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Jan 8 2
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My dear Buck - I shall be in Pitts-
burgh Jan 24 probably and hope I
may find you there. I am anxious to
talk with you regarding our meeting there
next December.

Please reply to Cosmos Club -

Cordially
Henry Howard

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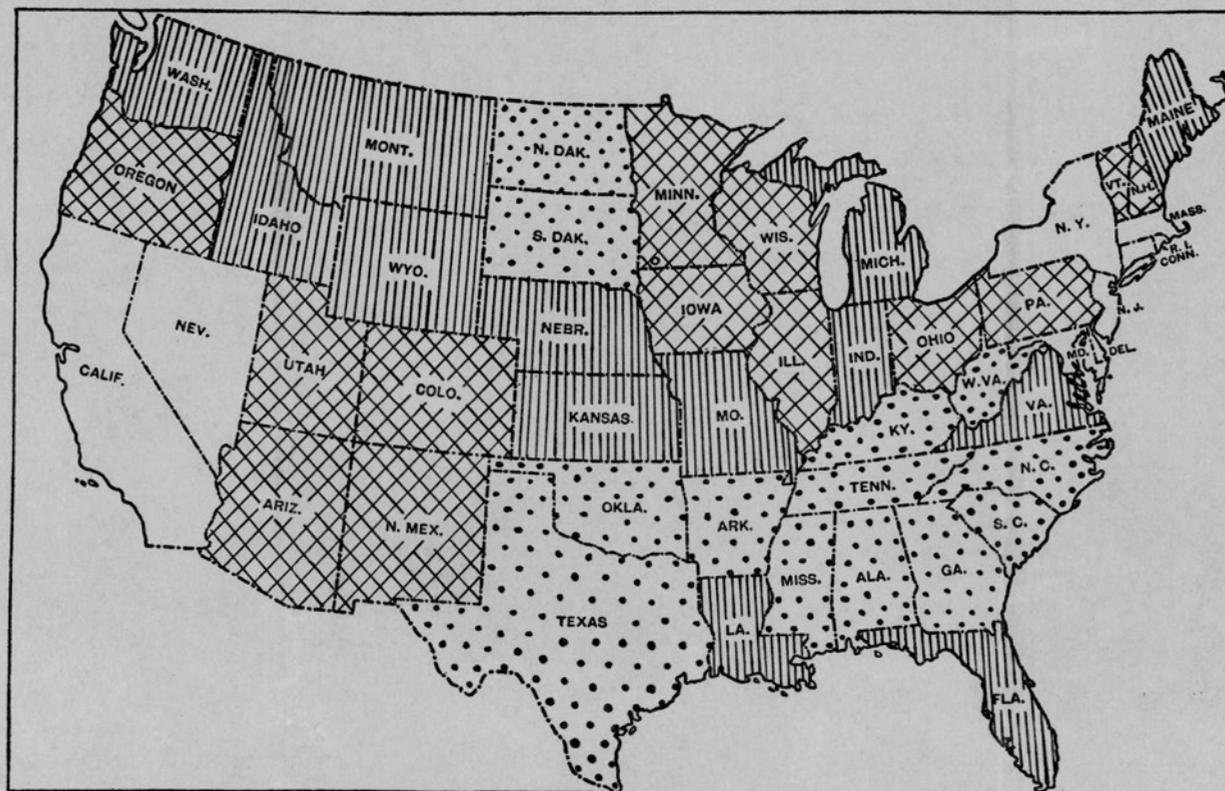
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(Data based on members in good standing September 30, 1933; population as of Census of 1930)

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Highest | |
| (District of Columbia ----- 1507) | |
| Nevada ----- | 275 |
| Delaware ----- | 269 |
| Maryland ----- | 233 |
| New York ----- | 233 |
| California ----- | 223 |
| Massachusetts ----- | 222 |
| Connecticut ----- | 216 |
| High | |
| Arizona ----- | 192 |
| New Hampshire ----- | 163 |
| Colorado ----- | 146 |
| New Jersey ----- | 144 |
| Rhode Island ----- | 138 |
| Illinois ----- | 129 |
| Minnesota ----- | 121 |
| Pennsylvania ----- | 117 |
| Ohio ----- | 114 |
| New Mexico ----- | 113 |
| Vermont ----- | 108 |
| Oregon ----- | 107 |
| Iowa ----- | 106 |
| Wisconsin ----- | 105 |
| Utah ----- | 104 |



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| Medium | |
| Virginia ----- | 97 |
| Montana ----- | 95 |
| Michigan ----- | 92 |
| Missouri ----- | 90 |
| Maine ----- | 89 |
| Nebraska ----- | 87 |
| Wyoming ----- | 84 |
| Washington ----- | 82 |
| Kansas ----- | 80 |
| Idaho ----- | 79 |
| Indiana ----- | 76 |
| Florida ----- | 74 |
| Louisiana ----- | 65 |
| Low | |
| North Dakota ----- | 57 |
| Texas ----- | 55 |
| West Virginia ----- | 51 |
| Oklahoma ----- | 48 |
| Tennessee ----- | 48 |
| North Carolina ----- | 42 |
| Kentucky ----- | 38 |
| South Carolina ----- | 35 |
| South Dakota ----- | 35 |
| Georgia ----- | 34 |
| Alabama ----- | 26 |
| Mississippi ----- | 17 |
| Arkansas ----- | 16 |

States highest in percentage in Association membership left white
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DEPARTMENT OF VITAL STATISTICS
Edwin B. Wilson

Boston 17, Massachusetts

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

You were elected Chairman of the historical and philological sciences (Section L) of the Am. Association for the Advancement of Science which carries with it a Vice-presidency of that Association. I hope you will take this job. Waldo Leland of Washington and W.B. Munro of Pasadena have been very much interested in the last four years in trying to build up Section L as I and some other persons have been interested in trying to build up Section K (the social sciences).

It has always been the hope of the administrators of the A A A S that the work of the Association in the lines of the social and humanistic sciences would increase. The leading thinkers in the Association recognize that the British Association is much better balanced in many ways than our Association. There is this difference, however, in organization: The British Association is an independent organization whereas the Am. Association is an affiliation or association of National learned societies. Whenever the societies actually play the game with us we are strong in their lines. When the societies do not play the game with us we are not strong in their lines and possibly should not attempt to do anything at all in those lines. However, it is the central policy to set up a certain amount of organization within the Association to cover these fields and to do something in them pending the time that scientific men in the social and humanistic lines may see the wisdom of taking a greater interest in the Am. Association, which should be, I think, an organization of all our research people in whatever line, but whether it will ever become so I don't know.

Dr. Leland and I had a long talk the other day about what could be done with Section L and I hope that you will have a chance to talk with him also. The plain fact is that scientific people are generally not interested in and often contemptuous of the social and humanistic sciences. Quite the easiest way out of this would be to let Sections K and L go into the discard. But that isn't the right thing to do. It is perfectly true, as the Secretary of Agriculture said to the scientific group last Friday, that the scientific people don't know as much as they ought to about literature and history and social life and that as the scientific people by their discoveries are changing our whole social environment they would be much more serviceable if they would give some consideration to the effects of their discoveries. I personally should like very much to see Section L amount to something and the

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point of the conversation between me and Leland was to see what it could amount to with the greatest benefit to the Association and the greatest satisfaction to the officers of Section L.

We came provisionally to the conclusion that one of the most hopeful things would be to organize in the community to which we go some really scientific discussion of some element of the history of that region which was of great importance to science and scientists whether pure or applied. We don't mean that all the speakers need come from that region but I think we agree in the belief that as the Association takes two to four thousand people from one place to another in the country it would be of the greatest value to the attending members if they could have a real snappy program, one with some real vision in it, not any dry-as-dust stuff which should show them what that part of the country had meant to the country as a whole. If this were to be done the session at which the papers were presented would have to be one to which a very large number of members could come if they wished and not be put at some ungodly hour in conflict with a great number of technical papers. I should myself think that such a program should have the dignity of one of the general evening sessions and that if it were done properly it ought to be quite as much a matter of interest to the intellegent people in the city we visit as to members of the Association so that an audience of 1500 people might possibly be assured. Now it is my notion that by and large the state historical associations and some of the local historical associations within the states are ordinarily much more effective intellectually than the so-called state academies, and I wonder whether it would not be a good plan for us to try to arrange to have some historical association nearby our place of meeting take over one of the better evening sessions for a program of the sort I have spoken of. Of course I am not at all certain that the executive officers of our Association would give the historical association or its representatives the privilege of monopolizing one of our great evening sessions but if they wouldn't I don't see how this particular program of Dr. Leland's and mine could be really effective for any of the purposes which we have in mind which are chiefly two: (1) To inform the members of the Association of some important point in our history connected with the locality to which we go and, (2) to interest a large number of citizens in that locality in our meetings.

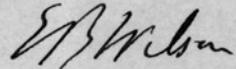
There is no doubt that if anybody in the country could pull this thing off successfully it is you and it seems to me that Pittsburgh offers a variety of opportunities of that sort. The metallurgical industry of the country and the oil industry of the country to mention just two things have been basic to our industrial development and their history ~~and~~ centers largely around Pittsburgh region. There are undoubtedly other matters of equally great importance which have centered around the Pittsburgh region.

This is really none of my business but as I was acquainted with you through your chairmanship of the Joint Committee on Materials of the S S R C I thought I would take the liberty to write you

Dr. Buck No. 3

about the matter. Dr. Joseph Mayer from the Library of Congress is the secretary of the section and he and Leland and Munro are the 3 people who have most continuously thought about policy for the section.

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E. B. Wilson".

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Dear Buck:

You have probably been notified before now that you have been elected Chairman of Section L of the American Association for the Advancement of Science for the year 1934. This position carries with it automatically the position of Vice-President of the Association itself. It is an honorable and dignified position, which I myself have held for the last two years, and in which it is possible to render a real service. I hope that you will accept it, even though you may wonder what it is all about, for the meetings of the AAAS at Pittsburgh next December present an unusual opportunity.

Section L, as you doubtless know, is devoted to historical and philological sciences. During the two years that I have been chairman of the section, I have organized two sessions in philological sciences: one a year ago on primitive languages; and the other at the Boston-Cambridge meetings on the Dialect Atlas of the United States and Canada, with especial reference to the study of English speech in New England. In history, I have organized the following sessions: at Atlantic City, a session on biography, with a discussion by sociologists, genetecists, anthropologists, and historians; in Boston, I had a session on "A National Policy for Historic Sites and Monuments". In addition to these sessions, the History of Science Society has organized two sessions at each of the last two meetings: the sessions in Boston were devoted to a fairly systematic review of the history of science and culture in Colonial America.

While it is easy enough to organize programs and to get people to take part in them, it is not nearly so easy for Section L to command an audience worthy of the program. This was discouragingly true in Boston, where, however, the weather had something to do with the inadequacy of the attendance. Nevertheless, I have reached the conclusion that the mission of Section L is rather different from that of the other sections of the Association. In this, E. B. Wilson and, I think, most of the members of the Executive Committee of the AAAS, agree with me. It seems to us that at the Pittsburgh meetings it would be well to try a different method from that which I have employed during the last two years.

I think that the Executive Committee of the Association is ready to assign a fairly important place on the program to a session that will be devoted to the history of technology in Western Pennsylvania, especially to the history of mining and metallurgy. To such a session naturally the Western Pennsylvania Historical Society would

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be invited to attend in a body, and a very great effort would be made to get a large attendance from the other sections of the AAAS, especially those devoted to engineering, geology, chemistry, etc.

The essence of the opportunity, therefore, is to demonstrate to the engineers and scientists the importance of the historical consideration of their interests and activities. A meeting in Pittsburgh seems to offer an unusual opportunity for doing this, and I know that you are the one above all others to make the most of the opportunity.

Section L is, I think, composed largely of people in the fields of history and philology who belong to the AAAS because they wish to keep in touch with scientific interests, and in order to receive either SCIENCE or the SCIENTIFIC MONTHLY. Its members practically never attend the meetings of the AAAS in any number, although many members of the History of Science Society frequently do show up.

Whether anything can be done at Pittsburgh in the field of philology, I am not sure; in any case, I think that whatever can be done in philology should be attempted in the field of linguistics and jointly with Section H, which is devoted to anthropology. My personal opinion is, however, that philology might be allowed to rest in 1934, and that all the emphasis and effort should be placed upon history.

I realize that with the fiftieth anniversary meeting of the Historical Association in Washington you will be torn in two directions. I think, however, that by concentrating upon one prominent session of superlative interest at Pittsburgh you will be able to get through with that and take in most of the Washington meetings without too much trouble.

Dr. Joseph Mayer, Assistant Secretary of the American Association of University Professors (744 Jackson Place, Washington, D.C.), is the Secretary of Section L of the AAAS. He will be exceedingly helpful to you in planning for the session, and I hope that you and he will maintain correspondence during the year. His own field is sociology, and I have found his suggestions always very pertinent and valuable.

It is customary in the Association for the chairman of a section to serve one year, and at the end of the next year to present an address as retiring vice-president. Section L is a little off schedule in this matter, since when I came in two years ago I found that my predecessor (W. B. Munro) had already delivered his address as retiring vice-president, so last year at Atlantic City we had no retiring address. This year, however, although still serving actively as chairman and vice-president, I gave my retiring address. You are therefore free to give yours this year if you prefer to do so, but I think it would be better to follow the usual custom and reserve your retiring address until 1935.

I have become much interested in the AAAS since my connection with it, and feel that it really does offer an opportunity to bring

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the historical point of view before scientists; consequently I have felt that the duties of the chairman of the section should be taken rather seriously. The results in my own case have been disappointing, but I think we are now on the right track.

Most sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Waldo G. Leland".

Waldo G. Leland.

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

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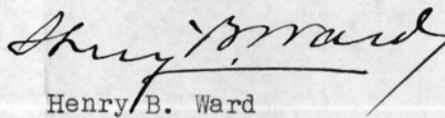
Professor Solon J. Buck,
University of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Professor Buck:

It is my duty and also a privilege to notify you officially that on December 30 you were duly elected as Vice-President of the Section for Historical and Philological Sciences (L) for the year 1934.

Doubtless you are reasonably familiar with the duties of the office. In case there are any particulars on which you desire information or any matters on which you need assistance please remember that this office will be ready to aid you at any time.

