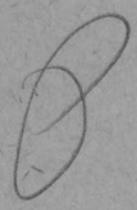




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March 1, 1929

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

Dear Mr. Quaife:-

Despite the fact that I got into trouble recently, as you will recall, by sending out a review in advance of publication, I am sending to you herewith proof of my review of the Askin Papers that is to appear in the March number of Minnesota History.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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

March 4, 1929

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

I am greatly obliged to you for your courtesy in sending the advance copy of your review of the Askin Papers. If there is still time to permit of making corrections, I would like to call your attention to the following items: the papers in the first volume cover the period 1747-1795, inclusive. The work as a whole (that is, volumes one and two) will come down to 1815, the year of Askin's death.

William Robertson was not a son-in-law of Askin, but, rather, a younger brother of Askin's son-in-law, Captain Samuel Robertson.

At some convenient opportunity I should be glad to explain to you, somewhat, concerning my omission to mention Dr. Thwaites' publication of certain of the Askin letters. I do not wish to say anything in this connection which might influence your comment, however, consequently I refrain from entering upon it now. On the other hand, I may assure you that I have what I regard as a more than adequate justification of the wisdom and propriety of the course I have pursued in the particular connection.

Sincerely yours,

M. M. Quaiiffé
M. M. Quaiiffé

I am signing this letter by request of Dr. Quaiiffé who was called away before it could be typed. He wished it sent immediately.
Maribel Bennett

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March 11, 1929

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

Dear Mr. Quaife:-

Thank you very much for the corrections to my review. They reached me just in time to catch the last page proof. With reference to the dates, my original statement was intended to indicate not the dates of the Papers but the dates during which Askin was a trader at Mackinac and Detroit. The statement was ambiguous, however, and not exactly accurate in the sense in which I meant it, and so I have revamped it.

Sincerely yours

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902 West Second Street,
Northfield, Minnesota
February 25, 1929

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

Dear Sir,

You will perhaps recall my conference with you the latter part of January. Having recently completed my thesis on Norwegian Settlement in Minnesota, 1865-1875, I have sent a copy to the Dean of the Graduate School of the University of Minnesota together with an application for a scholarship or assistantship. I promised a copy of this thesis to you for the Historical Society and shall be glad to give you one as soon as possible. However, as it will not be possible for me to send you one before March first, I should appreciate very much to have you look over the thesis which has been sent to the Dean of the Graduate School. It is my sincere hope that the University will act favorably on my application, for it will not be possible for me to do graduate work next year without aid from the University. It is my intention to work toward a degree of Doctor of Philosophy. As the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota Historical Society have the greatest amount of source material in the field of study indicated by my thesis, I should like to do my graduate work at the University of Minnesota. The return of Mr. T.C. Blegen, next year, also makes Minnesota the logical school in which to continue my studies in the history of the Norwegian people in America. Hoping my thesis and application will find favor with you, I am

Respectfully yours,

Carlton Qualey

Arthur Larson

March 30, 1929

Mr. Carlton Qualey
902 West Second St.,
Northfield, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Qualey:-

Presumably you have been notified of your appointment to an assistantship in the Department of History at the University for next year. As I told you, we do not usually appoint people to the assistantships unless they have had some graduate work or have had considerable experience in teaching. Fortunately you had noted on your blank the fact that you have done some teaching, and other circumstances were such that it was possible to give you the appointment.

I persuaded Dean Ford to let me take the copy of your thesis that accompanied your application and I have read it with much interest. You have made a valuable study and it seems to me that you will be able to transform it into a master's thesis next year without great difficulty, if you desire to do so. The principal additional source that might be used is the original schedules of the state and federal censuses on file with the Historical Society. They would enable you to make intensive studies of a number of communities.

I wonder if the copy of the thesis that you sent with your application is the one that you intend for the Historical Society. If so, I would suggest that you ask Dean Ford to turn it over to me for that purpose, as otherwise I shall have to return it to him and his office will send it back to you. I will hang on to the copy till I hear from you about this.

I trust that you will have an interesting and profitable year here and I shall be glad to see you and talk over your work with you whenever you are in town.

Sincerely yours

B/P

APR 2 - 1929

902 West Second Street,
Northfield, Minnesota
April 2, 1929

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

Dear Sir,

Your letter was received yesterday and I was very glad to hear from you. I have accepted the appointment to an assistantship in the Department of History of the University of Minnesota. I feel that it will be a great opportunity for me and I look forward to a year of interesting work.

In regard to my thesis, I have written to Dean Ford asking that he turn over the copy, which I sent with my application and which you now have in your possession, to you. Your suggestions as to the possibility of developing the thesis into a master's thesis next year interest me very much. I have been thinking that it might be possible for me to do some such work for a master's thesis. The additional sources you indicate will make possible a considerable expansion as well as some modification of my thesis as it now is. I shall be glad to have a conference with you in respect to my work when I drive up to St. Paul a little later in the spring.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation of your interest in my work. I shall endeavor to justify the confidence placed in me by the Department of History in my work at the University next year.

Respectfully yours,

Carlton Qualey

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
GRADUATE SCHOOL
MINNEAPOLIS

January 28, 1931

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Carlton Chester Qualey has applied for a position as
Shevlin Fellow in S.L.A. (History) in this University. Your
name has been given as a reference. I should appreciate any
information which you may be able to give in regard to the
fitness of this candidate for the position named.

Prof. S.J. Bück
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Dean of Graduate School,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

1. Dean Guy Stanton Ford,
Graduate School, University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.
In application for the Shevlin Fellowship in Science, Literature, and the Arts,
1931-1932.
2. The Committee on Fellowships,
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences,
23 University Hall,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.
In application for an Edward Austin Fellowship or a University Fellowship,
1931-1932.
3. Dean Edgar S. Furniss,
Graduate School, Yale University,
New Haven, Connecticut.
In application for a University Fellowship, 1931-1932.
4. ✓ Mr. Frank D. Fackenthal,
Secretary, Columbia University,
New York City, N.Y.
In application for a University Fellowship, 1931-1932.
5. ✓ Dean Charles S. Slichter,
Graduate School,
150 Bascom Hall,
University of Wisconsin,
Madison, Wisconsin.
In application for a Teaching Assistanship, 1931-1932.
6. ✓ Committee on Fellowships and Scholarships,
Cobb Hall, Room 115,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.
In application for a University Fellowship, 1931-1932.

February 2, 1931

Dean Guy Stanton Ford
Graduate School
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Ford:-

Mr. Carlton Chester Qualey, who is applying for a Shevlin Fellowship in Science, Literature, and the Arts for next year, is now in his second year of graduate work in history at the University of Minnesota. My acquaintance with Mr. Qualey began when he, as a senior at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, came to the Minnesota Historical Society to look for material on a thesis that he was writing. I was so much impressed by his intelligence and apparent ability that I urged him very strongly to apply for a scholarship that would enable him to do graduate work in history at the University of Minnesota.

Last year he took work in my seminar throughout the year, and my impressions of him were confirmed. He has industry, intelligence, and initiative in a marked degree; and these, combined with an attractive personality, make him quite definitely a man of unusual promise. Since last spring, he has been assisting Professor Osgood of our department in compiling a report on materials available for research in American history in the Twin Cities and vicinity. It was at my suggestion that he was employed for this work and I understand that he has done excellent work. This experience has undoubtedly given him an exceptional familiarity with various types of materials for historical research.

I take pleasure in recommending Mr. Qualey very strongly to your consideration.

Sincerely yours

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February 2, 1931

The Committee, on Fellowships
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
23 University Hall
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

Mr. Carlton Chester Qualey, who is applying for a fellowship at Harvard University for next year, is now in his second year of graduate work in history at the University of Minnesota. My acquaintance with Mr. Qualey began when he, as a senior at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, came to the Minnesota Historical Society to look for material on a thesis that he was writing. I was so much impressed by his intelligence and apparent ability that I urged him very strongly to apply for a scholarship that would enable him to do graduate work in history at the University of Minnesota.

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Sincerely yours

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February 2, 1931

Dean Charles S. Slichter
Graduate School
150 Bascom Hall
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Slichter:

Mr. Carlton Chester Qualey, who is applying for a teaching assistantship, is now in his second year of graduate work in history at the University of Minnesota. My acquaintance with Mr. Qualey began when he, as a senior at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, came to the Minnesota Historical Society to look for material on a thesis that he was writing. I was so much impressed by his intelligence and apparent ability that I urged him very strongly to apply for a scholarship that would enable him to do graduate work in history at the University of Minnesota.

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Sincerely yours

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Committee on Fellowships and Scholarships
Cobb Hall, Room 115
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

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I take pleasure in recommending Mr. Qualey very strongly to your consideration.

Sincerely yours

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February 3, 1931

Mr. Frank D. Fackenthal
Secretary, Columbia University
New York City

Dear Mr. Fackenthal:-

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I take pleasure in recommending Mr. Qualey very strongly to your consideration.

Sincerely yours

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(Sent to the Dean of the
Graduate School)

Yale University

The Graduate School

Carlton Chester Qualey

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I should rate Mr. Qualey among the first five per cent of my students in comparable fields in recent years, and I take pleasure in recommending him to your consideration.

Professor of History
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

February 3, 1931

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801 Superior St.S.E.,
Minneapolis, Minn.
January 18, 1932.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
University of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Dr. Buck:

At about this time last year you were generous enough to write several letters of recommendation in support of my applications for fellowships. This year I am applying again for a University Fellowship at Columbia University and for an Assistantship at the University of Wisconsin. In addition, I am applying for a fellowship or assistantship at Johns Hopkins University, its proximity to Washington, D.C. and a rather encouraging letter from Professor K.R. Greenfield being my principle reasons for applying there. I should be deeply grateful to you if you would write to the three addresses on the enclosed slip whatever you may care to state in regard to my work with you.

I should also like to take this opportunity to inquire as to whether or not you know of any openings or possibilities for next year. Although it might be desirable to remain here another year, and that is a possibility, I think that a year at another institution would be a valuable experience. Unless some exceptional opportunity comes along in the line of teaching positions, which is unlikely, I shall accept almost anything which may be offered me in the line of fellowships. I do not wish to impose upon you in any way, however, and I make this inquiry confident that you will understand my present situation. I am expected to take my preliminary examinations in the next month or so and I shall feel emancipated if I am fortunate enough to pass them successfully.

Please give my regards to Mrs. Buck ^{and Miss Kane} and thank you for all inconveniences in my behalf.

Respectfully yours,

Carlton C. Qualey

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Mr. Frank D. Faakenthal,
Secretary, Columbia University,
New York City, N.Y.

In application for a University Fellowship for 1932-1933.

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Professor Frederic L. Paxson,
Department of History,
University of Wisconsin,
Madison, Wisconsin.

In application for a Teaching Assistantship for 1932-1933.

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Mr. R.N. Dempster,
Registrar, Johns Hopkins University,
Baltimore, Md.

In application for a Fellowship or Assistantship in History, 1932-1933.

