much for sending me a separate of your article on "The Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Railroad." I had noted this article in the Journal of Economic and Business History but I am glad to have a separate of it for my personal file.

Sincerely yours

B/H

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April 5, 1932

Miss Anne H. Bowes,  
600 Lincoln Avenue, E. E.,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Miss Bowes:-

Having overlooked it last night, I am writing this note to ask you to be prepared to present a report of progress at the meeting of the seminar next Monday night.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

March 13, 1933

Dr. John G. Bowman,  
University of Pittsburgh,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Bowman:

Shortly before I left Minnesota I edited the autobiography and letters of William Watts Folwell, first president of the University of Minnesota, and they have just been published in book form by the University of Minnesota Press. It occurs to me that you might be interested in the trials of a university president who was trying to develop his institution under very adverse conditions; and so I take pleasure in sending a copy of the book to you with my compliments.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH  
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF  
THE CHANCELLOR

March 15, 1933

Dear Dr. Buck:

I am much pleased this morning to have your note of March 13 and the book on William Watts Folwell. Years ago I spent many hours with Dr. Folwell and heard him tell about his work at the University of Minnesota and what, ultimately, he hoped would come out of the University for the State of Minnesota.

Let me say thank you.

With kind personal wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

*John Bunker*

Dr. Solon J. Buck

February 15, 1932

Dr. Julian P. Boyd,  
Wyoming Historical and Geological Society,  
#69 S. Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Dear Dr. Boyd:-

It was very kind of you to remember me with a reprint of your "The Susquehannah Company". I have long been interested in this feature of the westward movement and I am sure that your study will be useful to me.

Do you happen to have another copy that you could send to the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania for its library? I want to keep this one for my own collection.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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April 22, 1929

Mr. William K. Boyd  
Durham, North Carolina

My dear Mr. Boyd:

I take it from your letter of April 15 that you may not be aware of the Conference of Historical Societies that meet annually in connection with the meeting of the A.H.A. Coleman of Indiana has been secretary of the conference for a number of years and as such he is, I believe, ex officio a member of your program committee. I believe that Newsome of your state is to be the chairman of the conference next year. I doubt if it would be advisable to have a session on the activities of historical societies in addition to the conference, but I think that your suggestions for such a program are excellent and I presume that Coleman would be glad to adopt some or all of them for the session of the conference.

I do not know who it is that is writing a thesis on Jacksonian Democracy and the churches. Presumably it is one of Shippee's students so I am forwarding your inquiry to him.

I am using this stationery because it occurs to me that the project outlined on the inside pages may be of some interest to you.

Sincerely yours

SJB/H

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Durham, North Carolina  
April 15, 1929

Professor Solon J. Buck  
Department of History  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

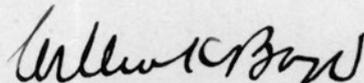
My dear Professor Buck:

As chairman of the program committee for the next session I write to inquire if you think it wise to have a section on the activities of State Historical Societies. If so, what do you think of making the general topic Current Projects of State and Local Historical Societies? I have in mind for this a discussion of the new work of the Wyoming Valley Society which is going to publish all the papers in the controversy between the Wyoming settlement and Connecticut, possibly also a discussion of the projected survey of the land titles of Kentucky; then in conclusion I think Mereness might join in with a description of the work he is doing.

Please write me your opinion regarding this suggested program, making additions or eliminations.

By the way, I am meditating a session on the Jacksonian Democracy. I noticed somewhere that a young man is writing a thesis in Minneapolis on Jacksonian Democracy and the Churches. Is he of sufficient caliber and has he done enough work to present a paper on that subject if called on?

Very sincerely yours,

  
William K. Boyd.

WKB:P

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April 23, 1929

*Prof*  
Mr. William K. Boyd  
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Boyd:-

Since writing to you yesterday I have got in touch with Shippee and he states that, in his opinion, Mr. Herman Muelder, who is working under his direction on Jacksonian Democracy and the Churches, would be able to present a satisfactory paper on that subject if called upon.