Very sincerely yours,



Henry B. Ward
Permanent Secretary

HBW:AC

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Jan 13

My dear Buck - Yesterday I rec'd
your official notice of your election
as vice-president of the A.A.S. You
were nominated by Waldo Leland
and Mrs. L. Mitchell - Today the
clerk tells me of my error since
you are not a member! men and
officers are fellows!!

Send me \$5⁰⁰ with data on
the enclosed card and I will see
you are made a fellow - (no extra
charge!) - But don't blame me

Yours

Henry W. Ward

January 15, 1934

Dr. Henry B. Ward,
Permanent Secretary, A.A.A.S.,
Smithsonian Institution Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ward:

I, too, have discovered that a good way to get people to join an organization is to make them officers of it. Here are the check and the application. As you will observe from the application, I have been somewhat of a joiner but I happen never to have been caught by the A.A.A.S. before.

Speaking seriously, I do of course feel highly honored at being elected chairman of Section L of the Association. I have no business taking on any more obligations but I cannot refuse such an honor, especially when my good friend Leland is responsible for it. I have received long letters from Leland and from E. B. Wilson of Harvard telling me what they expect me to do in the position. I shall, of course, be glad to have the opportunity to talk the matter over with you.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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AAAS

January 15, 1934

Dr. Henry B. Ward,
Cosmos Club,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ward:

Your note of January 8th stating that you want to see me in Pittsburgh on January 24th had to be forwarded from a former address of mine in Pittsburgh and so did not reach me promptly. I have to be in Harrisburg on January 25th but the indications are now that it will not be necessary for me to leave Pittsburgh until the night of the 24th. At any rate, I shall not leave before about 2:00 P.M. Let me know where you will be in Pittsburgh and I shall endeavor to get in touch with you in the morning.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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AAAS

January 16, 1934

Professor Edwin B. Wilson,
Harvard University, School of Public Health,
Van Dyke Street, Boston 17, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Your letter of January 5th was addressed to me at the University of Minnesota and was forwarded to me from there. I have also received one of a somewhat similar tenor from Leland. I have no business to take on any additional obligations but, in view of the fact that the AAAS is to meet in Pittsburgh, I feel that this offers an opportunity to promote the work of our survey as well as perhaps to render some service to the Association, and so I have decided to accept. I appreciate very much the information and suggestions contained in your letter and I shall bear them in mind in developing the plans for the Section.

Dr. Ward, the permanent secretary of the AAAS, is an old friend of mine and I expect to have an opportunity to talk with him when he visits here next week. I also expect to be in Washington in the near future for a meeting of the Joint Committee and at that time I shall probably have an opportunity to talk things over with Leland and with Mayer.

Dr. Oliver, head of the history department of the University of Pittsburgh, is much interested in the history of technology and will co-operate with me in arranging a program. I believe that we can work up a very satisfactory session on the history of scientific and technological development in western Pennsylvania and that we can get out a good audience of local people whether or not the visiting scientists attend. Any further suggestions that you have to offer will be welcome of course.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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AAAS

January 16, 1934

Dr. Waldo G. Leland,
907 Fifteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Leland:-

Your letter of January 6th was the first intimation I had of the honor that had been conferred upon me by the AAAS. Since then I have received formal notice and an informal communication from my old friend Harry Ward, the permanent secretary of the AAAS, and also a long letter from E. B. Wilson of Harvard of much the same tenor as yours. I am, of course, very much gratified that you and Mitchell and Wilson should think well enough of me to bring about my election to this position. I really have no business to take on any additional obligations but, in view of the fact that the Association is to meet in Pittsburgh and that this offers an opportunity to strenghten the position of the Survey in the community, I decided to accept.

I like your idea of a session devoted to the history of scientific and technological development in western Pennsylvania and I believe that we could develop an interesting and valuable program in this field. As you probably know, Oliver is interested in the history of technology and he has agreed to co-operate with me in working up a program. I expect to see Ward here a week from tomorrow and, if a meeting of the Joint Committee is held in Washington in the near future, I hope to have an opportunity to talk things over with you and with Mayer.

We have been very busy here of late setting up and supervising in Allegheny County the State Library project for an inventory of historical materials. We have eight people at work in the County now and expect to take on more in the near future. We have also assisted in selecting traveling supervisors for western Pennsylvania and in supplying suggestions as to material to be inventoried throughout the region. We have succeeded in getting some very good people and I feel sure that the results will be valuable.

There was so much work to be done here that I decided at the last moment not to attend the AHA meeting in Urbana. As a result, I managed to get in several days work on the Travel Bibliography.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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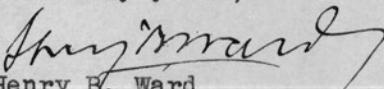
Dr. Solon J. Buck, Director,
The Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Buck:

Your letter of January 15 is at hand and I appreciate the action you have taken. I believe that it will be worthwhile for you and I am sure it will be for the Association.

I expect to be in Pittsburgh, Wednesday, January 24, and to get in touch with you at that time.

Very cordially yours,


Henry B. Ward
Permanent Secretary

HBW:AC

N.B. Your later note is here. I could see you at breakfast or immediately thereafter at the Hotel Schenley. -W.

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4338 Bigelow Boulevard,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

January 19, 1934

Dr. Henry B. Ward,
Permanent Secretary, A.A.A.S.,
Smithsonian Institution Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ward:

I have been summoned to Washington for a meeting of the Joint Committee on Materials for Research at the Library of Congress next Tuesday and, as I shall have to be in Harrisburg on Thursday, it will be difficult, although not impossible, for me to be in Pittsburgh on Wednesday. I shall try to get in touch with you in Washington on Tuesday and perhaps we can have our talk there.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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Dr. Solon J. Buck,

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4360 Center Ave.,

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Pittsburgh, Pa.

It is a pleasure to inform you that you have been elected a Member of the AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE. Your account is credited with the annual dues for the fiscal year 1934. Your membership subscription to the journal for the calendar year 1934 has been transmitted to the publishers.

Respectfully yours,

HENRY B. WARD,

Permanent Secretary.

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A.A.A.S.
CC: Dr. S. J. Buck

MAR 7 1934

215 Elmore Road,
Wilksburg, Pa.

March 6, 1934.

Dr. V. Bush,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dear Dr. Bush:

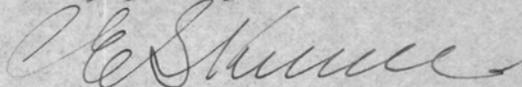
Dr. S. J. Buck, Director of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, has suggested a joint session of the Historical group and the Engineering group for the winter meeting of the A.A.A.S. to be held in Pittsburgh. He suggests that since there have been extremely important developments in the Western Pennsylvania area along engineering lines, a session devoted to the historical aspects of these engineering developments might be of particular interest and be made broad enough to be interesting to people outside of the area as well as here.

If you are at all favorable to such a program I would suggest that you communicate with Dr. Buck who can give you his ideas in more detail. Dr. Buck's address is - Care of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, Bigelow Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Penn'a.

I am leaving in the next few days for Japan and will be glad to take the matter up upon my return which will probably be about the latter part of June.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,



C. E. Skinner

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF ENGINEERING

March 9, 1934

Dr. S. J. Buck
Director of the Historical Society
of Western Pennsylvania
Bigelow Boulevard
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Dr. Buck:

Dr. Skinner has written to me concerning the possibility of a joint session of the Historical and Engineering groups of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at the Pittsburgh Meeting of the A.A.A.S. next winter. At first thought this appears to me to be a very interesting project and one that I feel the Engineering group would be glad to undertake. Dr. Skinner is Chairman of the Engineering group, but he will be absent. He is going to Japan for a time, and has asked me to take the meeting suggestion up with you in his absence, although he expects to make the arrangements in regard to the Pittsburgh meeting himself when he returns.

I wonder if you will not kindly let me have something more of the details of this project as you have formulated it. I will then be very glad indeed to take the matter up with the Executive Committee of the Engineering Section, A.A.A.S., and if we have their approval I see no reason why the project should not be started immediately. It is nice to start these matters early, for it leaves plenty of time to arrange details.

Very truly yours,

V. Bush
Secretary, Section M
A.A.A.S.

VB.E

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF SECTION L

March 12, 1934

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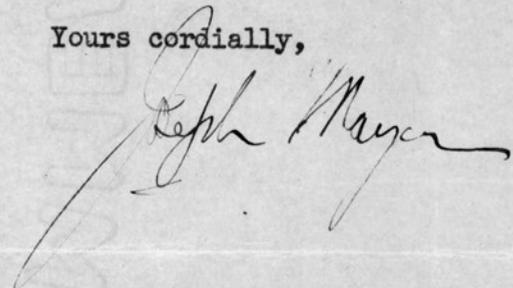
Dr. Solon Buck
4360 Center Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Buck:

I have been so absorbed in the archives project that I'm only now getting around to sending you, under separate cover, the 203 cards (3x5) covering the A. A. A. S. Fellows in Section L, which I have just received from the Permanent Secretary's office. When you have had an opportunity to go over these, I shall be glad to get them back (no hurry).

With kindest regards,

Yours cordially,



JM:MD

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4338 Bigelow Boulevard,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

March 16, 1934

Dr. Henry B. Ward,
1201 West Nevada Street,
Urbana, Illinois.

Dear Ward:

I have been intending for some time to write to you about the plans that are under consideration for the meeting of section L of the A.A.A. S. in Pittsburgh. About the time of my selection as chairman of the section, I received letters from Leland and E. B. Wilson to the effect that they thought a session should be arranged at the Pittsburgh meeting to deal with the history of scientific and technological development in western Pennsylvania. They felt that such a session could be made to appeal, both to the members of the association and to the local people, so that a large audience might be obtained, and Mr. Wilson said that, in his opinion, "such a program should have the dignity of one of the general evening sessions."

When I learned that Dr. Charles E. Skinner of Pittsburgh was the new chairman of the engineers' section, I made an appointment with him to talk over the possibility of having this program under the joint auspices of the two sections. He approved of the idea but, as he is to be out of the country a few months, he turned over the matter to Professor Bush, the secretary of his section. I have had a letter from Bush indicating that he will be glad to co-operate.

A few days ago I attended a meeting called by President Baker, the chairman of the committee on local arrangements, at which Mr. Woodley and Dr. Brown of your staff were present. I explained briefly the plans for our sessions but they seemed to think that it would be impossible to arrange for a general evening session during the first week. Dr. Brown suggested the possibility of arranging for a series of conferences in the second week on the relation of science to the problems of social welfare and the responsibilities of scientists there to, perhaps with President Roosevelt and other members of the national administration participating. It occurs to me that if such a program were arranged, our session might fit in well with it as providing an historical background for the discussion, and it occurs to me therefore that it might be feasible to arrange for our program as a general evening session in the second week. I should be glad to have your reactions.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Woodley.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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March 16, 1934

Dean V. Bush,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Dr. Bush:

I was glad to learn from your letter of March 9 that our project for a joint session of sections L and M of the A A A S to deal with the history of science and technology with special reference to western Pennsylvania seems to you to be a feasible one. We have not attempted to work out the program of papers as yet but there are several local people who would be available for appropriate papers and I hope that it will be possible to obtain one paper by some one of prominence from outside the district. I am sending you herewith a copy of a letter that I have just written to Dr. Ward, which will give you an idea of the present situation with reference to this project. If you feel that you can take the matter up with your executive committee in its present tentative form, I shall be very glad to have you do so. If you have any suggestions to make with reference to topics or speakers for the program, they will be very welcome.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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March 16, 1934

Dr. Waldo G. Leland,
American Council of Learned Societies,
907 Fifteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Leland:

In view of your interest in section L of the A A A S, I am sending you herewith a copy of a letter that I have just written to Dr. Ward. We have done nothing as yet of a definite character with reference to the program of papers but there are several local people who would be available for suitable papers and I hope to get some one, at least, of prominence from outside the district. Any suggestions that you care to offer will be much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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A A A S

4338 Bigelow Boulevard,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

March 16, 1934

Professor E. B. Wilson,
Harvard University, School of Public Health,
Van Dyke Street,
Boston, 17, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

In view of your interest in section L of the A A A S, I am sending you herewith a copy of a letter that I have just written to Dr. Ward. We have done nothing as yet of a definite character with reference to the program of papers but there are several local people who would be available for suitable papers and I hope to get some one, at least, of prominence from outside the district. Any suggestions that you care to offer will be much appreciated. ✓

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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A A A S

4338 Bigelow Boulevard,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dr. Joseph Mayer,
Library of Congress,
Washington, D. C.

March 16, 1934

Dear Mr. Mayer:

Thank you very much for the card list of members of section I of the A A A S. I shall return them to you as soon as I can find time to go through them. I am sending you herewith a copy of a letter that I have just written to Dr. Ward, which will inform you as to the present situation with reference to plans for the program for the Pittsburgh session. Any suggestions that you may have to offer will be very welcome.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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March 16, 1934

Mr. Sam Woodley, Executive Assistant,
American Association for the Advancement of Science,
Smithsonian Institution Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Woodley:

I am sending you herewith a copy of a letter that I have just written to Dr. Ward. I shall be glad to have any suggestions that occur to you with reference to our proposed session.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

DEPARTMENT OF VITAL STATISTICS

Edwin B. Wilson

Boston 17, Massachusetts

3/19/34

Mr. Solon J. Buck,
The University of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Mr. Buck: I thank you very much for your courtesy in
sending me a copy of your letter to H.B.Ward.
I think you have a good program lined up.

Yours very sincerely,

E. B. Wilson

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A.A.A.S



MAR 21 1934

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF ENGINEERING

March 19, 1934

Mr. Solon J. Buck
Historical Building
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Mr. Buck:

I have your letter of March 16th concerning the proposed joint session of Sections L and M of the A.A.A.S.

The Executive Committee of Section M is composed of the Chairman and Secretary of the Section together with a third member who has not as yet been appointed. As the Chairman and I have already approved the project and as I am quite sure the third member will approve it when he knows the facts, I feel you can consider that this has our official approval and proceed with your plans.

If there is any way that we can be of assistance to you in this connection, please let us know.

Very truly yours,

V. Bush
Secretary, Section M

VB.E

Copies to Dr. Ward
Mr. Woodley

MAR 13 1934

CARNEGIE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 12, 1934

My dear Dr. Buck:

Mr. Woodley, Executive Assistant of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, will be in Pittsburgh tomorrow, March 13th, and would like to meet a group of gentlemen who represent the various learned societies that will meet with the A.A.A.S. next Christmas. Would it be convenient for you to come to my office at two-thirty tomorrow to discuss with Mr. Woodley plans for the meeting?

