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April 11, 1932

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Historical Building,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter addressed to
Dr. Temple under date of April 8, enclosed herewith
you will find copies of S. 689 and S. 692 introduced
by Senator Smoot to create an establishment known as
the National Archives and for other purposes.

Very truly yours,

H. C. Barnard
Secretary.

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Enclosure

NOV 1 1933

449 PARK AVENUE

October 31, 1933

My dear Mr. Buck:-

Thank you so much for your courtesy in forwarding the information about the French newspaper. It will be most useful.

I want to say again that I enjoyed so much your most amusing and subtly humorous account of your "Prince of Prigs".

If you come to New York I hope you will give me the pleasure of coming in to see me.

Most cordially yours,

Edward Larocque Tucker

MAR 27 1933

Kent State College, Kent, Ohio

March 25, 1933

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

My dear Prof. Buck:-

At one of our history meetings four years ago I heard you and Mr. Shippee speak about your preparation to write a book on the history of the West. Since we are considering a course on the history of the West in this college, I have wondered whether you have completed the text you had planned.

Very sincerely,
Louis A. Johill

March 27, 1933

Dr. Louis A. Tohill,
Kent State College,
Kent, Ohio

Dear Mr. Tohill:

Shippee and I have abandoned our plans for writing a history of the West. Of course you are familiar with the books by Paxson and Riegel. Neither of them in my opinion is satisfactory for a text. There is another book not intended as a text-book but much more readable than and fully as accurate as most text-books. I refer to Westward by E. Douglas Branch.

I was glad to hear from you and to learn of your present location.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

APR 4 1933

Kent, Ohio

April 2, 1933

Prof. Solon J. Buck
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Prof. Buck:-

I want to thank you for telling me about the books on the history of the West by Riegel and by Branch. I knew about Payson's book. I had hoped that you and Mr. Shippee had completed your book.

The Mississippi Valley Review reports the work of the Western Pennsylvania Historical Society. So far as I can learn Ohio has done as little as any state to collect its historical documents and to make them available to scholars. And yet there is not a state west of the Alleghenies that has a richer history.

Very truly,
Louis A. Fohill

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5839 Darlington Road,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

April 10, 1933

The University of Toronto Press,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Gentlemen:-

I note in the last number of the Canadian Historical Review that you are offering \$1.00 a piece for certain numbers of that publication. I find that I have two of the desired issues, those for March, 1923, and June, 1923. If you desire these, I shall be glad to sell them at the price indicated.

Very truly yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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R. J. HAMILTON
MANAGER

A. GORDON BURNS
ASSISTANT MANAGER

The University of Toronto Press
PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT
Toronto 5

DORIS ASHTON
SECRETARY

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April 13, 1933

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

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of April 10th in which you state that you have two of the missing numbers of the Canadian Historical Review. We shall be very glad indeed to send you a cheque for \$2.00 upon receipt these magazines. It is very kind of you to let us have them.

Yours very truly,

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO PRESS
Publication Department,

DA

Doris Ashton

THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO PRESS

to

SOLOM J. BUCK, Dr.

April 17, 1933

The Canadian Historical Review for March and June, 1933, \$3.00

Please send check to me at - The Historical Building,
4338 Bigelow Boulevard,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

University of Toronto

BURSAR'S OFFICE

Toronto 5, June 8, 1933.

To Mr. Solon J. Buck,
The Historical Building,
4338 Bigelow Boulevard,
PITTSBURGH,
PENNSYLVANIA,
U.S.A.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Bank Money Order,
I enclose No.G 10643 for \$ 1.69,

in payment of your account Apr. 17, against University of
Toronto Press.

(The Canadian Historical Review for March and June, 1933)

Yours truly,

F. A. MOURÉ,

Bursar

Q.

(No receipt required)

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JUN 18 1932

CONSTANCE TOWNE
STUDIO
STAMFORD, CONN.

Monday.

My dear Dr. Buck;-

What a wonderful contribution your book, The Agrarian Crusade, was to the Chronicles of America, it is so very interesting, so beautifully done, and so well balanced. My father Mr. Henry R. Towne, of N.Y. was largely responsible for the Chronicles by money, interest, and influence. Just before his death he gave me a set of these books for my library; which is very dear to my heart, not only for some old and rare books but because it is so largely autographed, some time ago, I decided to make these books a permanent part of it, and wrote to Mr. Brook in N.Y. asking the addresses of the Authors, hoping they might be generous enough to add their signatures to my collection. Perhaps you would do this for me, as many of the others have done? I will be very grateful, for it makes a library much more interesting, and of great value ultimately. I know what a nuisance the autograph hunter is to everyone, the only way I can quiet my conscience in this request is that perhaps the Authors may feel gratified that after so long a time, and because of so much trouble, I have come to them with a bit more praise, so justly due. I am enclosing some old Notices and Programs, to tell you who I am, I have had a school of Arts here, for about 20 years, for the child of the Day Wage Earner, at popular prices, hoping to add culture (so much needed) to the process called education offered by the State. I teach the Departments of Piano, Classic Barefoot Dance, and the Spoken Word. We have been fairly successful in our out going Teachers, and Pupils. One of them won The Murray Fellowship Prize, this year at Barnard College, Several have schools in N.Y. City, Hollywood, Harrisburg etc. Will you please accept my thanks, for your patience in this request, for this badly typed letter, and last but far from least, the pleasure your book has given me.