January 29, 1932

Mr. R. N. Dempster, Registrar,
Johns Hopkins University,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Carlton C. Qualey, who now holds a fellowship in history in the University of Minnesota, informs me that he is applying for a fellowship or assistantship in history at Johns Hopkins University for 1932-33. My acquaintance with Mr. Qualey began when he, as a senior at college, came to the Minnesota Historical Society to look for material on a thesis that he was writing. I was so much impressed by his intelligence and apparent ability that I urged him very strongly to apply for a scholarship that would enable him to do graduate work in history at the University of Minnesota.

During his first year at the University, he took my seminar in American history and my impressions of him were confirmed. He has industry, intelligence, and initiative in a marked degree, and these, combined with an attractive personality, make him quite definitely a man of unusual promise. In addition to his University work, he assisted me for a number of months in my work of compiling a bibliography of American travel, and he also assisted Professor Osgood of the history department of the University in compiling a report on materials available for research in American history in the Twin Cities and vicinity. These two tasks, which were done very well, have undoubtedly given him an exceptional familiarity with various types of materials for historical research.

I take pleasure in recommending Mr. Qualey very strongly to your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

January 28, 1932

Mr. Frank D. Fackenthal,
Secretary, Columbia University,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Fackenthal:-

Mr. Carlton C. Qualey, who now holds a fellowship in history at the University of Minnesota, informs me that he is applying for a University Fellowship at Columbia University for 1932-33. My acquaintance with Mr. Qualey began when he, as a senior at college, came to the Minnesota Historical Society to look for material on a thesis that he was writing. I was so much impressed by his intelligence and apparent ability that I urged him very strongly to apply for a scholarship that would enable him to do graduate work in history at the University of Minnesota.

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Solon J. Buck

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January 28, 1932

Professor Frederic L. Paxson,
Department of History,
University of Wisconsin,
Madison, Wisconsin.

Dear Paxson:-

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I take pleasure in recommending Mr. Qualley very strongly to your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

January 29, 1932

Mr. Carlton C. Qualey,
801 Superior Street, S. E.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Qualey:-

I was glad to write the letters that you requested and I hope that you succeed in obtaining a satisfactory appointment. I do not at present know of any teaching position that will be open, and the demand for such positions appears to be unusually heavy. It seems to me that it would be a mistake for you to take a teaching position before getting your degree. We expect to appoint some assistants and fellows on our staff here next year, on the Survey, I mean, but in view of your field of interest I doubt if it would be to your advantage to have an appointment here.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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801 Superior St.S.E.,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.
April 2, 1932.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

You will perhaps be interested to learn that I have been granted a University Fellowship in History at Columbia University for next year at a stipend of \$1,800. I also received a scholarship at Johns Hopkins University for \$400, while the University of Wisconsin, to quote Mr. Paxson, "ran out of jobs." I feel very fortunate in receiving such a generous appointment, and I want to express my most sincere thanks to you for being so kind as to write letters in support of my applications. I shall hope to justify your confidence in me. The appointment at Columbia opens up a number of opportunities and experiences of which I hope to take full advantage. Whether or not I will be taking my degree there will depend upon the opinion of the men there when I can talk to them personally. I passed my written and oral preliminary examinations for the doctorate here at Minnesota the latter part of February and so that load is off my shoulders. With Mr. Blegen here and other considerations, I think it would be wisest to take my degree here at Minnesota, but there are advantages in taking a degree from Columbia University as well. The men at Columbia, perhaps Mr. Nevins, will undoubtedly be able to advise me on this matter when I go there in the fall.

During the first half of this summer I shall be working for the Norwegian American Historical Association collecting materials for the archives. I have already begun that work. I hope to go to Washington, D.C. the latter part of the summer to work on the census schedules for my thesis - a long and tedious job I am afraid. It is possible that I may attend the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association at Lincoln in which case I may see you, that is, if you attend.

Respectfully yours,

Carlton C. Qualey
Carlton C. Qualey

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April 4, 1932

Mr. Carlton C. Qualey,
801 Superior Street, S. E.,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Qualey:-

I am very much gratified at your success in getting so good a fellowship at Columbia and I am sure that your work there will live up to my statements in recommending you. Be sure to arrange to take some work with Greene if you find it at all possible.

I regret to say that I am not going to the Lincoln meeting so I will not have the opportunity of seeing you there.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

Livingston Hall,
Columbia University,
New York, N.Y.
October 14, 1932.

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Professor Solon J. Buok,
University of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mr. Buok:

Having now been in residence here for nearly three weeks, I thought that you might be interested to hear from me as to my work and plans. As you perhaps know I spent the first six weeks of last summer in the employ of the Norwegian-American Historical Association as a Field Agent, gathering manuscript and printed matter for the archives of the Association at Northfield, Minnesota. Inasmuch as Dr. Blegen has decided to publish my report on my work and on the archives in the forthcoming volume of Studies and Records, I shall not burden this letter with any extended account of my experiences. I traveled (in a \$50. Ford coupe) through southern Wisconsin, northern Illinois, northwestern Iowa, and parts of southern Minnesota, covering in all about 2,500 miles. I was fortunate enough to obtain some very interesting and in some cases very extensive collections of letters and diaries together with a great deal of periodical material, chiefly relating to church history among the Norwegian Lutherans of the northwest. The project was in the nature of an experiment. Its success will undoubtedly lead to further appropriations for such activity on the part of the Association in coming summers. It is possible that the example may be followed by the Minnesota and Wisconsin historical societies. My conclusion was that the material is awaiting collection, that much is being lost by lack of direct action by historical agencies, that it is relatively easy to obtain such materials - the right approach having been made, and that it is distinctly worthwhile to send out field agents to gather up manuscripts, printed matter, pictures, and other material.

The first two weeks of August I spent in Minneapolis completing papers left over from the spring quarter. Opportunity offering to ride to Washington, D.C. for the sum of \$20. I decided rather suddenly to spend the remaining weeks there on the census records. I had previously sold my Ford for the great sum of \$25. I was in Washington for five weeks, in which time I covered much of the census records for the upper Mississippi valley from 1850 to 1880. I shall return there during the Christmas holidays to do the 1900 census for the Dakotas, special permission having been granted me by Dr. Truesdall of the Census Bureau to use that census. The 1890 census is largely destroyed by fire - leaving a very real gap in my sources. No census being available until fifty years after its taking, that is, to the general public, special permission had to be obtained for the use of the 1900 census. My thesis subject will undoubtedly read as follows, after much of both expansion and limitation: "Pioneer Norwegian Settlement in the United States" - being a study in domestic migration rather than of immigration, though the two cannot, or course, be separated. I enjoyed my stay in Washington immensely, the Congressional library (Dr. Martin and Miss Burnett being very kind in their aid in the manuscript division), the universities, Mt. Vernon, and all the usual round of sights being necessarily included in my experiences. The last week of August was, however, abominably hot. It was perhaps a necessary experience to a thorough acquaintance with the city.

My courses at Columbia University include a seminar and four lectures, supplemented by lectures which I merely audit. My seminar is with Professor Allan Nevins and we are dealing particularly with the Grant administration, Mr. Nevins having in his possession the Hamilton Fish correspondence and diary. I find Mr. Nevins very fine, devoting much time to his students inspite

of his very extensive productivity. He is at present working on a biography of Hamilton Fish, his biography of Grover Cleveland being out now in its advance copies though not yet published. With Professor Greene I am taking a lecture course on "The evolution of ^{American} colonial society, with special reference to the eighteenth century". I am finding Mr. Greene to be all that I had heard and more and I am very happy to have the opportunity to work under him for a semester at least. He is on leave the spring term. With Professor Fox I am taking a lecture course on "American society in the pre-machine age", covering the period from about 1790 to about 1835. He has been very kind in giving me advice and I find his lectures both interesting and suggestive. From Professor W.R. Shepherd I am taking a course on "Hispanic-American Civilization" - one which he is eminently fitted to give. He is an engaging lecturer and the course should prove of value. In Public Law I am taking a course in American constitutional law with Professor H.L. McBain. I am listening in on lectures by Professor Nevins on American history from 1860 to 1890 and by Professor Muzzey on the period since 1890. I shall visit occasional lectures by Professor Carman on American economic history, by Professor Hayes on modern Germany, and by Professor MacIver on the "Modern State" - that is, time permitting. Under the Fellowship which I hold it is expected that I become a candidate for the doctorate at Columbia University, a second dose of examinations being therefore in store for me.

I find New York increasingly interesting although at first I was repelled by the endless concrete. It is pleasant here on Morningside Heights. My chief interest to date is in learning the locations of the second-hand bookshops. I have obtained some good bargains already and shall hope to get more as time and resources permit.

This year promises to be perhaps the busiest of all my years of graduate study. The atmosphere and general situation here is of course quite different from that at Minnesota, and I am still in the process of adjustment. It is my purpose to justify your confidence and I hope to make it a successful year. Incidentally, Professor Nevins made inquiry as to your work in Pennsylvania but I could not ^{give} him any adequate account except what I had heard in Minneapolis. From all indications, you are as busy and as widely engaged as ever and more so.

Hoping that this letter finds both you and Mrs. Buck in the best of health, I remain

Respectfully yours,

Carlton C. Qualey
Carlton C. Qualey

November 1, 1932

Mr. Carlton C. Qualey,
Livingston Hall,
Columbia University,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Qualey:-

It was kind of you to write to me about your work during the summer and at Columbia and your letter was of very great interest to me. I had heard something from Elegen about your experiment in collecting material for the Norwegian-American Historical Association last summer but was glad to have fuller information. I wonder if you prepared a report covering this work and, if so, if you could let me have or lend me a copy of it. For one thing, I should like to lay it before the Joint Committee on Materials for Research as an encouragement to them to support activities of this sort. Since dictating the preceding sentence, I note that you state that your report is to be published in the forthcoming volume of Studies and Records. Unless that will be out in a week or two, however, I should still be glad to have a copy of the report in manuscript or proof as the Joint Committee will probably have a meeting the latter part of this month.

Your work on your thesis sounds very promising to me, particularly that on the census records in Washington. I have long been hoping that someone would make extensive use of census schedules in a comprehensive work and thus demonstrate the unexploited possibilities in this material.

I should be glad to have you remember me, if opportunity offers, to some of my friends at Columbia, especially Professors Greene, Fox, and Nevins. Your program there reads like a very heavy one but I presume that you are eager to take as much advantage as possible of the opportunity. I trust that you will also find some time to prowl around the manuscript department of the New York Public Library, the New York Historical Society, and similar places of great importance to students of American history.

The meeting of the Joint Committee to which I referred above will probably be in New York and if I have any time to spare while there, I will endeavor to get in touch with you. At any rate, I shall expect to see you at the meeting of the American Historical Association in Toronto.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

My name is.....
My home address is.....
I know about the following materials which might be of interest to the Norwegian-American Historical Association:

The following persons might have materials such as the Norwegian-American Historical Association desires or might be able to furnish information as to the location of such materials:

NAME

ADDRESS

(Address to J. JORGEN THOMPSON, Secretary, Northfield, Minnesota.)

Return to S. J. O. B.

Wanted!

THE
RECORDS
OF THE
NORWEGIANS
IN
AMERICA

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My Secretary

HE NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION earnestly invites your coöperation in the work of gathering and preserving records that relate to the Norwegians in America.