Will you be kind enough to telephone me your answer?

Very sincerely yours,

Thomas S. Baker

Thomas S. Baker

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

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Cross Panther Hollow Bridge
1st drive way to left
extrem. end of Bldg 2nd floor
front of Bldg - President's office*

Write Dr. Ward
~~1201 W. Nevada~~

Dr. H. L. Brown.

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Dir of Lab.

Mr. Sam. Woodley

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March 20, 1934

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

Urbana Illinois

1201 W. Nevada St.

Dear Buck:

Yours of March 16 is at hand and I am glad you wrote me. The question of programs is entirely in my charge and on my part I act only as liason officer to maintain connections between new and old officers. Strictly speaking the programs are in charge of officers of the sections and the main office has and desires to have no control over them. Mr Brown is only director of exhibitions and Mr Woodley is executive assistant in charge of the records and office work of the Association.

Leland, E B Wilson and Ford and others who have been or are to be officers of sections on social and exonomic sciences and historical and philological sciences are those on whose advice you should rely. I am delighted that you wrote Dr Skinner and through him have got in contact with Dean Bush. The latter is a very clear-headed, able and energetic man. He is making of engineering a section that is getting away from mere technicalities and developing the field of relations. You will recognize that the thinking and planning today are all in line with new developments which have for their aim the function of engineering in social development. I think the suggestions you had from the others might well be disregarded. I can see no reason why an evening session might not well be arranged. Whether it should fall at the end of the first week or the beginning of the second is a problem that you should consider in its relation to local plans and other meetings. I am sure you have and can get better evidence as to the advisable location than can be given by any one off-hand.

I have not yet information enough to tell you just what sections are coming on given days. That information will be reaching the office in the course of the next few months. I believe the general plan for the sessions you have in mind might well be outlined for the time being without dates. That matter can be settled somewhat later as you learn more of what should be done in Pittsburgh and I get the information regarding other sections. Write me here up to March 29. I shall be in Washington on and after April 1.

Very cordially yours

Henry B Ward
Permanent Secretary

Dr Solon J Buck
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh Pennsylvania

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

MAR 21 1934

It occurs to me that perhaps your program would naturally fall in the part of the week in which the Phi Beta Kappa address should be given. I am expecting to get details including names of speakers, dates and topics from the secretary of that organization soon and I will let you know as soon as it comes in.

Henry B Ward

Let us keep discussions on the program where they belong. Duplicate letters are not necessary!

TELEPHONE: DISTRICT 3395

CABLE ADDRESS: ACOLS

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AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, 1780
AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY, 1812
AMERICAN ORIENTAL SOCIETY, 1842
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22d March 1934

Dear Buck:

Thank you for your letter about the meeting next winter. My only comment is that the second week is apt to be a flop unless there are very special and irresistible attractions. Much depends on how the general programme is arranged. It is more than likely that everybody will try to get through with the meetings by Saturday night and to get away. Of course if the President should attend, that would alter the situation, but that is a good-sized IF. Perhaps it would be better to make sure of one of the best afternoon locations during the first week.

Very sincerely yours,

Waldo G. Leland.

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

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

March 23, 1934

Dr. Henry B. Ward,
1201 West Nevada Street,
Urbana, Illinois.

Dear Ward:

I have read with interest your letter of March 20th and I am much pleased to know that you think that an evening session can be arranged for our proposed program. My own feeling would be that Saturday night of the first week or Monday night of the second week would be the best time. Saturday night would probably catch more of the visiting scientists, whereas Monday night might be better for the local audience. I shall go ahead and see what we can do about arranging a program, although our ability to get certain speakers may depend somewhat on whether the session is to be a general one or merely a part of a ten-ring circus.

If, as appears to be the case, I have failed to observe some of the proprieties, you must excuse me on the grounds that my contact with the A A A S began only a few months ago and I cannot be expected to know very much about it. When Mr. Woodley was here, I naturally told him something of our plans and he suggested that I write to you at once and asked me to send him a carbon of the letter.

I shall keep you informed, of course, of the progress that is made in working out the proposed program.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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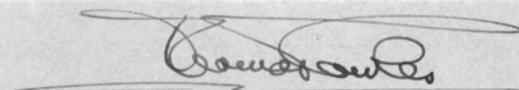
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Prof. Solon J. Buck
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Professor Buck:

Would you be good enough to tell me if Section L of the American Association is planning on a program at the forthcoming meeting in Berkeley in June, and if so who the local representative is? The History of Science Club on the University campus desires to be of any aid it can, since the national History of Science Society, I understand, holds its meetings at the midwinter sessions.

Faithfully yours,



Thomas Cowles

Executive, History of Science Club
University of California

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Section L

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April 2, 1934

Mr. Roy E. Clausen
314 Hilgard Hall
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Clausen:

I am glad to have your letter of March 27 and to cooperate whole-heartedly in any plans that you and Dr. Leake may work out in connection with a program for Section L at the forthcoming summer meeting. I am today writing Dr. Ward suggesting that you be authorized to appoint a local representative for Section L for this purpose. If Dr. Leake will accept that responsibility, his appointment has my full approval.

The section had made no other plans for a summer meeting, so that you have full leeway to go ahead.

With all good wishes to you in developing a program and with regret that I myself cannot be present this year, I am

Yours most sincerely,

John Hayer
Secretary of Section L.

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4338 Bigelow Boulevard

April 4, 1934

Mr. Thomas Cowles,
2423 Blake Street,
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Cowles:

All I know about a prospective program for section L of the A.A.A.S. at the meeting in Berkeley is derived from a copy of a letter from Joseph Mayer, secretary of the section, to Mr. Roy E. Clausen, 314 Hilgard Hall, University of California, from which I gather that Mr. Clausen is interested in working out a program for the section. I would suggest, therefore, that you get in touch with him. Neither Mr. Mayer nor I will be able to attend the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

4338 Bigelow Boulevard,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

April 11, 1934

Dr. Henry B. Ward,
American Association for the Advancement of Science,
Smithsonian Institution Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ward:

Does the A.A.A.S. ever pay the expenses of a speaker at its meetings--or an honorarium? I am thinking of trying to get Miss Ida M. Tarbell as the principal speaker at the proposed joint session of section I and the engineers' section. Before writing to her, however, I thought I would find out whether or not there would be any possibility of our offering to pay her expenses at least.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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April 18, 1934

My dear Doctor Buck:

Your letter of April 11 came while I was in New York for our spring meeting of the Executive Committee. The Association has on rare occasions paid something towards the expenses of the speaker but usually only when the speaker came from a distance. I think it would be feasible to stretch the rule in the case of a new section like your own. However, I should, naturally, like to have first a statement regarding the approximate sum involved.

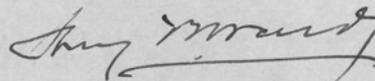
Before making any overtures you ought to be sure that the Engineering Section is in favor of the particular speaker. That is always advisable in connection with a joint program.

I appreciate your efforts to provide a strong program for the meetings and shall be glad to assist to the limit of my ability. I take it that you are building your program around some general topic and selecting speakers with reference to their ability to discuss that topic in a manner worthy of a scientific organization. I mention this only because some criticism was raised a couple of years back regarding a program in economics where a charge of sensationalism was just and where the criticism attracted considerable attention.

There is one matter which we ought to settle soon; that is the dates for your meetings. From the information we have received regarding other societies and sections it looks as if Friday and Saturday of the first week would be jammed to the extent that no one could enjoy it and more would be highly undesirable. Would you be inclined to take Monday and Tuesday of the second week for your meetings? I have had some correspondence with the secretary of Phi Beta Kappa and he would like to put their address on Monday evening. In my opinion this would be a happy time if the fact that that is New Year's evening will not interfere seriously with attendance. I feel, myself, a little puzzled to suggest a solution to the question because the introduction of further items into the short period of the previous week seems almost impossible and yet in many places New Year's evening and New Year's day would be equally impossible for securing audiences. Let me have your advice on this matter soon.

I hope to see you here some day soon.

Very cordially yours



Henry B. Ward
Permanent Secretary

Dr. Solon J. Buck
4338 Bigelow Boulevard
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My dear Sir:

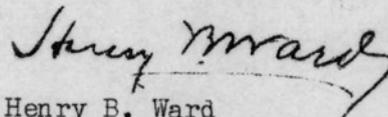
Council sessions
at Berkeley

The preliminary announcement of the Berkeley meeting, which is to appear in Science within a few days, will give you much information concerning the summer meeting at Berkeley June 18-23. In connection with that meeting the Council of the Association will convene for its first session on Monday afternoon at 2:00. The meeting will be held in the council room in the Stephens Union Building. Later sessions will be held in this room at 9:00 a.m. on mornings to be agreed upon at the first session.

The Berkeley meeting is of special significance because it is held jointly with the Pacific Division. A considerable number of societies will participate that are unable to cooperate with us under ordinary circumstances. Members of the Council do not need to be told that the program is full of interest or that the region offers unusual advantages for all, both through the opportunities for field work and for the enjoyment of natural beauties. In accordance with the general plan of summer meetings, many symposia and invited programs have been arranged and a large number of excursions and field trips planned for the afternoons.

It is hoped that a goodly number of members of the Council can plan to attend and participate in the events, of which only a limited and imperfect presentation could be given within the scope available for the preliminary announcement.

Yours very sincerely,



Henry B. Ward
Permanent Secretary.

P.S. According to rule all new business should first be considered by the Executive Committee and then referred to the Council. Communications for the Executive Committee or the Council may be sent to Berkeley to arrive preferably by June 10. Communications should be addressed to the Permanent Secretary, A.A.A.S., care of the University of California, Berkeley. H.B.W.

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May 2, 1934

Dr. Henry B. Ward, Permanent Secretary,
American Association for the Advancement of Science,
Smithsonian Institution Building,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Ward:

I am very sorry that a combination of circumstances has prevented me from replying before this to your letter of April 18. I am writing to Dean Bush, the secretary of the engineering section, to find out whether or not he would approve of asking Miss Tarbell to give the principal address at the proposed joint session. Dr. Skinner, the chairman of the section, as you doubtless know, is in Japan at present, and we can hardly wait for his return.

With reference to the date for the meeting, I am inclined to think that it would be better to have it on Tuesday rather than on Monday, New Year's Day. As you know, I have not been in this community very long, but some of the local people of whom I have inquired seem to think that meetings on New Year's Day might not go very well. Probably those who would be interested in the Phi Beta Kappa session would have less objection to a meeting on that day than would some of those whom we hope to interest in our session.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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May 2, 1934

Dean V. Bush,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology,
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Bush:

Dr. Ward, permanent secretary of the A.A.A.S., writes me that the program for the first three days of the meeting in Pittsburgh will be so crowded that he thinks our proposed joint session had better go over until the second week. In view of the fact that Monday is New Year's Day, it seems to me that it would be better to hold the meeting on Tuesday, rather than on Monday, and I have written him to that effect.

With reference to the program, which, as you will recall, was to relate to western Pennsylvania's contributions to scientific and technological development, I would like to know what your opinion would be of the desirability of trying to get Miss Ida M. Tarbell for the principal speaker. She has, I believe, been much interested in phases of this subject and is just completing a book for the History of American Life series on the economic and social aspects of the period from 1876 to 1890, or thereabouts. She has visited Pittsburgh on several occasions in connection with her research and is well and favorably known here. I sounded Dr. Ward out on the possibility of paying her expenses to attend the meeting. He did not commit himself definitely but intimated that such an arrangement might be possible. It is quite likely, of course, that she would refuse to come without an honorarium in addition but it would do no harm to try her, provided you approve.

Another possibility for the program would be Dr. John W. Oliver, head of the department of history in the University of Pittsburgh, who has been studying the history of technology for some years and should be in a position to give us a worth while paper.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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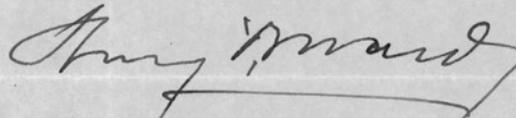
Yours of May 2 is at hand. I understand fully that discussions on the program of our meeting next December proceed leisurely at present. I am glad you wrote Dean Bush with regard to the speaker.

Apparently your calendar and mine do not agree. I find that Monday is December 31 and not January 1. The Phi Beta Kappa affair is an evening address and not a session. If you plan to have the joint session in the evening, then there would be a conflict; otherwise the two programs form a continuum. The decision of the date will have to depend upon the degree to which Pittsburgh folks celebrate New Years Eve and New Years Day as affecting the two items mentioned above.

I shall be here until May 15 but on that date or immediately thereafter must leave for Urbana, since the adjustment of matters in the West calls for the start of my western trip on June 1.

I have just written Doctor Shimer a letter, of which a copy is enclosed. I think you two ought to get together for it will be to the advantage of both.

Cordially yours



Henry B. Ward
Permanent Secretary

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

May 3, 1934

Dear Doctor Shimer:

Your letter of May 2 is at hand. It is regretful that you did not succeed in getting Professor Whitehead. I think, however, that Professor Woodbridge will be exceptionally good and Phi Eeta Kappa may be congratulated on having secured him for the address at Pittsburgh.

I wrote you a letter a while ago about the date, suggesting that it might be wise to cooperate with Dr. S. J. Buck, who is vice president and chairman of the Section on Historical and Philological Sciences. He had some thought of the advisability of holding the meeting of that section on Monday and Tuesday and I think was going to write you about the matter. Probably his decision would be somewhat influential in deciding the date for your lecture. The jam on Thursday, Friday and Saturday is likely to be exceedingly serious and we are trying to shift part of our program to the beginning of the following week. This is especially desirable since the local committee at Pittsburgh has made arrangements for some attractive features on Sunday and detailed information will be printed in Science at an early date.

You will get an announcement early in the fall regarding the preparation of material for the published announcement. It would be worth while to get the date fixed so that we can make an advance statement on that point and prevent so far as possible competition at that particular time. I know that even at best there will be serious conflicts.

I had expected to be here for the meeting of the American Council on Education, but they changed the dates set for that event at an earlier conference here and it looks as if I would have to leave before that time. I regret this especially as it will interfere with having a talk with you.

