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May 9, 1917

To the members of the finance committee:

The finance committee is composed of the chairman of the executive committee as chairman, the president, the managing editor, and the secretary-treasurer.

The enclosed estimated budget was based upon the average amount expended under the various heads the past three years with the exception of the clerical work which is below the average. To overcome this it has been suggested that the secretary, who is now personally doing the clerical work, be allowed 50 per cent of the money realized from new members and sale of back volumes of the publications. A new member is one who has never been upon the membership list or who has not been enrolled for at least three years.

Do you approve the budget suggested?

Are you willing 50 per cent of money collected from new members (first year) and from the sale of publications should go to the secretary?

The finance committee have the power to transfer the items within the estimates according to their best judgment.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs.) C. S. Paine

Minutes of ex. com. show that "It was suggested by the finance committee that fifty per cent of the money collected from new membership dues and the sale of publications be additional allowance for clerical work." and the suggestion was approved.

1924, Sept. 29 C. W. A. to S. J. O. B.

"I think that the sooner the M. V. H. A. can start publishing collections of sources, the better... The Association can publish much material that would not be done by local state societies. If you think that you can find the ^{funds} necessary for such an undertaking, I say go to it. As you know my ambition has long been to start just such a series.

"Now as to the question of the collection of pamphlets. Here again my opinion has not changed. It would be most acceptable to historians of the American Revolution. No library contains all the pamphlets unless the John Carter Brown has completed its list. If one of the pamphlets there are only two copies... In many ways it is the best of the lot. I am the only historian who has used it.

1925, Apr. 30.

Rept. of Sec. "Committee on Special Publications,
Solon J. Brub, chairman. No report received."

1926, Apr. 6.

Rept. of Sec. "Committee on Special Publications,
continued, Solon J. Brub, chairman."

1927, March 22.

Rept. of Sec. No ref to Com. on Spec. Publ.

MAY 4 1928

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

(TRUSTEE OF THE STATE)

MADISON

JOSEPH SCHAFER
Superintendent

May 3, 1928.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

The enclosed letter to Mr. Ramsdell will show you what action was taken in response to your suggestions in a letter to me. I notified the Executive Committee that if they were to pass the resolution in favor of a Committee on Policy I would appoint you such a committee because you had ideas on the subject and we want them. There was very little opposition -- in fact, I think no opposition was recorded in the form of a vote. The idea was to give you a full opportunity to present your ideas at the next Executive Committee meeting where they can be fully discussed.

I was very sorry to learn that you and your family were having so bad a time with the flu, and I trust that you are all in good health once more.

With kind personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Schaffer

Superintendent.

S:M

C O P Y

May 3, 1928.

Prof. Charles W. Ramsdell,
University of Texas,
Austin, Texas.

My dear Mr. Ramsdell:

Everybody at the Des Moines meeting was delighted to think that you were to be the President of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association during the next year. I heard the heartiest expressions of satisfaction on all hands.

You may be interested in a few reflections which have come to me in the course of my incumbency. The most prominent of these is the impression I have obtained regarding the apparent contradiction between the sentimental and the material situation of the Association. There is no question about the popularity which the Association enjoys among workers in history all over this great region. And that popularity, the sentimental attachment of professors and teachers, is the guarantee of the institution's permanence so far as there is a guarantee.

On the other hand, it seems quite clear that the M. V. H. A. is living from hand to mouth, in a comparatively precarious way and so far there has been developed no definite line of policy for its permanent support. I was therefore in hearty accord with a suggestion made by Dr. Buck that a Committee of Policy ought to be appointed and in the Executive Committee meeting at Des Moines I brought the matter up, a vote was taken in favor of the appointment of such a committee, and I appointed Mr. Buck the Committee. It goes without saying that he will want to confer with you on the plans which he may have to present at the next meeting of the Executive Committee. Just what these plans may be cannot be forecast but I feel sure that Mr. Buck will work out some interesting suggestions and these will be before the Committee for discussion during your incumbency as President of the Association. A copy of this letter will go to Mr. Buck.

With best wishes for the success of the organization under your leadership, and with kind personal regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Superintendent.

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THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

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MADISON

JOSEPH SCHAFER
Superintendent

May 16, 1928.

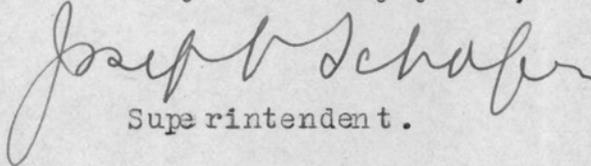
Mr. Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Buck:

Below I give you the names of the members of the Executive Committee, as that Committee now stands: C. W. Ramsdell, Mrs. C. S. Paine, Dr. Milo M. Quaife; ex presidents: Solon J. Buck, E. C. Barker, F. H. Hodder, James A. Woodburn, Otto L. Schmidt, Joseph L. Schafer; elected: Donald McMurry, E. M. Coulter, F. A. Shannon, Lester B. Shippee, A. O. Craven, Homer C. Hockett, Floyd Shoemaker, O. B. Clark, and James C. Malin.

I think that list of names ought to give you considerable encouragement and I hope you will feel disposed to go on with the committee assignment. Since the appointment of yourself on that Committee was announced at the meeting on Thursday, there seems to me no question about its validity as there might be if it had been made at the last meeting of the session. If you have not received notice from Mrs. Paine of your appointment I wish you would let me know.

Very sincerely yours,


Superintendent.

S:M

DEC 26 1928

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

(TRUSTEE OF THE STATE)

MADISON

JOSEPH SCHAFER
Superintendent

December 24, 1928

Dear Mr. Buck:

I was too late to obtain a reservation at the Claypool but have one at the Edward. I expect to reach there on the Big Four Friday morning and will be glad to join you at breakfast.

Cordially,

Joseph Schaffer

Some Thoughts on the Publications of the
Mississippi Valley Historical Association

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Both the Association and the Review are now established on a firm foundation and it would seem to be appropriate to give some thought to the future publishing activities of the Association. Several members have suggested that the Proceedings should be discontinued, and the writer is inclined to agree with them. It would seem that the report of the secretary-treasurer and minutes of business transacted might appropriately accompany the general account of the annual meeting which now appears regularly in the September issue of the Review. The only other material included in the Proceedings,

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Assuming that the Proceedings are to be ^{discontinued,} ~~suspended,~~ the next question which arises is, Ought the Association to undertake any publication in addition to the Review? Soon after the Association was established, a publication committee was created, of which Professor Alvord was chairman, and this committee made plans for ~~the publication of~~ a series of Collections to consist of documentary material. A contract was made with the Torch Press for publishing and copy for a volume, consisting of rare pamphlets relating to the west during the British period, was prepared and partly edited by Professor Alvord and others working under his direction. For some reason, this work was never completed, and when Mr. Alvord went to England he left it in the writer's care. A hasty examination of the work indicates that a person familiar with the field could complete the editorial work in a very short time and that it would be a very valuable contribution to western history.

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Any project for new publications involves at once, of course, a consideration of ways and means. The writer believes that there is a sufficient market for historical material of this sort in the United States at present to cover the cost of the printing. It would not be possible, of course, to furnish copies free of charge to members of the Association, but they might be allowed to purchase them at a reduction from the prices to non-members. There remains to be considered, however, the matter of providing for the cost of ~~the editorial work,~~ ^{retaining the copy for} ~~the printer,~~ ^{proof reading, etc.} It is believed that the various state historical societies would coöperate with the Association in securing and making available transcripts or photostats of the documents, and the services of competent editors could probably be secured without expense, provided they were not expected to do the routine, ~~mechanical~~ work of transcribing, verifying, ^{and} proof reading, ~~etc.~~ For the expense of this work, some provision would have to be made by the Association. It is suggested that, to start with, the money now used for the editorial work ^{on} ^{the} and printing of the Proceedings could be allotted to this new enterprise, and it is believed that additional funds could be raised from institutions and individuals interested in the project.

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If this general idea meets with the approval of the executive committee, it is suggested that steps be taken for putting it in operation. The first step would seem to be the designation of some one as editor-in-chief of the Collections with whom the present board of editors should act in an advisory capacity. He should have charge of the working out of plans and of the arrangements for publishing, but should select special editors for the various volumes in order to divide up the work and should take steps to enlist the coöperation of state societies and universities in the enterprise.

Respectfully *submitted.*

Solon J. Buck.

April 28, 1924

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Respectfully submitted

Solon J. Buck

April 26, 1924

ABSTRACT

The chairman then read "Some Thoughts on the Publications of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association" in which, after recommending the discontinuance of the Proceedings, he suggested that plans should be made for the publication of a series of Collections to consist of documentary material. He called attention to the fact that plans for such a series had originally been made some years ago by a publication committee, of which Professor Alvord was chairman, and that the preparation of copy for a volume consisting of rare pamphlets relating to the West during the British Period, had been nearly completed by Professor Alvord.

The publication of a series of volumes embodying all important source material for the history of the Mississippi Valley during the French Period was also suggested as a more comprehensive project.

It was believed that the cost of the printing could be covered by sales and that various state historical societies would co-operate in securing the material. A fund would be necessary, however, to provide for the cost of preparing copy for the printer and proof-reading, but it was suggested that a comprehensive plan of this sort would be an asset in a campaign for building up an endowment fund for the Association.

Rec., 1928

MEMORANDA OF CONFERENCE
OF THE COMMITTEE ON HISTORICAL CO-OPERATION
WITH
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Mr. Herbert A. Kellar, Chairman of The Committee on Historical Co--peration, reported that the Committee was making a survey of the location and general content of historical manuscript collections existing in the Mississippi Valley States. A questionnaire had been prepared and a large number had been distributed. As a result about one hundred depositories had been located and a more or less detailed idea of their content obtained. Some of the collections were of little value while a considerable number were of interest and importance. After studying the returns the Chairman had come to the conclusion that the questionnaire method alone was insufficient to secure the data required. Certain of the larger institutions replied that although favorable to the project they had collections of such size that they had neither the staff nor the time to make adequate answers to the inquiry. The Chairman thought this difficulty could be met by having a member of the Committee personally visit depositories where necessary and either make the survey himself or after instruction, delegate it to some one equipped to carry it out.

Up to the present time, the Committee had spent about two hundred and fifty dollars. Two hundred of this amount had been furnished by Mr. Kellar and fifty dollars by Dr. Otto L. Schmidt.

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The Chairman estimated that a hundred dollars more would complete all that could be accomplished by questionnaire.