Some of these records are printed, such as books and newspapers. Many of them are manuscripts, such as diaries, letters, reminiscences, and account books. In such materials is recorded the story of the coming of the Norwegian pioneers and of their life in the new world. They are precious documents. They have historical value. They ought to be preserved.

If these Norwegian-American records are not gathered up and preserved now, many of them will be lost forever. In that quaint old diary, with faded ink on yellowing pages, a human personality still lives. It is a unique record. Do you want to see it lost or destroyed? Such records have many enemies—fire, dust, water, rodents. Sometimes precious letters and diaries are destroyed as rubbish. Sometimes, through carelessness or indifference, they are lost or scattered.

The time has come to take action. We need to gather up and preserve our records in a safe place. In this work we feel that we can appeal with confidence to intelligent men and women everywhere. By preserving the records we achieve two things, both of them important. We create memorials to the people who have gone be-

fore us—our grandparents, our mothers and fathers. And we make available for those who are writing our American history the records of one of the groups of people who have shared in the making of that history.

A considerable body of records, including some of the kinds of materials listed below, has already been gathered into the Archives of the Association at Northfield, Minnesota. But this is only a beginning. Most of the records remain scattered about in homes and institutions throughout the United States, Canada, and Norway.

Will you not take a few moments of your time to fill out the form on the back of this folder? If you cannot do so yourself, will you not be so kind as to give it to someone who can? You will be performing a service to the Norwegian-American Historical Association and at the same time you will be reflecting permanent credit upon yourself.

The following list of kinds of records is purely suggestive and is by no means to be regarded as all-inclusive. It may serve as a guide, however, and as such is herewith presented:

1. DIARIES: of Norwegian pioneers;
2. CORRESPONDENCE: letters to and from relatives and friends in Norway or in other communities in America;
3. REMINISCENCES: of pioneers, written by themselves or secured by interview;
4. NEWSPAPERS: published anywhere in any Scandinavian language—particularly Norwegian-American newspapers;

5. PERIODICALS: Norwegian or English, relating to the Norwegians in America or elsewhere;
6. CHURCH PUBLICATIONS: annual proceedings, periodicals, pamphlets, etc.;
7. CONGREGATIONAL RECORDS: proceedings, birth, baptismal, communion, marriage, and death registers, ministerial reports, congregational publications such as newspapers and pamphlets;
8. BUSINESS RECORDS: of farmers, merchants, manufacturers, publishers, tradesmen, professional men, etc.;
9. AUTOBIOGRAPHIES, BIOGRAPHIES, FAMILY HISTORIES: either published or unpublished;
10. BYGDELAG PUBLICATIONS: and the publications of other Norwegian-American societies and organizations;
11. PICTURES: of pioneers or of pioneer scenes;
12. BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, ARTICLES: or any material, printed or manuscript, dealing with or bearing any relationship to Norwegians or to events and conditions affecting Norwegians in America.

Please address your communications to J. Jørgen Thompson, Secretary of the Norwegian-American Historical Association, Northfield, Minnesota.

Very sincerely yours,

CARLETON C. QUALEY, *Field Agent*,
The Norwegian-American Historical
Association

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Livingston Hall, NOV 8 1932
Columbia University,
New York, N.Y.
November 7, 1932.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

I was very glad to receive your letter of November first, and I immediately wrote to Dr. Blegen to learn if the next volume of Studies and Records had been started through the press. Today I had his reply and find that the volume will not be out for some time. I am enclosing my carbon copy of the full Report to the Executive Committee of the Norwegian-American Historical Association on my work as Field Agent. You are at liberty to keep the copy and to use it in any way you may desire. I only wish to reserve the right to recall it in case the first copy, now in the possession of Dr. Blegen, is lost - which is unlikely. I sincerely hope that the Report will be of value to you in securing the support of the Joint Committee on Materials for Research for further activity of this kind. As you will gather from my conclusions in the Report, I am firmly convinced of the value and importance such projects.

My work here is most interesting and stimulating. Last week I had the pleasure of going through the diary of Hamilton Fish for the period of the Grant Administration. To my mind, it is the most interesting diary I have read - surpassing even that of J.Q. Adams or Welles. The diary is virtually a journal of the proceedings of the Cabinet from 1869 to 1877, and one obtains much new light on that troubled period. Fish himself emerges a highly estimable person while Grant is far more understandable. The diary is to be published by Professor Nevins. He is also working on Abram S. Hewitt at present, among other things. I gave him your greetings and learned that he had done work with you at Illinois. Mr. Greene and Mr. Fox were also glad to receive your greetings. I shall give Mr. Carman your greetings at the first opportunity. Mr. Greene is initiating me into the circle of the New York history conference (something like the Minnesota group I gather) at a dinner this evening. Mr. Fox has shown me about the New York Historical Society, and I have been at the Public Library a number of times. My program of work is a bit heavier in the way of lectures than might be desired but it happens that the University requires thirty paid points for any degree (at \$10. per point). Examinations are optional for those beyond the M.A. degree but it is rather expected that one take them in some courses at least and preferably in all, depending on ^{the} extent of previous work done here at the University, and varying according to the viewpoint of the respective professors. However, the only way I know of to take advantage of the men here is to take their courses and I am taking as full advantage of this opportunity as time permits.

I have read the accounts of your work in your magazine and it is apparent that you are practically building from the ground up. There are many other historical societies that need similar treatment and I should like, I think, to become identified with some such enterprise. For the present I have other things to worry about, however. I may try for an American-Scandinavian Fellowship

with a view to getting out a guide to materials for the study of American history in Scandinavian archives. The work of Westergaard, Malmin, and Blegen should be utilized and a comprehensive work published. I have not written to Dr. Jameson but have mentioned it to Dr. Greene and Mr. Nevins who seemed very favorable. Of course, I want to finish my thesis and get my degree but I am free now to do some such project where I might not be so free later. This is an aside, however, and I shall want to think about and discuss the matter further. My appointment here is for one year only and reappointments are not customary I do not believe.

Again - I hope that the enclosed report will prove of interest and value. I shall be most happy to see you if you can spare the time in New York. My room number is 105 and the University telephone number is UNiversity 4-3200.

Respectfully yours,

Carlton C. Qualey
Carlton C. Qualey

November 10, 1932

Mr. Carlton C. Qualey,
Livingston Hall,
Columbia University,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Qualey:

I have read with great interest the copy that you so kindly sent me of your report as field agent for the Norwegian-American Historical Association. It seems to me that you accomplished a great deal in a comparatively short time and at very small expense. I shall certainly bring your work to the attention of the Joint Committee, which will probably meet in New York on December 3, and I am sure that the report will be helpful to me in planning similar work here. I wonder if you have ever seen the report of the archivist of the University of Virginia library, Dr. Lester J. Cappon. He is making an exhaustive survey of the historical resources of Virginia and has published two reports of his work. If you do not find copies in the Columbia Library, you could doubtless get them by writing to him.

I am glad that you are being initiated into the American history conference at New York. It is not strange that you find it "something like the Minnesota group", for the latter was deliberately modeled upon the former, with which I became acquainted in 1926. I am hoping to start something of the sort for the Pittsburgh district but have not been able to get around to it yet.

I am interested in your remarks about plans for the future and would like to talk them over with you. I may be in New York for a day or two before the meeting of the Joint Committee and, if so, I shall get in touch with you.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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November 14, 1932

Mr. Carlton C. Qualey,
Livingston Hall,
Columbia University,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Qualey:

The meeting of the Joint Committee has been postponed until January 14. I thought I had better drop you a line so that you would not be expecting me in December.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

January 9, 1933

Mr. Carlton C. Qualey,
Room 105, Livingston Hall,
Columbia University,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Qualey:

I expect now to be in New York from Friday morning, January 13, to the following Sunday night, and my address there will be The Harvard Club. The Joint Committee will be meeting on Saturday and Sunday and I am planning to do some scouting on Friday in the New York Public Library and the New York Historical Society. I shall endeavor to get in touch with you Friday morning. Perhaps we can arrange to take in a show together Friday evening if you are not otherwise engaged. I hope to have an opportunity to see Greens while I am there.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Back

SJB:AM

Form filled in for Columbia University, New York City. 1/28/33

for Mr. Carlton Chester Qualey, who was applying for an appointment for teaching history.

Form from Columbia University was signed by Margaret Morgan.

January 28, 1933

Mr. Qualey did graduate work in history with me at the University of Minnesota and I have kept in touch with him and his activities since I left there in 1931. He was always at, or very near, the top of any class or seminar that he took. I was so favorably impressed by him and his work that I employed him for a period as an assistant on the Bibliography of American Travel that is being compiled under my direction for the American Historical Association. In this work, as in his class and seminar work, he showed initiative, originality, and ability of a very high order. I consider him one of the three or four best graduate students in history with whom I have come in contact in over twenty years of teaching such students. He has an engaging and effective personality and, if I were looking for a promising young man for a college or university appointment in history, I should consider myself fortunate in obtaining one with his qualifications.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Back

SJB:AM

124 Tennessee Ave. N.E.,
Washington, D.C.
January 30, 1933.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
University of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Dr. Buck:

I am taking advantage of the between semesters interval to get some work done on the census records here. After much paper signing and oath swearing I have obtained the use of the 1900 schedules. I had hoped to be able to complete my work at this time but I now realize that I will have to return in June, Columbia University closing May 31st.

I am writing to you at this time to ask if you would be so generous as to write a letter in support of my application for a Fellowship to The American-Scandinavian Foundation, Mr. Neilson Abeel, Secretary, 25 West 45th Street, New York City. After consultation with Dr. Blegen, I have listed the following three projects as subjects for study: Norwegian emigration since the Civil War; the inter-relationship of Danish, Norwegian, Swedish and other northern European migrations to America; and the Guide to Materials for the Study of American History in Scandinavian Archives, now languishing without prospect of completion in the Carnegie Foundation in this city. The Norwegian-American Historical Association may publish a separate guide to the Norwegian archives if nothing is done with the Scandinavian guide; Dr. Blegen having already done much supplementary work.

Although I am applying for a Fellowship, my first hope is that I shall be able to secure an appointment in this country so as to be able to complete the study on which I am now engaged and get it into print in another year or year and a half. To that end I have registered with the Bureau of Appointments of Columbia University and have taken the liberty of giving your name as one to whom the Bureau might send its form sheets. I hope that you will be so kind as to return that sheet as well.

I shall be here now until next Sunday, February 5th, and shall then plunge into my second term work and preparation for oral examinations. This school year is so short, that I shall not be able to get everything done that I had hoped. Washington is very interesting now, although I have not visited Congress yet. "Of Thee I Sing" is here as a rival attraction.

Thanking you for all past favors, I remain

Respectfully yours,

Carlton C. Qualey

February 3, 1933

Mr. Neilson Abeel,
Secretary, American-Scandinavian Foundation,
25 West 45th Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Carlton Qualey informs me that he has made application to the American-Scandinavian Foundation for a fellowship. Mr. Qualey did graduate work in history with me at the University of Minnesota and I have kept in touch with him and his activities since I left there in 1931. He was always at, or very near, the top of any class or seminar that he took. I was so favorably impressed by him and his work that I employed him for a period as an assistant on the Bibliography of American Travel that is being compiled under my direction for the American Historical Association. In this work, as in his class and seminar work, he showed initiative, originality, and ability of a very high order. I consider him one of the three or four best graduate students in history with whom I have come in contact in over twenty years of teaching such students. He has an engaging and effective personality.