Sincerely.

Mrs. F.T. Towne.

Constance Towne

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July 11, 1932

Mrs. F. T. Towne,
Stamford,
Connecticut.

My dear Mrs. Towne:

I am sorry that my reply to your letter requesting my autograph for your set of the Chronicles of America series has been unavoidably delayed. I enclose herewith my signature on a separate sheet of paper so that you can mount it in your copy of The Agrarian Crusade if that is your desire. ✓

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

67 Barton Ave. S. E.

March 1, 1929

Professor Harrison A. Trexler
Birmingham Southern College
Birmingham, Alabama

My dear Mr. Trexler:-

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of the "Contributions from the Department of History." One of the articles in it, the one on "The Blount Conspiracy" is of especial interest to me in connection with some work that I am doing at present, and I am very glad to have the publication for my file.

I think that your department is to be congratulated on this demonstration of the possibility of research in the colleges, and of the publication of the results thereof.

Sincerely yours

B/P

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE
SCHOOL OF THE LIBERAL ARTS
STATE COLLEGE, PENNSYLVANIA

JAN 15 1932

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

January 13, 1932.

Doctor Solon J. Buck,
Department of History,
University of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

My dear Doctor Buck:

It was very kind of you to send me a copy of Professor Krey's paper. I was invited to visit at Collegeville, but, due to my deep seated aversion to going farther than a train or taxi will take me, declined. Hayes and I left on the day train southeastward Wednesday; he went on via ERIE and I stayed on, taking in Chicago. Miss Gallagher of Goucher also was on the train, but we two and a Macmillan man were quite sufficient unto ourselves. By the way I also learned that dining cars travel in the same general direction as the train of which they are a part.

I hope to see you up here sometime -- we'll all be glad to see you and give you a bite to eat and a soft drink at the Sandwich Shop, if nothing more. Regards to Oliver, Hatfield, Cleven, et al.

Cordially yours,

Francis B. Chan

August 1, 1930

Miss Amelia Turner
St. Peter. Minnesota

Dear Madam:-

Having looked over with much interest your History of Lower Oshawa, which you kindly presented to the library of the Minnesota Historical Society, I am writing to ask if another copy is available that I might obtain for myself. I am building up a collection of worth-while items in the field of Minnesota history, and, if a copy of this pamphlet is available, I wish that you would send it to me at my home address, 67 Barton Ave. S. E., Minneapolis.

If there is any charge for it, I shall be glad, of course, to remit upon receipt of a statement.

Very truly yours

B/P

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St. Peter, Minn.,
Aug. 11th - 1930.

Solon Buck,
Minneapolis, Minn.,

Dear Sir: -

I am sending under separate cover a booklet of History of Lower Oshawa, which you asked for. We are selling them at cost, seventy-five cents a copy.

Thanking you for your interest I am

Yours truly,
Amelia Turner.

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August 15, 1930

Miss Amelia Turner
St. Peter, Minnesota

My dear Miss Turner:

Enclosed herewith you will find my
check for seventy-five cents in payment for
the booklet that you sent to me recently. ✓

Sincerely yours

B/H

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JAN 3 1930

Frederick J. Turner

HENRY E. HUNTINGTON LIBRARY AND ART GALLERY
SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA

MAX FARRAND
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH

December 30, 1929

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

Dear Buck:

Mrs. Turner and I are very glad to meet your charming daughter, Mary, of whom you both should be proud.

[refers to a picture. 6/18]

I am rather slowly recovering from a severe operation last spring, but am able to dictate for an hour or so every morning, and that keeps me going.

With warm wishes for the happiness of you and your family during the coming year, I am

Cordially yours,

Frederick J. Turner

JAN 26 1931

Frederick J. Turner

HENRY E. HUNTINGTON LIBRARY AND ART GALLERY
SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA

MAX FARRAND
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH

January 21, 1931

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

Dear Buck:

Thank you for sending me the re-
print of the "Making a Farm on the Frontier."
I had seen it in the Agricultural History
with much interest, and am now filing the
separate with my notes on the North Central
group of states. The kind of information
that is contained in this diary is inform-
ing and will be useful to the historian.