A general discussion then ensued. In the course of this discussion, Mr. Woodburn said that he thought Mr. Kellar should be compensated by the Association for his expenditures, to which Mr. Kellar replied that while he appreciated the sentiment, he had not made them with that point in mind and had neither expected nor wished to be compensated. Mr. Buck suggested that the Committee be reconstructed under Mr. Kellar's direction and that a member be appointed from each state, thus making each individual responsible for the materials in his section. Mr. Woodburn offered a resolution that the Executive Committee allow Mr. Kellar three hundred dollars for further prosecution of the work. This was approved in principle, Mr. Quafe raising the point that there was a question whether the Executive Committee had a right to take such action. He thought more properly they should recommend it to the Finance Committee. Mr. Kellar then said that all he had expected of the Executive Committee at the present time was an expression of opinion as to the importance of the project and their approval of its continuation if they thought it worth while. The discussion ended with the passage of a resolution, put by Mr. Woodburn, stating that the Executive Committee approved the work of the Committee on Historical Co-operation and desired the continuation of the Survey until completed, at the same time recommending to the Finance Committee that the Association allow Mr. Kellar three hundred dollars for the further carrying on the Survey work.

Investment: Hada on April 1, \$1,826.31 in checking acct. + \$714.25 in savings acct., total \$2,440.56; also \$2,000 Liberty Bonds.

Should more be invested? Prov. for professional management of investments? Is there any official rule on subject? Finance committee? Shouldn't all life membership fees be invested?

Bodification of decisions re procedure etc. Make up of committees, when + by whom off't., handling of rept. of non. com. Should there be a standing com. on committees of ex. com.

Finance: Are we justified in using term guarantee fund? ~~Don't want it~~ Don't receipts treated as contributions? Can't we make guarantee over into "contributing members"? Can money be spent for anything except adm't. + Revenue?
 Membership: ~~is~~ means of increasing? Shouldn't we have a large membership com. with active chairman. Does fact that ~~we receive~~ a com. of 50% ^{is paid} in all non membership fees ~~is~~ prevent active work by others than the sec.?

Promotion of coop among hist. agencies. Assoc. started for Conf. of state hist agencies in upper miss valley indch. but usually meets at MVHA. meeting. More general Conf of directors of hist. agencies held here year ago. Voted to make it annual affair but not done. Couldn't such a conf. be made a subsidiary of assoc. of U. H. A.

Guide to or inventory of MSS material (non-archival) for M.V.H. Com on coop. (Kellon) has worked in this direction. Big job. Couldn't some money be spared for it.

Voted
 Dec 1928

Publishing: Should anything be attempted reaft
Review, +, if so, what sort? Monographs? documents?
Don't think a mass of inst. source material rel. to
valley as whole or large part of it, that will
prob. not be publ. by national or state agencies?
or, if by states, in fragmentary form? French
archives, British archives, Western diplomacy, Fur
trade, Home missionary work, Indian affairs.

Early plans, Edward Cham. com. Copy prepared for
vol of our plans. re West for Brit. fund. (S.J. B.
has.) +

Prog. for pub. of this + other "Collections" made
by S.J.B. at 1924 meeting. Proposed allotment
of small sum for edit. expense + sale of
publ. at price to cover cost. List of state
agencies in assembling material + of scholars
in editing to be enlisted. With work under
way done to be made for volume fund
to support it and other activities. No action
except to off. S.J.B. Cham. of spec. com. on
publ. No other off.; no rept. made + ac.
dropped com. from list in 1927

Project for Edward Percech + Publ. fund broached
to Pres. Schaffer + few others last spring.
Raise say \$10,000, use as revolving fund.
Approved by all but doubt as to possibility
of raising. Prospects good.

Prog. organization: Ex. com. elect B.W.A. Memorial
Com. of 9 to raise fund and control use.
Three to go out of office each year. In add. to
fund all contrib. of \$200 to be perpetual
associates, \$100 (libraries, inst., etc); \$100
life associates. Those to get publ. free.
So after subscribers who agree to by all
publ. not to exceed \$10 a year. Cf. Chaplain
Society. ^{Division to MVHA members.} Com. to select ext. general ed.
of B.W.A. Fund Publ. ^{of M.V.H.A.} + serve as advisory
board. Special editors to be selected of
sch. vols or sub-series. Fund to be used to
pay for clerical assistance, proof-reading, +
cost of printing + binding. Limited editing fund
to cover cost.

Receipts

Disbursements

	Dues & Publ.	Interest	Quantity	Total	Admin.	Publ.	Edit.	Total	Annual Balance	Total Balance
1923-24	3,564	79	850	4,493	1,526	2,420	763	4,729	-236	2,418
1924-25	4,021	129	1,150	5,300	1,802	3,077	262	5,141	158	2,342
1925-26	5,392	48	550	5,990	2,388	2,453	116	4,957	1033	3,378
1926-27	4,269	85	750	5,104	1,609	2,755	89	4,453	651	4,029
1927-28	3,958	97	700	4,755	1,466	2,840		4,306	449	4,483
Total.	21,204	438	4,000	25,642	8,791	12,545	1,250	23,586	2,055	
Average	4,241	88	800	5,128	1,758	2,709	250	4,717	411	

Secretary

	Annual Salary	Commis.	Total
1923-24	780	319	1,099
1924-25	780	447	1,227
1925-26	780	933	1,713
1926-27	795	362	1,157
1927-28	780	242	1,022
Total	3,915	2,903	6,218
Average	783	461	1,244

FEB 5 1929

Mississippi Valley Historical
Association

PRESIDENT
CHARLES W. RAMSDELL
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
AUSTIN, TEXAS

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

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Feb. 4, 1929

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

Dr. Ramsdell has asked me to notify you of your appointment as a member of the committee on policy. The other members are: Dr. Joseph Schafer, chairman, and Eugene C. Barker.

Mr. Malin has sent me the minutes of the meeting of the executive committee in Indianapolis with the notation that you were to send me report of your committee. I would be glad to have this at your earliest convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

Clara S. Paine
Secretary

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M V H A

February 13, 1929

Mrs. Clarence S. Paine
Station A
Lincoln, Nebraska

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

I am in receipt of your letter of February 4 notifying me of my appointment as a member of the committee on policy of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. I presented no formal report at the meeting of the executive committee in Indianapolis, but merely called attention to some of the matters that I thought ought to be considered by such a committee, and stated that I was unwilling to constitute the entire committee or even to remain the chairman of it.

Sincerely yours

B/P

February 22, 1929

Dr. Joseph Schafer
Wisconsin Historical Society
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Schafer:-

I am sorry to have been so slow in submitting my ideas with reference to the Committee on Policy of the M.V.H.A. It seems to me that there ought to be a thorough survey of the Association -- past, present, and future -- and a report should be prepared something similar to the report of the Committee on Policy of the A.H.A. that was prepared and published about fifteen years ago. Obviously it will not be possible to complete such a report before the annual meeting, but perhaps plans can be made and a tentative report presented, together with a request for some money for assistance in making the survey. The following are my ideas as to some of the things that should be gone into:

Codification of decisions concerning procedure, etc. A former chairman of the executive committee told me once that he found it very difficult to act intelligently because he did not know what was the practice of the Association in any given case. When matters came up, the secretary would state that the executive committee had voted so and so, but these decisions are scattered through the minutes, and, in many cases, no one but the secretary seems to know anything about them. For example, there have been a number of such decisions with reference to the make up of committees, when and by whom they should be appointed, etc. In view of the shortness of the term of the president, might it not be a good plan to have a standing committee on committees of the council as is the practice in the A.H.A.? Shouldn't the committee on nominations be appointed a year in advance, and should the practice of the executive committee of canvassing the report and sometimes amending it before it is presented to the society be continued?

Finances. For some years the treasurer's report has contained no reference to the fact that the Association has two thousand dollars in Liberty Bonds. Shouldn't this be brought out every year? In addition to this invested sum, it appears that on April 1, 1928, the Association had \$1,769.06 in checking account, and \$714.25 in savings account, a total of \$2,483.31. Shouldn't a part of this money be invested? Who is supposed to decide that question, and to select the investment? Might it not be well to make provision for professional management of the investments of the Association? Most organizations make a practice of setting aside life membership fees for investment, and it is generally recognized that that is the only sound practice. The M. V. H. A. appears never to have done

this, however. A part of the income of the society comes in in the shape of a "Guaranty Fund" for the Review. As a matter of fact, however, receipts from this source are treated just as are any others, and it is doubtful if we are justified in using the term "Guaranty Fund." Might it not be possible to make over the guarantors into "contributing members"? At present practically all the funds of the Association are used for administrative expenses and the publication of the Review. Does the financial situation justify the use of any money for other purposes, and, if not, cannot the income be increased? Should not the budget be discussed and acted upon each year by the executive committee, with the understanding, of course, that the finance committee might make minor adjustments in it?

Membership. What would be the best means of increasing the membership of the Association? Would it not be desirable to have a large membership committee, with an active chairman other than the secretary-treasurer? Does the fact that a commission of fifty per cent is paid on all new membership fees prevent active work by others than the secretary? In this connection and also bearing on the subject of procedure, it may be interesting to note the way in which this practice came into being. On May 9, 1917, the secretary wrote to the members of the finance committee as follows: "Are you willing fifty per cent of money collected from new members (first year) and from the sale of publications should go to the secretary?" The minutes of the executive committee show that "it was suggested by the finance committee that fifty per cent of the money collected from new membership dues and the sale of publications be additional allowance for clerical work," and that the suggestion was approved. It should be noted that this action might be interpreted to authorize the secretary to take fifty per cent of the life membership fees, although she has, I believe, never done so. Her income from commissions has averaged, however, \$421 a year for the last five years, and in 1925-6, it was \$933.

Promotion of cooperation among historical agencies. The principal objective of the founders of the M.H.A. was cooperation among existing agencies, but that seems to have been largely lost sight of, and such cooperation as has been achieved has been through the independent "Conference of State Historical Agencies in the Upper Mississippi Valley." This Conference usually meets in connection with the M.V.H.A. meeting, and, on one occasion a few years ago, it was expanded into a more general Conference of Directors of State Historical Agencies. At that time it was agreed that this general conference be made an annual affair, but this was not done. Would it not be worth while to have such a conference organized as a subsidiary of the M.V.H.A. and meeting regularly at the annual meeting?

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Expansion of activities. Attempts have been made from time to time to get the Association to do something besides holding an annual meeting and publishing the Review, but these have not been very successful, especially in recent years. If the Association could bring about the compilation of a guide to or inventory of non-archival manuscript material for Mississippi Valley history, it would be doing something distinctly worth while. Some years ago Mr. Kellar as chairman of a committee of the Association made a start in that direction but it is obvious that the job cannot be done without a more elaborate organization and more money than has been available. Might it not be possible to raise a special fund for this purpose, particularly if a detailed and logical plan of procedure were worked out in advance? Obviously the most important field for the extension of activities is that of publication, but, as a project in this field is now being worked out by the Alvord Memorial Commission, nothing further need be said about it here.