The projects that Mr. Qualey has listed for study abroad are important and I believe that the fellowship would enable him, not only to obtain valuable experience but also to make significant contributions to historical knowledge.

Very truly yours,

Solon J. Buck

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February 3, 1933

Mr. Carlton C. Qualey,
936 John Jay Hall,
Columbia University,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Qualey:

I had already filled out the form from Columbia University with a strong recommendation for you before receiving your letter from Washington of January 30. I have now written an equally strong recommendation to The American-Scandinavian Foundation. I very much hope that you succeed in getting something satisfactory to you for next year.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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7 Morton Street,
New York City.
May 6, 1933.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
University of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Dr. Buck:

You will no doubt be interested to learn that I passed my Ph. D. oral examination Wednesday April 26th here at Columbia. I was examined by professors Nevins, Fox, Muzzey, and MacIver (political philosophy). I particularly enjoyed my session with the latter. The examination being over with, I feel a distinct sense of relief, and an eagerness to be entirely free to devote my entire and undivided attention to my thesis. I have a seminar to complete but hope to get away to Washington in about two weeks to finish up my work there.

The American-Scandinavian Fellowship did not materialize, the fact being, as I learned subsequently, that the Foundation seeks to promote Scandimavian-American relations and consciously discriminates against Scandimavian-Americans as to fellowships. The fact that Mr. Hovgard, the chairman of the fellowship committee, is a professor at M.I.T. perhaps explains the predominance of scientific study grants. In Dr. Blegen's last letter I learned that the Norwegian-American Historical Association is in financial difficulties and that the field agent work may have to be dispensed with this summer. I am not entirely sorry, however, for I need all of the summer to assemble the remaining material for my dissertation. I was interview by the President of Lake Forest College, near Chicago, a week ago Monday but have not received any word from the college yet as to the results of my application. That is the only vacancy that has occurred so far. I have applied, through Dr. Martin of the Congressional Library, for an appointment to the staff of the new National Archives Building in Washington, an appointment that I should like very much to secure. However, the building will not be finished for another eighteen months and Congress has not provided for a Director. Dr. Martin replied very favorably but of course could only file away my letter to be referred to the Director when he is appointed.

Now for the startling news! Until last Saturday, April 29th, and for some time preceding, I was engaged to be married to Miss Elizabeth Frances Cummings of this city and Cambridge, Massachusetts. We decided that a long engagement was undesirable and dangerous and with the blessings of our respective families were married last Saturday morning. Elizabeth reminds me so much of your wife. She is the daughter of the late Edward Cummings, one time professor of sociology at Harvard University and for twenty-five years the pastor of South Congregational Church (Unitarian) in Boston. From 1916 until his death in 1926 in an automobile accident he was general secretary of the World Peace Foundation. Elizabeth's brother is the poet-writer-painter, E.E. Cummings, author of The Enormous Room, and recently of Eimi, a travelogue which has been widely reviewed. We saw him off for Paris two weeks ago for a year's study and writing on a Guggenheim fellowship for creative writing. Elizabeth is a graduate of Radcliffe College, and, after doing graduate work in social service, did such work here in Teacher's College and since then for a few years with the Charity Organization Society, the largest private charity organization in Greater New York. She has

a good position and likes her work and is continuing in it. If I secure a good position next year, she will (she says) want to accompany me. However, she would prefer that I remain here to complete my thesis and doctorate and further other studies that I might make, holding up my end of the family budget by part-time work of some sort. That is almost an ideal arrangement but we cannot be certain just yet as to what developments will take place. In any case, we both feel that it is extremely wise to be married and ^{be} together ^{rather} than to prolong an engagement, and we are both confident that in the long run we will be justified in our faith. Elizabeth is a most remarkable person in so many ways and highly capable. As I said before and as I have remarked to Elizabeth, she is like your wife in a remarkable number of ways, though quite different also in many ways. She is thoroughly charming and I know that you will think me extraordinarily fortunate.

When you or your wife come to New York, please, if you find time, look us up at the above address or call CHelsea 2-4769. My name will be found in the directory soon I expect. Having paid for this room and it being impracticable to move my accumulation of books and files, I am using my room here in John Jay Hall as work room until I leave for Washington.

With best personal regards and regards to your wife, I remain

Respectfully yours,

Carlton C. Qualey
Carlton C. Qualey

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[Tel. Lincoln 0606 J]

124 Tennessee Ave. N. E.

Washington, D. C.

May 23, 1933

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Dear Mr. Buck,

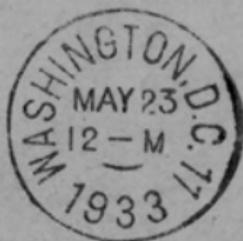
Between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:15 P.M.
daily I shall be at the following address: Room
6028, Dept. of Commerce Building (Tel. National 5060, Extension
2703). My residential address and telephone number
is above. I expect to have to be here for two and a half
weeks.

Respectfully yours,

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Carlton C. Qualery

MAY 24 1933



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Solon J. Buck
Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

4360 Center Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

May 9, 1933

Mr. Carlton C. Qualey,
#7 Morton Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Qualey:

Mrs. Buck joins me in heartiest congratulations--first, upon your marriage and, second, upon your passage of the doctor's examination. The latter I had expected but not the former. Judging from what you say about the young lady, you have been very fortunate and I think you were wise not to postpone the nuptials. Please tell Mrs. Qualey that we hope to have the pleasure of meeting her before long. If either of us get to New York, we shall certainly get in touch with you.

I am sorry to learn that the Norwegian-American Historical Association is having financial difficulties and especially that the field work on which so promising a beginning was made last year, may have to be dispensed with. On the other hand, so far as you are concerned, it is probably true that you will be better off in the end if you devote the summer to work on your thesis.

I do not think that there is any prospect of any development with reference to the National Archives administration in the near future. You will be interested to know that I recommended you recently for appointment to a position that may become vacant in Pennsylvania in the near future. I am not at liberty to state what the position is and I do not suppose that there is much prospect of anything coming of this recommendation.

If you are going to be in Washington for any considerable length of time, drop me a postal card with your address on it. Will Mrs. Qualey be with you there?

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

7 Morton Street,
New York City.
May 15, 1933.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
4360 Center Street,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Dr. Buck:

Thank you for your very generous and encouraging letter. Both Elizabeth and I appreciate very greatly your good wishes and we hope that either or both of you will find it possible to call at our apartment. I hope to be able to get to Washington next Sunday for a stay of from two to three weeks, after which I will go west. Elizabeth's work makes it impossible for her to come with me either to Washington or to Minnesota this summer, but I hope to be back in August. It is a fact of which we were well aware when we were married. By this time we are thoroughly convinced of the wisdom of not delaying, however.

Although the position at Lake Forest College did not materialize, I hope to obtain part-time employment sufficient to carry me through here next year. Your mention of a position in Pennsylvania was most interesting, and I was very much gratified to learn that you had recommended me. Should you think it advisable, I shall have the Bureau of Appointments at Columbia University send my records and letters.

My address at Washington will be 124 Tennessee Avenue N.E. (Tel. Lincoln 0606-J). Hoping to hear from you at your convenience and hoping that you will call on us here in New York - whether I am here or not for Elizabeth would be very much pleased to meet you - I remain

Respectfully yours,

Carlton C. Qualey
Carlton C. Qualey

May 25, 1933

Mr. Carlton C. Qualey,
124 Tennessee Ave., N. E.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Qualey:

The position for which I recommended you was that of archivist in the State Library at Harrisburg. I can tell you now, as the fact of the vacancy has become generally known. I do not think, however, that there is any chance of your appointment, for the higher-ups are insisting that home industry be patronized and that the job be given to a Pennsylvanian. It would not be desirable, I think, for you to write or to have anyone write in your behalf. If it should develop that outsiders are to be considered, I shall see to it that your qualifications are fully presented.

If you hear anything while you are in Washington about the prospects of legislation for the establishment of a national archives bureau, I should be glad to be informed.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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124 Tennessee Avenue N.E.,
Washington, D.C.
May 28, 1933.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

Thank you for your letter of May 25th and for informing me as to the character of the position to which you have so kindly recommended me. Needless to say, I should be interested in such a position, but I realize that the circumstances make improbable an appointment. I appreciate more than I can tell you the fact that you have kept me in mind and have recommended me to the position at Harrisburg.

As to the prospects for legislation regarding a national archives bureau, I had already had conversations with Dr. Martin at the Congressional Library and with Senator Shipstead about the situation. The former did not expect that any legislation would materialize until the building, now merely a mass~~es~~ of steel girders, reached a relatively advanced stage of completion, and that such legislation would most likely come after recommendation by the President that there be created a bureau for the administration of the building and the archives. Senator Shipstead was completely ignorant on the subject and had heard of no steps toward the enactment of the necessary legislation. Dr. Martin has been very kind and encouraging to me but it will be a long while before the building is completed.

I am pushing my work at the census bureau with all speed and hope to be done in another week and a half at most. I shall than return to New York for about a week to complete some work there, after which I shall start westward. I shall have to stop at Lansing, Michigan, I think, for material on my article on the Scandinavians in Michigan and perhaps at other points, but I may be able to obtain the small amount of information available in Michigan by correspondence. Mr. Fuller has very kindly requested the librarians at Detroit and Lansing to send me lists of the available material, the former source being especially fruitful of suggestions. I may have to stop at Rock Island, Illinois to investigate the Augustana College collections. As to my thesis, I am aiming at the first semester commencement at Columbia University next year but do not know if I can make it. It will be a busy summer.

The past weekend was immeasurably brightened by the fact that my wife came down from New York. Her uncle, John Cummings, head of the vocational education bureau of the federal reserve, lives here.

Hoping to hear from you as to the final decision on the position at Harrisburg, I remain

Respectfully yours,

Carlton C. Qualey
Carlton C. Qualey

Qualey, C. C.

124 Tennessee Avenue N.E.,
Washington, D.C.
June 8, 1933.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

At the suggestion of Mr. Chatelain of the National Park Service I applied for a position as Historical Technician in the emergency conservation work just now being launched. My appointment for six months came through yesterday and I shall have charge of the historical work at Gettysburg, with a smaller charge at Meriwether Lewis National Monument. The salary is \$200. per month less a recent fifteen per cent slash in all governmental salaries. I leave in the morning for Gettysburg (which I also visited last Saturday enroute for a weekend in New York). Mr. Chatelain desires that I spend as much time in Washington as possible to aid in the home office, thereby enabling me to get done a great deal of work of my own that needs doing here.