Cordially yours

Henry B. Ward
Permanent Secretary

Dr. Wm. A. Shimer
145 West 55th Street
New York City

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF ENGINEERING

May 5, 1934

Mr. Solon J. Buck
Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey
Historical Building
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Mr. Buck:

This is in reply to your letter of May 2nd concerning the meeting at Pittsburgh of the A.A.A.S.

The arrangements in regard to a possible honorarium to a lecturer are in the hands of Dr. Ward entirely, and I judge that he will soon let you know how this matter stands. It is ordinarily not necessary to give an honorarium and I think that it might prove embarrassing if this were done. We have had very distinguished lecturers, and they are ordinarily willing to contribute their efforts in such a matter.

My own feeling would be that Miss Tarbell would be an interesting speaker but not one who could bring out the best aspects of the program. I will be very glad to make inquiries on this matter of some of the committee of Section M if you would like to have me do so and if you consider seriously inviting her. However I will not take this step until you let me know whether there is a considerable probability that you would like to go ahead on such an arrangement.

It seems to me that all of the matters of the schedule and the time at which your meeting could best occur may best be worked out by contact with the Local Committee, and with Mr. Woodley of the Washington Office who, I believe, makes all of these arrangements. Personally I have some fear of these meetings that run through two weeks with a holiday in between. It is rather likely I believe that the crowd will thin out very decidedly on the week-end. Accordingly a meeting in the second week will be very likely to suffer.

I do not know exactly when Dr. Skinner returns. When he does I am sure you will find it much easier to work out your plans with his help, but in the meantime I will be very glad to be of such assistance as I may.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'V. Bush', written in a cursive style.

V. Bush

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Dear Dr. Buck:

I have a letter from Dr. Ward suggesting that I write you concerning a lecture under the auspices of Φ B K at the winter meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Dr. Ward had urged the desirability of Φ B K's sponsoring such a lecture in order to make a definite emphasis upon the liberal and cultural relationships of science. We have secured Professor Frederick J. E. Woodbridge of Columbia for the address.

Dr. Ward says that the first four days of the meeting will be crowded. It seems, therefore, that this lecture should be held on the evening of Monday, January 1. I am not quite sure what Dr. Ward had in mind in suggesting that we cooperate with you in the matter, but I assume you will know. Professor Woodbridge has selected for his topic "Literature and Science."

Yours sincerely,

Dr. S. J. Buck
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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May 10, 1934

Dr. William A. Shimer,
Secretary, Phi Beta Kappa,
146 West 55th Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Shimer:

I am in receipt of your letter of May 7 and am glad to know of the plans for the Phi Beta Kappa lecture in connection with the Pittsburgh meeting of the A.A.A.S. I think the reason that Dr. Ward asked you to get in touch with me was his desire to avoid a conflict in the program between this lecture and a proposed joint session of the section on historical and philological sciences and the section on engineering, which is to be devoted to papers on the contributions of science and technology to the development of this region. I am inclined to think that we will schedule our meeting for Monday afternoon, in which case, there will, of course, be no conflict.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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May 10, 1934

Dear Doctor Shimer:

Your letter of May 7 is at hand. The conditions for the Pittsburgh meeting are as complex and unfortunately as unfavorable as they could be, since every one is trying to crowd work ordinarily covered in five days or at least in four days so that this year it can be done in three days.

Probably you have received my general notice to secretaries dated May 7, which has the suggestion regarding the Sunday arrangements. This may make some difference, but unless it does I fear that few delegates will be present on Monday and the Phi Beta Kappa lecture would stand alone. However, it might be part of a special group including historical, philological, social and economic sciences, provided Doctor Buck and other officers of those sections should finally decide to put their meetings at the beginning of the second week.

There is one error in your program. Monday is not January 1 but December 31 and Monday evening is then New Year's Eve. If Pittsburgh celebrates that as much as some places do, then it would be very difficult to get any evening audience.

I am glad you wrote Doctor Buck, to whom I am sending a copy of this letter. The general plan and the decision on dates must rest in the hands of the section officers acting on their best judgment with advice from affiliated societies.

I am leaving next week for Urbana and start for the Pacific Coast soon after. I fear I can not get to New York before next fall under any conditions.

Cordially yours

Henry B. Ward
Permanent Secretary

Dr. Wm. A. Shimer
145 West 55th Street
New York City

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Copy to Dr. Buck

AT WASHINGTON FOR LETTERS ARRIVING BY MAY 15; AT URBANA LATER.

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May 11, 1934

Dr. V. Bush, Dean of Engineering,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Dr. Bush:

At the time of writing my recent letter to you, I was under a misapprehension with reference to the calendar. I find that New Year's Day is on Tuesday instead of on Monday, as I then thought. It seems to me now that the best time for our joint session will be Monday afternoon. Monday evening is taken for a Phi Beta Kappa lecture and the fact that it is New Year's Eve might detract from attendance at our program. I gather from Dr. Ward that it would be impossible to schedule our program during the previous week.

I hold no special brief for Miss Tarbell as a speaker and I would welcome suggestions of others. So far I have not been able to think of anyone else except some of our local people who would have the requisite knowledge of industrial and technological developments in this region, and the ability to interpret them historically. In addition, the speaker ought, if possible, to have sufficient reputation to attract an audience. I would suggest that you make inquiries among members of your section as to the suitability of Miss Tarbell and as to other possibilities.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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May 11, 1934

Dr. Henry B. Ward, Permanent Secretary,
American Association for the Advancement of Science,
Smithsonian Institution Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ward:

You certainly have one on me in the matter of the calendar. I am now using the revised version and I think I can keep straight hereafter. I have received a letter from Dr. Shimer stating that the Phi Beta Kappa lecture is to be scheduled for Monday evening. I am inclined to think, therefore, that our proposed joint session had better be scheduled for Monday afternoon. In view of the fact that Monday evening will be New Year's Eve I think I should prefer an afternoon to an evening meeting. This arrangement will also be very convenient for me as it will enable me to attend the fiftieth anniversary meeting of the American Historical Association in Washington and get back in time for our session.

I am corresponding with Dr. Bush about prospective speakers but so far we have come to no decision.

Sincerely yours,

Edson J. Buck

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May 11, 1934

Dr. Waldo G. Leland,
American Council of Learned Societies,
907 Fifteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Leland:

Have you any suggestion to make for a speaker for the joint session of the historical and philological and the engineering sections of the A.A.A.S. at the Pittsburgh meeting? I want someone who knows something about the industrial and technological developments in this region and has the ability to interpret them historically. Aside from two or three local people, the only person I have been able to think of is Ida Tarbell, but Dr. Bush of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who is the secretary of the engineers' section, doesn't seem to think much of her.

The prospect at present appears to be that our session will be held on Monday afternoon, December 31. We want to avoid conflict with a Phi Beta Kappa lecture which is to be given Monday evening. Also, I think the fact that that is New Year's Eve might detract from attendance at our meeting. Ward seems to think that it would be unwise, if not impossible, to attempt to arrange for the meeting during the previous week. Of course, the Monday session will be a convenience for me as it will enable me to attend the AHA meeting in Washington and get back in time for this session.

From various rumors that have reached me, I gather that the archives pot is boiling merrily in Washington. I wonder if any effort is being made on the part of representatives of the American Historical Association and other historical interests to determine what would be the best type of archives organization and to bring about the legislation necessary to establish it. If not, it seems to me that the historians are missing an opportunity to render a valuable service to the country and to their own profession.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Dear Buck:

I will make enquiries among various people as to a possible speaker for the session at Pittsburgh. I am sorry to say that just now I do not have anybody in mind, but certainly there must be several who would be qualified. I confess I had supposed that such a person could readily be found in Western Pennsylvania.

I have not followed the archive situation very closely, but I understand that Dr. Jameson is watching it carefully and is endeavoring to have the archival set-up determined in such a way as to be most advantageous to the interests of research.

Most sincerely yours,

Malden Seligson

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
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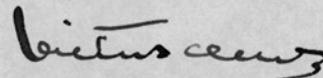
May 16, 1934

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

My dear Professor Buck:

Dr. Waldo Leland informs me that you are trying to find some one to read a paper upon the industrial and technological development of the Pittsburgh region for the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science to be held at Pittsburgh next December. Possibly Louis Clair Hunter who wrote a "Study of the Iron Industry in Pittsburgh Before 1860" could do something on this subject. I do not know Hunter's present address or occupation but they probably could be obtained through Harvard where, I believe, he took his degree. As I recall his study, which I saw in manuscript, it was a pretty good one - something more than an antiquarian blurb. I feel that I am rather out of date in the whole field of industrial history, however, and I make this solitary suggestion with some diffidence.

Sincerely yours,



Victor S. Clark
Consultant in Economics

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Dear Dr. Buck:

Thank you for your letter of May 10 and for your expression of interest in the proposed Φ B K lecture. Dr. Ward has sent you, I believe, a copy of his letter of the same date in which he states that Monday, December 31, may not be a good day for the lecture. What would be your estimate of the number who would attend a lecture New Year's Eve? You recall that Dr. Frederick J. E. Woodbridge was to speak on "Literature and Science." Do you think it is wise to schedule a lecture for that time? Is there any better time? In view of the crowded program, do you think it would be better to omit the lecture entirely for this year?

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Solon J. Buck
University of Pittsburgh
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Dr. William A. Shimer,
Phi Beta Kappa,
145 W. 55th Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Shimer:

Having never attended a meeting of the A.A.A.S. and having lived in Pittsburgh less than three years, I hardly feel competent to advise you with reference to the wisdom of scheduling the Phi Beta Kappa lecture for New Year's Eve. Undoubtedly there are many New Year's Eve parties at the clubs and hotels and possibly the churches hold services but I very much doubt if any of these would attract any considerable number of the people who would be likely to attend a Phi Beta Kappa lecture. So far as I am personally concerned, I should be as likely to attend it on New Year's Eve as at any other time and I think that the same would apply to most of the academic group. So far as local attendance is concerned, you would probably reach more people on New Year's Eve than you would during the preceding week, when most of the academic people in the community, with the exception of the scientists, will be away attending meetings of the national associations. As for the visiting scientists, I suppose that many of them will leave Pittsburgh Saturday night.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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May 18, 1934

Dr. Victor S. Clark,
Consultant in Economics,
Library of Congress,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Clark:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 16 suggesting Dr. Hunter as a possibility for our program at the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. I have read part of Dr. Hunter's thesis and also his two articles published in the Journal of Economic and Business History, and I agree with you that his work is very good. I had not thought of him in this connection, perhaps because his interest seems to be mainly in problems of finance rather than in the technological aspects of his subject, but it is possible that he would fit into our program very nicely and I shall give the matter careful consideration.

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Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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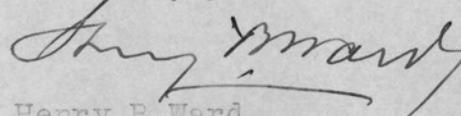
Urbana Illinois
May 18, 1934

My dear Buck:

Yours of May 11 reached me just before I left Washington. I have today a letter from Dr Shimer with a copy of a letter to you enclosed. I am sending you herewith a copy of my reply.

Your correspondence with Dr Bush is also tied up in this discussion. I think my letter emphasized sufficiently clearly the need of finding a definite time for this group, which is unfortunately tied up in the program this year because of the very serious split that the calendar compels us to make in the length of time available for the meeting. No public announcement should be made until we are all clear.

Cordially yours



Henry B Ward
Permanent Secretary

Dr Solon J Buck
University of Pittsburgh
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Urbana Illinois
May 18, 1934

Dear Dr Shimer:

Your letter of May 16 is at hand. I have had from Dr Buck a copy of his letter to you and I am glad to learn what you think of the reply to him.

The thing is badly tied up because he has not yet heard whether the engineers are willing to meet on Monday. If they were I should think you might well go ahead with the lecture. If held on the ordinary evening it would close before New Year's Eve celebrations begin.

As no public announcement need be made before fall we can take time enough to discuss this thoroughly. I should not like to see your probable lecture omitted. On the other hand it must not be carried out under circumstances which will make it impossible to get an audience.

I shall rely upon you and Buck to work the thing over carefully, and to let me know what you decide. In the meantime if I can advise you at any point feel free to call on me.

Cordially yours

Henry B Ward
Permanent Secretary

Dr William A Shimer
145 W 55th Street
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Dear Dr. Buck:

Under the circumstances it seems wise not to undertake the proposed Φ B K lecture. Accordingly, I have asked Professor Woodbridge to consider the proposal cancelled. I am grateful for your help in connection with these plans.

Cordially yours,

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

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For the Information of *Mr S. J. Burt*

Urbana Illinois
May 23, 1934

Dear Dr Shimer:

Much as I regret from one point of view your decision I feel that under the particular circumstances it is undoubtedly right, and I am making the corresponding entries on our records.

Since this was to be the first Phi Beta Kappa lecture at any Association meeting I would not want to see it listed for a time which might prove unsatisfactory.

Cordially yours

Henry B Ward
Permanent Secretary

Dr William A Shimer
145 W 55th Street
New York City



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 23, 1934

Mr. Solon J. Buck
The Western Pennsylvania
Historical Survey
Historical Building
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Buck:

Dr. Bush has asked me to reply to your letter of May 11 concerning the A.A.A.S. meeting in Pittsburgh. Dr. Bush has asked me to advise you that in his opinion this matter of the summary of Western Pennsylvania's contributions to scientific and technological development is largely a matter of local interest and might be developed most suitably by the local group since it would be to that group that there would be the greatest appeal. Dr. Bush regrets that he has no suggestions for speakers on this subject since it is one of a rather unusual nature and there is little opinion in this particular region of persons who might be qualified to speak on this matter.

Dr. Bush is leaving rather soon to be in Europe for some time. If his suggestion of making the program essentially one of local interest is agreeable to you, he will assume that you will go ahead with arrangements for that event.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant to the
President

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May 25, 1934

Dr. Henry B. Ward,
Urbana, Illinois.

Dear Ward:

Shortly after receiving your letter of May 18, I received one from Dr. Shimer announcing that he had abandoned the Phi Beta Kappa program. He had previously indicated that he would schedule it for Monday night and I had written him that we would probably schedule our program for Monday afternoon. If the abandonment of the Phi Beta Kappa lecture is an indication that there will be comparatively little activity on Monday and most of the members will go home before that date, I am wondering if it is worth while for us to go ahead with our program. If we do, might it not be better to take the evening date, for, as you point out, the meeting would be over before New Year's celebration begins.