The financial exhibit for the last five years, enclosed herewith, brings out some interesting information. In the first place it appears that the income from dues and the sale of publications has been dropping for the last three years, and was \$1,400 less in 1927-28 than in 1925-26. The receipts have exceeded expenditures in every year since 1923-4, and the average annual balance for the five year period is \$411; which is about half the annual receipts for the Guaranty Fund.

This is doubtless a very scrappy communication, but it may serve to open up some of the problems. I am enclosing a carbon copy that you can send on to Barker if you so desire. I should like to have the letter considered as confidential, but I would have no objection to its being shown to Ramsdell, for, as president of the Association, it seems to me that he might be considered as ex-officio a member of the committee.

Sincerely yours

B/P

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT

Year	R e c e i p t s				D i s b u r s e m e n t s				Ann. Bal.
	Dues & publ.	Int.	Guar- anty	Total	Admin.	Publ.	Edit.	Tot.	
1923-24	\$3,564	\$ 79	\$ 850	\$4,493	\$1,526	\$2,420	\$ 783	\$4,729	\$ -236
1924-25	4,021	129	1,150	5,300	1,802	3,077	262	5,141	158
1925-26	5,392	48	550	5,990	2,388	2,453	116	4,957	1,033
1926-27	4,269	85	750	5,104	1,609	2,755	89	4,453	651
1927-28	3,958	97	700	4,755	1,466	2,840		4,306	449
Total	\$21,204	438	4,000	25,642	8,791	13,545	1,250	23,586	2,055
Average	4,241	88	800	5,128	1,758	2,709	250	4,717	411

S e c r e t a r y

	Clerical salary	Commissions	Total
1923-24	780	319	1,099
1924-25	780	447	1,227
1925-26	780	933	1,713
1926-27	795	362	1,157
1927-28	780	242	1,022
Total	3,915	2,303	6,218
Average	783	461	1,244

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL EXHIBIT

Year ¹	Receipts			Disbursements				Balance	
	Dues etc. ²	Guar-anty	Total	Admin-istra. ⁵	Publi-cations	Edit-orial ⁴	Total		% edit.
1907-08	\$ 80		\$ 80	\$ 77			\$ 77		\$ 03
1908-09	184		184	249			249		- 65
1909-10	566		566	218	\$ 213		431		135
1910-11	827		827	327	476		803		24
1911-12	1658		1658	811	835		1646		12
1912-13	1688		1688	972	746		1718		- 30
1913-14	1508	\$ 450	1958	1528	349	\$ 66	1943	3	15
1914-15	2062	1175	3237	943	2016	359	3318	11	- 81
1915-16	2589	2250	4839	1557	2794	279	4630	6	209
1916-17	2436	1925	4361	951	3135	282	4346	7	15
1917-18	2137	1425	3562	1062	1705	348	3115	11	447
1918-19	2473	1200	3673	980	1601	413	2994	14	679
1919-20	2404	1500	3904	1542	1685	369	3602	10	302
1920-21	3535	1050	4585	1740	2305	622	4667	13	- 82
1921-22	3359	1212	4571	1879	1797	758	4434	17	137
1922-23	3822	1394	5216	1698	2172	650	4520	14	696
Total	\$ 31,328	\$ 13,581	\$ 44,909	\$ 16,540	\$ 21,807	\$ 4,146	\$ 42,493	11⁶	\$ 2,416

1. The fiscal years have varied in length from eleven to thirteen months.
2. This heading covers, besides dues and contributions, receipts from advertising, the sale of publications, and miscellaneous items.
3. Under "Administration" is included the salary of the secretary and clerical assistants in her office; her commissions on new members and on the sale of publications; her traveling expenses; postage, express, etc.; office supplies; and miscellaneous printing.
4. This heading covers all expenses of the office of managing editor, including postage, stationery, and clerical work, as well as editorial assistance. It does not include the cost of promoting the Review, which was considerable in the early years when it was on a subscription basis.
5. Includes \$300 "Borrowed money repaid." As this sum is nowhere included among the receipts, it is assumed that someone was reimbursed for bills paid for the association. Whether these bills were for administrative or editorial expenses or for publications cannot be ascertained from the printed accounts, but the secretary thinks they were for publications.
6. This is the average for the years since the Review was started.

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PRESIDENT
CHARLES W. RAMSDELL
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
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Mississippi Valley Historical
Association

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

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

April 9, 1929

My dear Sir:

You are on the program at the meeting of this Association in Vincennes, Indiana, April 25-27. Will you please prepare a brief abstract of your paper for the convenience of Mr. Arthur H. Hirsch who is to write an account of the meeting for the Review. In addition will you also have ready such an abstract of your paper as you are willing should appear in the daily papers. Kindly have these abstracts ready to hand to Mr. Hirsch at Vincennes. Dr. Quaife will desire to have your completed paper after the meeting.

Doubtless you already know that twenty minutes is allowed for the reading of papers unless otherwise provided.

Very sincerely yours,

Clara S. Paine
Secretary.

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Dr. S. J. Buck,

St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Dr. Buck:

For your information as a member of the executive committee the enclosed preliminary report of the secretary-treasurer is sent to you. The detailed financial statement is being prepared by the accountants and will be submitted at the meeting in Vincennes.

Because of illness I was unable to attend the meeting in Indianapolis in December and the minutes of the meeting of the executive committee were recorded by Mr. J. C. Malin. His report is attached hereto.

There will be a meeting of the executive committee at four o'clock, April 25th in Vincennes as announced on the program.

Sincerely yours,

Clara S. Paine
Secretary

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MEMORANDA OF CONFERENCE
OF THE COMMITTEE ON HISTORICAL CO-OPERATION
WITH
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA,
DECEMBER 29, 1928

Mr. Herbert A. Kellar, Chairman of the Committee on Historical Co-operation, reported that the Committee was making a survey of the location and general content of historical manuscript collections existing in the Mississippi Valley States. A questionnaire had been prepared and a large number had been distributed. As a result about one hundred depositories had been located and a more or less detailed idea of their content obtained. Some of the collections were of little value while a considerable number were of interest and importance. After studying the returns the Chairman had come to the conclusion that the questionnaire method alone was insufficient to secure the data required. Certain of the larger institutions replied that although favorable to the project they had collections of such size that they had neither the staff nor the time to make adequate answers to the inquiry. The Chairman thought this difficulty could be met by having a member of the Committee personally visit depositories where necessary and either make the survey himself or after instruction, delegate it to some one equipped to carry it out.

Up to the present time, the Committee had spent about two hundred and fifty dollars. Two hundred of this amount had

been furnished by Mr. Kellar and fifty dollars by Dr. Otto L. Schmidt. The Chairman estimated that a hundred dollars more would complete all that could be accomplished by questionnaire.

A general discussion then ensued. In the course of this discussion, Mr. Woodburn said that he thought Mr. Kellar should be compensated by the Association for his expenditures, to which Mr. Kellar replied that while he appreciated the sentiment, he had not made them with that point in mind and had neither expected nor wished to be compensated. Mr. Buck suggested that the Committee be reconstructed under Mr. Kellar's direction and that a member be appointed from each state, thus making each individual responsible for the materials in his section. Mr. Woodburn offered a resolution, that the Executive Committee allow Mr. Kellar three hundred dollars for further prosecution of the work. This was approved in principle, Mr. Quaife raising the point that there was a question whether the Executive Committee had a right to take such action. He thought more properly they should recommend it to the Finance Committee. Mr. Kellar then said that all he had expected of the Executive Committee at the present time was an expression of opinion as to the importance of the project and their approval of its continuation if they thought it worth while. The discussion ended with the passing of a resolution, offered by Mr. Buck, stating that the Executive Committee approved the work of the Committee on Historical Cooperation, desired the continuation of the Survey until completed, and recommended to the Finance Committee if practical that the Association make an appropriation to Mr. Kellar for the further carrying on of the Survey work.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION 29 December
1928 at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. James A. Woodburn at 9:30 A.M. Members present: Ramsdell, Quaife, Craven, Buck, Schafer, Hodder, Shannon, Malin. Kellar present to report from his committee and at end of session Coleman joined the committee to report from his committee.

Date of meeting in Vincennes Indiana; Moved by Malin, seconded by Shannon, date be fixed at 25-27 April 1929.

Motion carried.

Mr. Kellar reported from the committee on historical co-operation. The work had been carried forward, but had not been completed. No provision had been made for meeting the costs of the committees work. He asked to be relieved of chairmanship.

The report was approved and the work continued under Mr. Kellar.

Mr. Buck moved that the executive committee recommend to the finance committee that a reasonable sum be included in the budget for the ensuing year to cover the expense of the committee.

Motion carried.

Mr. Schafer reported that no progress had been made regarding the airplane survey. The war department continued the attitude that it was a matter for commercial enterprise and not for government action.

In the absence of Mr. Coleman, Mr. Buck reported informally on the status of the bill for printing the territorial papers. It passed the senate during the last session and had been placed on the consent calendar of the house for action during the short session of 1928-29. The order of business in the house places this piece of business toward the end of the calendar and it cannot be acted upon until late in the session.

Mr. Buck included a statement on the question of the archives building and the problem of its administration. He moved that the President of the Association appoint a committee to investigate the question and to cooperate with the American Historical Association committee on archives.

Carried.

George Rogers Clark monument. Mr. Cole not present, and Mr. Coleman made a statement on the subject. The bill in congress provided only a part of the cost of the project. The remainder would have to be made up from the states interested in the memorial. The Indiana state celebration was scheduled for 25 February 1929. It was suggested that a member of the executive committee be designated to attend the above celebration.

Report Committee on policy. Mr. Buck made a report which included the following subjects. (He is to furnish a digest of his report for record).

C. W. Alvord Memorial Fund: a revolving fund for publication, continuing the project begun by Mr. Alvord for publication of sources.

The checking account.

Setting aside of life membership dues for investment.

Investment question.

Committee on committees as sub-committee of the executive committee.

Membership committee.

Codification of rules of order for the executive committee.

Following the report Mr. Buck moved, and Mr. Schafer seconded the motion, that two committees be appointed by the president of the association.

1. A committee on policy, to consist of three members.
2. A committee on the C. W. Alvord Memorial Fund, to consist of nine members, for the purpose of securing subscriptions for the fund, and for the purpose of formulating plans for the organization of project. This committee to be instructed to report in April 1929.

Motion carried.

Mr. Quaife suggested that the new publication program should be coordinated with the existing publication program. The suggestion was agreed to informally.

Adjourned.

J. C. Malin,
Acting Secretary.

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer of

THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

For the Year From April 1, 1928 to March 31, 1929

The Association has reason to be proud this year for its part in the work of securing the passage of the bill providing for the printing of the official papers of territories from which states have been formed. The bill recently passed by Congress was urged by the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, the American Historical Association, and the historical societies in the thirty or more states whose papers are involved. The Association is indebted to Dr. C. B. Coleman, chairman, and the members of his committee for their excellent work, and also to Dr. Newton D. Mereness for his constant effort in Washington the past two years that the bill has been pending.