My first reaction to this job was a negative one, my thesis being the principal obstacle. However, on receiving a wire from Dr. Blegen that the finances of the Norwegian-American Historical Association would make doubtful publication next January (my goal until now), and receiving from Mr. Chatelain his assurance that I would be used in Washington to a considerable extent, I reconsidered and consulted with my wife. We concluded that although the financial aspect was not primary, it might prove convenient, that inasmuch as I could not publish by next January anyhow I would not seriously delay my thesis, that the experience in this work would be valuable, and I would not be so far distant from my wife as to prevent our getting together frequently weekends. I have a huge mass of statistics from the censuses that I really should tabulate and digest before attacking the remaining materials on my thesis. This, together with Professor Nevins' seminar study that I am completing, and the article on the Michigan Scandinavians I shall be able to get done and be ready to start west for the American Historical Association meeting at Urbana in December. I should have a good part of my thesis done by next June - enough perhaps to take my degree - the remainder certainly by the following autumn. There are all manner of Ph.D.s in the field without positions. There are more of them with positions who have not advanced far beyond their dissertations, many of which are not especially good. I feel that a genuine contribution will go farther toward establishing a reputation than the mere getting of a degree, important as that may be. Consequently, in spite of the apprehensions of Dr. Blegen that I will become sidetracked, a thing that cannot happen, I shall go through with this job, and afterwards have a clear field to finish up my research. Should an exceptional opportunity show itself in the meantime, I can secure my release. However, I am genuinely interested in this project and look forward to some very interesting experiences. 200 men are to be placed at each of several military camps under the Park Service for the work of restoration, etc. An Historical Technician will be on hand at each camp assisted by two foreman who will be the "guardian of the treasure", so to speak - to check and advise as to the historical accuracy of the work to be done.

I enclose a snapshot of my wife, taken the week before we were married (walking up Riverside Drive enroute to a tea at Professor

Nevins' home). Should you be in New York at any time, even though I may not be there, my wife would appreciate greatly to have you call. You already have our address and telephone number.

This position materialized out of thin air, so to speak, and I had little opportunity to consult with anyone before applying. However, I feel that you will approve the step - all aspects considered. The most attractive aspect is the fact that Mr. Chate-lain - in the interest of the furtherance of my work - will be keeping me here in Washington a good part of my time.

Thanking you for your thoughtfulness at all times (and for the use of your letter in the Bureau of Recommendations at Columbia University), and hoping to hear from you at your convenience, I remain

Respectfully yours,

Carlton C. Qualey
Carlton C. Qualey

P.S. I consulted with Professors Fox and Nevins last weekend and they thought it wise to accept this appointment.

Letters will reach me through my New York address most easily hereafter.

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June 13, 1933

Mr. Carlton C. Qualey,
#7 Morton Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Qualey:

I think you were very fortunate to receive the appointment in the National Park Service and I believe that you were wise to accept it. The work should be very interesting and it may help you to get a more desirable position later on.

If you will send me about the first of July a brief statement, say about a paragraph, concerning the work of the historical technicians in the emergency conservation work and especially that at Gettysburg, I shall be glad to publish a note about it in the August number of our magazine.

Elizabeth and I were glad to have the opportunity to see a picture of Mrs. Qualey and we hope to have the pleasure of meeting her some time. The prospects of our getting to New York this summer are not very good; in fact, it looks as if we shall have to stay rather close to Pittsburgh.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

124 Tennessee Avenue N.E.,
Washington, D.C.
July 19, 1933.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

You will no doubt be interested to learn that I have decided to resign my present appointment to take effect September 1, 1933. My decision to do so has come from an increasing desire to return to my thesis work and to complete the work for my doctorate by June 1934. I have been very fortunate in my present appointment, thanks to the generosity of Mr. Chatelain. I have had a long and instructive trip to Vicksburg, Mississippi, have been stationed in Washington a part of the time and have thus been enabled to carry on personal studies, and I have enjoyed the confidence and approbation of Mr. Chatelain and of his superiors in the National Park Service. I could no doubt work into a more permanent connection with the government service if I desired to do so. However, my first duty is to my real work, as I conceive of it, and I have come to realize that if I am to secure my degree by June 1934 I must break away from my present position by September 1st. It happens that my work at Gettysburg will in six weeks be at a stage where I can honorably leave it to be carried on by the historical assistants. I shall then have completed the essential duties for which I was appointed. I have presented the whole matter to Mr. Chatelain and he has agreed to allow me to resign. He stated that he wished to do everything in his power to further my research work and academic career - a most generous viewpoint I think. The relations of Mr. Chatelain and myself have been of the best and I sincerely regret severing our connection at this time. I feel that he understands my situation, however, and approves.

From Professor Nevins I learn that I shall be able to take my degree in June 1934 without having published copies of my thesis in the hands of the examiners - that a new ruling permits taking of the degree with typewritten copies - given that there is assurance of publication in the near future. This is a relief to me, in view of the financial conditions in the Norwegian-American Historical Association. Incidentally - if you desire a copy of volume VII of Studies and Records, I will have one sent to you.

My wife and I will spend the first two weeks of September at the family cottage on Silver Lake, New Hampshire, after which I shall work successively at Rock Island, Decorah, Madison, and Minneapolis, ~~hoping to~~ get back to New York by the new year. I am determined to produce a dissertation of a character that will be worthy of you and others who have so generously supported me.

Sincerely yours,

Carlton C. Qualey
Carlton C. Qualey

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July 24, 1933

Mr. Carlton C. Qualey,
124 Tennessee Avenue, N. E.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Qualey:

Your decision to resign your position September 1st was a surprise to me, for in these days job-holders "seldom die and never resign." You are probably wise, however, in going back to your work on your thesis. I am expecting you to produce a work that will be a model for those who will in the future write on the history of other immigrant elements in this country. There are opportunities for several such studies in this region and I hope to have a man at work on the history of the Hungarian next year.

I was surprised to learn that Columbia has relaxed its rule with reference to prior publication of theses. It has always seemed to me that the disadvantages of the rule outweighed its advantages, particularly in that it tended to bring about hasty publication without adequate revision.

I should, indeed, be very glad to receive a copy of volume VII of Studies and Records.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

59 Carmine Street,
New York City.
September 15, 1933.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

I thought that you might be interested to learn that I am leaving either tomorrow or Sunday for Detroit, Michigan to obtain some materials for my article on the Scandinavians in Michigan. After a short stay there I go on to Rock Island, Illinois to use materials at Augustana College. I will reach Decorah, Iowa by October 3rd where I shall be for perhaps two months working on the huge collection of newspapers at Luther College. The Librarian there is a personal friend of mine and has promised his full cooperation. I am very anxious to complete the Michigan article and to get along with my thesis as rapidly as possible.

My wife and I have just returned from a two and one-half week vacation at the family cottage on Silver Lake, New Hampshire - in the Sandwich Mountains. I gained twelve pounds and feel immensely improved physically.

I enjoyed my work with the National Parks office this summer very much and Mr. Chatelain has very kindly indicated that he prefers to regard my resignation as a temporary leave of absence. There is some hope that the "National Parks Historical-Educational Program" that I turned in and which is now under consideration by Dr. John C. Merriam, Dr. Waldo Leland, and others, may become the permanent policy of the Office of National Parks, Buildings, and Reservations. However, my first interest as always will be to secure a good position with a University or Historical Society. Until my thesis is done, I shall have little time to think of much else than Norwegians.

My wife and I would be pleased to have you call on us at any time that you may chance to visit New York. There are six flights of stairs but they really are not as bad as that sounds. We think we have a very pleasant apartment.

It is not impossible that I may attend the Urbana convention but I cannot make definite plans that far in advance at this time.

Respectfully yours,

Carlton C. Qualey
Carlton C. Qualey

310 North Street,
Decorah, Iowa.
October 5, 1933.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

Having spent a very stimulating hour and a half with Dr. and Mrs. Stephenson, I feel that you might be interested to learn about both them and my own work. I found them both in the same room now and much improved thereby. Mrs. Stephenson seemed much better than a week ago, her eye being particularly much better appearing. Mr. Stephenson did not seem as happy as he might, but both were cheerful as ever. I suspect that the prospect of not being able to get back to the classroom for another quarter was rather disheartening, and no less, perhaps, the prospect of having to use a cane or canes for two years. Mrs. Stephenson, of course, was accustomed to that before. President and Mrs. Coffman had called and Dean and Mrs. Ford were expected next weekend. It was an inspiration to talk with them, for they certainly are a courageous pair!

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I continue to go through countless Norwegian-American newspapers during library hours, and census statistics and other matter in my room. I shall hope to have Dr. Blegen's vigorous criticisms before I submit my thesis to the Columbia University faculty, for no one else is really qualified to pass upon such a study. I am having a considerable number of long articles photographed by a local man who has done work for Dr. Knut Gjerset, thus saving much time. It is my hope to leave here for Minneapolis on October 29th, but that will depend upon the newspapers.

In my last letter I may have given an impression that I might return to the National Parks work, but that is very unlikely. The only branch of the government service which does attract my interest permanently is the new Archives Building. I have a letter on file with Dr. Martin applying for a position there, and have talked with him subsequently. The next Congress will undoubtedly set up the administrative staff. Although I naturally would like a position in a university where I might have more opportunity for research in the field of immigration, I think the opportunities for work in Washington are also great. If a good position in the Archives Building staff were offered, with opportunity for demonstration of fitness for advancement, I would in all probability go into that work permanently. I enjoy that type of work and I like Washington. My wife would be happy there as well, I know. However, for the present, we can only look toward the completion of my doctorate and hope for the best. I am growing more and more interested in the significance of immigrant stocks in American history and feel that in time a contribution on that subject can be made. Much spadework remains to be done on the various groups, but new studies are appearing from time to time, and I hope more will appear.

I rather doubt that I shall be able to attend the Urbana convention, for I must return to Washington to finish some work I have left to do in the census bureau. I am, of course, trying to complete my work here as soon as possible so as to return to my wife. We both feel, however, that I must take all necessary time to get all essential material.

Respectfully yours,

Carlton B. Qualey

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1115 East River Road,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.
November 5, 1933.

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Dr. Solon J. Buck,
4338 Bigelow Boulevard,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Dr. Buck:

After two weeks of work in the Twin Cities I am in a better position to tell how much longer I shall remain in the middle west. I hope to leave here next Sunday for Madison. Unless I find more than I expect to find there, I shall remain there not more than one week. Enroute to New York from Madison, I shall stop at Pittsburgh - perhaps over Saturday night the 18th - and I should appreciate very much to have an opportunity to have a talk with you at that time. If you have other plans for that particular weekend, I can arrange my plans to suit yours.

My Michigan study is approaching a stage where I can begin to think of writing a first draft. My dissertation has reached a point where I want to turn aside for a time to a consideration of other migrating groups in order to be able to place the Norwegian migration in proper perspective. I have practically decided to entitle my dissertation "Norwegian Migration in the United States", eliminating the rather indefinite term "Settlement". No more accurate title occurs to me.

A very delightful dinner with Dr. and Mrs. Blegen last evening and attendance at a departmental tea at Professor Shippee's home this afternoon has rather made me feel almost as though I were still a graduate student here at Minnesota. It was a pleasure to renew the old acquaintances. This evening I returned a Swedish manuscript that I had borrowed from Dr. Stephenson and found both of them improving rapidly. In fact, Dr. Stephenson hoped to be on crutches by Thanksgiving. Mrs. Stephenson's face was almost normal again and she seemed very much improved as well. I hope that you will pardon the rather hasty card that I sent you from Decorah. I had one in my pocket when your note asking about the Stephensons arrived, and I was rather busy and so I sent you a postcard as the quickest means of getting off a reply. The Stephensons were moved up here a week ago last Friday.