With good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Frederick J. Turner

May 25, 1931

Professor Frederick J. Turner
Huntington Library
San Marino, California

Dear Mr. Turner:-

You will be interested, I am sure, to know that I have accepted a position as director of the Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey, effective September 1. It is going to be quite a wrench for me to leave Minnesota, but I hope that the move will prove a wise one. This survey is a research project financed by the Buhl Foundation of Pittsburgh, with the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania and the University of Pittsburgh participating to some extent. It will be under the control of a Board, consisting of five representatives of the society and four of the university. I am to have a staff of five research workers, and also some clerical and editorial assistance. The work will be carried on mainly in the building of the Historical Society which has just been completed.

I am also to have the position of professor of history in the university, teaching not more than one course, and I have agreed to exercise general supervision over all the activities of the Historical Society. Fortunately, it is not so ambitious an institution as the Minnesota Historical Society, and I hope that most of my time can be devoted to research and the direction of research.

I hope that you have been enjoying good health of late. From all that I can learn about the Huntington Library, it must be an ideal place in which to work. It is a long time since I have had the pleasure of seeing you, but I think of you very often.

Sincerely yours

B/P

JUN 2 1931

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Frederick J. Turner
HENRY E. HUNTINGTON LIBRARY AND ART GALLERY
SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA

MAX FARRAND
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH

May 29, 1931

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

Your letter of the twenty-fifth of May interests me very much. The position seems to be a most important one, and I hope that you will like it. They are to be congratulated upon persuading you to leave Minnesota. Your position as professor of history will enable you to combine your researches with the presentation of some of your results in a form preliminary to publication. My own experience has taught me that that is a desirable course, provided the professorship is not made the important and engrossing side.

I can hardly say that I have been enjoying good health, but I am able to spend the mornings at the Huntington Library, where I am on half time as a research associate, and thus to make some progress in putting into shape my material for the period 1830 to 1850. I am very glad to be thought of by you, and I have always remembered our companionship with pleasure.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick J. Turner

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Frederick J. Turner

HENRY E. HUNTINGTON LIBRARY AND ART GALLERY
SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA

MAX FARRAND
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH

August 10, 1931

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

Your "Story of the Grand Portage" and the "Classified List of Articles . . ." you were so kind as to send to Professor Turner have been received during his absence. They will be brought to his attention on his return in October. Meanwhile, let me say that I know he will appreciate your courtesy in sending the pamphlets.

After all these years chance has again brought me into association--in an unimportant capacity--with Professor Turner. (But you may not at all recall that I was stenographer for the History Department at Wisconsin at the time you were doing graduate work there.)

Yours very truly

M. H. Crissey
Secretary to Professor Turner

September 4th, 1931.

Mr. M. H. Crissey,
Secretary to Professor Frederick J. Turner,
Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Gallery,
San Marino, California.

Dear Mr. Crissey:-

Indeed, I do remember you very well as Professor Turner's Secretary at Wisconsin and I have noted your name occasionally since then in connection with magazine articles. I am sure that it must be very pleasant for Professor Turner to have your assistance once more.

Just before I left Minnesota I received a pamphlet from Professor Turner on New England, which I have read with great interest and I would like to have you express to him my appreciation of his courtesy in sending it to me.

I took up my work here as Director of the Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey on September 1st but as we are almost totally lacking in equipment and the staff is new and not all on the job as yet, it will be some time before we are able to make much progress.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck.

Frederick J. Turner
HENRY E. HUNTINGTON LIBRARY AND ART GALLERY
SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA

MAX FARRAND
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH

October 19, 1931

Dr. Solon J. Buck
5839 Darlington Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Professor Buck:

I have received and read with interest your paper on "The Story of the Grand Portage." The last photograph--canoeing on Pigeon River--nearly drove me to tears in memory of my own canoeing in that interesting region!

Wishing you happiness in your new home and work,
I am

Sincerely yours,

Copy for Mr. Blegen

November 25, 1931.

United States Customs Office,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:

Dr. Theodore C. Blegen, my successor as Superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society, informs me that you have a parcel addressed to me from the Oxford University Press. This shipment is undoubtedly intended for the Minnesota Historical Society, and I will appreciate it if you will deliver it to the Society.

Very truly yours,

Solon J. Buck.

B:H

67 Barton Ave. S. E.
June 18, 1931

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Director of the Census
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

If you can have sent to me a copy of Population
Bulletins, first series, fifteenth census, containing
the United States summary, the favor will be much
appreciated.