The Mid Year Meeting was held in Indianapolis, December 28th in connection with the annual meeting of the American Historical Association. Miss Esther McNitt was appointed to arrange the program. Charles W. Ramsdell, president, called the session to order at 10:00 A.M. Three papers were read, Oliver Pollock, Financier of the Revolution in the West by James A. James of Northwestern University; Indiana's Part in the nomination of Lincoln in 1860 by Charles Roll of the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute; James H. Lane by W. H. Stephenson, Louisiana State University.

The annual dinner was well attended and entertainment was furnished by Mrs. Carl H. Lieber of Indianapolis who gave a reading entitled "Heaven on Earth or the New Lights of Harmony by Peter Puffem, Philadelphia, 1825" The reading was preceded by an historical prologue by Dr. John W. Oliver.

George Rogers Clark - Having received invitations from the George Rogers Clark Memorial Commission, the Indiana Historical Commission, the University of Vincennes and the Vincennes Historical Society, the executive committee voted to hold the twenty-second annual meeting in Vincennes, April 25-27, to further the 150th anniversary celebration honoring George Rogers Clark. Dr. Arthur C. Cole, chairman of the committee, recommended that a session be devoted to a Clark program.

The Program Committee for the twenty-second annual meeting was appointed by the president as follows: Chairman, Fred A. Shannon, Manhattan, Kas., Louis M. Sears, Ralph S. Cotterill, Ralph Paul Bieber and Louise Phelps Kellogg. The work of the committee was completed in good season and the programs have been printed and mailed to all members.

Local Committee on Arrangements. Walter A. Davis, president of Vincennes University, was appointed chairman of the local committee, to be assisted by W. C. Mason, president of the Vincennes Historical Society, Miss Arleigh A. Bunting, Mrs. C. B. O'Donnell, Mrs. J. B. E. LaPlante, Miss Myra Sanders, Miss Anna O'Flynn, H. T. Watts, R. I. Hamilton, and P. J. Burns.

Nominating Committee. Dr. Harlow Lindley, chairman, Fremont, Ohio, Arthur P. Whitaker, and Miss Margaret Norton were appointed to serve as the committee on nominations.

Cooperation in Historical Work. Mr. Herbert Kellar, chairman of this committee furnished a report at the mid-year meeting of the executive committee in December and the report is attached hereto.

THE REVIEW continues to grow in favor, and many letters have been received expressing appreciation of the REVIEW and of the new cover adopted with the June number.

Finances. All bills are paid to March 31, 1929, including the cost of printing the March Review, and there remains in the checking account a little more than \$2300. \$2,000 in Liberty bonds, representing the permanent fund invested from life membership dues, are held by the Commerce Trust Company of Lincoln for safe keeping. In the Savings Department of the National Bank of Commerce is a balance of \$823 representing the accumulation of interest and recent life membership dues. Detailed financial statement is being prepared by accountants and will be submitted at Vincennes.

Clarence Walworth Alvord Memorial Commission. The president has appointed the following persons to serve upon this commission: Solon J. Buck, St. Paul, Minn., Chairman, Dr. Otto L. Schmidt, Prof. Arthur C. Cole, Archer B. Hulbert, Prof. E. E. Dale, Prof. Archibald Henderson, Theodore C. Pease, Benjamin F. Shambaugh, and Dr. Louise P. Kellogg.

Committee on Policy. Joseph Schafer, chairman, Solon J. Buck, and Eugene C. Barker have been appointed to serve upon this committee.

Membership. A continued effort has been made the past year to increase the membership and 85 have been enrolled. Four deaths have been reported, Henry Clay Pierce of New York, Thomas F. Moran of Indiana, Mrs. Robert J. Kilpatrick of Nebraska, and Henry E. Chambers of New Orleans. 43 have dropped from the list from death, cancellation and non-payment of dues, leaving a net gain of 42.

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Invitations are on file from several cities for the annual meeting in 1930 aside from those presented last year. Representatives of the University of Chattanooga have issued a most urgent invitation for next year, also Memphis, Chicago, Omaha and St. Louis.

Respectfully submitted,

Class S. Paul
Secretary-Treasurer.

Apr 1929

Report of the Committee on Policy, M.V.H.A.

To the Executive Committee:

Your committee believes that there are six subjects which ought to engage the special interest of the Association when considering policies to be carried out either at once or in the near future. They are, in the order of urgency, the more rapid development of our membership roll; the promotion of the invested fund; expansion of publication activities; promotion of cooperation among historical agencies; the clarification of procedure; the fixing of a future headquarters for the Association.

The most urgent of these suggested problems is to enlarge the membership which, to a great extent, will incidentally solve the financial problem also. Historically the membership roll has passed through five distinct phases, due to the conditions which the Association has attached to membership. At the date of beginning the organization its founder and secretary, Clarence S. Pain, began enrolling members at the then fee of \$1 per year. On that basis he ran up the list to about 1000. This figure was reached by 1913. Then the Magazine was started at the subscription price of \$2 per year, members as well as others paying that price. The subscriptions to the magazine in 1914 numbered only 270, so that probably not more than about a fourth of the enrolled members were subscribers at that time. For the publication of the magazine a guaranty fund was raised, which initially amounted to \$2075.

In 1918 an important change was effected. Active members now were required to pay \$3, library members \$4, sustaining members (as before) \$5, and life members (as before) \$50. All members were supplied with the magazine free. Apparently it was not so easy to

run up the membership on the new basis to the old figure for as late as the annual meeting in 1922 the report showed a grand total of only 838 the last published report, that for 1923, showing no increase. The analysis in 1922 was as follows: Active annual members, 449, library, 269, sustaining, 53, and life, 42. During that year, which was a good one, 122 new members were added while 50 old memberships lapsed, leaving a net gain of 62. At the present time the membership stands as follows: Active annual, ., library, ., sustaining, life, . The life membership fee was raised to \$100 in 1919, and after a trial period during which the annual members were asked to voluntarily add \$2 to the fee of \$3, the fee itself was in 192 fixed at \$5. That brings us to the existing situation.

If the Association had 2000 members paying into the treasury \$5 per year, the annual income from that source would be 10000 dols and if it had 200 life members at \$100 each it should have an invested fund of \$20,000 which would yield an additional \$1000. The total then, without the guaranty fund over which some of the guarantors are becoming noticeably restive, would be \$10,000 as against our present total (average for the past five years) of \$5128. Obviously, that would solve the problem of money for carrying on existing activities, for expanding the publication program, for promoting cooperation. In 1932 the Association will have reached the mature age of twenty five years. Your committee believe that a determination should be made now to reach the 2000 annual membership mark and the 200 life membership mark before the date of the annual meeting in 1932. How can this be done?

Speaking of the work of recruiting members at the meeting in 1913, Clarence Paine said: If we could have the active assistance of one or two good men in each state the results would be

far reaching";and he instanced the remarkable work of Professor Libby in North Dakota. Mrs. Paine, in 1921, suggested that, if the membership would do their full duty, it should be possible to secure 200 life members and thus give the Assn. an invested fund of \$20000. The condition of our membership roll indicates that for some reason the Association has not bestirred itself as actively or as effectively as had been hoped.

The M*V*H*A* in its appeal for support, is competitively opposed by the A*H*A* on the one hand, and by the State historical societies on the other. The latter being now very active, hardly any qualified person can escape an invitation to join his own state society. If he cares to join a more general society the A*H*A. as a national organization has an advantage in the competition for his favor, costs in the two cases being identical. It follows that that the method of building up by natural accretion, a gratified member recommending his friend - on which the A.H.A. has relied, - is unsuitable for the M.V.H.A., which, on the contrary, must if it succeeds engage in a definite and systematic canvass.

The experience of the state societies has shown that the best way to proceed is to circularize definite groups which seem to offer the largest percentage of prospects. College and university professors as a class (not merely the history teachers) is one such group; the lawyers, as listed in the bar association index, is another; the physicians another; the bankers another. The canvass should be by printed slip and in each case the name of an influential "nominator" should appear on the invitation.

It does not pay to send out such blanks hit or miss or with merely an official nomination.

It is to be assumed that college faculties have been repeatedly canvassed. But if this has not been done recently, it should be done again. In carrying it out, the secretary or the committee having it in charge should first find the most influential present member of the association who is a member of the given faculty and have him authorize the use of his name as nominator with the balance of the faculty.

The next group in order is the lawyers. If some very prominent member of the profession in a given state who is a member or will become one, can be induced to authorize the use of his name in circularizing the entire state list results can be expected. He should, if possible, be a leading judge of the state supreme court. The Wisconsin society used that method last year with surprising success. The same principle should be carried out throughout the canvass.

This work will cost money. There will be required a large printing of each circular used, clerical aid in sending them out, and postage for carrying them. It would obviously be unfair to ask the secretary to do it on the understanding which has been operative for a number of years namely, that she take her compensation in a commission of fifty percent of the first years fees in case of annual members. We recommend, as a more just and business like way, that there be set aside initially, for clerical assistance to the secretart, \$500 and that when this sum has been expended the finance committee, on a showing of results secured and of further needs, shall be empowered to authorize the use of a fur-

ther fixed sum.

The work of building up the membership being so fundamental to the success of the Association, the Executive Committee, through a special committee of that body, should be in continuous touch with it. Such a committee could give valuable advice in preparing the necessary circulars, in selecting the nominators for given groups, in making up a large committee of representatives of the several states to push the work of securing life members. We recommend that a committee of three be appointed to cooperate with the secretary in planning and carrying out the membership drive.

Your committee believe that, since another committee is at work trying to raise an endowment fund as a memorial to Clarence Walworth Alvord, no steps looking to an endowment should be proposed at this time by this committee- aside from the enlargement of the life membership list; and the recommendation that all life membership fees, and the \$2000 in liberty bonds now held by the Association, should be permanently invested and never used for current expenses except in an emergency and at the instance of the finance which in that case should be required to give its authorization in writing.

Your committee recommends that the work which Mr. Kellar has so generously carried on, looking to the preparation of lists of manuscripts in private hands, be encouraged by means of a subvention similar to that which was authorized last year.

Your committee recommends that the fullest cooperation

be given by the Executive Committee and by the Assn. to the committee having in charge the task of raising the Alvord Memorial Publication fund.