Although I would like to look forward to a university position that would leave me my summers for research in the field of the immigrant stocks, for a biography of Knute Nelson perhaps, and other studies, the present situation does not seem especially promising. On the other hand, I think that I would be very much interested in archives work, and I certainly would like to become a member of the staff of the National Archives Building when it is completed. I presume that some beginning must be made in the appointment of a staff before the completion of the building. The possibilities for research in Washington would give me an ample field for use of my leisure time. Elizabeth and I both like Washington very much, and in the past year I have learned to know a good many in governmental circles and have learned much about the government service. The building will not be ready for another year, I do not suppose. I shall hope to have completed my doctorate by June 1934 and naturally hope to become somewhat permanently established as soon as possible. In fact, I can complete my doctorate by next June and still undertake a fairly heavy position after the New Year. That is perhaps expecting too much.

Never having been in Pittsburgh, I rather look forward to seeing the home city of the Mellons. I shall be interested to be introduced to what you, I think, called "smog". My only reason for stopping, however, is to see you, and it will be a great pleasure indeed.

Respectfully yours,

Carlton C. Qualey
Carlton C. Qualey

310 North St., Decorah, Ia.
October 11, 1933.

Dear Dr. Buck:

The Stephensons are in the Decorah Hospital, Decorah, Iowa. In a collision north of here enroute to Minneapolis over four weeks ago, Mrs. Stephenson fractured her skull, broke her paralyzed leg, cracked the other ankle, and broke some ribs. Mr. Stephenson broke both legs in several places. They are now out of danger and well on the road to recovery, but I doubt that he will be able to do any work this year. The children escaped unhurt. Dr. Krey has had a mental breakdown somehow - and is not allowed to do more than one hour's work per day - on correspondence.

Thank you for your card. I shall most likely stop over at Pittsburgh enroute East in December.
Sincerely yours, Carlton B. Qualley

The Stephensons expected to be taken to Minneapolis in about three weeks.

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
4338 Bigelow Blvd.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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November 8, 1933

Mr. Carlton C. Qualey,
1115 East River Road,
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Qualey:

We are very glad to learn that you are planning to stop in Pittsburgh on your way back to New York, and the 18th will be entirely convenient for us so far as we know now. On the 17th we are staging a luncheon meeting of the Historical Society as a send-off for a membership campaign. If you can do so conveniently, let me know more definitely when to expect you.

I was very glad to hear about our Minnesota friends and particularly about the recovery of the Stephensons. Your post card was duly received, but my good intentions to write to Stephenson were not carried out. The pressure of work in addition to a trip to Boston and considerable sickness in the family have kept me from doing many things that I intended to do. I may get around to writing to the Stephensons yet.

I have no information whatever about the prospects of a national archives organization. I shall be very glad, however, to recommend you for a position in it when the proper time comes and there is some one to whom recommendations can be directed.

I am not sure that I like the title that you are proposing for your thesis. It seems to imply that the subject is restricted to the moving about of Norwegians within the United States. I am not sure, however, just what is the scope of the thesis. We can talk this over when you are here.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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424 W. Kilman St.,
Madison, Wis.
Nov. 17, 1933.

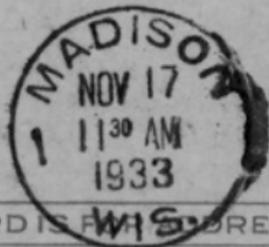
Dear Mr. Buck,

If you are not otherwise engaged on Sunday morning next, I should like to have a talk with you then. Present plans will bring me to Pittsburgh either late Saturday night or early Sunday. I would plan to leave again on the 2:15 P.M. train for New York.

I will telephone you.

Respectfully yours,

Carlton B. Qualey



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. Selon J. Buck,
Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania,
4338 Bigelow Blvd.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Qualey

59 Carmine St.
New York City.
Nov. 22, 1933.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Buck,

after three days of becoming adjusted to New York again and of organizing the materials that I gathered the past nine weeks, I feel ready to really accomplish some writing. I had a rather more strenuous trip than I realized, but I feel thoroughly rested by now.

My return trip was made thoroughly enjoyable by the opportunity I had of visiting

with you and your very
delightful children. I was
introduced to Pittsburgh and
to the remarkable progress of the
work of the Historical Society of
Western Pennsylvania and derived
much from the experience. My
only regret was in the absence of
my wife, but I hope that you
may meet her soon. I know
she is anxious to meet you all.
Thank you a thousand times for
all your kindnesses and splendid
hospitality. Sincerely yours,

Carlton C. Quabry

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
AUSTIN

November 19, 1930

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

Dear Buck:

I sent the title of your paper for the archivists conference in to Professor Gabriel to be published in the program. Would it be possible for you to limit yours to fifteen minutes at the outside? We may have a third paper and there should be time for discussion of yours and that of Paltsits.

Very cordially yours,

Chas. W. Ramsdell

Charles W. Ramsdell

CWR:C

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November 24, 1930

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

Dear Ramsdell:

My contribution to the conference of archivists will probably be an informal talk rather than a paper, and I am sure that fifteen minutes will be ample time for it.

Sincerely yours

B/H

MAR 30 1929

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
HOPE COLLEGE
HOLLAND, MICHIGAN

March 25, 1929

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

Dear Sir,

I am expecting to attend Harvard again next summer and am sending in my application for a summer scholarship. I am informed that I must send with my formal application three letters of recommendation.

I would appreciate it a great deal if you can see your way clear to send me some such statement. I feel that a statement from you concerning my work under you would be more convincing than any number of local men I might use as references.

I wish to thank you in advance for any statement you may see fit to send me. Trust also that you have had a pleasant year.

Respectfully yours,

Bruce Raymond

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March 30, 1929

Mr. Bruce M. Raymond
Department of History
Hope College
Holland, Michigan

Dear Mr. Raymond:-

Here is the letter. I was glad to write it and I hope that you get the appointment, but I am glad that I am going to spend my summer in a cooler place than Cambridge was last summer. ✓

Sincerely yours

B/P

March 30, 1929

Mr. Bruce M. Raymond, professor of history in Hope College, Michigan, was a student in my advanced course in history in the Harvard Summer School last year, and did excellent work. He impresses me as having exceptional ability and an agreeable personality, and I take pleasure in recommending him for a summer scholarship.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
HOPE COLLEGE
HOLLAND, MICHIGAN

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June 5, 1929

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

Dear Professor,

I have waited before writing you to thank you for your recommendation until I had heard from it. Am very glad to state that I was granted the summer scholarship which you recommended me for at Harvard and I feel that it is your very kind statement that landed it for me. I appreciate your help a very great deal and send my thanks here with.

I wish you a most pleasant summer and where ever you are trust that it will be somewhat cooler than in Cambridge last year.

Very truly yours,

Bruce M. Raymond

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May 29, 1933

Dr. Conyers Read,
226 South 16th Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Read:

Prompted by your letter of May 23, I have decided to accept the invitation to be a member of the committee for the organization of an association to foster the study of American legal history and to attend its meeting in New York on Saturday. I am hoping to see you there.

Anent the bibliography, I quite agree with you that it will be not worth while to spend much time hunting for unique copies of rare works, especially if we have reliable bibliographical evidence of the existence of such works, say, for example, in the British Museum catalogues.

I have just received a form letter from Bernadotte Schmitt on the stationery of the Journal of Modern History urging me to write in the name of Bourne for second vice-president on the nomination sheet of the A. H. A. It happened that I had already filled out my sheet with the name of Ford in that place. I think that both of these gentlemen should receive the recognition in the near future but I am very much opposed to the practice of electioneering for anyone. So few people vote anyway that it is very easy to work up a large majority for one man. I understand that this sort of a thing was attempted once before with unpleasant results. If I were on the nominating committee, I should certainly discount very heavily suggestions inspired by a concerted campaign. I should prefer, of course, not to have the above sentiments quoted as coming from me.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

APR 3 1933

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The Rhinoceroi Club will meet on Tuesday, April 4, at 7:45 p.m., at the Faculty Club (Hotel Schenley). Mr. Tracy Bartholomew will speak on "The Pennsylvania Road System" at 8 o'clock sharp.

If you desire to eat with other members of the Club at the Schenley Coffee Shoppe, please telephone Miss Frey, in the Psychology Department, before Tuesday noon. This group will meet at the Faculty Club between 6:30 and 6:45 p.m. Dinner at the Coffee Shoppe will range from 60 cents to \$1.00, depending upon the individual order. A table will be reserved for members of the Club and each member will select from the regular menu.

N. L. Munn a.7.
Secretary

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SEP 30 1933

Rhinoceros Club

The first meeting of the school year will be held Tuesday, October 3 in the Faculty Club Rooms (Schenley Hotel) at 8:00 P.M. sharp. The program is as follows:

Dr. Ralph J. Watkins

Director of the Bureau of Business Research

will talk on

The National Industrial Recovery Act

The Executive Committee is desirous of having as many members as possible present in order that a discussion may be had as to a possible change of the time of meeting.

E. Hutchisson

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RHINOCEROI CLUB

The Rhinoceroi Club will meet Tuesday,
November 21 at 8:00 P.M. sharp in the Faculty
Club Rooms of the Schenley Hotel.

Professor Oliver L. Reiser will speak on
"Non-Aristotelian Logics."

Elmer Hutchisson
Secretary

DEC 5 1933

RHINOCEROI CLUB

Dr. D. I. Vinogradoff will address
the group Tuesday evening, December 5 at
8:00 P.M. in the Faculty Club Rooms of the
Schenley Hotel.

The subject of his talk is
"Galileo and Einstein."

Elmer Hutchisson
Secretary

DEC 11 1933

RHINOCEROI CLUB

The Rhinoceroi Club will meet next
Tuesday, December 12, 1933, at 8:00 P. M.
in the Faculty Club.

Dr. D. +. Vinogradoff will speak on

GALILEO and EINSTEIN

E. Hutchisson

Secretary

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October 28, 1933

Mr. Howard M. Chapin,
Librarian, Rhode Island Historical Society,
Providence, Rhode Island.

Dear Mr. Chapin:

Herewith I am sending you the extract from the
Boynton diary in which you expressed an interest. If this
proves to be of any use to you, I shall be gratified.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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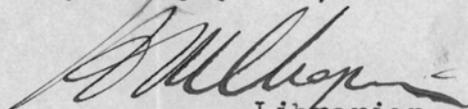
HOWARD M. CHAPIN
Librarian

Dr. Solon J. Buck
Hist. Soc. of Western Pennsylvania
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Buck:

Thanks very much for the extract from the
Boynston diary, which I will be very glad to use.

Very truly yours,



Librarian

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Dr. Solon J. Buck
Hist. Soc. of Western Pennsylvania
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Buck:

Just a line to again thank you for the interesting talk which you gave us at the American Antiquarian Society meeting, and to remind you to send me the extract about Providence together with, if possible, a paragraph in regard to the author of the diary, for me to print in the Rhode Island Historical Society's Quarterly Collections.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Librarian

HMC:S

October 31, 1933

Mr. Howard M. Chapin,
Rhode Island Historical Society,
58 Waterman Street,
Providence, R. I.