Sincerely yours

V/P

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September 23, 1930

Hon. Charles B. Davis
United States District Court
St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Judge Davis:-

Some time ago we had a letter from you inquiring about the possibility of purchasing a set of Mason's History of Otter Tail County, Minnesota. I have located a set of this work which can be had for fifteen dollars. If you care to purchase it, please send a check made out to me personally for that amount and I will see to it that the books are shipped promptly.

Sincerely yours

B/P

CHARLES B. DAVIS
DISTRICT JUDGE

SEP 26 1930

United States District Court
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

ST. LOUIS,

September 25, 1930.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,
c/o Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of September 23rd, in reference to Mason's History of Otter Tail County, to hand. While in Minnesota this Summer, I had access to this work and secured the information that I desired. Consequently, I do not care to purchase a copy of the history. I am grateful to you, however, for keeping the matter in mind and writing me.

Sincerely yours,

Charles B. Davis

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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April 3, 1929

U.S. Superintendent of Documents
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We should like to have another copy
of Price List 53, 20th Edition, Maps, and
we shall be grateful if you will send us
one.

Very truly yours,

Jacob Hodnefield
Acting Librarian

JH/HS



67 Barton Ave. S. E.

October 31, 1930

NS
Superintendent of Documents
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I should like very much to receive copies of your Price Lists, Nos. 35, 53, 53, 60, 69, 70, 71, 72, and 73.

Very truly yours

B/P

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UNITED STATES

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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

WASHINGTON

DEC 20 1930

Hon. Henrik Shipstead,

United States Senate.

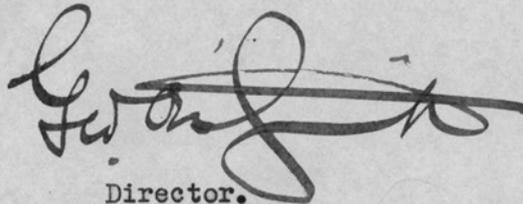
My dear Senator Shipstead:

In response to your letter of December 18:

I have taken pleasure in sending, as by your request, to Mr. Solon J. Buck, 67 Barton Ave., S. E., Minneapolis, Minn., a copy of Bulletin 817, Boundaries, area, geographic centers and altitudes of the United States and the several States.

The free editions of most Geological Survey reports are now smaller than formerly, as we are endeavoring to encourage purchase at the low prices charged by the Superintendent of Documents. In consequence, the free copies of a number of the reports are soon exhausted, and Bulletin 817 is one of those that are no longer available for general distribution except through purchase. The copy sent Mr. Buck was taken from a few reserved for official and special uses.

Yours very cordially,


Director.

67 Barton Ave. S. E.
January 6, 1931

U.S. Dr. George O. Smith, Director
Geological Survey
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Smith:-

I want to thank you for sending me a copy of your Bulletin No. 817 on boundaries, area, geographic centers and altitudes of the United States and the several States requested for me by Senator Shipstead. He has forwarded to me your letter of December 30, and, in view of the courtesy that you have shown me in sending me one of the reserved copies, I want to assure you that it will be of very real use to me in connection with my teaching and research in American history.

Sincerely yours

B/P

University of Minnesota
College of Education
Minneapolis

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April 16, 1929

UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

Professor S. J. Buck
219 Old Library
University of Minnesota

My dear Professor Buck:

Mr. Frank Hopkins Heck who is a candidate for an appointment as an instructor in history in the University High School, refers us to you as one familiar with his qualifications for such a position.

This high school exists as a teacher training and experimental institution. We desire that the teachers appointed to this institution shall be superior in their qualifications and in their teaching ability in order that they may be able to instruct properly the teachers in training and in order that they may carry on such experimental investigations as we may desire to undertake.

May I ask, in the light of the above, if you will give us your frank estimate of this candidate's qualifications for such a position in this institution?

Very truly yours,

Charles W. Boardman

CWB:RF
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PRINCIPAL

April 17, 1929

Mr. Charles W. Boardman
University High School
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Boardman:-

Mr. Frank H. Heck, about whom you inquire in your letter of April 16, had most of his work under the direction of Professor Shippee. What little work he did with me ~~in~~ one term in the Seminar in American history was excellent, however, and my impressions of him are very favorable. His training, experience, and personality are such that I should expect him to make good in ~~your~~ position.

Sincerely yours

B/P



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICE
MINNEAPOLIS

GENERAL EXTENSION DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

July 20, 1929

Mr. Solon J. Buck
Old Library 219
University of Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find state voucher in the sum of \$30.00
which covers fees for your services of preparing a reading
course on Minnesota for use in study clubs.