Your committee believes that, in view of the age already attained by the Association, it is not too early to begin considering whether or not it shall have a future headquarters, analogous to the familiar IHO Woodward Building headquarters of the A.E.A. As a tentative suggestion, we believe it would be advisable for the Executive Committee to refer to the membership the questions shall the AM.V.H.A. look forward to having such a headquarters, and where it ought to be located.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Joseph Scherer, chm

Committee on Policy

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

(TRUSTEE OF THE STATE)

MADISON

JOSEPH SCHAFER
Superintendent

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April 25, 1929.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,
Registration Headquarters, M.V.H.A.,
Elks Home,
Vincennes, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Buck:

The copies of the Report of the Committee on Policy which I sent down by Miss Kellogg were in such bad condition, due to my state of mind while pounding the Report out on the typewriter yesterday, that neither one will do for the record. If, therefore, you and Barker and the President agree to the recommendations indicated, please turn in for the record the copy that is herewith enclosed. I am attaching my name to this as I did to one of the copies sent on by Miss Kellogg. That of course does not mean that I agree to the Report just as it stands and not otherwise; for I am quite ready to accept any alterations which the rest of you see fit to insert.

I am very sorry to have missed the meeting, but I was in such a state yesterday afternoon that I felt sure the trip would bring on an illness which I could in no way afford. By staying quietly at home I am going to avoid any evil consequences from the slight cold that had already developed.

Very sincerely yours,

Joseph Schaffer
Superintendent.

S.M.
Encl.

I feel I omitted to say anything in the report on your point one. My idea is, that if the Executive Com. could be induced to resolve that no 'customary' procedure should be allowed to constitute a precedent and that the Court & by laws alone should control, it might suffice for the present. If changes are needed, let them be amended.
J.S.

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MANAGING EDITOR
M. M. QUAIFFÉ

May 2, 1929

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

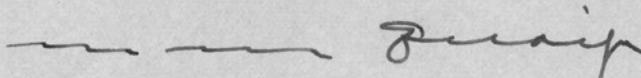
In the course of the discussion at Vincennes, Mr. Shannon inquired concerning the financial value of the contribution of the Detroit Public Library (apart from the managing editor's service) to the editing of the REVIEW, and you replied that it amounted to \$500 yearly (I do not pretend to quote, of course; I am merely stating the conversation as I understood it). I presume you will agree with me that if any statement on the subject is to be made to the executive committee, it ought to rest upon some proper authority. In the present matter it would seem reasonably clear that that authority must be myself, since I have immediate charge of the work in question. Excluding the contribution of myself and other members of the editorial board, the editing of the REVIEW is performed by Miss Rau and Miss Bernitt. Since no record is kept of the division of labor as between the REVIEW and their other duties, no precise statement of the former can be made. Since returning from Vincennes, however, I have asked each of them to think over the matter and give me their estimate of

the portion of their entire working time which they devote to the REVIEW. Miss Bernitt's answer is "more than half, nearly two-thirds;" Miss Rau's estimate is "more than one-half." Miss Bernitt receives \$1740 yearly, and Miss Rau, \$2400. Assuming the minimum estimate (one-half) in each case, we have an annual contribution in salary alone of \$2070; additional to this is the matter of office space and supplies, which of course cost something.

The fact then is that apart from my own work the Library is making an annual contribution of at least \$2000 to the publication of the REVIEW. In all the history of the Association it has managed to save about \$3000 (precise figure not at hand), most of this, I believe, in the last five years since the REVIEW was edited at Detroit. The surplus of \$1000 reported this past year is the largest we have ever had, and the figures I have cited seem amply to support the suggestion (made also by Mr. Shannon, if I remember rightly) that whatever we are saving is in effect the contribution of Mr. Burton. I think they support, also, the statement I made at Indianapolis, to which you took exception, to the effect that the Association has never paid its way, and is not doing so now.

I am taking the liberty of sending copies of this note to the other members of the committee present at the Vincennes session, for their information in the premises.

Sincerely yours,



M.M. Quaife

Q/MB

May 6, 1929

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

Dear Mr. Schafer:

Miss Kellogg has doubtless reported to you at some length about the M.V.H.A. meeting. Having the Alvord memorial project on my hands and not wanting to seem to be running everything, I asked Miss Kellogg to present your report to the executive committee and she did so. It was very unfortunate that you were not present to explain and defend the report. Mrs. Paine was evidently deeply offended by the reference to her commission and also by the suggestion about permanent headquarters; and her bodyguard, composed of Shannon, Malin, and Quaife, rallied to her support, mostly by attacking your suggestion for a membership campaign. Mrs. Paine remarked that I took advantage of her absence at Indianapolis to attack the commission arrangements, and implied that very few members would have known anything about it if I had kept still. I stated my position definitely on the matter of commissions but did not go into the matter of headquarters, as I was not sure just what you meant to propose. Mrs. Paine asserted that everything you suggested with reference to membership had been tried by her over and over again. In view of the fact that Barker was not at the meeting and had not seen the report, and also of the fact that I had not had an opportunity to talk it over with you, it seemed best to me not to push it at that time. Consequently the report was received and the matters referred back to the committee for further consideration.

As I am no longer a member of the executive committee I have a good excuse for retiring from the committee on policy, and I believe that from several points of view it would be advisable for me to do so. I feel sure that Hockett will be glad to appoint in my place anyone whom you may suggest. I should be inclined to suggest Hodder but you might prefer someone else-- perhaps Shambaugh or Libby, although they are not members of the executive committee at present. I should be very glad to render to the committee on policy any assistance in my power, but I feel sure that its report will be less likely to provoke personal antagonism if my name is not connected with it. It seems to me that the best procedure would be to try to have a meeting of the committee at the A.H.A. meeting in December to discuss the report and such additions to it as you might make in the meantime. The final report could then be gotten in

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shape for the spring meeting, and perhaps copies of it sent to all members of the Council in advance of the meeting.

It seems to me that the Association is gradually developing a well-rounded policy in the matter of activities, or rather, I should say, it is on the verge of such a development, and this might well be outlined in the report of the committee on policy. The Executive Committee at Vincennes made provision for an historical manuscript commission, with Kellar as chairman, to assemble and publish lists, inventories, or catalogues for source material for Mississippi Valley history in manuscript form. This ought to be supplemented, it seems to me, by a committee on bibliography to promote the location and compilation of lists of newspapers, pamphlets, and other printed material. Cox of Northwestern is interested in a project of this sort and would be ideal for chairman of such a committee.

The Alvord Commission will provide for the publication of source material; the Review will take care of articles, reviews, etc., and the annual meeting, including the history teachers' section and the conference of state historical agencies, will round out the activities of the Association.

The revised copy of the report that you sent to me did not reach me until the other copy had been turned over to Mrs. Paine. I am returning it to you herewith, therefore, and also the copies of my correspondence that I barely saved from passing into the hands of Mrs. Paine. Had she read my letter of February 23, she would, undoubtedly, have been even more excited. One of the things that I suggested, by the way, has gone through. The finance committee was directed to invest an additional two thousand dollars. Mrs. Paine's report also made note of the present invested funds and indicated that a sum equivalent to all life memberships received heretofore had been set aside in the savings account.

The real ~~shock~~^{struggle} came when the Executive Committee considered the report of the Alvord Commission. Apparently Shannon had been ~~urged~~^{urged} to start the attack. He raised a number of questions and then asked Quaife how he felt about it. Quaife then said flatly that he was opposed to the entire project, giving as his reason the belief that it would injure the Review and might lead to the withdrawal of the support of the Detroit Public Library. He took the position that the officials of the Library might feel that, if the association had funds enough to embark in another publishing enterprise, they should no longer be expected to contribute so liberally to the Review. The battle raged for about two hours and I cannot attempt to recapitulate the arguments. I stated, however, that if the M.V.H.A. did not want to sponsor the project it would be put through independently. In the course of the discussion I was charged with having exceeded the authority granted to the Commission at Indianapolis.

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Shannon and Malin asserting that we were simply to formulate plans and report to the executive committee. I claimed that we were authorized to go ahead and get subscriptions. The point was passed over at the time but later I found that the minutes of the December meeting, as reported by Malin and sent out by Mrs. Paine, state that the Commission was to be appointed "For the purpose of securing subscriptions for the fund, and for the purpose of formulating plans for the organization of the project."

To make a long story short a motion was finally carried authorizing the committee to go ahead and collect the fund and to administer it, the association to sponsor the project without assuming financial responsibility, and to elect the members of the commission in groups of three for three years each -- that is, the election to be by the executive committee. Hockett, Coulter, Shippee, and I voted for the motion. Mrs. Paine and Shannon voted against it. Malin and Quaife did not vote. Ramsdell was presiding. I feared that the attack might be renewed at the meeting of the association so I got hold of Shambaugh and various other meeting members and explained the situation fully to them. Shambaugh had a long talk with Quaife, which may have mollified him somewhat. At any rate the thing went through the business meeting without opposition and the committee on resolutions, composed of Connelley and Cox, included a resolution heartily indorsing the project.

The important thing now is to get the funds ready, and if we fall down on that the joke will be on us. I am sorry to have inflicted so long a letter on you, but I think you may be interested in it. If you go through the Twin Cities on the way to the coast and have any time here, let me know. I should like to have an opportunity to talk with you.

Sincerely yours

B/P

*Dear
T. P. [unclear]*

May 10, 1929

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

Dear Dr. Quaife:-

I am strongly averse to engaging in any controversy with you, but, as you have seen fit to make a record of your interpretation of my statement with reference to editorial expenses, it seems to be necessary for me to explain what I really meant. I certainly had no idea of estimating the amount that it is costing the Detroit Public Library to edit the Review. What I had reference to is the difference between the cost to the Association of the editing of the Review under the present arrangement and under previous arrangements; and an examination of the treasurer's reports shows that my estimate was approximately correct.

I am sure that the members of the Association appreciate the services and contributions of yourself and the Detroit Public Library in connection with the editing of the Review. Most of them also appreciate the fact, I think, that similar services and similar contributions, although the latter were less extensive in amounts, were received from previous editors and from the institutions with which they were connected.

If your statement "that the Association has never paid its way" means that the money received from dues and sale of publications has never been sufficient to meet the expenses of the Association, I fully agree with it. It seems to me, however, that that is a normal and proper situation for a learned society, and I know of no such societies of distinction that do pay their way in that sense. To my mind, the contributions received from the "guarantors" and others, and services rendered free of charge by officers, committee members, and others, are part of the assets of the Association; and, counting them as such, the Association is paying its own way whenever it has a balance on the books.

While we are in the business of correcting the record, I want to point out that the statement made at the meeting of the committee (not by you, I believe) that the Alvord Commission in starting the campaign for subscriptions had exceeded the authority given to it at Indianapolis is not borne out by the minutes of the Indianapolis meeting as written by Mr. Malin and sent out by Mrs. Paine. They show that the commission was established

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"for the purpose of securing subscriptions for the fund, and for the purpose of formulating plans for the organization of project."

Since you sent copies of your letter to the members of the Committee who were present at Vincennes, I am sending copies of this letter also to them.

Sincerely yours

B/P

Copies of letter to Dwight to go to

Prof. Charles W. Ramsdell
U. of Texas, Austin

Prof. E. M. Coulter,
U. of Georgia, Athens

Prof. Homer C. Hockett,
Ohio State U., Columbus

Prof. James C. Malin
U. of Kansas, Lawrence

Prof. Fred Shannon
Kan. Agric. College
Manhattan

Stuffer

Mrs. Blanche S. Paine

Add to Dwight's letter.