Sincerely yours

B/P

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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Duke University  
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December 18, 1929

Mr. S. J. Buck  
Minnesota Historical Society  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Buck:

At the session on American Social History, Fox of Columbia is presenting a paper, the proof sheets of which are ready and I am asking that a set of these proofs be sent to you with the request of Randall, endorsed by myself, that you participate in the discussion. Randall will lead, but he wants you to flank for him.

Trusting that you can comply with this request to participate, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

WKB:MP

William K. Boyd

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December 23, 1929

Prof. William K. Boyd  
Department of History  
Duke University  
Durham, North Carolina

My dear Mr. Boyd:

I shall be glad to take part in the discussion of Fox's paper as requested in your note of December 18.

I am arranging for two meetings of small groups in Durham, one of the Clarence Walworth Alvord Memorial Commission of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association at 1:00 P.M. (luncheon) on December 30, and the other of the Conference of State Historical Agencies in the Upper Mississippi Valley at 8:00 A.M. (breakfast) on January 1. Both of these have been called for the Washington Duke Hotel, but I have not made any arrangement with the hotel. If suitable small private dining rooms are available we should be very glad to have them reserved for us. Otherwise we shall have to get along with a table in the main dining room. Probably I shouldn't have troubled you with this but if you think any advance arrangement is necessary, you can doubtless pass it on to someone else who will look after it.

I am looking forward with keen anticipation to my first visit to North Carolina.

Sincerely yours

B/H

SEP 8 1930

360 East 55th St.  
New York City

September 4, '30

Dear Mr. Buck:

By this time you should have received a signed copy of Westward which I asked Appleton's to forward. It is a very slight courtesy, as against the many you extended me last year.

Very sincerely,

Ednaugar Branch

Solon J. Buck  
Minnesota Historical Society  
St. Paul

September 15, 1930.

Dr. E. Douglas Branch  
360 East 55 St.,  
New York City

My dear Mr. Branch:-

In Mr. Buck's absence I want to acknowledge the receipt from Appleton's of a signed copy of your Westward. I am sure that he will be very glad to have the opportunity of reading this book. In the meantime Mr. Blegen has taken possession of the book for the time being. Both Mr. Buck and Mr. Blegen appreciate very much your thoughtfulness in sending this to

Sincerely yours

B/P

September 30, 1930

Dr. E. Douglas Branch  
360 East 55 St.,  
New York City

Dear Mr. Branch:-

Thank you very much for the copy of your Westward which I found here on my return from a trip to the West. I have had time as yet merely to glance through it, noting the maps and illustrations and reading the introductory material. It is certainly an attractive appearing book, and I am looking forward to reading it as soon as I get sufficiently caught up with my work to do some reading.

By the way, Krey of our department is in New York and will be there until about the twentieth of October. He is staying at the Woodstock Hotel and would probably appreciate it if you should get in touch with him. Somewhat unexpectedly I spent last Sunday in New York, but I did not have your address with me and had no means of locating you.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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340 East 184 Street,  
New York City.

February 4, 1932.

Dear Dr. Buck:

I happen to have seen yesterday for the first time (although it must have been printed some time ago) a circular about Westward in which you comment generously. Please accept my belated thanks. It may ease your conscience somewhat if I remark that most of the stupid little slips which mar the present printing of Westward will be gone from the second edition.

Yours very truly,

*Ed Branch*

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December 26, 1929

Mr. Luther A. Brewer  
The Torch Press  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

My dear Mr. Brewer:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of your book entitled Some Letters from My Leigh Hunt Portfolios. I am very much interested in this, not only for its contents, but also as an example of fine bookmaking. I am leaving now for the historical meeting in the East, but I shall examine the book with much interest at the first opportunity after my return.

Sincerely yours

B/H

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
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My dear Dr. Buck:

I am sending you under separate cover a copy of our course of study in Social Studies for grades 7 to 12 and also copies of new courses in Social Studies for grades 1 to 6. I am placing your name on the list to receive copies of the new junior high school bulletins as soon as they are ready for distribution.