So far as attendance by the local academic group is concerned, Monday would be a better date than any during the previous week because most of them would be back by that time from attendance at meetings of the historical and other associations.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Sent to 1201 West Nevada St.,
Urbana, Ill.

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May 26, 1934

Dr. Waldo G. Leland,
American Council of Learned Societies,
907 Fifteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Leland:

I received a letter from Dr. Victor S. Clark suggesting Dr. Louis C. Hunter as a possibility for our A.A.A.S. program. As it happens, I am familiar with Hunter's work on the iron industry in Pittsburgh before 1860--in fact, have a copy of it here on deposit--but I had not thought of him in this connection, probably because his main interest is in the financial and transportation aspects of the subject rather than in the technological one. Dr. Arthur G. Bining of the University of Pennsylvania, who has also been writing on the iron industry, has perhaps been more interested in the technological aspect of the subject. I shall keep both of them in mind as possibilities for the program.

Dr. Ward says that it would be impossible to schedule our meeting during the first week and, as the Phi Beta Kappa lecture was scheduled for Monday night--New Year's Eve--I had rather planned to have our meeting Monday afternoon. I have just learned, however, that the Phi Beta Kappa lecture has been cancelled because it was felt that the attendance would be small at any meeting on Monday. I suppose that applies to us also and I wonder whether or not we had better go ahead with our plans. The engineers do not seem to take a great deal of interest in it. Dr. Bush, the secretary of their section, with whom I have been corresponding, as the chairman, Dr. Skinner, is in Japan, has left the matter of the program entirely in my hands. If we do go ahead with it, I am wondering whether or not it would be better to shift to Monday evening. I suppose that we would be through before the New Year's Eve celebrations begin. One advantage of having the session the second week would be that most of the local academic group who might be interested would then be back from attendance at the historical and other association meetings.

It will, of course, be possible to arrange for several good papers by local people but I had hoped to get someone of national reputation on the program as a drawing card for members of the A.A.A.S. and also for Pittsburghers.

Since writing to you, I learned that the executive committee of the American Historical Association was planning to consider the archives problem at its meeting last Sunday. I have not heard what action was taken but I am glad to know that the matter is receiving consideration. I had thought that perhaps Dr. Jameson, in view of his position in the Library of Congress, might be loath to take an active part in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Dear Buck:

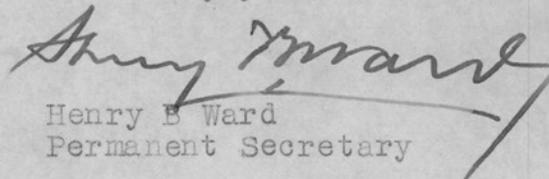
Your letter of May 25 is just at hand. I think Dr Shimer got nervous and perhaps unnecessarily so. However Phi Beta Kappa has never had an evening lecture at our meeting and I felt myself doubtful of the wisdom of launching such a project in a year when everything was more crowded than ever before.

I am inclined to think that it would be a good plan for you to go ahead with your program for Monday afternoon and then schedule a lecture of your own for Monday evening. You could indeed score a hit by getting some member of the "Brain Trust" or an affiliate from Washington or Philadelphia to give a talk on that evening. I have no doubt that Leland would advise and help you.

What have you heard regarding the proposed activities of the section on social and economic sciences? When are their meetings to be held? Yours might well fit into the same period. Both of you would profit by this adjustment.

The local committee is planning some good shows for Sunday and I have a suspicion that there will be a fair attendance although anybody's guess is as good as mine, and might be contrary to mine. I agree with you that Monday is in many ways a better date than the previous week.

Cordially yours


Henry B Ward
Permanent Secretary

Dr Solon J Buck
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh Pennsylvania

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June 8, 1934

Dr. Waldo G. Leland,
American Council of Learned Societies,
907 Fifteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Leland:

I am sending you herewith a copy of a letter that I have just written to E. B. Wilson. You will note Ward's suggestion of a lecture for Monday evening. He concluded his comments on that point with the statement "I have no doubt that Leland would advise and help you." I am not enthusiastic about assuming responsibility for two meetings. On the other hand, if the Social Science Section would arrange another meeting on Monday, we might very well co-operate with them in some way.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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June 8, 1934

Professor Edwin B. Wilson,
Harvard University, School of Public Health,
Van Dyke Street,
Boston 17, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Wilson:

In view of the interest that you showed in Section L of the A.A.A.S. at the time of my appointment as chairman, I am writing to let you know what has been done thus far and to ask your advice and suggestions. Soon after my appointment I had an interview with Ward in Washington and he seemed interested in the idea of having a large general session under the auspices of the Section. Somewhat later I had an interview with Dr. Charles Skinner of Pittsburgh, who is the new chairman of the Engineers' Section, and we agreed that it would be desirable to make the meeting a joint session of our two sections. Immediately thereafter he went off to Japan and since then I have had some correspondence with Dean Bush of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who is the secretary of the Engineers' Section. He is quite agreeable to the idea of a joint session but has no suggestions to make with reference to programs except that he threw cold water on my suggestion that Ida Tarbell might be asked to be one of the speakers. It had been my idea that we ought to get someone of national reputation on the program in addition to one or two local people. So far, however, I have not been able to find the right person.

In view of the fact that there are only three days available for ~~the~~ session, before Sunday, it developed that our proposed meeting could not be held the first week except in conflict with various other sessions and it seemed best to put it over until Monday, December 31. As a Phi Beta Kappa lecture was scheduled for Monday evening and as there would doubtless be other distractions on New Year's Eve, it seemed to me best to have our meeting on Monday afternoon about four o'clock. One decided advantage in having the meeting the second week would be the fact that most of the academic people of this community who might be interested in it would then be back from attendance at meetings of their various associations. On the other hand, of course, many of the members of the A.A.A.S. will doubtless leave at the end of the first week, although I understand that an elaborate program of entertainment is being provided for Sunday in the hopes of keeping them here.

Just recently it has developed that the Phi Beta Kappa people have decided to cancel their lecture so that Monday evening would be available if that should be preferable to an afternoon meeting. Ward has suggested that we go ahead with our program for Monday afternoon "and then schedule a lecture of your own for Monday evening." I do not know just what he means by "a lecture of your own." He goes on to say that we could "score a hit by getting some member of the 'Brain Trust' or an affiliate from Washington or Philadelphia to give a talk on

Professor Edwin B. Wilson

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that evening." He also asks what I have heard regarding the proposed activities of Section K and suggests that they might fit into the same period with ours. He seems to know nothing of any plans for Section K and neither do I. Can you enlighten me or tell me where I could get information?

I have just read over again your letter of January 5 to me and I note that you think we ought to be able to get out an audience of 1500 people. In order to do this, however, I am quite sure that we would have to have someone of national prominence on the program. Any suggestions that you may have to offer will be much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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See under Iceland, Waldo G.

September 13, 1934

Dr. Henry B. Ward, Permanent Secretary
American Association for the Advancement of Science
Smithsonian Institution Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ward:

I expect to be in Washington on Friday of this week and hope to have a talk with you about the proposed meeting of Section L. I will call your office in the forenoon to see if we can get together.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Urbana Illinois
September 17 1934

Dear Buck:

Your letter of September 12 has been forwarded from my Washington office with a statement that you had called up and ascertained that I would not return until about October 1.

I wish that my plans would permit a stop at Pittsburg to talk with you but I shall not be able to leave for a week or ten days and when I do go I shall have to proceed to Washington with rapidity.

The Executive Committee plans to meet in Pittsburg in the middle of October or a little later, the exact date has not yet been fixed by the Chairman. Would you feel that the conference on the program could be left until that date, if so we can have plenty of time to talk it over, however a line to me here will bring a prompt response in case you have questions which you want answered sooner.

Sincerely yours

Henry B. Ward
Henry B. Ward
Permanent Secretary

Mr Solon J Buck
The Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey
Pittsburg Pennsylvania

September 19, 1934

Mr. Henry B. Ward, Permanent Secretary
American Association for Advancement of Science
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Mr. Ward:

Your letter of September 17, addressed to Dr. Buck,
has been received. Dr. Buck will be away on vacation
until the twenty-fifth. When he returns, I am sure he
will give your letter his immediate attention.

Sincerely yours,

Office Secretary

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October 1, 1934

Dr. Solon Buck
4360 Center Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Buck:

I had a brief word with Dr. Leland several days ago, and he advised me that you talked with him some time ago about the program for Section L. I should be glad to be advised of whatever arrangements you have under way and shall be pleased to cooperate.

Trusting you had a pleasant summer, I am

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Mayer
Secretary of Section L.
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4360 Center Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Buck:

Last year Dr. Leland and I, after a study of the list of Fellows of Section L, selected the following names for Vice-president of the Section and for the committeeman:

For Vice-president:-

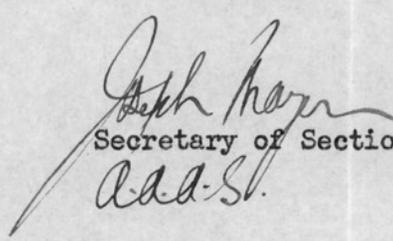
Fielding H. Garrison, first choice.
George Sarton, second choice.
Ernest H. Wilkins, third choice.

For committeeman:

John Wm. Oliver, first choice.
M. J. Herskovits, second choice.
D. C. Holtom, third choice.

I should be glad to have your approval or disapproval of these names, together with any additional selections you may have in mind.

Yours truly,


Secretary of Section L.
A.A.U.S.

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October 4, 1934

Dr. Joseph Mayer
Secretary of Section L - A.A.A.S.
744 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Mayer:

I am in receipt of your two letters of October 1. With reference to the program for the section meeting -- it appeared to be impossible to arrange for a meeting during the first week except at a time when a great many other sections would be in session. It has ~~been~~^{seemed} best therefore to have our meeting on Monday, December 31, either in the late afternoon or in the evening. I understand that Dr. Ward will be in Pittsburgh in a week or so for a conference on the program, and I hope to see him at that time. Dr. Skinner, chairman of the engineering section, has agreed with me to make this a joint meeting of the two sections devoted to the general subject of scientific and technological contributions to the history of western Pennsylvania. Dr. John W. Oliver, of the University of Pittsburgh, will give one of the papers and Dr. Skinner will probably give an address. We are planning to arrange for one more paper and I am thinking of asking Dr. Bining, of the University of Pennsylvania, to give us a paper on the scientific and technical contributions of western Pennsylvania to the iron and steel industries.

I understand that many of the members of the A.A.A.S. will probably leave town at the end of the first week, although I believe that a number of special features are planned on the program in an effort to keep as many of them here as possible. On the other hand, the members of the American Historical Association in this region will most of them have returned from the A. H. A. meeting in Washington by the date proposed. Do you expect to attend the meeting here? Any suggestions that you may have to offer with reference to the program will be much appreciated.

I am at a loss to understand your letter with reference to "Names for vice president of the Section and for the committeeman." The only officers of the section that I have

heard of are the chairman, who I understand is automatically a vice president of the Association, and the secretary. In referring to vice president, do you have in mind my successor as chairman? What is the committeeman supposed to do, and is there one at the present time? If so, who is it? I feel that I have been catapulted into a position about which I knew nothing and that I have been supplied with very little information.

The names that you list under the heading, "For Vice-president," are certainly those of very distinguished men. I am not acquainted with any of them personally but I should be quite willing to trust your and Leland's judgment in the matter. The only one of the other group that I know personally is Oliver, and I should think that his appointment would be appropriate. Is there supposed to be an election at the meeting of the section?

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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October 5, 1934

Dr. Henry B. Ward, Permanent Secretary
American Association for the Advancement of Science
Smithsonian Institution Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ward:

Your letter of September 17 was awaiting me when I returned from my vacation, but soon thereafter I was taken with the influenza and this is the first opportunity that I have had to reply. I judge from your letter that you are now in Washington, so I am addressing you there.

I am glad to know that you expect to be in Pittsburgh in the near future, and I trust that you will let me know when and where I can see you to talk over the matter of the program for Section L. Dr. Skinner, the chairman of the engineering section, is now back in this country and I had a talk with him about the proposed joint meeting of the two sections. We both felt that no further plans should be made until we can talk the matter over with you.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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vances in radiation treatment. Partly in consequence of the campaign a silent revolution had been effected, for it seemed that the recent changes witnessed in the radium practice of the whole cancer world were no mere therapeutic experiments of passing interest but evidence of fundamental change in the picture of cancer treatment. The radium bomb, so called, was coming to be regarded as a necessity of all well-equipped cancer centers. Fortunately the radium position had been materially eased by the discovery of radium deposits in Canada. It was not pretended that radium was a cure for cancer in the ordinary acceptance of the term, but in certain cases it gave results not hitherto obtained by any other method. One had only to point to cancer of the lip, tongue and uterus to realize the change in current practice. In these situations radium had in part or in whole replaced operative surgery. There was no hope that some sudden flash of genius would solve the cancer problem in a day. Every indication seemed to point to the necessity for laboratories and concentrated effort by skilled teams of workers, who, by pooling their experience and repeating and correcting one another's observations, would ultimately arrive at the truth.

THE BARUCH RESEARCH LABORATORY AT SARATOGA

THE cornerstone of the new Baruch Research Laboratory, named in honor of the late Simon Baruch, to be built at a cost of \$750,000 at the Saratoga Spa, New York, was laid by Dr. Herman B. Baruch, taking the place of his brother, Dr. Bernard M. Baruch, who was abroad. Earlier this year Dr. Baruch established the Simon Baruch Medical Research Foundation, in memory of his father. Governor Herbert H. Lehman presided over the ceremonies and Dr. John Wyckoff, dean of New York University-Bellevue Medical College, made the principal address.

Five other buildings are under construction at the Saratoga Spa—the Hall of Springs, whose cornerstone was laid in July of last year; a bath house, a hotel with sanitarium facilities, a recreation center at which scientific recognition will be given to the therapeutic values of sports, and a bottling plant which will make possible a distribution of Geysers, Hathorn and Coes waters three times as great as that now carried on by the state.

Construction contracts for these six buildings reach a total amount of \$2,786,638. Furnishings and equipment will cost approximately \$1,000,000 more, while landscaping and the golf course that will adjoin the recreation center will bring the cost to \$4,000,000. The Hall of Springs, the research laboratory and the recreation center are all far advanced; foundations and steel work, with much of the inclosures, of the others will be completed before winter sets in.