~~Since~~
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KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
MANHATTAN, KANSAS

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT

May 14, 1929

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

Dear Professor Buck:

Since my name has been dragged into a discussion that I would just as soon see the end of, I might as well state my own position once for all. I did ask questions carrying implications such as those mentioned by Dr. Quaife. That is, his interpretation contained the sense of what I had to say. I realize that this is largely a matter of personal interest mainly between yourself and Dr. Quaife. I have the feeling also, shared by many others, that the Minnesota people would just as soon have the Review edited by another person, not to say a man of their own choosing, and that the same group would prefer to have another secretary. On the other hand I surmise that the present editor and secretary would be only too glad if Minnesota could be moved by the grace of God to another river system (possibly the Styx). Thus the matter simmers down to the case of Quaife and Paine vs. Buck et al.

At present the latter named persons are in the ascendant. Since things have been decided I am content to see them remain settled. I do not believe that Mr. Burton will withdraw his support from the Review unless the matter is made a direct issue before him. This I hope will not be done. At the same time I am expecting that you will assume the editorship of the series in honor of Alvord. I hope you will make a striking success of it. All the same I voted against the proposition in the committee meeting. As you know, my interpretation of the authority of the Alvord committee differed from your own. I did not look into the minutes as you did so as to discover the exact wording of the motion. My justification is that regardless of the motion, the committee had no authority to act in the name of the Association until the Association itself in annual business meeting had endorsed the project. Consequently I feel that the Alvord committee forced the hand of both the Executive Committee and of the Association. I believe further that this was the intent. Therefore I registered my protest. The Committee has now acted; the Association has given its approval. You have won and I congratulate you for your generalship and for your victory. It was quite Napoleonic.

I hope that now the hatchet will be buried and that all combatants will forget the site of its grave. I shall oppose in open business meeting in the future all ^{the} opening of any of the issues involved, whether concerning the Alvord Memorial work or any attack upon the present Editor or Secretary unless in either case actual malfeasance in office or gross neglect of duty shall be revealed. My influence will of course be merely that of an inconspicuous member, but, since my name has been brought into the discussion, I wish to make my position plain, whether anybody cares to learn of it or not.

With best of regards to yourself and associates, I remain

Very truly yours,

Fred A. Shannon

May 17, 1929

Professor Fred A. Shannon
Kansas State Agricultural College
Manhattan, Kansas

Dear Mr. Shannon:-

Thank you for your letter of May 14.
I am glad to have this statement of your
position. Although I cannot agree with
your interpretation of my motives or your
estimate of my "generalship," I do not
feel inclined to attempt to discuss them.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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MANAGING EDITOR
M. M. QUAIFFÉ

May 25, 1929

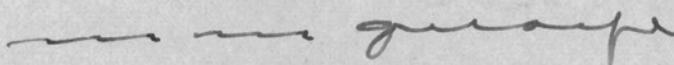
Dr. Solon J. Buck
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Dr. Buck:

I regret that I have been remiss about acknowledging your letter of May 10. The fact is that I have gotten considerably behind with my correspondence. I had not intended to send out any copies of my former note to you until I should hear from you, when I expected to send both my note and your answer thereto. Through my failure to make this clear to my secretary, however, the copies of my letter were inadvertently mailed to the persons present at the meeting in Vincennes. I am glad to know that you have already fulfilled the part of my intended procedure wherein I proved delinquent. I am glad to have also your explanation concerning the discussion at Vincennes. The statement to which you allude with respect to the procedure of the Memorial Committee was not made by me. I believe I am correct in saying that no statement was made by me except in response to requests for information. There is no controversy between you and me, nor shall there be any so far as I am concerned. Life is too short and too full of more interesting activities to permit of such indulgence. I take it, however, that neither you nor I

would wish to preclude the other from a frank statement in proper quarters of his views regarding anything that may concern the welfare of the Association.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M.M. Quaife".

M.M. Quaife

Q/MB

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PRESIDENT
HOMER C. HOCKETT
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
COLUMBUS, OHIO

Mississippi Valley Historical Association

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

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

August 14, 1929

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

I have mailed an invitation to become a member to Reverend Cunnion of New York City and thank you for the name. Perhaps you can think of others and I enclose slip for your convenience.

You know all about the index so I do not need to go into details. May I have your order for one or more copies at a cost of between three and five dollars?

Sincerely yours,

Clara S. Paine
Secretary

p.S. The mailing list will be ready anytime after October 1st.

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August 19, 1929

Mrs. C. S. Paine, Secretary-
Treasurer
Mississippi Valley Historical Assn.
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Mrs. Paine:

Enclosed you will find a check
for my dues and my subscription to the Index.
You can count on a subscription from the Minne-
sota Historical Society also.

I shall appreciate it if you
will send me a copy of the mailing list as soon
as it is ready. After I have gone through it I
may be able to suggest some additional prospects
for membership.

Sincerely yours

SJB/H

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March 5, 1930

Professor Homer C. Hockett
Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Hockett:-

If or when the nominating committee for the M.V.H.A. is appointed, I should like very much to be informed of its membership. I want to suggest to the committee the nomination of Louise P. Kellogg for president. I believe that her scholarly attainments are such as to entitle her to the honor, and I should like to see the association show enough courage to give such a position to a woman.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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Mississippi Valley Historical
Association

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HOMER C. HOCKETT
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
COLUMBUS, OHIO

SECRETARY-TREASURER
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STATION A
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Columbus, Ohio, March 18, 1930.

Dear Solon:--

The nominating committee, which was appointed two or three months ago, consists of Coulter (chairman), Malin, and Lindley (hold-over member). I do not have Coulter's full name or address at hand, but you will probably have it in mind. I think your suggestion is quite in order. Some others have been made, I know, and I think there is no doubt the choice will be a good one.

Cordially yours,

H. C. A.

I found your note awaiting me when I reached home yesterday from California, where I spent the winter. I was in Pasadena the Sunday before New Years Day, and saw Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Turner. I had not seen F. J. T. for ten years, and had not seen Mrs. T. since they left Madison. Crissey, whom you probably knew, is out there also, in the Huntington Library.

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August 1, 1930

Mrs. C. S. Paine
Station A
Lincoln, Nebraska

My dear Mrs. Paine:-

Mr. M. J. McGinley, 236 Harvard St.
S. E., Minneapolis, a graduate student in
history at the University of Minnesota,
tells me that he wants to join the Mississ-
ippi Valley Historical Association. He
may change his mind when he learns the
grade that I gave him recently, but it
might be worth while for you to send him
an application blank.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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PRESIDENT
LOUISE PHELPS KELLOGG
WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MADISON, WISCONSIN

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

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

August 18, 1930

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

Thank you for Mr. McGinley's name and assure you that I have written to him. Our campaign among summer students has not come up to expectations but returns may come in later. It is a bad year account of heat and dry weather. I hope Minnesota is not so bad as Nebraska.

I am sure that you can help us to many new members if you can spare a little time for it. There must have been many men on American Historical Association endowment list who would be glad to become members of the Mississippi Valley. Are there not many on the Alvord Memorial list who are not members of Mississippi Valley? Dr. Schafer and I are pushing the campaign for new members. What assistance can you give? Would you be willing to send out personal letters to special ones on your list or send their names to me? I will send postage if you wish.

Miss Kellogg has her heart set on doubling the membership. I know it can't be done this year but we will go as far as we can. We do get many new ones each year but we also get cancellations which we must overcome. Anything you can think to do or suggest be done here will be very much appreciated. I am just as anxious to double the membership as Dr. Schafer or Miss Kellogg. We have some printed matter that might help.

Very sincerely yours,

Clara S. Paine

P.S. I know you were sorry to learn of the death of Mr. Connelley.

Miss. Valley

August 19, 1930

Mrs. Clara S. Paine
Station A
Lincoln, Nebraska

My dear Mrs. Paine:

Your letter of August 18 addressed to Dr. Buck comes while he is away on his vacation. He will return about the first of September and your letter will be called to his attention at that time.

Sincerely yours

M. E. P.

Chief Clerk

GH

Miss. Valley

August 30, 1930

Mrs. Clara S. Paine
Station A
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Mrs. Paine:-

On returning from a two weeks' vacation on Lake Superior, I find here your letter of August 18 with reference to the M.W.H.A. membership campaign. I shall be glad to do anything that I can to help this along, but it will not be possible for me to do anything for about a month. I am here for only about a week now, during which period I shall have to catch up accumulated work and make out the budget for the Minnesota Historical Society for the next biennium; then I am going East for a week or ten days. I shall keep this matter in mind, however, and take it up as soon as possible after my return. In the meantime, it might be well for you to send me an up-to-date list of the members in Minnesota.

Your postscript was the first intimation I had received of the death of Mr. Connelley. I am indeed very sorry to learn of it, but I am not surprised as he seemed to be very feeble the last time I saw him.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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PRESIDENT
LOUISE PHELPS KELLOGG
WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MADISON, WISCONSIN

Mississippi Valley Historical Association

SECRETARY-TREASURER
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

September 30, 1930.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

Thank you sincerely for your consent to give us a note about Mr. Cole's book. Do not make it in the least exhaustive, merely suggestive. We have had so much to do with it ourselves that we would like a note from an outside source.

I have written to Mrs. Paine regarding your suggestion of getting members in Minnesota. Perhaps the best method would be for you to send her a list of prospective possibilities and she could mail the material from headquarters as she is doing for Wisconsin.

With regard to her allowance, I was present at the meeting when the increase was passed. It was proposed by Dr. Ramsdell not as a subvention to Mrs. Paine but as a necessary appropriation in view of the enlarged office expenses. As you will note, the appropriation for the membership campaign was only fifty dollars and she is paying for the other expenses of the campaign out of this general fund. I am convinced that Mrs. Paine has the interests of the Association very strongly at heart and I know of nobody else who could give the time to it that she does.

Very sincerely yours,

Louise Phelps Kellogg
President.

LPK:M

October 8, 1930

Dr. Louise Phelps Kellogg
Wisconsin Historical Society
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Miss Kellogg:

Here is the review of Cole's book that you wanted. I have not put any heading on it for I do not know just what form you prefer to use.

The thing that I object to with reference to the secretaryship of the MVHA is the subterfuge of paying a salary under the guise of clerical expenses. Possibly Mrs. Paine now employs other people to do clerical work and pays them for it, but her practice used to be to do the work herself and pay the money to herself with no accounting as to the amount of work actually done. In other words, she treated the clerical allowance exactly as if it were a salary. My feeling is that the secretary, so long as she has another full-time job, should serve the association for nothing as do the rest of us, employing clerical assistants of course to do the clerical work. She made quite a fuss at one time when she thought -- quite mistakingly -- that Shippee was going to receive some compensation as assistant editor of the Review. It is quite possible that the association should sometime have a paid secretary, but I don't think we can afford that luxury as yet.