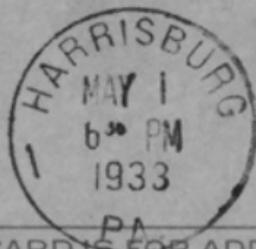
With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

*JFB*  
John F. Brouger  
Assistant Director  
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Educational Service Bureau  
516 Plymouth Bldg.,  
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Brown, Norman

April 3, 1929

Mr. Brown was a graduate student in history at the University of Minnesota last year and took work in my seminar in American history, doing good but not excellent work. At present he is working on a thesis for the M.A. degree, but his work has not progressed far enough for me to have any opinion as to its quality. As I have no further acquaintance with or knowledge about him, I am unable to answer your questions in detail. His personal appearance is good, and he has a rather attractive personality.

Professor of History  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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The J. D. Engle Teachers Agency  
619 Palace Building, Minneapolis

May 7, 1930

Norman Brown

Mr. Brown was in my seminar in American History year before last. I understood that he intended to be a candidate for the master's degree but he never finished his work. The work that he did in the seminar was not particularly distinguished, and he did not impress me as having the qualifications of a scholar. It is quite possible, however, that he might make a very good teacher. He has an agreeable personality, but my acquaintance with him is too limited to warrant any statement concerning his character.

Very truly yours

Professor of History  
University of Minnesota

THE ARMY AND NAVY CLUB  
WASHINGTON

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Nov 26, 1932.

My dear Doctor Buck:

At the Historical Section Army War College today I saw a little "Handbook of American Historical Societies" prepared by a Committee several years ago of which Committee you were a Member.

Can you advise me where I can get a copy?

I am doing historical research work in connection with Indian Campaigns and such a book would be very useful

With kindest regards

Sincerely yours  
M. C. Brown

November 28, 1932

General W. C. Brown,  
c/o Army and Navy Club,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear General Brown:

I think you can get a copy of the "Handbook of  
American Historical Societies" at the office of the American  
Historical Association, which is located at #40 B. Street,  
S. W., Washington, D. C.

I am glad to know that you are continuing your  
historical research work.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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June 13, 1931

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

It was a source of keen regret to learn of your resignation from the Historical Society and I shall miss the pleasant association with you. On the other hand, I think the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania and the University of Pittsburgh are to be congratulated upon obtaining your services and wish you the best of success in your new undertaking. I shall hope for the pleasure of seeing you before you leave.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very truly,

*Ralph Budd*

WATERFALLS  
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June 18, 1931

Mr. Ralph Budd, President  
Great Northern Railway Company  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Budd:-

Your kind letter of June 13 is deeply appreciated. I have enjoyed my work and my associations in Minnesota very much, and, despite the attractiveness of the offer from Pittsburgh, I found it very difficult to make up my mind to leave here.

Sincerely yours

B/P

Burchenal, Elizabeth, Chairman

International Commission on Folk Arts

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UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA  
Edmonton, Alberta  
Canada

*Prof. Burt*

Dept. of History

April 17, 1930.

Dear Dean Ford:

Replying to your kind offer to help find living quarters if I would tell you our needs, I hardly know what to say, except to thank you. I do not expect that we will turn up in Minneapolis until shortly before I have to report for duty. By the way, when is that? The date of our leaving Edmonton depends on when and how we sell our house. If we are lucky, we want to visit our families in Eastern Canada during the summer. Is it possible, and is it wise, to bespeak living quarters far in advance?

As for what we need, we have been spreading ourselves through nine rooms and over a quarter of an acre of garden, which, counting taxes, insurance and interest on investment, is costing us about \$70 a month, but I know that we must fit ourselves into something more modest in Minneapolis - though I have only the vaguest idea of what rents are there. We do not want an apartment because of our four children, and also because of them we need at least three bedrooms. I have always had my study in the house and would like to have it in Minneapolis if this would not be too expensive. I am writing Heaton for advice about what furniture I should move and what I should sell with a view to replacing in Minneapolis.