Yours truly,

Mellie R. Phillips x R 8

Mellie R. Phillips
Secretary - SRS

EJC
Enc

July 11, 1931

Mr. R. W. G. Vail, Librarian
American Antiquarian Society
Worcester, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Vail:-

Thank you very much for your kind letter of June 27. Despite the many advantages of the Pittsburgh position to which you refer -- and they are very real -- it was very hard for me to make up my mind to leave Minnesota

Now that I shall be within reasonable distance of Worcester, it may be possible for me some time to read a paper at a meeting of the American Antiquarian Society. Mr. Brigham has asked me to do so several times, but it has never been possible for me to be there.

I trust that you and Mrs. Vail are comfortably situated in Worcester, and are enjoying life there. Mrs. Buck joins me in sending regards to both of you.

Sincerely yours

B/P

JUN 30 1931

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WORCESTER, MASS., U.S.A.

June 27, 1931

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I note from the June number of the Minnesota Historical News that you are about to leave the Society for new pastures in Pennsylvania. I congratulate both Pennsylvania and you, for it will be very stimulating for you to have the fun of developing a new and somewhat different field.

I think that historically Pennsylvania is pretty nearly the most interesting state in the Union, on account of the great variety of nationality, religion, philosophy, social and economic activity of that state in the early days. It will be very pleasant also to continue to be in touch with a university group, and especially to have a sufficient fund back of you to feel that you can get somewhere without having to go down on your knees to a legislature of Swede farmers. It should be a real satisfaction to be within striking distance of New York and Washington.

With very best wishes for the success I am sure you will find in your new work, and with warmest regards to Mrs. Buck and yourself, I am,

Cordially yours,

RWG Vail

RWGV:T

Librarian

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January 11, 1929

Mr. Mark Van Doren
50 W. 9 St.,
New York City

Dear Mr. Van Doren:-

Since you didn't like my feeble attempt at description in my sketch of Alvord for the D A B I am sending you under separate cover a more extensive article entitled "Clarence Walworth Alvord, Historian." It contains, I assure you, no personal description, but it may be of some interest to you as a record of the man's achievements.

Sincerely yours

B/P

JAN 21 1929

50 West 9th Street
New York City
January 18, 1929

Dear Mr. Buck:

Thank you very much for sending
me your paper on Mr. Alvord. I have
read it with interest and pleasure,
and with surprise at the enormous
amount of work he accomplished.
I had never seen a complete list
of the publications he was concerned
with.

With best regards as always,

Sincerely,

Mark Van Doren

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Van K.

February 15, 1929

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

Gentlemen:-

I understand that Mr. Donald E. Van Koughnet, a graduate student in the University of Minnesota, is applying for a fellowship or scholarship in political science at Harvard University. Mr. Van Koughnet has never been a student of mine, but he has been engaged during the last year under my direction in making a resurvey and inventory of the Minnesota archives. In this work he has shown initiative, independence, accuracy and thoroughness, and I am convinced that he is a young man of quite exceptional ability. I might add that I expect to give him employment during the summer on the staff of the Minnesota Historical Society.

I take pleasure, therefore, in recommending Mr. Van Koughnet as one who would be likely to profit to the full by the advantages of graduate work at Harvard.

Very truly yours

B/P

OCT 9 1929

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, LITERATURE, AND THE ARTS
MINNEAPOLIS

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

October 8, 1929

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

Mr. Donald E. Van Koughnet, who is an applicant for a Rhodes Scholarship from Minnesota, has referred us to you as one who can speak of his attainments.

The qualities to be given special consideration are the following:

- (1) Literary and scholastic ability and attainment.
- (2) Qualities of manhood, truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy, kindness, unselfishness, and fellowship.
- (3) Exhibition of moral force of character, and of instincts to lead and to take an interest in his schoolmates.
- (4) Physical vigour, as shown in his interest in outdoor sports or in other ways.

The University of Minnesota Selection Committee will very much appreciate your estimate of the applicant.

Very truly yours,

John T. Tate
Chairman, University
Selection Committee.

John T. Tate/M

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October 11, 1929

Professor John T. Tate
Department of Physics
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Tate:-

Mr. Donald E. Van Koughnet has never been a student of mine, but he has done considerable work for me during the past year and I have had ample opportunity to observe him. I have no special knowledge of his scholastic record, but I am satisfied that he possesses the qualities of initiative, accuracy, and thoroughness in his work to an exceptional degree. He impresses me as a person of the highest type of manhood: I would have complete confidence in any statement he might make, and he demonstrated his devotion to duty and his unselfishness by continuing the work that he was doing for me long after the money available for payment was exhausted.

I know nothing of his relations with other students or of his interest in sports; but, in general, I believe that he would profit to the fullest extent by a Rhodes Scholarship and would be a credit to Minnesota.