Please do not think that I intend to stir up any trouble about this. I have not mentioned it to anyone else and shall not do so. Confidentially, however, I honestly think that Mrs. Paine is a handicap to the association. I heard rumors a year or so ago that she was considering another venture in matrimony, which might relieve the situation, but nothing has come of it as yet.

Sincerely yours

SJB/H

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ARTHUR C. COLE
MANAGING EDITOR
GRADUATE SCHOOL
WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

Dear Sir:

Would it be possible for you to write for this
journal a review (about 600 words) of

Henry Villard and the Railways of the
Northwest. By James Blaine Hedges

If you consent a copy of the book will be sent to you. The
review should reach me by December 15, 1930 to
be in season for the March, 1931 number.

Very truly yours,

ARTHUR C. COLE,
Managing Editor.

B. E. J.

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Miss Valley H. R.

November 3, 1930

Prof. Arthur C. Cole
Graduate School
Western Reserve University
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Cole:

Much as I should like to review Hedges' book on Henry Villard, I shall have to forego the pleasure, for I must not incur any more obligations until I get out from under some of those that are now hanging over me.

I would suggest Blegen as a reviewer of this volume.

Sincerely yours

SJB/CH

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PRESIDENT
LOUISE PHELPS KELLOGG
WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MADISON, WISCONSIN

Mississippi Valley Historical Association

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

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

December 1, 1930

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

We are counting upon you for a little help in the membership campaign. I will write to any list of names you send to me or send out any letter you will prepare. Dr. Schafer prepared the enclosed circular but to those who are not teachers the card of invitation with our general leaflet and personal letter gets best results. More returns would come from a personal letter from you but I know you are very busy and you may not have time to do this.

Yours truly,

Clara S. Paine
Secretary

P.S. Thank you for your check for dues.

The Mississippi Valley Historical Association

extends to you a cordial invitation

to become a member

Reply to

Mrs. Clarence S. Paine, Secretary

Lincoln, Nebraska

Recommended by

Annual Membership Dues \$5.00

The Mississippi Valley Historical Association

Lincoln, Nebraska

To Teachers of History:

This is to call your attention to the advantages possessed by those history teachers who have formed a connection with the widely extended organization known as the Mississippi Valley Historical Association.

The Association brings to its members, every three months, the MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL REVIEW. This publication, the four numbers of which make a thick volume, always contains selected articles by specialists in the more significant aspects of our national history; also, important documents not hitherto known or accessible, reviews of recently published books, notes and news from the historical field.

The editors of the REVIEW have succeeded in their aim of making it an indispensable aid to teachers of American history in high school, college, and university. The Association's general meetings, conferences, and subsidiary publication activities are all calculated to produce a happy effect upon the morale of that influential body of men and women who are so largely responsible for the historical attitude of the new generation.

It goes without saying that the Association has always been made up very largely of history teachers. Unfortunately, however, not all teachers of history have hitherto enjoyed the privileges of membership. Our Committee hopes to reach, with this invitation, as nearly as possible the entire confraternity.

We wish to nominate you for membership in the organization. If this meets with your approval, fill out the application blank attached to this letter and send it with your check, to Mrs. Clarence S. Paine, Secretary-Treasurer, Station A, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Very sincerely yours,
Committee on Membership.
Bessie L. Pierce.
E. M. Coulter.
Joseph Schafer, Chairman.

THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Station A, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Mrs. Clarence S. Paine,
Secretary-Treasurer.19....

I desire to become a member of the MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION and enclose \$5.00 for annual dues. It is understood that, during the period of my membership, I am to receive the MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL REVIEW, published quarterly.

Name.....

Annual Dues \$5.00
Life Membership \$100.

December 3, 1930

Mrs. Clarence S. Paine
Station A
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Mrs. Paine:

As I have written before, either to you or Miss Kellogg, I shall be glad to push the membership campaign of the M.V.H.A. in Minnesota provided I can be supplied with a list of present members in the state.

Sincerely yours

B/H

PRESIDENT
LOUISE PHELPS KELLOGG
WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MADISON, WISCONSIN

Mississippi Valley Historical Association

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

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Dec. 8, 1930

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

Enclosed is a list of members from Minnesota. I am sending you a program for the December meeting. Perhaps you have not yet received one.

Hoping for many new members and thanking you for undertaking the campaign, I am

yours truly,

Clara S. Paine
Secretary

MINNESOTA

Babcock, Willoughby M., Jr., 2504 Lake of Isles Blvd., Minneapolis, Minn.

Blegen, Theodore C., 1757 W. Minnehaha St., St. Paul, Minn.

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

Budd, Ralph, Great Northern Railroad, St. Paul, Minn.

Carleton College, Scoville Memorial Library, Northfield, Minn.

Chatelain, V. E., ~~Minn. Historical Society, St. Paul Minn.~~ *Perm. Hebr*

Duniway, Clyde A., Carleton College, Northfield, Minn.

Ford, Prof. ~~G.~~ S., 204 Library, University of Michigan, Minneapolis, Minn.

Hamline University, Library, St. Paul, Minn.

Gold, Mary, College of Education, University Minn, Minneapolis, Minn.

Trey, A.C., % Uni. of Minn. 18 Minneapolis, Minn.

Mayer, George, 626-3 Ave., St. Cloud, Minn.

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Ickler, Miss Lydia M., 648 Delaware Ave., St. Paul, Minn.
Lawson, Victor E., c/o Tribune Printing Co., Willmer, Minn.
Library, College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, Minn.
Library, Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn.
Library, Federal Reserve Bank, Minneapolis, Minn.
Library, Independent School District # 89, Eveleth, Minn.
Library, Macalester College, St. Paul, Minn.
Loring, Albert C., Pillsbury Flour Mills Co., Minneapolis, Minn.
Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minn.
Minneapolis Public Library, Minneapolis, Minn.
Nordlie, Herman C., 503 6th St., S., Moorhead, Minn.
~~Noyes, Mrs. Charles P., 89 Virginia Ave., St. Paul, Minn.~~
Osgood, Ernest S., University of Minn., Minneapolis, Minn.
Public Library, Virginia, Minn.
Ritchay, Charles J., 1003 St. Clair St., St. Paul, Minn.
St. John University, Collegeville, Minn.
Shippee, Lester, Burrell, c/o University Minnesota, Dept. Hist., Minneapolis, Minn.
Sister M. Aquinas, College of St. Teresa, Hist. Dept., Winona, Minn.
St. Paul Public Library, St. Paul, Minn.
Stephenson, George M., 41 Arthur Ave., S. E. Minneapolis, Minn.
University of Minnesota Library, Minneapolis, Minn.
VanDyke, J.A., P. O. Box 170 Coonrains, Minn.
Young, Ernest W., Room 425, P. O. Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.
St. Louis County Historical Society, 410 Court House, Duluth, Minn.
Tyler, Miss Alice Felt, 1583 Vincent Ave. Uni. Grove, St. Paul

December 26, 1930

Mrs. Clarence S. Paine
Station A
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Mrs. Paine:

I am sending you herewith two lists of prospects for the M.V.H.A. Presumably most of the graduate students expect to be teachers. In the other list I have noted in pencil the academic affiliation when not apparent from the address.

I would suggest that Schafer's circular, "To Teachers of History," be sent to the teachers and graduate students, but that one of the card invitations be included also, with my name written in. For the others some other procedure will have to be followed of course. I am willing that my name be used in connection with invitations to any of these people. I should be interested to learn ultimately how many of them become members.

The enclosed bill was doubtless sent to me by mistake, as you acknowledged the receipt of my check for dues in a postscript to your letter of December 1. ✓

Sincerely yours

P.S. You will note that two of the people in my list have Wisconsin addresses. I have included them because they are members of our Regional American History Conference. You will want to check, of course, to make sure they are not already members of the Association.

B/H

GRADUATE STUDENTS IN AMERICAN HISTORY,
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Renata Ruth Pecinovsky, 741 Huron St., S. E., Minneapolis
Gertrude Blanche Austin, 515 - 15th Ave. S. E., Minneapolis
Robert H. Bahmer, 811 Beacon St., Minneapolis
Virginia L. Baker, 1414 - 7th St. S. E., Minneapolis
Hjalmer Emil Frivold, 211 Harvard St., Minneapolis
Edna I. Codeyⁿ, Sanford Hall
Charles Marvin Gates, 801 River Road, East., Minneapolis
Gladys Adeline Harshman, 140 Melbourne Ave. S. E., Minneapolis
Merrill E. Jarchow, 1608 - 7th St. S. E., Minneapolis
Stanley Barrett Newhall, 1518 West 26th St., Minneapolis
George A. Palmer, 1314 - 8th St. S. E., Minneapolis
Carlton C. Qualey, 801 Superior St. S. E., Minneapolis
Hazel May Riggs, 624 - 4th St., S. E., Minneapolis
Joseph Edwin Rognstad, 812 Hyacinth St., St. Paul, Minn.
Roma Louise Shively, 741 Huron St. S. E., Minneapolis
Joan Watkins, 707 University Ave., Apt. 301, Minneapolis
William H. Kirchner, 722 - 10th Ave., S. E., Minneapolis
Frank M. Hursley, 425 - 8th Ave., S. E., Minneapolis
Myrtle O. Orton, 2311 Pierce Ave., St. Paul
Herman Kahn, 443 Kent Ave., St. Paul

Prof. Herbert Heaton, 141 Bedford St. S. E., Minneapolis
Prof. William Anderson, 111 Melbourne Ave. S. E., Minneapolis
Prof. Alfred L. Burt, 2311 Carter Ave., St. Paul
Miss Grace L. Nute, 838 Lincoln Ave., St. Paul
Miss Bertha L. Heilbron, 1117 Lincoln Ave., St. Paul
Prof. C. W. Rife, 1689 Hewitt Ave., St. Paul
Prof. C. B. Kuhlmann, 4026 Vincent Ave. So., Minneapolis
Prof. A. S. Williamson, 1489 Sherburne Ave., St. Paul
Miss Keith Clark, Carleton College, Northfield
Prof. Paul R. Fossum, Carleton College, Northfield
Prof. J. F. Balzer, Carleton College, Northfield
Prof. H. N. Deems, Carleton College, Northfield
Miss Karen Larsen, St. Olaf College, Northfield
Prof. C. A. Mellby, St. Olaf College, Northfield
Prof. William C. Benson, St. Olaf College, Northfield
Sister Eucharista, College of St. Catherine, St. Paul
Sister Grace, College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, Minn.
Mr. Philip G. Auchampaugh, 211 Fairmount St., Duluth
Mr. Ezra H. Peiper, State Teachers College, Duluth
Prof. James D. Hill, Box 214 River Falls, Wisconsin
Prof. E. W. Harrington, River Falls Normal School, River Falls, Wisconsin
Dr. Conrad Peterson, 625 St. Paul St., St. Peter, Minn.
Miss Livia Appel, 57 Macalester Ave., St. Paul
Rev. William Busch, St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul
Mr. William W. Outler, 91 Crocus Place, St. Paul
Mr. Edward C. Gale, 2115 Stevens Ave., Minneapolis
Miss Ella A. Hawkinson, State Teachers College, Moorhead, Minn.
Judge John F. D. Meighen, Albert Lea, Minn.
Mrs. George P. Douglas, 2424 Park Ave., Minneapolis
Mr. E. Dudley Parsons, 4208 Alden Drive, Minneapolis
Mrs. Charles S. Pillsbury, 100 East 22 St., Minneapolis
Judge J. E. Haycraft, Fairmont, Minn.