Speaking of money, my salary here runs until the end of August and I have memories of cheques coming twice a month in Minnesota. Does this mean that I will not receive anything for the first half of September?

Yours very sincerely,  
A.L. Burt

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A.L. Burst

4563 W 3<sup>rd</sup>

Vancouver B.C.

5 August 1931.

My dear Buck:

I enclose my cheque for \$30.00, the price which I agreed to pay you for the Chronicles of Canada series. I am terribly sorry that, in our scrambling rush away from Minnesota, I neglected paying you. Please forgive me and leave the books with Miss Eagles.

We had a good trip out, including a couple of days in Yellowstone park - a sort of reward to ourselves for getting ahead of our schedule. Here we are

all enjoying a great holiday, half in the  
sea and half in the shadow of the  
mountains and wholly out of the heat  
belt.

We send you best regards and wishes  
for your trip in Pittsburg.

Sincerely,

A. D. Bent.

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August 11, 1931

Professor A. L. Burt  
4563 W. 3rd  
Vancouver, British Columbia

Dear Burt:-

Thank you very much for the check for thirty dollars for the Chronicles of Canada Series. It reaches me just as I am leaving for about a week's vacation -- all that I will get this summer -- and it will come in very handy. I have not had need for it heretofore, however.

I left the books on your desk as you requested, and Blegen tells me that they are still there. If Miss Eayrs is around still so that he can get into the vault, he will put them in there; otherwise he will find some other safe place for them.

By the way, we have not sold our house, and will probably rent it for a year or two. If, at any time, you should be interested in buying it, let me know. I would be willing to sell on a contract, with a very small payment down, and monthly payments about equal to rent -- to a responsible person like you, of course.

Elizabeth joins me in sending best wishes to you and Mrs. Burt.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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October 19, 1931.

Professor A. L. Burt,  
History Department,  
University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Burt:-

Sometime ago I received a copy of your "Romance of the Prairie Provinces" and, while I have not had time to read it as yet, I want to thank you for sending it and to assure you that I shall read it at the first opportunity.

We are approaching, we hope, the last stages of getting settled in Pittsburgh but it will be a long time before the work of reorganizing the Historical Society and getting the Survey to running smoothly is completed. I have a seminar of ten graduate students working on the settlement of Western Pennsylvania.

Sincerely yours,

Solen J. Buck.

SJB:AM

December 10, 1931

Professor A. L. Bart,  
History Department, University of Minnesota,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Burt:-

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of  
your "A New Approach of the Problem of the Western Posts".  
I am very glad to have it and shall read it at the first  
opportunity.

I am looking forward to seeing you and the other  
members of the department in Minneapolis during the AHA  
meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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THE WHITE HISTORICAL LIBRARY  
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3 Feb. 1931.

Dear Dr. Puck,

I have indeed been slow about the Folwell letters. It seemed one of the things that could wait a little, and death has kept me so busy of late with things that could not that all my work is behind. But a beginning has been made of the search, and, since you now tell me that you need to examine the letters before March 1st, I shall push it through as fast as I can.

Already, however, I have a question to ask in return. In one of Dr. Folwell's earliest letters to President White

In fact his very first, "Aug. 2, 1869", written from his father-in-law's at Venice, Ohio, he encloses, clipped from some newspaper, but with many added corrections, an "address of Col. Folwell, Prof. of Natural Science [corrected to "Math. etc."], Kenyon College, Ohio, before the alumni of Hobart College, Geneva, July 14, 1869." This clipping, mounted on blank octavo pages for marginal correction, makes thus thirteen pages. Do you want it photographed? It is an exposition of his ideal of an American <sup>state</sup> university and of its differences from the small church college - such as Hobart. He had been asked, he tells President White "to go to Geneva 'to curse me Jacob and defy me Israel'" - "to 'pitch in' to Cornell and to defend the old Classical Course of Study"; but that was not the message he chose to give. The written corrections are many and important.

In his very next letter ("Aug. 30th, 1869"), asking for copies of President White's educational papers, he reports that he has been elected President of the University of Minnesota and expects to report for duty within a fortnight.