Sincerely yours

B/P

Harvard University, Appointment Office
10 University Hall, Cambridge Mass

March 3, 1930

In 1928 and 1929, Mr. Van Koughnet, who was then a graduate student in political science at the University of Minnesota, was employed under my direction in making a re-survey of the state archives of Minnesota for the Public Archives Commission of the American Historical Association. He did the job with great thoroughness as far as he was able to go in the time available, and demonstrated his ability to do independent work. He is very serious minded, has an agreeable personalith, and I should have no hesitation in recommending him for a teaching position.

Professor of History
University of Minnesota, and
Superintendent of the Minne-
sota Historical Society

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September 26, 1930

Mr. Donald Van Koughnet
10 A Conant Hall
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Van Koughnet:

When I went to the University yesterday for the first time this fall, I found on my desk an envelope addressed to you which I suspected contained the missing check. I opened it to make sure and my suspicions were confirmed. I immediately called Mrs. Pierce, and as she reported that no duplicate had been made out as yet, I am forwarding the check to you herewith. Mrs. Pierce said that Miss Eayrs was supposed to have looked all over my desk for it but could not find it. It may have come in after that, of course.

I hope that you have not been seriously inconvenienced by this delay.

Sincerely yours

SJB/H

OCT 8 1930

Donald E. Van Koughnet
10A Conant Hall
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

October 4, 1930.

Dear Dr. Buck,

Thank you for your attention in the matter of forwarding my check to me. I am happy that it was unnecessary to go to the trouble of making a duplicate.

Your comment that it is likely that I have the same room that you had in 1906-07 is doubly interesting. In the first place, I had only then made my "debut" in this interesting world; and in the second place, I am glad to say that I am delighted with the room and its location.

With best wishes for a year not too wearing, I am

Very sincerely,

Donald E. Van Koughnet.

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July 24, 1931

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

Thank you for sending me the enclosed list of books; there are many on it I want, but as business is very slow now, I should probably have to wait until October before paying for those I want. If you will give other dealers the preference in buying books from this list, and send me those which remain from the ones I have marked when you are about to leave for Pennsylvania, I shall be very glad to get whatever is left.

John Van Male

John VanMale
Bookseller
3331 E. 14th Avenue
Denver, Colorado
[Americana;
Exploration;
Natural History]



67 Barton Ave., S. E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota
August 5, 1931

Mr. John Van Male
3331 E. 14th Avenue
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mr. Van Male:

In response to your offer of July 24, I am shipping you by express a package of books as indicated on the enclosed bill. It is my understanding that you will probably not make payment until October, 1931.

In writing me to acknowledge the receipt of the books, please use my home address as given above, as mail addressed to me at the University is likely to be much delayed in reaching me. After September 1 my address will be 5839 Darlington Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Sincerely yours

B/H

August 5, 1931

John Van Male
3331 East 14 Ave.,
Denver, Colorado

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

Bishop, Story of Regiment	\$ 1.50
Bliss, St. Paul	1.50
Bradley, Bibliography	1.00
Brown, History of 4th Regiment	1.50
Campbell, History of the Churches of the Presbytery of St. Cloud	2.00
Conant, Footprints of Vanished Races	2.00
Cresswell, Among the Sioux	2.00
Dunne, Captain Jolly	3.00
Edwards, History of the Synod of Minnesota	1.50
Fairchild, Medicine in Iowa75
Funk, History of Macalester College	1.50
Glimpses of Pioneer Life	2.00
Gordon, John Kinzie	2.00
Hall, History of Minn. State Agricultural Assn.	1.50
Hamline, University, History	1.50
History of Ramsey Co., Minn.	4.00
History of Washington Co., Minn.	4.00
Hobart, History of Methodism in Minn.	3.00
Iowa State Hist. Society, Historical Lectures	1.00
Minn. Const. Convention (Rep.) Debates	10.00
O'Brien, Minn. Pioneer Sketches	2.00
Phelps, Personal Recollections	2.00
Smith, History of Wisconsin	6.00
Strong, Territory of Wisconsin	2.50
Tanner, Diocese of Minnesota	1.00
Turner, 15th Minn.	2.00
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Payment to be made in October, 1931.

Address after September 1: 5839 Darlington Road, Pittsburgh, Pa.



August 11, 1931

John Van Male
3331 E. 14 Ave.,
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mr. Van Male:-

One of the books on my recent list that you indicated a desire for was Newson's Pen Pictures of St. Paul. At the time I got the books ready for shipment to you, I could not locate ~~my~~ copy of it. It has since turned up, however, and I am sending it to you by parcel post prepaid. I will appreciate it, therefore, if you will add the sum of \$1.50, the amount you offered for this book, to the bill that I sent you, thus making the total amount \$64.25.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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Bookdealer

August 11, 1931

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

Thank you very much for sending the books, which I am pleased with. I hope to be able to pay for them before October, but that depends on whether a new mailing-list I received recently is effective or not.