Four years ago \$2,000,000 was appropriated by the New York State Legislature for the carrying out of the first steps of the program submitted by the special commission of which Bernard M. Baruch was chairman, a program that was adopted and made a permanent part of the public health policy of the state. This appropriation provided the \$900,000 that is being spent on the Hall of Springs and \$400,000 for the first unit of the research laboratory.

A Reconstruction Finance Corporation loan of \$3,200,000 became available last October. It is a stipulation of the contract that the project shall be completed by the fall of 1935.

In design and equipment the research laboratory is the joint product of Dr. Franz M. Groedel, director of the Kerekhoff Institute for the Study of Affections of the Heart, Bad Nauheim, Germany, consultant of the Saratoga Springs Commission; Walter S. McClellan, medical director; Cyrus Bruce Elmore, superintendent of the plant, and Joseph H. Freedlander, who also was architect of the Hall of Springs.

THE THREE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES

THE three hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the chemical industries in America will be celebrated at a meeting to be held in New York City by the American Chemical Society during the week beginning April 22, 1935.

According to an announcement made by Professor Arthur W. Hixson, of Columbia University, who has been appointed general chairman of a New York Committee of Arrangements, from 7,000 to 10,000 representatives of chemical science, the chemical industry and allied fields will participate. It is hoped that President Roosevelt will consent to deliver the opening address.

Professor Hixson writes:

Leaders in industry, finance and government will unite with the chemists in centering world attention upon the nation's growing chemical industries, whose magnitude can now be computed only in "figures of astronomical proportions."

With tremendous resources available in the form of nearly a half million known and unused chemical compounds, and with its highly trained and experienced technical personnel and flexible plant equipment, the chemical industry can be depended upon to lead the nation out of the depression. A survey, just completed, shows that research work has been continued without abatement by the chemical industries during the depression. Many new processes have been developed for making products that could not formerly be produced economically and many new products have been developed that have been designed to meet the needs of new and better living conditions. As soon as confidence in the

business policy of the nation is established, many new plants will be built and a flood of new products will come on the market. Modern American chemical industry is built solidly upon research and stands ready to bring new industrial life to the nation.

A study of world production of chemical products strikingly indicates the leading position of the American chemical industries. The annual production of chemical products in which these industries lead the world, such as petroleum products, rubber, cement, heavy chemicals, metal products, agricultural chemicals, engineering chemicals, explosives, foods, processing chemicals, air chemicals, sea water and brine chemicals, paints, pigments and many others are recorded in figures of almost astronomical proportions and whose values run into billions of dollars.

To-day, the United States produces more than three times as much sulphuric acid as Germany, four times as much as Great Britain, five times as much as France or Japan, and more than one third of the world output. Another typical product is chlorine. The United States produces more of this product than all of the rest of the world combined. Charleston, West Virginia, alone has a greater annual chlorine production than Germany. There are several alkali plants each of whose monthly production is greater than the annual output of Italy. The same supremacy is held by petroleum products, metal products, cement, synthetic textiles, rubber products, artificial leather and many others.

There will be held at the New York meeting a symposium on "The Economic, Social, Scientific and Political Structure of the Chemical Industries" by leading industrialists, financiers and scientific men. The program is being arranged with the assistance of the Merchants' Association, educational, art and other institutions.

THE SCIENCE EXHIBITION AT THE PITTSBURGH MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

THE Annual Science Exhibition of the American Association for the Advancement of Science will be held in the new building of Mellon Institute of Industrial Research during the association's meeting in Pittsburgh, December 27, 1934, to January 4, 1935. The exhibits, which will feature science in industry, particularly about Pittsburgh, will be on the third, the street level, floor of the institute's new home, just off Bellefield Avenue. At recent American Association for the Advancement of Science meetings there has been a growing recognition of the importance of the exhibition, and it is thought that the exhibits at Pittsburgh will be the most extensive and instructive ever shown.

The Committee on Exhibits, directed by Dr. F. C. Brown, and the local exhibition committee under the chairmanship of Dr. L. O. Grondahl announced on

September 15 that about two thirds of the available space had been taken. As there will be about 4,000 in attendance from all parts of the United States and Canada, besides a somewhat larger number of manufacturers, scientists and teachers from the Pittsburgh area, it is recognized that exhibitors will have unparalleled opportunities to make contacts, to extend good will and to maintain prominence before a class of visitors whose opinions are weighty.

There will be many special attractions at the exhibition. In addition to the numerous commercial exhibits, there will be displays of cosmic ray research, deuterium, neutrons and induced radioactivity. There will also be presentations of equipment used in stratosphere flights, demonstrations of talking films with new subjects in the physical sciences, large biological displays and illustrated showings of recent advances in other sciences, particularly physics.

As mentioned, Mellon Institute will be the host to this exhibition. Every one who attends will therefore be able to see the principal features of the institute's beautiful new temple of science. Specialists interested in laboratory construction, equipment and operation can secure permission to inspect the facilities of the new building and can also see the displays of many companies that have made developments through the institute. There will be a reception room and lounge where members of the association may meet and confer or rest. Each afternoon tea will be served in the lounge, which will be made comfortable and attractive by aluminum furniture.

The exterior of the new building of Mellon Institute is completed and continuous progress is being made in the interior. Special attention is being accorded to finishing the laboratory rooms on the fifth and sixth floors. The erection of this edifice was commenced in 1930, and the structure is so designed that it will furnish the institute with the means for expanding greatly its research facilities and activities in both pure and applied science. The present two buildings of the institution are inadequate for the future needs of its departments and industrial fellowships, and hence the commodious modern home now under construction will be occupied just as soon as it is completed, during the fall of 1935. The building is of that type of classical Greek architecture known as Ionic; it is plain but massive, and is surrounded by 62 monolithic columns. Indiana limestone and granite are used throughout the exterior. The proportions of the building are about 300 x 275 feet, and there are nine floors. The main entrance, which is on the fourth floor, is reached by steps extending along the entire front on Fifth Avenue. The laboratories face on interior courts.

The architectural design of the exterior was perfected in detail by methods that involved the construc-

tion of three different models and numerous alterations and artistic refinements at each of these stages. The architects, Janssen and Cocken, first had made a model of the entire building to a scale of $5/32$ in. to 1 ft. Then, after study and many changes in details, a larger model of a portion of the building was constructed to a scale of $3/4$ in. to 1 ft. Finally, it was decided to erect in the country near Pittsburgh a full-size model in stucco of a corner and two columns of the building; this model, about 90 ft. high and 40 ft. long, enabled the architects to determine the particulars of the most appropriate adornment of the building. A number of improvements in form and ornament of the columns and entablature were in fact accomplished in this manner. Similar caution and certainty, through experimental study and practical trial,

are guiding H. S. Coleman, the institute's engineer, and the architects in solving problems encountered in the construction of the interior of the building and especially of the laboratory rooms. To facilitate dependable results in this planning, the institute erected a temporary, one-story structure, 45 ft. x 50 ft., in which two different sized laboratories, completely equipped, were built, and in which aluminum sash, various wall and flooring materials and different types of radiators have been installed and put to test. This "proving house," which has been making it comparatively easy to get early answers to constructional questions of importance, including problems of plumbing, electrical layout and lighting arrangements, will be open during the Pittsburgh meeting.

W. A. HAMOR

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE autumn meeting of the National Academy of Sciences will be held at Cleveland under the presidency of Dr. W. W. Campbell on November, 19, 20 and 21.

THE fifteenth International Physiological Congress will take place at Leningrad and Moscow from August 9 to 17, 1935. Professor Ivan P. Pavlov, who celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday on September 14, has been elected president of the congress. Board and lodging will be provided for members and arrangements will be made for visits to several parts of the country at reduced rates.

AT the Aberdeen meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, it was agreed that the meeting at Norwich next year, under the presidency of Dr. W. W. Watts, should be held from September 4 to 11. Invitations have been accepted from Blackpool for 1936 and from Nottingham for 1937. An invitation from Cambridge City and University to hold the meeting of 1938 in Cambridge was accepted. A deputation was received from the City of Dundee and the University of St. Andrews, with its branch in Dundee, to hold the meeting of the association in Dundee in 1939 or 1940, the alternative having been given in view of a possible visit of the association to one of the Dominions in one of these years.

COLONEL SIR CHARLES CLOSE, vice-president of the Royal Geographical Society, was elected president at the fourteenth meeting of the International Geographical Union, held in Warsaw from August 23 to 31. He succeeds Dr. Isaiah Bowman, chairman of the National Research Council and director of the American Geographical Association. There were 887 delegates representing 44 countries at the meeting.

France had 102 delegates, the British Empire 58 and Germany 50. The fifteenth congress will be held at Amsterdam in 1938. Sir Charles, who retired from the army in 1922, was president of the British Geographical Association in 1927 and president of the Royal Geographical Society from 1927 to 1930.

AT the fifty-second meeting of the American Astronomical Society held at Connecticut College from September 10 to 12, the following officers and members of the council were elected: *President*, H. N. Russell; *Vice-president*, C. A. Chant; *Secretary*, R. S. Dugan; *Treasurer*, F. C. Jordan; *Councilors*, Cecilia Payne Gaposchkin, W. E. Harper, J. H. Moore and R. E. Wilson. H. R. Morgan was elected a representative of the society on the Division of Physical Sciences of the National Research Council.

DR. FRANK E. BURCH, of St. Paul, Minn., was chosen president-elect of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology at the annual conference held in Chicago from September 10 to 14, and Dr. Wells P. Eagleton, of Newark, N. J., became president. The medal of honor was awarded to Dr. Carl Koller, of New York, who first introduced cocaine as a local anesthetic fifty years ago.

DR. WALTER L. BIERRING, of Des Moines, Iowa, president of the American Medical Association, was the guest of honor at a dinner on September 4, sponsored by the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

THE University Award granted by Rutgers University for distinguished services was presented on September 18 to Albert E. Meder, associate professor of mathematics at the New Jersey College for Women.

DR. EUGEN FISCHER, professor of anthropology at Berlin, has been awarded the Rudolf-Virchow plaque.

DR. WALTER AND DR. IDA NODDACK, Berlin, have been awarded the Scheele Medal of the Swedish Chemical Society.

THE Paul Ehrlich gold medal was awarded to Dr. Walter Kikuth at a medical meeting held at Frankfurt a/M, from September 2 to 9, under the presidency of Professor W. Kolle. Dr. Kikuth is head of the chemotherapeutic department of the I. G. Farbenindustrie at Elberfeld, where he succeeded the late Dr. Roehl.

PROFESSOR GEORG GAMOW, head of the department of physics and mathematics at the Polytechnic Institute at Leningrad, has been appointed visiting professor at the George Washington University for the coming year. During the summer Dr. Gamow was a foreign visiting member at the twelfth annual physics symposium of the summer session of the University of Michigan. At George Washington University he will give a seminar in theoretical physics and will continue his research on the atomic nucleus.

DR. FREDERICK CLARK HOLDEN, who has been associated with University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College since 1919, has retired as professor of obstetrics and gynecology and has been appointed professor emeritus.

CHARLES J. FISH, director of the Buffalo Museum of Science, has joined the department of zoology at the Rhode Island State College, Kingston.

UNDER the direction of Vladimir P. de Smitt, hydrographer of the Western Union Telegraph Company, who charts the course of ocean cables, an extension course on weather forecasting will be given this year at Columbia University.

DR. HUGH P. BAKER, president of the Massachusetts State College, has been appointed a member of the advisory committee of the New England Regional Planning Commission. The commission, of which Victor M. Cutter is chairman, is a division of the National Resources Board. Dr. Baker, who was formerly dean of the N. Y. State College of Forestry at Syracuse University, has previously served in an advisory capacity to the Westchester Park Commission and other planning activities. He will make accessible to the committee material available in various college departments.

DR. F. S. BRACKETT has tendered his resignation from the Smithsonian Institution in order to devote more time to the investigation of physical problems in connection with agriculture.

DR. JOSEPH S. AMES, president of the Johns Hopkins University, who has been traveling for five weeks in England and Germany, arrived in New York on September 19.

DR. HANS JENNY, associate professor of soils at the University of Missouri, has a year's leave of absence which he plans to spend in work with Dr. W. P. Kelley, agricultural chemist at the Citrus Experiment Station of the University of California.

AT the annual meeting of the Northern Minnesota Medical Association at Brainerd, under the presidency of Dr. A. C. Baker, of Fergus Falls, the evening address on September 10 was an illustrated lecture entitled "Minnesota Man," by Dr. Albert Ernest Jenks, professor of anthropology at the University of Minnesota.

THE Lowell Institute, Boston, has announced eight courses of lectures during the present season. These include a course of seven illustrated lectures by Dr. Cecil K. Drinker, professor of physiology and assistant dean of the Harvard School of Public Health, on "Health, Medicine and Doctors in Colonial Days, as Depicted in the Diary of Elizabeth Drinker, 1758-1807." Dr. Drinker's lectures will be given on Tuesdays and Thursdays, at eight o'clock, beginning on October 16. A course of eight illustrated lectures will be given by Dr. James Bernard Macelwane, professor of geophysics and director of the department of geophysics at Saint Louis University, on "Some Old Seismological Problems and Recent Solutions." These lectures have been announced for Fridays and Tuesdays, at eight o'clock in the evening, beginning on February 1 and omitting February 22.

IN order that methods of carrying on research with pastures and pasture crops might be standardized and results more accurately measured, the American Dairy Science Association last year appointed a committee consisting of I. R. Jones, Oregon; G. Bohstedt, Wisconsin; C. B. Bender, New Jersey; R. B. Becker, Florida, and R. H. Lush, Louisiana, *chairman*. The committee presented a report of progress at the recent meeting of the American Dairy Science Association held in Ithaca, N. Y., from June 25 to 28. Copies of this report are available from the office of Professor Lush, who has been authorized to cooperate with the chairman of similar committees previously appointed by the American Society of Agronomy and the American Society of Animal Production to compile a joint report on "Methods of Pasture Investigations." A final report will be made some time next year.