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But there are, in this White correspondence, three earlier letters of Dr. Folsell, addressed, not to Mr. White, but to the Rev. Wm. D. Wilson, who had been the teacher at Hobart of both White and Folsell but was now Registrar and Professor of Philosophy at Cornell and clearly was serving his old pupils as a go-between. The first (Oct. 17, 1867) replying to Dr. Wilson's "note of the 14th," says that he (Folsell) is "at liberty to consider" a Professorship in the Cornell University; that he "would not in the first instance choose" that of Civil Engineering, though he thinks he could do good work in it; and that he would like further information "before making any final decision." The second (Aug. 25, 1868) thanks Dr. Wilson for some "new evidence of his friendship" and says that he (Folsell) "wrote at once to Pres't White telling that the same 'family and business considerations' which obliged me to decline the Greek Professorship at Geneva would debar me from following my inclinations to any similar <sup>work</sup> which would require an immediate change of residence. "I therefore," he says, "could not name any time to meet Mr. White - but I proposed to him that if it was likely that the University could

employ me for a part of my time <sup>4</sup> in the Dept. of General Philology  
that he name a time and place for me to meet him." This letter to  
President White is not to be found. That in its place there is filed this letter  
to Dr. Wilson suggests that already it was somehow lost. The reason why Fol-  
well could not come was because he could not leave his aged father-in-law, who  
might soon need an administrator. The third letter to Dr. Wilson (Sept. 3,  
1868) was in support of the nomination to the chair of English Literature at  
Cornell of Thos. R. Lounsbury, Folwell's schoolmate and friend, soon to become  
his brother-in-law, whose long career in that chair at Yale had not yet begun.

The assistant in charge of our photostat is, I find, to-day out of  
town; but I have left word for her that I would like her to begin on  
this work at once on her return to-morrow.

Let me only add that my own acquaintance with President  
Folwell came through his brother, Dr. Painbridge Folwell, of Buffalo,  
who was the neighbor and family physician of my sister, Mrs. Becker.  
At her home I used to meet not only Dr. Painbridge Folwell and his family,  
but sometimes President Folwell or his daughter. So, too, I came to know  
Professor Lounsbury.

Most truly yours,  
George L. Burr.

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SOLDIERS FIELD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

June 19, 1930

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

Dear Sir:-

At various times during the past few years letters of explanation as to our activities, bulletins and descriptive booklets have been sent to you and the correspondence which has been exchanged indicate the evident interest which you have in our undertaking. This we greatly appreciate.

The Society has in four years' time achieved national recognition. Its acquisitions of business material cover a wide range of statistical, historical and economic information which many scholars, students and business men are quick to appreciate. The resources of the library are in constant demand.

A larger and more diversified membership permits of greater expansion and increased usefulness. Although your reply to our letter of invitation to join us as an affiliated member, to which rating you are entitled by reason of your occupation, was negative, it indicated the possibility of your association with us at a later date. I, therefore, take pleasure in renewing this invitation, and hope that it will receive your favorable consideration.

A registration card and the latest descriptive booklet are enclosed.

Your reply will oblige.

Yours very truly,

  
Frank C. Ayres,  
Executive Secretary.

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SOLDIERS FIELD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

April 28, 1931

Dr. Solon J. Buck, Chairman  
Minnesota Historical Society  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

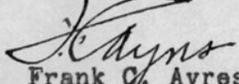
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We take pleasure in extending to you a cordial invitation to join our organization. The enclosed card of registration indicates the extremely moderate cost of membership, in exchange for which we offer our services of gratuitous research on all subjects relating to business and economic history, as well as free subscriptions to the Journal of Economic and Business History, published in collaboration with the Harvard Business School, under the supervision of Professor N. S. B. Gras, Department of History, and the Society Bulletin, a sample copy of which is sent under separate cover. Other publications on specific subjects which may be worthy of particular interest, are distributed from time to time.

Your interest and cooperation will be most welcome and we trust that the invitation herewith conveyed may received your favorable consideration. Your reply will oblige.