Only Vol. 3 of Smith's History of Wisconsin arrived. I believe Vol. 1 was also listed in the list you sent me; this set was, as you know, never completed, these two volumes being all that were issued. It is necessary to have the two together, however, so will you see if the other volume is not there?

John VanMale

John VanMale
Bookseller
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~~*John Van Male*~~

August 13, 1931

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

The Newson arrived safely, and I am glad to have it. I have added
the \$1.50 to the bill.

John Van Male

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August 22, 1931

Dr. Solon J. Buck
Grand Portage, Minn.

With your permission, I will return the odd volume of Smith
to your Pittsburgh address after you have arrived there.
As the error is mine, however, I shall keep the book if you
prefer. It was a very fine lot of books you sent me, and I
am most grateful for being able to get them on such convenient
terms.

John VanMale

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September 2nd, 1931.

Mr. John VanMale,
3331 E. 14th Avenue,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. VanMale:-

It will be agreeable to me for you
to return the odd volume of Smith's History of
Wisconsin to me at your convenience and to deduct the
charge for it from the bill. Please send it to my
home address, #5938 Darlington Road, Pittsburgh.

Sincerely yours,

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September 8, 1931

Dr. Solon J. Buck
5938 Darlington Road
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Thank you for the permission to return the odd volume of Smith's
"History of Wisconsin," which is being sent by prepaid express.

I hope you will find your new work even more interesting than
it promises to be.

John VanMale



John VanMale
Bookseller
3331 E. 14th Avenue
Denver, Colorado
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Exploration;
Natural History]

5839 Darlington Road,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

November 3, 1931.

Mr. John VanMale,
3331 E. 14th Avenue,
Denver, Colorado.

My dear Mr. VanMale:

I am wondering if you have overlooked my bill for books sold to you last summer.

The understanding was, I believe, that this was to be paid not later than October. The original bill was \$62.75, to which was added \$1.50 for the Newson items, making a total of \$64.25. From this, however, \$6.00 was deducted for the Smith item returned, leaving a balance of \$58.25.

I trust you will let me hear from you in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck.

B:H

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November 6, 1931

Dr. Solon J. Buck
5839 Darlington Road
Pittsburgh, Penna.

For the last six weeks I have been working on a large sale which has removed all dangers of depression for this winter at least, but the books have not yet all been gathered together (part of the sale being a collector's library in New York) and although part of the price has been paid, it has all had to be used in buying books to supplement those from my stock. I am supposed to get another check Monday, and with that I intend to pay your bill among others. I appreciate your letting me have the books on the terms you did very highly indeed, and hope that some day I can be of service to you.

John Van Male

John VanMale
Bookseller
3331 E. 14th Avenue
Denver, Colorado
[Americana;
Exploration;
Natural History]



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November 20, 1931

Dr. Solon J. Buck
5938 Darlington Road
Pittsburgh, Penna.

The large check I was supposed to get the first of this month has not yet arrived. I beg your pardon for deferring the payment of the money I owe you for so long. It will not be much longer, however, as I have money enough coming in to pay the bill soon, in any event. The bill was not so large but that this delay would be quite unjustifiable in any event.

John Van Male



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May 31, 1929

Prof. Solon Justus Buck,
University of Minnesota,
Mimeapolis, Minn.

My dear Dr. Buck:

With the close of the school year I am joining the editorial staff of the Viking Press. Here my concern will be with books having an educational import, even if they are not always in the form of "text books." I shall be especially interested in books that demand - and justify - a more intensive type of promotion.

I would appreciate any suggestions that may occur to you from time to time, and if you have any problems of book publication, I hope that you will let me hear from you.

Yours very truly,

Benj. C. Gruenberg

Benj. C. Gruenberg

BCG/R

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July 11, 1931

Dr. George E. Vincent
Juniper Hill
Greenwich, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Vincent:-

Thank you very much for your letter of congratulation. The new position does seem to offer unusual opportunities and I am looking forward to it with great interest; but it is very hard, nevertheless, for me to tear myself away from Minnesota.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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June 30, 1930

Mr. Harry Clemons, Librarian
University of Virginia
University, Virginia

Dear Mr. Clemons:-

The Bibliography of Virginia History since 1865 by Mr. Cappon has just reached me, and I am very much impressed by it. I expect to find it extremely useful in connection with my work on a Bibliography of Travel and Description for the American Historical Association, and in other respects. It was very kind to supply me with a copy and I assure you that the favor is much appreciated.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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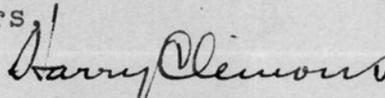
MARY LOUISE DINWIDDIE,
Assistant Librarian

5 August 1930

My dear Professor Buck:

I am very grateful to you for sending to me a reprint of your paper on 'The Problem of Adequate Historical Collections.' It is a stimulating paper; and we here greatly appreciate both the stimulus and the satisfaction of having your cooperation in the general effort in which we are trying to do our little part.