Dear Mr. Chapin:

The extract from the Boynton journal was mailed before your letter of October 26 reached me. The following is a brief statement about the author of the journal.

Lucien Cyrus Boynton was born in Vermont about 1810. He was graduated from Andover Theological Seminary in 1838, after which he taught school for about two years in New Jersey and some four years in Virginia. He then returned to New England, where he read law, and in 1846 he was admitted to the bar in Woodstock, Vermont. After some vicissitudes, he settled down in Uxbridge, Mass., to practice, and he was living there at the time of his trip to Providence, recounted in the extract. Later he moved to Springfield, Illinois, where he died. His journal, a voluminous affair, runs from 1835 to 1853 and not only recounts his activities but also records his reactions to various problems, both theological and secular, and discloses a character of unusual interest.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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May 29, 1930

Dear Sir:

We are writing to tell you that early in August we shall publish

AMERICA MOVES WEST

By Robert E. Riegel, Dartmouth College

This book tells the graphic story of the American Frontier. It depicts the magnificent sweep westward across the continent: the first timid movement across the Appalachian mountains, the arduous and exciting progress towards the Ohio and Mississippi valleys, the frenzied rush towards California and to the Rockies. It places special emphasis on the restless pioneering spirit which quickened the conquest and settlement of this vast land, on the social and economic elements which stimulated the march from frontier to frontier, and on the political and cultural points of view which became identified with the frontier settlement and which are still characteristic of the West.

The book is very well adapted to courses on the Frontier and Western Expansion. If you are interested in receiving an examination copy on publication with a view to its use in your classes, please let us have your summer address on the clipsheet below.

Very truly yours,
 HENRY HOLT AND COMPANY
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Henry Holt and Company, One Park Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Please send me a copy of Riegel's America Moves West for examination with a view to its use in my courses at _____
 _____ . My summer address is:

(Name) _____
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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA

Eastern Division
850 Graybar Bldg.
New York

May 17, 1929.

Robert W. Belcher, Manager.

Mr. F. P. Fellows,
General Secretary, The Saint Paul Association of Commerce,
4th and Cedar Streets,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Fellows:

Mr. John N. Van der Vries has passed on to me your inquiry regarding the Rice Leaders of the World Association together with a copy of the letter of March 27 from that association to the Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Company of St. Paul. Mr. Van der Vries has asked if I would not reply directly to you regarding the association.

From careful inquiries which I have been able to make here I am reliably informed that Rice Leaders of the World Association is an entirely reputable organization. It has been in existence for about seventeen years. It was founded by Elwood E. Rice with the idea of furthering by recognition high standards of business conduct.

It has at the present time about seventy-five members. The membership is based on one representative of each industry or each industrial group who is elected as the leader in that group from the point-of-view of high standards of business practice, quality of product, etc. In selecting such leaders the association endeavors to get the opinion of reputable concerns in the particular industry to be represented. The idea of Mr. Rice, its founder, is that such recognition will foster good business practice in the business world as a whole.

I do not have information as to the dues which members pay. We are assured that the project is not commercialized, at least in the sense that the association is endeavoring to build up any large membership or revenue. It does permit, however, the fact of membership in the association to be used in advertising. It is so used occasionally but we have no information as to its value for advertising purposes.

I trust that this information will be of some assistance to the Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Company. It is evident that the letter of March 27 was sent to that company for the purpose of selecting some firm or firms in some line or lines of industry who might meet the requirements for membership in Rice Leaders of the World Association. If there is any further information you desire I should be very glad to try to get it.

Faithfully yours,
(Signed) Robt. W. Belcher
ROBERT W. BELCHER.

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MAY I SUGGEST THAT YOU PRESERVE THIS INVITATION.

IT MAY MEAN A SLIGHT PERSONAL DISTINCTION TO YOU IN THE FUTURE.

IN REPLYING, KINDLY PLACE FULL NAME AND HOME ADDRESS ON
ENCLOSED ACCEPTANCE OR REGRET CARD.

I SHOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR WRITING THE DATE AND YEAR
OF YOUR BIRTH OPPOSITE YOUR NAME.

November

1929

*I am pleased to accept
Mr. Elwood C. Rice's invitation
to the banquet honoring
Mr. Fred G. Gruen and Mr. George J. Gruen*

Name

Address

*Kindly sign and mail promptly
that banquet card may be sent you*

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Elwood C. Rice, Founder
Rice Leaders of the World Association

cordially invites

Professor S. J. Buck

to be his guest at

A Banquet Honoring

Mr. Fred G. Gruen and Mr. George J. Gruen

of the Gruen Watch Makers Guild

on Tuesday, December third

Nineteen hundred and twenty-nine

at seven-thirty o'clock

at the Cincinnati Club

Cincinnati Ohio

R.s.v.p.

225 Fifth Avenue

New York, N. Y.

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December 9, 1929

Mr. Elwood E. Rice
235 Fifth Ave.,
New York City

Dear Sir:-

A few days ago I received from you an invitation to attend a banquet honoring Mr. Fred G. Gruen and Mr. George J. Gruen in Cincinnati on December third. The envelope enclosing the invitation was postmarked in New York November 29 and the invitation did not reach me in time for me to reply before the date of the banquet. I desire, however, to express my appreciation of your courtesy in extending this invitation to me.

While I cannot imagine your reason for desiring to know the date of my birth, I have no objection to giving it. It is August 16, 1884.

Very truly yours

B/P



Rice Leaders of the World Association

FOSTERING THE PRACTICE OF

RIGHT BUSINESS PRINCIPLES

225 Fifth Avenue, New York

FOUNDED A. D. MCMXII
ELWOOD E. RICE, LL.D.
PRESIDENT

January 22, 1930

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

Upon my return to New York after an extended absence, I note your letter of December 9th, for which I thank you.

I sincerely regret that your invitation to my banquet in Cincinnati was so delayed in delivery that you could not arrange to attend this thoroughly enjoyable and significant function.

So many requests, Mr. Buck, have come to me similar to the enclosed, asking for a copy of the addresses made at the banquet, that I am having an interesting illustrated book prepared, wherein you will have the complete story of the occasion, the same as if you had been present. If you will sign and return the enclosed card promptly, in order that I may know how many books to prepare, I shall be glad to send you a copy with my compliments in about six weeks' time.

I thank you for giving me the date of your birth, and I shall take great pleasure in extending my greetings on your birthday.

With all good wishes,

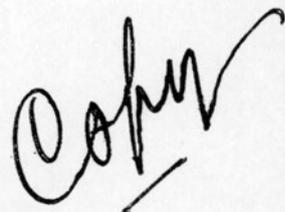
Sincerely yours,

Elwood E. Rice

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The Lambs
130 WEST 44TH STREET
NEW YORK

January 3rd, 1930.



Elwood E. Rice, LL.D.
225 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

Dear Doctor Rice:

I am writing you a "bread and butter" letter, although your party with its super de luxe trimmings was really in the "cake and truffles" class.

A writer's life - if he expects to carry on successfully - must be made up of extraordinary experiences. In this connection, I wish to assure you that your banquet in Cincinnati quite outstripped anything of the sort in my life, made up of many wonderful treats.

A record of the event will no doubt appear in print many times, directly or indirectly, and I am deeply grateful to your hospitality. However, what means more to me has been the meeting and coming in contact with one of the most remarkable personages which it has been my privilege to meet - Dr. Elwood E. Rice himself.

I want to preface what I have to say by explaining in a few words that I am no novice in this meeting, studying and depicting extraordinary people all over the world, and that my statement is not simply an idle complimentary remark. I was sent abroad on several occasions to interview celebrities and had the honor of meeting and coming to know - in some cases intimately - nearly 100 foreigners of note, among whom I may mention:

Foreign Minister Stresemann
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Lord Dunsany
Count Drasche-Lazar
Dr. Thomas Mann
Sir Ernest Benn
Sir Anthony Hope
Baroness Orczy

Count Albert Apponyi
John Galsworthy
Marquise Leverhulme
H. Gordon Selfridge
Gilbert K. Chesterton
Primo de Rivera
William J. Locke
Franz Molnar

My life work is with and among unusual Personalities. Now the point that struck me on thus becoming for the first time intimately acquainted with your amazing work and accomplishments in the past - and illustrated so fittingly in the Cincinnati event - especially after hearing you deliver one of the finest speeches on behalf of unflinching rectitude in Big Business as the only means of achieving a full-rounded ethical Success - it struck me, I repeat, that it was a pity that a

permanent record of this speech was not engraved in stone, or more specifically that it should be published in some form that it might never die. It would, in my opinion, make some gripping and inspirational reading for every business man, professional man and banker. In fact, as I remember it, it seemed as though your speech touched upon the almost daily activities of men in every walk of life.

As I recall, you touched upon the sound position that the banks of our country occupy at this time; the trust that nations actually have in these times for each other; the confidence that the buying public has in merchants and manufacturers today, as well as the increased appreciation and large percentage of men in this country who absolutely conduct their business on lines of the highest integrity.

Such a talk as you gave us contained so much food for profitable elaboration that I am sure that such a Book of Speeches might well become an object of universal reading. Furthermore, I think that a copy of your address should be in every University library, public library, commercial library and club in this country.

My suggestion is that you have the speech printed in book form and give the right-thinking men of this country an opportunity to read and enjoy the same moving inspirations that you roused in those of us who had the good fortune to be present at the Banquet in Cincinnati.

I feel sure that if you should be prevailed upon to offer such a Book of Speeches it would in itself prove an additional test to the character of men, and only reach the hands of others who have the same principles deep in their hearts and minds - for they alone would accept your kind proffer of such a worthwhile book and take the trouble to send for it.

In this way, you would get a good idea of the percentage of the business and professional men of this country who do appreciate the practice of highest effort in the right direction in their daily activities.

I have taken the liberty of offering these suggestions for what they are worth - not alone to you or to me, but to the business community-at-large.

Looking forward to the pleasure of meeting you again in the near future and having the privilege of absorbing more of your personality and constructive thoughts, believe me, with highest regards,

Most sincerely yours,

Henry Albert Shell

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MACALESTER COLLEGE

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

January 20, 1932

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

My dear Mr. Buck:-

The enclosed letter tells you of my predicament and my business. I have written to the Board of Vocational Placement at the University of Chicago and hope that even in this year of depression I may secure a suitable location. Probably, however, I shall gain most by consulting my professional friends and associates. I hesitate to burden you with additional correspondence, but if you can offer me any suggestions I shall appreciate it.

Very truly yours,

Charles J. Ritchey

After 5 days, return to

C. J. Ritchey.....

928 Linwood Place.....

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA.

JAN 22 1932

December 28, 1931

Professor C. J. Ritchey,
Macalester College,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Dr. Ritchey:

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Macalester College held December 16, 1931, the president of the college was ordered to make certain faculty changes. Under the plan adopted your service for the college will terminate with the close of this academic year. Your salary will, of course, be continued according to contract until the first of September.

This action is necessitated by the economic situation which has caused a growing deficit in the income of the college. We appreciate the service you have rendered the institution and deeply regret the necessity which severs your connection with the college.