Yours very truly,

  
Frank C. Ayres,  
Executive Secretary

FCA/FAP

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THE Business Historical Society, incorporated under Massachusetts laws in 1925, is an organization of particular interest and value to all phases of business activity. Impressed by the wanton destruction of out-of-date business records and the necessity for saving them if present-day and future business development are to be served intelligently, the incorporators formed an organization especially dedicated to the preservation of historical business data. A contract executed with the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration provides permanent housing facilities for the collections of the Society in the new George F. Baker Library, as well as the services of the highly trained personnel necessary to make these data available for research. A solid foundation for a structure of exceptional scope is thus assured.

The Business Historical Society is searching for the records of early business activities in all parts of the world — the account books, letters, articles of partnership, indentures, journals and diaries of the men and business organizations who have laid the foundations for our present commercial system. The purpose of the Society, however, is not to obtain a monopoly of existing historical data, but to stimulate their collection and preservation wherever adequate housing and cataloguing facilities may be available and, failing these resources, to offer the services of the George F. Baker Library for the purpose. As a pioneer in the field of business research, the Society may be regarded as a clearing house of historical business information.

The collector's instinct has by no means been lacking in business families, but it has generally been directed toward every kind of curio except those things most characteristic of our history and most valuable from a utilitarian standpoint — the records and relics of everyday business life. With the growth of business education and the impetus furnished by this Society, the families of business leaders are developing an interest and pride in past achievements, resulting in the discovery of many of the records of early days.

This effort has attracted the interest and endorsement of leaders in the development of the various business interests of this country. As a result the Society has already secured thousands of bound volumes and hundreds of thousands of records, reports, pamphlets, statistical series, documents and the like, relating to a great variety of

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business enterprises. The permanent preservation of this mass of material will provide future generations of business men with a valuable legacy of information to guide them in the development of their business projects.

In the small space allotted to this Foreword, it is manifestly impossible to give more than a brief outline of some of the important collections of business literature to be found in the Baker Library. The following are given as an indication of the great diversity of business interests represented:

The notable library on Finance collected by the late Senator Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island, for many years Chairman of the United States Monetary Commission.

A miscellaneous but very valuable collection of fifty thousand books and twenty thousand pamphlets donated by Mr. Charles A. Moore, Jr., and Mr. Eugene M. Moore both of Yale University, as a memorial to their father, Mr. Charles A. Moore, founder and first President of Manning, Maxwell and Moore, Inc., of New York.

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While the advantages of this enterprise for future generations of business men are obvious, there is also a present-day value to the undertaking which

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is recognized by those of our members who have occasion to investigate any practical or theoretical subject connected with business. Many bibliographies have been compiled covering information not usually found in less specialized libraries. Distance does not impair the value of this service, since it is supplied by mail, telegraph or cable.

A member residing in California who recently took advantage of this service writes: "The list of references on the iron and steel industry you were good enough to prepare for me is one of the most comprehensive I have ever seen, and furnishes a bibliography on this important industry that will stand me in good stead." Another letter expressed appreciation as follows: "The compiling of the list of references on cotton and the cotton industry reflected very clearly what the Business Historical Society can render in the way of substantial service to its members."

These are but two of many instances of definite assistance. Business men, scholars and students have profited by the information to be gained through a study of the historical and current data already acquired. As examples of the varied character of these collections there may be mentioned the original and printed records relating to the following subjects:

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Included in the present resources of the Baker Library are upwards of 200,000 carefully selected bound volumes; pamphlet, statistical and like material aggregating more than a million items; and quantities of original correspondence, account books, documents and similar data relating to all manner of business undertakings.

The original letters, business documents, and similar data relating to the activities of many years ago have proved to be full of worthwhile information. Analyses of this material have developed many surprising situations which have emphasized and added a note of human interest to the arguments used in speeches and articles for publication.

The Society is self-supporting. It has financed itself from the date of its incorporation, but necessarily on a basis of extreme conservatism. More rapid expansion and, therefore, greater usefulness would result from a stronger financial structure and it is expected that this will be attained by a constantly mounting membership, which in three years' time has increased more than fourfold.