THE plenary Congress of the International Scientific Radio Union opened in the rooms of the Royal Society, London, on September 11. The union is one of a group of bodies organized in connection with an international council for the furtherance of international cooperation in scientific research. Previous meetings have been held in Washington, Brussels and

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October 6, 1934

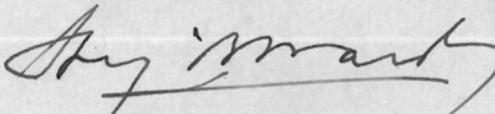
My dear Buck:

The fall meeting of our Executive Committee has been finally announced for Pittsburgh on October 13 and 14. I shall be glad if we can plan for a conference at that date. If it is possible that you expect to come to town here before then it would be pleasant of course, but we certainly must get together on that date.

You have had already the preliminary call for material to use in the preliminary announcement that goes out from this office, but I enclose herewith a second copy to refresh your mind on that. In your case it will be satisfactory if we hold the reply to that other until you and I have had a chance to talk in Pittsburgh.

With regards

Very cordially yours



Henry B. Ward
Permanent Secretary

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

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October 2, 1934

To secretaries of Association sections
and of the societies planning to
meet with the Association at Pittsburgh:

Material for the preliminary
announcement of the Pittsburgh
meeting. Due October 15.

The PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT of the Pittsburgh meeting is to be closed on October 15. That city affords conditions for a successful, admirable meeting. Every section and every society meeting with the Association in Pittsburgh should be represented in the announcement. Please be sure that your material reaches the Washington office before October 15.

The MATERIAL DESIRED is indicated by the enclosed copy from the Boston meeting preliminary announcement. The preliminary announcement does not include programs of meetings. It does present an advance notice of the important features of your plan for Pittsburgh, emphasizing those items that will appeal to members as reasons for attending that meeting.

Exhibits and demonstrations deserve careful notice, together with the location of such, i. e., with the general exhibit of the Association or in some special place. Presidential and vice-presidential addresses should be listed with title of each address. Names of prominent speakers (with initials) and their institutions, but not titles of papers, are also desired.

Symposia with topics and tentative lists of speakers and joint meeting of organizations are particularly important. Dinners, smokers, teas and other social gatherings deserve special mention also.

Plans may be announced as tentative if necessary now, and later given out with complete details. This will enable all secretaries to reply promptly even if by force of circumstances plans are not yet fully matured.

May I take this opportunity to ask that you write me also regarding any items in the organization and conduct of our meetings which can be modified to advantage or concerning new projects that may deserve consideration by the Executive Committee of the Association.

Yours very sincerely,

Henry B. Ward
Permanent Secretary

October 8, 1934

Dr. Henry B. Ward, Permanent Secretary
American Assoc. for the Advancement of Science
Smithsonian Institution Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ward:

I shall be prepared to consult with you at your convenience on October 13 or 14. You can doubtless get in touch with me at my office, telephone Schenley 5021, or at my home, telephone Schenley 5071.

The copy of the call for material for the preliminary announcement that accompanied your letter of October 6 is the first copy of this that I have seen, and I have not yet seen the ~~copy~~ "copy from the Boston meeting preliminary announcement" referred to in it as enclosed. Doubtless this material went to Dr. Mayer, who is secretary of the section. I have had a letter from Mayer inquiring about arrangements for the meeting and also another from him suggesting names for vice president and committeeman. I did not know what this was all about and wrote him for further information.

Do you have a circular showing the present officers of the section, similar to the one published last year? If so, I should like to receive a copy.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Dr. Charles E. Skinner
215 Elmore Road
Wilkinsburg, Pa.

Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania
Pittsburgh, Pa. October 8, 1934

Dear Dr. Skinner:

I am in receipt of a letter from Dr. Ward in which he says that he will be here for the meeting of the executive committee of the A.A.S. on October 13 and 14. I hope that you will be here at that time and that it will be possible for us to have a conference with him.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Dear Buck:

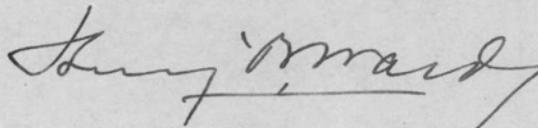
Your letter of October 5 crossed mine of October 6 but over Sunday circumstances have made it necessary to change our plan. Our Executive Committee is a very busy group and many of them have responsibilities which must take precedence over the call for our meeting. We had so many regrets that the chairman decided to cancel that call and hold the committee meeting in New York City October 21.

There is work to be done in Pittsburgh so that Mr. Woodley will be going out there this week. I can ask him to have a conference with you. It is barely possible that I may also find it necessary to go there. With Doctor Skinner in New York it is not so easy to have a three-way discussion.

Possibly you are coming over here in a few days so that we could plan for a discussion at the office. Should anything important need contact with Doctor Skinner we can easily get him over the phone, as I have already found out.

I should like to get the matter straightened out for our Executive Committee meeting so that some announcement can be made then. Furthermore the preliminary announcement must be prepared for Science and that is a matter that will need to be closed up by the time of the Executive Committee meeting.

Cordially yours



Henry B. Ward
Permanent Secretary

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

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October 10, 1934

Dr. Henry B. Ward, Permanent Secretary
American Assoc. for Advancement of Science
Smithsonian Institution Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ward:

I am very sorry that you may not be coming to Pittsburgh and I certainly hope that you will arrange for Mr. Woodley to get in touch with me while he is here. If Skinner is not here at that time, I can go over the matter with him later. I think that he will agree to any arrangement we may make.

A day or so ago Dr. Watkins of the University of Pittsburgh approached me about the possibility of a joint session of Sections K and L. It seems that he has been asked to act as the local representative of Section K in arranging a program. Apparently nothing has been done about a program for that section as yet. Perhaps we could tie them in on our proposed session and make it a joint session of three sections.

I have just learned from Mayer that Section L has an elaborate set-up with a committee and an executive committee. I don't yet understand just what the committee is supposed to do.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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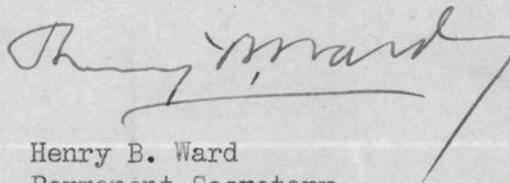
My dear Buck:

Yours of October 8 is at hand. The copy from the preliminary announcement to which you refer went to the secretary and not to the chairman, as the latter is not obligated to make out reports.

The full list of officers of the section is enclosed.

My letter of yesterday probably will bring an early answer from you. I am sure that Mr. Woodley can give you a good deal of information when he is there next Monday. You can, however, call on me for further information if needed.

Sincerely yours



Henry B. Ward
Permanent Secretary

Dr. Solon J. Buck
Historical Building
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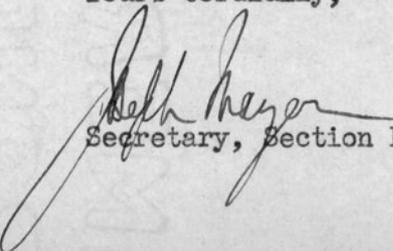
Dr. Solon J. Buck
4360 Center Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Buck:

Thank you for your kind letter of October 4. With respect to suggestions for the program, I thought you might like to have a list of the members of the History of Science Society in or fairly near Pittsburgh who might be called upon, in case you think it desirable, to add to the program in an additional session, stressing the History of Science point of view. I am sending you such a list herewith, those that are checked in red being members also of the A. A. A. S. You might wish to get in touch with some of these people, giving an indication of the type of subject to which the meeting will be devoted and asking if they have any papers or items for discussion to present. This is, of course, just a suggestion and may not at all fit into your plans. I myself expect to be at the Pittsburgh meeting, although how early I shall be able to arrive will depend somewhat on the meetings scheduled to be held here in Washington.

Regarding the question of nominations for vice-president and committeeman, let me say that the former is for the year 1935 and the latter is for a period of four years ending December, 1938. I have asked Mr. Woodley to send you detailed information about the section set-up. There is an executive committee of the section, which is composed of the chairman, the secretary, and one elective member, who at the present time is Dr. W. B. Munro. This committee is to propose names for the next vice-president of the section and for one additional committeeman. These proposals are then to be passed upon by the full section committee, the names of which I am also sending you herewith.

Yours cordially,


Secretary, Section L.

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October 10, 1934

Dr. Joseph Mayer
Secretary of Section L - A.A.A.S.
744 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Mayer:

Thank you for your letter of October 8 and the enclosure. I had no idea that Section L had so elaborate a set-up and I am still wondering just what we are all supposed to do.

I do not feel equal to arranging more than a single session for our section and the present tentative plans for that to be a joint session with the engineers. If anyone else on the committee desires to arrange another session, I should have no objection. I suppose the History of Science Society is holding a meeting in Washington at that time, and if so, I should doubt that many of its members would be inclined to attend a meeting here.

I have just received a letter from Ward, in which he states that the executive committee meeting will be held in New York City instead of in Pittsburgh. He will probably not come to Pittsburgh himself but will send Mr. Woodley here.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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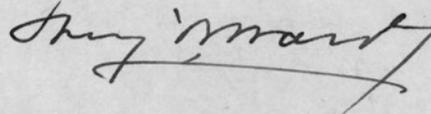
My dear Buck:

Mr. Woodley reports a fine trip to Pittsburgh and an exceedingly pleasant time with you. I am glad that you got matters straightened out and have a clear conception of the situation. If anything comes up on which either of us can be helpful to you, let us know at once.

I hope you can write out something regarding the proposed set-up and send it to reach me not later than October 22. That is the date I return from our Executive Committee meeting in New York and shall at once proceed to finish up the copy for Science.

The elaborate set-up for Section L to which you refer is unfortunately largely window dressing. In the bigger and more active sections such an organization serves for more efficient conduct of the group and its activities, but in Section L I am inclined to believe that at present a centralized leadership is far more effective. You are the natural leader and should inform other people what you think should be done. Then you will get an OK or no reply. The latter is to be interpreted as giving full and enthusiastic consent to your suggestions. In this way the work will be well done. I am sorry for personal reasons that I have not had a chance to see you recently but look forward to it at an early date.

Cordially yours



Henry B. Ward
Permanent Secretary

Dr. Solon J. Buck
Historical Building
Pittsburgh Pa.

October 18, 1934

Dr. Henry B. Ward, Permanent Secretary
American Assoc. for the Advancement of Science
Smithsonian Institution Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ward:

Unfortunately, I was unable to get hold of Dr. Skinner for the conference here with Mr. Woodley. I talked to him later in the day and he may have talked to Mr. Woodley before he left town. Skinner was planning to leave himself shortly thereafter and will not be back until next Monday. I expect to get in touch with him then and to write you more definitely. In the meantime, I think you would be safe in announcing, if necessary, that Sections L and M will hold a joint meeting in conjunction with the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania in the Historical Building on Monday evening, December 31, the general subject of which will be "Science and Technology in Western Pennsylvania." The only paper that has been definitely arranged for as yet is one by Dr. John W. Oliver of the University of Pittsburgh, and the title of his paper has not been determined. I shall probably arrange for another paper by a representative of history, and I assume that Skinner will arrange for one or two papers. I understand that Mr. Kettering, the former chairman of Section M, is expected to deliver his retiring address but whether that will come at our joint session or the engineers will have another session for it I do not know.

Dr. Ralph Watkins of the University of Pittsburgh, who tells me that he has been asked to arrange a program for Section K, has suggested a joint session of Sections K and L devoted to a discussion of organized research in history and the social sciences in the Pittsburgh district. I see no reason why Section L should not join in this if it is arranged. I understand that if held it will probably be during the second week, possibly Monday afternoon.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Nominations for President of the Association
to be Elected at the Pittsburgh Meeting

The selection of the president of the Association for the year 1935 concerns all members in good standing. The list of those who have been thus signally honored in the past includes leaders of science in every field. Custom has decreed that in the choice which is finally determined by the council at the annual meeting due regard is paid to the advisability of alternating between physical and biological sciences and their various fields. The more recent past presidents of the Association, with dates and fields of major activity, are the following:

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| E. L. Nichols | Physics | 1907 | L. H. Bailey | Botany | 1926 |
| Edmund B. Wilson | Zoology | 1913 | Arthur A. Noyes | Chemistry | 1927 |
| W. W. Campbell | Astronomy | 1915 | Henry Fairfield Osborn | Paleontology | 1928 |
| Simon Flexner | Medicine | 1919 | Robert A. Millikan | Physics | 1929 |
| L. O. Howard | Entomology | 1920 | Thomas H. Morgan | Biology | 1930 |
| E. H. Moore | Mathematics | 1921 | Franz Boas | Anthropology | 1931 |
| J. P. McMurrich | Anatomy | 1922 | John J. Abel | Pharmacology | 1932 |
| Charles D. Walcott | Geology | 1923 | Henry N. Russell | Astronomy | 1933 |
| J. McKeen Cattell | Psychology | 1924 | Edward L. Thorndike | Psychology | 1934 |
| M. I. Pupin | Engineering | 1925 | | | |

The custom referred to above would indicate the selection this year from mathematics, physics, geology or engineering. It has been suggested that the Association has never selected as President a representative from the section on social and economic sciences or from the section on historical and philological sciences. Please write in the space below your suggestion and return this sheet with your dues for 1935. The results of these nominating ballots will be placed in the hands of the council at the Pittsburgh meeting when the new president is to be elected.

Nominating Ballot for President of the Association

(Name of nominee) _____

(Date) _____

(Name of member making this nomination) _____

This ballot should be returned to the Washington office before November 15.



October 23, 1934

Dr. Henry B. Ward, Permanent Secretary
American Assoc. for the Advancement of Science
Smithsonian Institution Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ward:

I have had another talk with Dr. Skinner and can now say that we have definitely agreed upon the joint session of Sections L and M in conjunction with the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania on Monday evening, December 31, as stated in my letter of October 18.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF SECTION L

October 19, 1934

Dr. Solon Buck
4360 Center Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

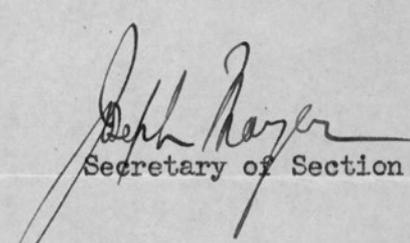
Dear Dr. Buck:

The enclosed letter from Dr. Ward is more or less explanatory. I have sent him a statement for the preliminary announcement with the exception of the title, date, and hour, of your retiring address as Vice-president of the Association. I shall be glad to get your advice upon these matters at an early date.

I presume by this time that you have had an opportunity to talk with Dr. Ward.

Yours sincerely,

JM:G:EB
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Secretary of Section L.