Very truly yours,

MACALESTER COLLEGE

By Paul D. Schriber
Secretary, Board of Trustees

January 27, 1932

Mr. Charles J. Ritchey.

#938 Linwood Place,

Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Ritchey:-

I was very sorry to hear of the action taken by Macalester College, and I very much hope that you will succeed in obtaining a satisfactory position in the near future. I am somewhat out of touch with the academic world but I do occasionally hear of vacancies, although I know of none at the present time. If anything comes to my attention, I shall certainly let you know about it.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Back

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STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN

February 12, 1931

J. H. AMES,
PRESIDENT

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Dr. Buck:

We neglected to take care of your honorarium while you were here. Will you kindly sign the enclosed voucher on the line checked and in due course a check from our State Treasurer will reach you. Will you kindly return the voucher to us by return mail if possible.

Yours very truly,

J. H. Ames.
President



FLORIDA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HEADQUARTERS: JOHN B. STETSON UNIVERSITY, DELAND, FLORIDA



J.A.R. JAMES A. ROBERTSON, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
54 FLOWER AVENUE, TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

July 1, 1931

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

Dear Buck:

Your letter of June 20, reached me while I was away from home temporarily. Many thanks for your congratulations on the work that The Florida State Historical Society is doing. Under other cover I take pleasure in sending you a personal copy of my annual report.

I congratulate those interested in the History of Western Pennsylvania over having had the prescience to get you to head their project. I am not sure that you will find Pittsburgh as pleasing a place for residence as Minneapolis though you will doubtless find much interest there along historical lines. You will, I know, have great success in the work that you are undertaking. If you publish reports on your work I will be very glad to have my name placed on your mailing list.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Robertson

James A. Robertson.

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THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

NEW YORK

THE HUMANITIES
EDWARD CAPPS, ADVISER

June 3, 1930

Dear Professor Buck:

The Foundation is considering an applion made on behalf of Professor James F. Willard by President Norlin of the University of Colorado with reference to the establishment at the University for a limited term of years of an organization which would undertake to study the historic material with reference to the history of the Rocky Mountain Region, the search for and acquisition of new materials, and the ultimate publication of both monographs and a more comprehensive history dealing with the pioneer period of this region.

I should be very grateful if you would give me your considered opinion on certain general aspects of the matter, for instance:

- 1) Are the present collections of documentary material at the University of Colorado particularly notable in extent and value, or are there other collections in existence which would rank above those of Colorado?
- 2) Is the Department of History at the University of Colorado ably equipped so that the prospect would be good of the project's being brought to completion in a thoroughly satisfactory way?

I know about Professor Willard and have the greatest admiration for him, but of course he is a mediaevalist rather than a historian of modern times.

Very sincerely yours,

Edward Capps

Professor Solon J. Buck
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis
Minnesota

EC:LFA

June 6, 1930

Dr. Edward Capps
The Rockefeller Foundation
61 Broadway (Room 2624)
New York City

Dear Dr. Capps:-

I am very glad to write you as requested in your letter of June 3 with reference to the Rocky Mountain history project of the University of Colorado. I visited the University about a year ago, and spent a whole day going over its collection of material in this field with Dr. Willard, so I am in a position to discuss the situation with some confidence. With reference to your first question, I would say ~~definitely~~ that the present collections of documentary material at the University are very definitely notable in extent and value. Dr. Willard has a very wide acquaintance in the region, and a remarkable flair for collecting. He has been active in this work for many years, and, as a result, has accumulated an invaluable collection of manuscripts, rare pamphlets and newspaper files. From my general knowledge of the situation, I would say that the only other collection in this field that could be compared with the one at the University of Colorado is the collection of the State Historical Society in Denver. I have not had the opportunity to examine the latter collection, but my impression is that it is distinctly less valuable.

With reference to your second question, I would say without hesitation that the Department of History at the University of Colorado is ably equipped and would put through the project in a satisfactory manner, provided Dr. Willard continued in charge of it. Dr. Goodykuntz, another member of the department, has done some excellent work in the history of this region, and would doubtless cooperate in the project, but I am not as well acquainted with him as I am with Willard. The University administration appears to be very much interested in this field of work, as may be judged by the fact that it promoted a very successful conference on trans-Mississippi history at Boulder last summer. The University, moreover, has published three volumes of collections selected from its documentary material in this field, and ably edited by Willard and Goodykuntz.

I do not think that the fact that Willard is primarily a mediaevalist should militate against the support of this project in any way, for he has made himself a specialist in this other field also, and the work that he has done and is doing entitles him to high rank as a scholar in western American history.

Sincerely yours



THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

NEW YORK

THE HUMANITIES
EDWARD CAPPS, ADVISER

June 9, 1930

Dear Professor Buck:

I acknowledge gratefully your letter of June 6. The information which you give me concerning the collections of material at Boulder and the personnel equipment which the University of Colorado has for the historical investigation under discussion is exactly what I desired.

With kind regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

Edward Capps

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

EC:LFA

January 13, 1932

Prof. W. T. Root,
History Department,
University of Iowa,
Iowa City,

Dear Root:-

Your Department of History News Letter, No. 10, has just reached me, having been forwarded from my old address in Minneapolis. I always look these sheets over with much interest and from this one I derived the title of two theses in preparation that are of considerable interest to me. I shall appreciate it, therefore, if you will have my address changed on the mailing list to #5839 Darlington Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Rosenwald Industrial Museum
300 West Adams Street Chicago

March 14, 1929

Dear Mr. Buck:-

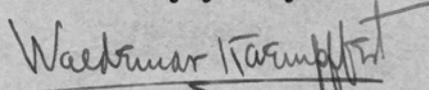
We need a man of culture and a sense of social and economic values, who knows agriculture historically and technically to assume the Curatorship of Agriculture and Forestry in this museum.

Mr. Kellar, the librarian of the International Harvester Company, gave us the name of Mr. Ernest S. Osgood and the outline of Mr. Osgood's career seems to indicate that he has some of the qualifications that we would demand of him.

Assuming that Mr. Osgood is the man we are looking for I shall be very grateful to you if you can tell me something about him from your own point of view. I may mention the fact that it will be his task to trace the development of agricultural machinery from antiquity to the present day and to reveal by well planned exhibits the social and economic results of the important technical advances. This also applies to Forestry; for in the earliest stages of the museum development one division must concern itself with both subjects. What becomes of the products of the soil and forest must also receive attention. Indeed, so wide is the field to be covered that it includes food preservation and the chemical utilization of cellulose in the manufacture of paper and rayon.

The man whom we will select will receive an initial salary of \$3600 a year. This will be increased as he manifests his competency and as his ability grows.

Faithfully yours,



Waldemar Kaempffert
Director

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

March 20, 1929

Mr. Waldemar Kaempfert, Director
Rosenwald Industrial Museum
300 West Adams St.,
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Kaempfert:-

Ernest S. Osgood, about whom you inquire, is an instructor in history at the University of Minnesota. He received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1927, I believe, and came to us in the fall of that year.

My acquaintance with him has not been very extensive, but he has impressed me as a man of exceptional ability, initiative, and scholarship. Last year I read in manuscript his thesis on the Range Cattle Industry and found it an extremely interesting and well-written study. I recommended it to the University of Minnesota Press for publication, and it will be out in a few months. I understand that Mr. Osgood's teaching in the large general course in American history last year was so much liked by the students that, at the end of the year, they drew up and adopted resolutions expressing their appreciation of it.

I do not know that Mr. Osgood has had any experience with museum work, or has any special aptitude for or interest in it. I feel sure, however, that if he should undertake it he would do a good job.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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Rosenwald Industrial Museum
300 West Adams Street Chicago

March 26, 1929

Dear Doctor Buck:-

I was very grateful to receive your letter of March 20th in which you give me your opinion of Doctor Osgood. Since I communicated with you I have received a letter from Doctor Ford in which he tells me how unwillingly he would see Doctor Osgood leave the University of Minnesota. In view of this it seems to me inadvisable to press the matter further, all the more so, since the Rosenwald Industrial Museum adopted the policy of refraining from recruiting its staff at the expense of other institutions within and without Chicago.

Faithfully yours,

Waldemar Kaempffert

Waldemar Kaempffert
Director

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

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April 5, 1929

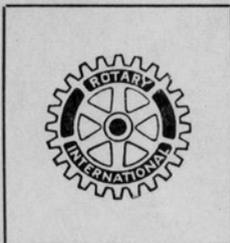
Professor Earle D. Ross
Station A, Drawer M
Ames, Iowa

Dear Mr. Ross:-

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of your "Benjamin Franklin as an Eighteenth-Century Agricultural Leader." I had not seen this in the Journal of Political Economy and was glad to have it called to my attention. It seems to me that the studies that you are making of prominent Americans in relation to agriculture, such as this one and the one on Lincoln that you read at the A.H.A. meeting, are valuable contributions to American history.

Sincerely yours

B/P



Rotary Club of Fergus Falls

Fergus Falls, Minnesota

July 18, 1929.

"He Profits Most
Who Serves
Best"

Dr. Solon J. Buck
Battle Lake, Minn.

Dear Sir:

This office wishes to take this opportunity to express to you their deep appreciation for your very fine talk on Wednesday at the Rotary meeting.

Your talk was very enlightening and one that should be heard by every one in the state. We appreciate this courtesy and assure you that we will be very glad to assist you and the Historical Society in any way possible should you decide to call upon us.

Thanking you again for your attendance at our Rotary club and for the very fine talk, we are,

Yours very truly,

JAW:DS

James A. Webb
James A. Webb, C.P.A.
Secretary.

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Please [unclear]
Send [unclear]*

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66 W. 13th. St.
Holland, Mich.

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Mr. Solon J. Buck,
Professor of History,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Buck:-

I am a senior student at Hope College in this city. After being graduated next June, I am very much interested in continuing my education either in the field of American History or Political Science. To make this possible it will be almost imperative to receive an assistant teaching position or scholarship at some university.

I am writing you for two reasons: I am a citizen of Minnesota, and Mr. Bruce Raymond, my history professor here, has advised me to do so because of your mutual acquaintance. I am sure that he will be very glad to give you all information about myself in general and concerning my ability as a history student.

I have a copy of the Bulletin of the Minnesota University, and have noticed that there are several teaching assistantships open to graduate students. I would like to put in an application for one of these or for some other form of scholarship that you may recommend.

I wish to thank you in advance for the assistance you will give me and I shall expect an early reply.

Yours very truly,

J. C. Rylandsom.

October 24, 1930

Mr. J. C. Rylaarsdom
66 W. 13th Street
Holland, Michigan

Dear Mr. Rylaarsdom:

I am glad to know of your interest in the possibility of doing graduate work in history at the University of Minnesota and I hope that you will be able to make satisfactory arrangements. I would suggest that you write to Dean Guy Stanton Ford, Graduate School, University of Minnesota, and ask for fellowship application blanks. You can then fill them out and return them and in the spring your application will be duly considered by the department. The same blanks are used for all the different types of positions open to graduate students and we make the assignment in accord with the qualifications of the applicant as they appear in the blank.

Sincerely yours

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