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The finances of the Society are carefully and conservatively administered. The upkeep and expansion are limited by an annual budget based upon the receipts from annual membership dues. The receipts from Admission Fees and Life Membership Fees constitute a "Reserve Fund" the income of which is available for the purchase of desirable historical material not otherwise obtainable. The operation of this "Fund" has already prevented the loss of several desirable collections.

The incorporation of the Society as an organization devoted to "scientific, literary and educational purposes" renders it exempt from taxation. All expenditures for its advancement, either as Life Membership Fees, Admission Fees, Annual Dues or contributions for specific purposes are therefore proper deductions from taxable income.

The Society is justly proud of its Membership since it includes nearly four hundred men of outstanding importance in the business and academic worlds. The residents of twenty-six states are included in this list, in addition to representatives residing in ten foreign countries.

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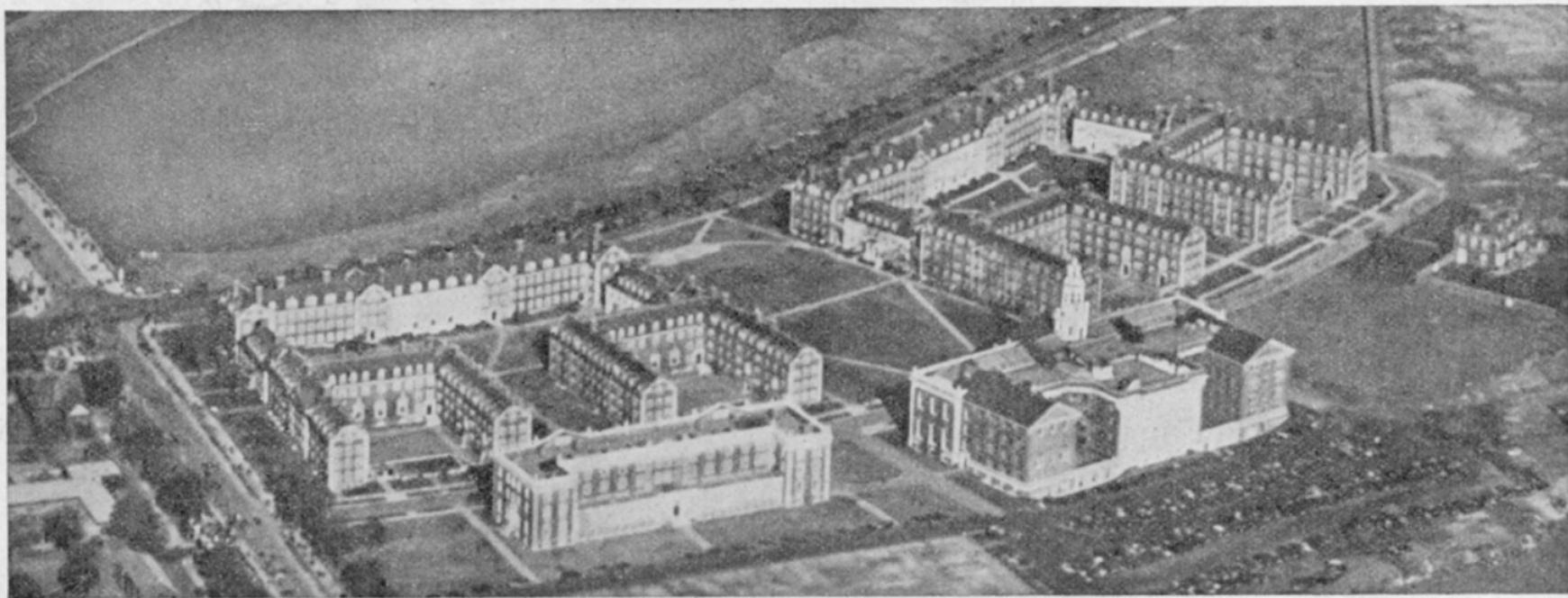
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