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Miss V. H. A.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
THE COLLEGE

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

March 5, 1931

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

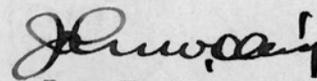
Dear Buck:

As Chairman of the Program Committee for the Mississippi Valley Historical Association for the Lexington meeting, I would like to have you give a 30 minute talk at the noon luncheon on Thursday, April 30, telling us about the work of the Joint Committee on Materials for Research of the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council. Blegen, who is a member of the Program Committee, and one other member have suggested that the Association ought to know what this Joint Committee is doing.

Since the time is getting short for sending the program to the printers, I am not going to take "no" for an answer, but am going ahead and listing your name.

Looking forward to seeing you within a couple of weeks, I am

Very sincerely,



John W. Oliver
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Miss VHA

March 7, 1931

Dr. John W. Oliver
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Oliver:-

If I attend the Mississippi Valley
Historical Association meeting, and I
hope to be able to do so, I shall be
glad to talk about the work of the Joint
Committee on Materials for Research.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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PRESIDENT
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Mississippi Valley Historical
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SECRETARY-TREASURER
MRS. CLARENCE S. PAINE
STATION A
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

April 13, 1931.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

Miss Virginia Baker and Alice Felt Tyler from Minnesota responded to invitation to become members. Prof. Rife of Hamline restored his name to the list as a result of your card. He had allow his membership to lapse. A number expressed pleasure in receiving the invitation but declined to enroll. I will send a follow up letter a little later.

It has not been a very good year for an intensive membership campaign but the result has not been discouraging on the whole. We have enrolled 131 new members to March 31st.

If you are teaching in summer school will you try to interest the graduate students? Let me know if you need printed matter or application blanks.

Sincerely yours,

Clara S. Paine
Secretary

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The **Mississippi Valley Historical Review** is the scholarly organ of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. It is the only journal thus broadly supported whose papers are devoted wholly to promoting the interests of American history.

The **Review** was published first in June, 1914, and has been issued quarterly since that date, one volume each year. The **Review** is sent to all members of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. Membership may be had by paying the regular annual dues of \$5.00; life membership, \$100.

The **Review** has been most fortunate in the commanding ability of its editors. Dr. Clarence W. Alvord, a renowned scholar of most penetrating historical perspective, directed the policies of the **Review** during the first decade of its publication. Dr. Milo M. Quaife continued with distinction for six years the work so ably begun by Dr. Alvord. Dr. Arthur C. Cole of Western Reserve University is present managing editor. He was intimately associated with Dr. Alvord when the **Review** was founded and has been an active supporter and contributor to its issues. The Association is justly proud of the scholarly quality of its publications.

Correspondence concerning subscriptions, rates for advertising and all remittances should be sent to Mrs. Clarence S. Paine, care of the **Mississippi Valley Historical Association**, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Mississippi Valley Historical Association

The Mississippi Valley Historical Association was founded in 1907 by men interested in the history of the great central basin of the United States. These founders conceived that history in a broad sense and there is little in the history of the continent that is not directly or indirectly connected with the history of this great valley.

While the title of the Association and the **Review** indicate a primary interest in western history the reviews comprehend the whole field of American history and the editors have well conceived that every important movement on this continent has a relation to the great valley. Thus the material of the **Review** is pertinent to every teacher and student of American history.

Some Recent Comments on the Work of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association

from CARL RUSSEL FISH, PH.D.,
University of Wisconsin,
Madison, Wisconsin

Membership in the Mississippi Valley Historical Association cannot safely be neglected by anyone considering himself or herself a student of American history.

from ARTHUR C. COLE, PH.D.,
Western Reserve University,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Membership in the Mississippi Valley Historical Association means association with the only nation-wide organization of students of American History, with the only agency that proclaims the broader implications of sectional and local history. Scholars—young and old—teachers, and serious readers of our national and local history should find profit in the various contacts of the Association.

from LAWRENCE J. BURPEE,
International Joint Commission,
Ottawa, Canada

The Mississippi Valley Historical Association is doing good work in an admirable way. Its publications, the **Proceedings** and the **Review**, leave little, if anything to be desired. The **Review** is particularly worthy of commendation, and may fairly be said to rank with the half dozen really good reviews published on the North American continent.

from ALBERT BUSHNELL HART, PH.D., *Professor of Government,*
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The significance of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association is that it deals with the special history and materials in a topographical field which has passed through an extremely interesting history. The interior of the United States in which there has been an overlying of French, Spanish, English and Indian elements is fascinating in itself, and its lustre sheds light upon the conditions of great, rich, and thriving communities which ought to be made aware of their own origins.

I have been a member since its founding, although my home is at a long distance. I cannot get on without the publications.

from ANDREW C. McLAUGHLIN, PH.D.,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

The Mississippi Valley Historical Association was founded to awaken new interest in the history of this region, to offer encouragement to scholars desiring to study that history, and also to publish articles or papers of distinct historical value. The task has been a big one, partly because of the extent of the region and the difficulty of bringing members together from all portions of the valley, but the effort has met with success because of the devotion of the men who have given their time and energy to the task. The publications of the association have from the beginning been on a high plane.

from MAX FARRAND, PH.D.,
Huntington Library,
San Marino, California.

Through an oversight, I failed to become at the outset a subscriber to the publications of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. Through absorption in another line of work which occupied all of my attention, a year elapsed before I hunted up the **Proceedings** of the association and copies of the **Review**. Immediately I realized what I had lost. I obtained all back issues and made a careful study of the contents and took pretty extensive notes. I also call the attention of all my graduate students to the character and importance of the papers and reviews.

from JAMES A. JAMES, PH.D., *Department of History,*
Northwestern University,
Evanston, Illinois.

I am of the opinion that the **Mississippi Valley Historical Review** should be in the hands of every teacher and adult reader of American history. The articles and reviews and notes furnish excellent material for a better understanding of the place of the West in our national history.

from J. FRANKLIN JAMESON, PH.D., *Division of Manuscripts*
Library of Congress,
Washington, District of Columbia

The **Mississippi Valley Historical Review** has established itself in the minds of historical students as a well-planned, well-executed, and interesting journal. It occupies a distinctive field, which has a unity of its own and very great importance. Everyone who wishes well to the program of American Historical scholarship, must surely wish great prosperity to this excellent journal.

from EUGENE M. VIOLETTE, A.M.,
Louisiana State University,
Baton Rouge.

The **Mississippi Valley Historical Association** furnishes a splendid opportunity for co-operation on the part of those who are interested in the history of the Mississippi Valley. It ought to enlist the support of every one who is devoted to the development of the subject. The papers that have appeared in the **Proceedings** and the articles in the **Review** have been of special interest to me.

from REV. PETER GUILDAY, PH.D., D.D., *Managing Editor,*
The Catholic Historical Review,
Washington, District of Columbia

At the meeting of the American Historical Association at Chicago in 1914 I saw the **Mississippi Valley Historical Review** for the first time. I have since taken every occasion of bringing to the notice of our own circles the work of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, and it would be my earnest wish that the association find a hearty support from the entire body of the Catholic clergy throughout the West.

April 15, 1931

Mrs. Clarence S. Paine
Station A
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Mrs. Paine:-

I am glad to know that a few members were obtained for the MVHA from my list. If you will send me some literature and application blanks, I shall see to it that they are distributed to our graduate students in American History at the summer session.

Sincerely yours

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PRESIDENT
LOUISE PHELPS KELLOGG
WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MADISON, WISCONSIN

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

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

May 20, 1931.

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

Dear Doctor Buck:

Under separate cover I am sending you some application blanks and circulars to distribute to your graduate students this summer.

The names you suggested for the Alvord Memorial Commission were approved by the Executive Committee.

I think I owe you an apology for not adding your invitation to meet in St. Paul to my report, but I forgot it. However, I have it in the minutes, so it will be on record. If the invitation is good until after 1933, I am sure everyone will be delighted to come to St. Paul again.

Sincerely yours,

Clara S. Paine

Secretary:

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P. S. Upon the suggestion of Dr. Cole you were appointed a member of the Board of Editors for the Review for a term of three years.

May 25, 1931

Mrs. Clara S. Paine, Secretary-Tr.
Mississippi Valley Historical
Association
Station A
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Mrs. Paine:-

I shall be glad to distribute the applications for membership in the MVHA to my graduate students this summer. I suppose you will notify Mr. Crane and Mr. Cox of their appointments to the Alvord Memorial Commission. I shall send them copies of the report, of course. I am glad to accept membership on the Board of Editors.

I feel sure that St. Paul and the Minnesota Historical Society will be glad to welcome the MVHA in 1934, but I shall not be in a position to press the invitation as I am leaving Minnesota September 1 to become the director of the Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey under the auspices of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania and the University of Pittsburgh. I think it quite possible, moreover, that Pittsburgh may be in the field for the meeting in 1934.

Sincerely yours

B/P

June 18, 1931

Mrs. Clara S. Paine, Sec. Treas.
Mississippi Valley Historical
Association
Station A
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Mrs. Paine:-

You wrote me, I believe, that Cox and Crane had been appointed to the Alvord Memorial Commission as recommended. Did the Executive Committee also renew my appointment as chairman of the Commission? I am sure that was the intention, but there should be a formal record of it so that my authority may not be challenged.

Sincerely yours

B/P

JUN 25 1931

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Mississippi Valley Historical
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CINCINNATI, OHIO

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

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

June 22, 1931

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

In reply to your letter of the 18th will say that you were reappointed as chairman of the commission and it is so stated in the minutes of the executive committee.

Sincerely yours,

Clara S. Paine
Secretary

5839 Darlington Road,
January 4, 1933.

Mrs. Clara F. Paine, Secretary-Treasurer,
Mississippi Valley Historical Association,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Mrs. Paine:

In preparing my file of the Mississippi
Valley Historical Review for binding I find that I
lack the little sheet containing the title-page and
table of contents for volume 12. If you can send me
one of these the favor will be much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck.

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