Sincerely yours,


Harry Clemons
Librarian

To Prof. Solon J. Buck
Minnesota Historical Society
Saint Paul, Minnesota

HC:FD

October 27, 1932

Dr. Lester J. Cappon, Archivist
University Library, University of Virginia,
University, Virginia

Dear Mr. Cappon:

Thank you very much for sending me copies of your second annual report. I have read it with great interest and I want to congratulate you on the progress that you are making. I feel that your project is one of the most important things that the Joint Committee has sponsored to date.

I note on page 4 of your report a reference to an article entitled "The Making and Preserving of Virginia History". If you can send me a copy of this, it will be much appreciated.

I noted, of course, your reference to our survey. I regret to have to say that this phase of our activities will not amount to much in comparison to what you are doing unless we get some more money, for it appears to be necessary to devote most of our energies to research work.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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June 18, 1930.

Prof. John Solon Buck,
67 Barton Avenue,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Prof. Buck:-

I am writing you in an endeavor to locate someone at your school, in the History Department, to prepare for us a lecture on the history of Norway and Sweden. If you are in position to accept the assignment I would be very glad to hear from you by return mail. The length of this lecture is to be confined to 5,000 words, if possible. In making this statement I realize that I am putting quite a limitation on such a subject, involving as much as this would, in covering these two countries, but there may be some style that you might follow that would enable you to accomplish this feat. My suggestion would be along that of the biographical style. The compensation for the preparation of this lecture will be at the rate of $1\frac{1}{2}$ per word, or \$50.00 for 5,000 words. Our check for this amount will be sent to you immediately upon receipt of the manuscript in our office.

In each case we have been able to obtain from the author the privilege of copyrighting the material under our name and have been furnished a photograph, 4x5, as well as a list of the author's degrees and educational activities, both of which appear on the fly leaf of the lecture when published.

The lectures are designed to go ^{to} an adult audience of men and women who are members of the League and are engaged in educational activity in the chapters of the League, located in different communities thruout the Country and study the nations and the peoples of the world. These chapters are conducted under the supervision of a competent instructor, to whom we pay a salary for such services, and in the majority of cases he is a member of the faculty of a local resident university.

Our members, therefore, receive class room work similar to that of school training. The lectures that form part of our course cover history, sociology, political science, philosophy and many other of the basic subjects, which are to be read in conjunction with the text material which cover, geographically, the peoples and the nations of the world. This we call University Travel Study and enables the student to become familiar with the basic college subject matter which, in the majority of cases, they failed to do in the prescribed manner at school, and at the same time is an exceptional method of stimulating interest in travel and prepares one to travel intelligently.

Prof. John Solon Buck

June 18, 1930.

You can deduct from this that our program parallels very closely that of the "University Afloat" with which we are affiliated in booking our members on educational world cruises. Our Travel Department is also available for the service of our members in booking shorter tours to Europe and on this continent. The tours that are conducted under the auspices of the League are educational in their nature, as a competent instructor is sent along with the tour, thereby projecting the educational work at home into the tours of actual travel.

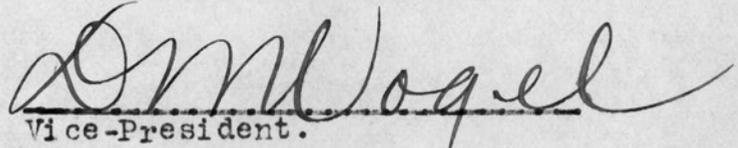
We have obtained the services of members of the faculties of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Oregon, Washington, McGill, Toronto, Cornell, Georgetown, Maryland, Texas and several other of the leading universities, to prepare our lectures.

At this time we do not have a member of Minnesota and therefore trust that we will be able to obtain your services in the preparation of this lecture.

Waiting to hear from you at your earliest convenience, I am

Yours very truly,

UNIVERSITY TRAVEL LEAGUE, INC.,


Vice-President.

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June 23, 1930

Mr. D. M. Vogel
University Travel League, Inc.
Chester-12th Building
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Vogel:-

I would not care to undertake the preparation of a lecture on the history of Norway and Sweden as proposed in your letter of June 18. As you indicate a desire to locate someone in our Department who might do this for you, I am forwarding your letter to Guy Stanton Ford, the chairman of the Department.

Very truly yours

B/P