P.S. I am also enclosing correspondence with Professor Lynn Thorndike, on the possibility of organizing a symposium on Science and the Age of Reason, and shall be glad to get your reactions on the suggestions to him contained in my letter of October 19.

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October 19, 1934

Professor Lynn Thorndike
Department of History
Columbia University
New York, New York

Dear Professor Thorndike:

Mr. Brasch has sent me your suggestions for a meeting covering the History of Science in which four of your graduate students, Miss Katharine B. Collier, Miss Margaret Sherwood, Mr. Martin Y. Munson, and Mr. Philip Shorr, might participate. As you know, the annual meeting of the AAAS will be held this year at Christmas time in Pittsburgh. It may be feasible if the four people you mention could come there for a session of Section L to be held, at which the papers could be presented. Section L will have a joint meeting on Monday, December 31, either in the late afternoon or in the evening, with the Engineering section, devoted to the general subject of scientific and technological contributions to the history of western Pennsylvania. It might be that the extra meeting could be held that same day, morning or afternoon.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Buck who is the Chairman of the Section, and shall be glad to get your further suggestions.

With kind regards, I am

Yours cordially,

JM:GsEB

Secretary of Section L.

CC: to Dr. Buck; Dr. Ward

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AAAS

Excerpt from letter to Dr. Mayer from Mr. F. E. Brasch,
dated October 15, 1934.

"In reference to our conversation at the Roundtable
this noon relative to suggestions for your program in
Pittsburgh, I am inclosing a copy of a letter from Dr.
Thorndike which may interest you in this regard. Un-
fortunately the chairman of our program committee, Dr.
Cushing, could not see his way clear to accept all
four names as suggested by Thorndike and therefore did
not accept any. It is quite possible that you and Dr.
Buck may find it possible to send an invitation to
these people through Thorndike."

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October 19, 1934

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Dear Brasch:

Another suggestion occurs to me for the papers of the History of Science Society meeting next December. Several students of mine are completing, or have completed, dissertations relating to the history of science in early modern times, so that from among them we might get a group of papers to fill that gap. Miss Katharine B. Collier's dissertation "Cosmogonies of our Fathers" (dealing particularly with the relation between the progress of science and the Biblical account), is now being printed. That of Miss Margaret Sherwood on "The Attitude of Voltaire to Science and Magic" is practically completed, and Mr. Martin Y. Munson is working on Leibniz' attitude toward science. These are all mature students of thirty years or more. Then there is Philip Shorr, whose dissertation on Science and Superstition in the Eighteenth Century, dealing especially with the encyclopedias of Chambers and Zebler, was printed a year ago and who wrote me this December from Cambridge that he was now undertaking a study of a number of eighteenth century evolutionists.

It occurs to me that some or all of these might join in a symposium on "Science in the Age of Reason."

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Lynn Thorndike
Dept. of History
Columbia University
New York, New York

EB
October 19, 1934

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October 23, 1934

Dr. Joseph Mayer, Secretary
History, Section L, A.A.A.S.
744 Jackson Place
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mayer:

Your letter of October 19, with enclosures, has been received. In response to a personal letter from Ward I have notified him that Sections L and M will hold a joint meeting in conjunction with the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania in the Historical Building at Pittsburgh on Monday evening, December 31. The general subject of this session will be "Science and Technology in Western Pennsylvania." Arrangements have been made for a paper by Dr. John W. Oliver of the University of Pittsburgh, and I have asked Dr. Arthur C. Bining of the University of Pennsylvania for a paper. It is expected that Dr. Skinner, chairman of Section M, will arrange for one or two papers.

It is my understanding that the usual practice with reference to the addresses of the retiring chairmen is for them to be delivered a year after their retirement takes place. Consequently, my address would not come until next year. Leland served two years and gave his address at the end of the second year, so there will be no vice presidential address this year.

Dr. Ralph J. Watkins, director of the Bureau of Business Research of the University of Pittsburgh, informs me that he has been asked to work up a program for Section K and has suggested that we might have a joint program of Sections K and L on the work of research agencies in the social sciences in Pittsburgh. I told him that I saw no objection, so far as our section is concerned, to such an arrangement. If this session is held it will probably be on Monday afternoon.

With reference to the papers proposed by Lynn Thorndike, my own feeling is that, with the History of Science Society meeting in Washington, such a session here would draw no audience whatever. I should not object to it if anyone wants to arrange it and take the responsibility for it.

The form letter from Ward is returned to you herewith. ✓

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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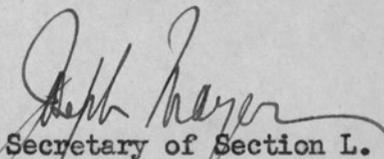
Dr. Solon J. Buck
4360 Center Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Buck:

Thank you for your letter of October 23.
It seems to me that a joint program of Sections
K and L would be excellent if someone in Pitts-
burgh will take the responsibility for it.

As for the papers proposed by Lynn
Thorndike, I am still awaiting further word
from him.

Yours sincerely,


Secretary of Section L.

JM:FB

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October 26, 1934

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To Members of the Section Committee
of the Section on Historical
and Philological Sciences (L):

On the enclosed ballot you will note nominations for vice-president of the section for 1935. Nominations are also submitted for two section committeemen, one to serve until December, 1937, and one to serve until December, 1938. The two nominees for committeemen receiving the most votes for either first or second choice. will be considered as elected to fill these two vacancies. These nominations are submitted by the executive committee of your section.

You are asked, as a member of the section committee, to write on the ballot your first, second, and third choices for each of the offices and return the ballot in the accompanying envelope addressed to the permanent secretary's office. Please reply promptly.

Yours very sincerely,

HENRY B. WARD
Permanent Secretary

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AAS

November 9, 1934

Dr. Charles E. Skinner
215 Elmore Road
Wilkinsburg, Pa.

Dear Dr. Skinner:

Dr. George W. Bennett, who is professor of organic chemistry at Grove City College, has sent to me a copy of his paper on Francis Julius LeMoyne, which he would like to read at our proposed joint session. The paper is interesting, I think, but does not contribute anything very substantial to the general subject of the program. I shall be glad if you can find time to look it over and let me know whether or not you would approve of including it.

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I have just received word that Dr. Ward wants us to change the time of our meeting from Monday evening to Monday afternoon. I would suggest that we fix it at four o'clock on Monday afternoon in the auditorium of the Historical Building. Does that meet with your approval?

I am asked to submit a copy of the completed program for the session to the Washington office not later than November 24. I very much hope that you will succeed in arranging for one or two papers before that date.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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November 7, 1934

Dr. L. A. Karpinski
Department of Mathematics
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Dr. Karpinski:

I learn from Mr. Bredsch that you have a paper on Trigonometry which might be fitted into our program for the Pittsburgh meeting of the AAAS. I am not certain just what can be done in the matter, but presume that if arrangements can be made it would probably need to be given Monday, December 31, either in the morning or the afternoon.

I understand that you have someone else who might join you in a program and can give a paper on "Early Science in American Literature." Please let me know further details about your own paper and about the other.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am

Yours cordially,

Geoffrey Mayer
Secretary of Section L.

JM:G:EB

CC: Dr. Selon J. Buck

November 13, 1934

Dr. Joseph Mayer, Secretary
History, Section L, A.A.A.S.
744 Jackson Place
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Mayer:

I have received the form sheet for the program and shall return it to you, together with the necessary information, before November 24, so that you can make up the copy and transmit it to the permanent secretary.

I have also received the copy of your letter of November 7 to Dr. Karpinski. I do not see how a paper on trigonometry could be fitted into the program of our joint session with Section M and the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania on "Science and Technology in Western Pennsylvania," and that is the only session that I have been making any plans for.

Word has recently come from Ward that the presidential address of the A.A.A.S. is to be given Monday night. We are planning, therefore, to shift the joint meeting to Monday afternoon, probably at four o'clock.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF SECTION L

November 7, 1934

Dr. Solon J. Buck
4360 Center Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Buck:

At Dr. Mayer's request, I am enclosing
herewith a letter from Dr. Ward, and the
style sheet for general program of the Pitts-
burgh meeting.

Very truly yours,

Edmar Gardner

Assistant.

EG:EB

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JUNE 19 TO 30, 1933

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DECEMBER 27, 1933, TO JANUARY 2, 1934

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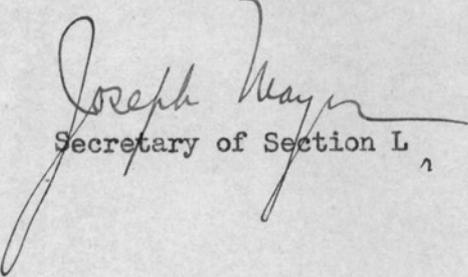
December 6, 1934

Dr. Solon J. Buck
4360 Center Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Buck:

I am glad to have your letters of
November 27 and 30, and have combined the
program as you suggest, sending you herewith
a copy.

Yours sincerely,


Secretary of Section L

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WINTER MEETING, PITTSBURGH, PA.
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SUMMER MEETING, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.
JUNE 24 TO 29, 1935

December 15, 1934.

OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARY
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PITTSBURGH MEETING

To members of the Council:

The first meeting of the Council will be held in the Hotel Schenley at 9 a.m. Thursday and at the same hour and place on following days. Please notice that the session usually set for the afternoon of the first day and suggested in earlier communications has been canceled because of conflicts with a very large number of society and section meetings.

Important proposals for new features in the organization of the Association call for careful study and full attendance at Council meetings. Your special attention is directed to an article by Dr. Cattell in Science (December 21) on the plan to organize local branches.

Please plan to attend all Council meetings. Your own special interests as well as the welfare of the Association depend on your services in this work.

Henry B Ward
Permanent Secretary

P.S. According to rule all new business should first be considered by the Executive Committee and then referred to the Council. Communications for the Executive Committee or the Council may be sent to the Washington office, to arrive before December 22, or later to Hotel Schenley, Pittsburgh.

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

PROGRAM

Monday, December 31, 1934
Auditorium of the Historical Building

A.M. 10:00 Session of Section on Historical and Philological Sciences

Chairman _____

1. Traces of the Seventeenth-Century Advance of Science in the Writings of the American Puritans (30 minutes)
Theodore Hornberger, University of Michigan
2. The Scientific Value of the Copernican Induction of the Heliocentric Theory
Benjamin Ginzburg, Long Island City, N.Y.
3. An Attempt at a Complete Bibliography of Printed Textbooks of Trigonometry, including Plane and Spherical Trigonometry Texts included in works on other subjects
L. C. Karpinski, University of Michigan

P.M. 4:00 Joint Session of Section on Historical and Philological Sciences and Engineering Section: Science and Technology in Western Pennsylvania

Chairman _____

1. Scientific and Technological Contributions of Western Pennsylvania: A Survey (20 minutes)
John W. Oliver, University of Pittsburgh
2. Some Contributions of Western Pennsylvania to the Electrical Industry (20 minutes)
F. C. Hanker, Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, Pittsburgh
3. The Scientific and Technological Development of the Glass Industry in the Pittsburgh District (20 minutes)
Harry S. Hower, Carnegie Institute of Technology

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SUMMER MEETING, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.
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January 30, 1935

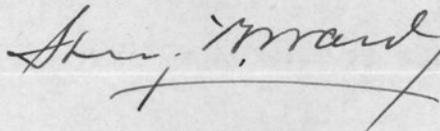
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Dear Mr. Buck:

Recently the Association held an extremely successful meeting in Pittsburgh. Not only was the attendance larger and the number of cooperating organizations greater than have participated in recent years, but the local arrangements were highly praised by all and must be regarded as a very large factor in making the occasion successful.

An important factor in achieving these results was the assistance which you gave the Association. Specific mention of this is found in the general report of the meeting, published in Science for this week. A copy of this number is being sent you under separate cover. Permit me to add that what is said only partially represents the feelings of the officers and the abundant numbers of members and visitors present on that occasion.

Sincerely yours,



Henry B. Ward
Permanent Secretary

Mr. Solon J. Buck,
Western Penn Historical Society,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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A strong group of technical societies, numbering 103 are closely engaged in the special activities of the various sections. State Academies and general societies, 38 in all, also cooperate actively with the work of the Association. Members of affiliated societies and affiliated state academies may join the Association without entrance fee, paying only the annual dues of \$5.

AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

MATHEMATICS (A)

American Mathematical Society; Mathematical Association of America.

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American Physical Society; Optical Society of America; American Association of Physics Teachers; American Meteorological Society; Acoustical Society of America; Society of Rheology.

CHEMISTRY (C)

American Chemical Society; Electrochemical Society; American Pharmaceutical Association; American Oil Chemists' Society.

ASTRONOMY (D)

American Astronomical Society; Astronomical Society of the Pacific.

GEOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY (E)

Geological Society of America; Paleontological Society; Association of American Geographers; Seismological Society of America; American Geographical Society of New York; Mineralogical Society of America.

ZOOLOGICAL SCIENCES (F)

American Society of Zoologists; Entomological Society of America; American Association of Economic Entomologists; American Society of Parasitologists; American Society of Mammalogists; Eugenics Research Association.

BOTANICAL SCIENCES (G)

Botanical Society of America; American Phytopathological Society; American Society of Plant Physiologists; Torrey Botanical Club; Mycological Society of America.

ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL SCIENCES (F and G)

American Society of Naturalists; Ecological Society of America; Western Society of Naturalists; American Genetic Association; American Microscopical Society; Genetics Society of America.

ANTHROPOLOGY (H)

American Anthropological Association.

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American Psychological Association; Midwestern Psychological Association.

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SCIENCES (K)

American Statistical Association; American Sociological Society; Econometric Society.

HISTORICAL AND PHILOLOGICAL SCIENCES (L)

History of Science Society; Linguistic Society of America.

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American Society of Mechanical Engineers; American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers; American Institute of Electrical Engineers; American Society of Civil Engineers; Illuminating Engineering Society; American Society for Testing Materials; American Ceramic Society; Institute of Radio Engineers; Society for Promotion of Engineering Education.

MEDICAL SCIENCES (N)

American Medical Association; American Association of Anatomists; Society of American Bacteriologists; American Public Health Association; Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine; American Veterinary Medical Association; American Roentgen Ray Society.

AGRICULTURE (O)

American Society of Agronomy; American Society for Horticultural Science; Society of American Foresters; Canadian Society of Technical Agriculturists; American Society of Animal Production.

EDUCATION (Q)

National Education Association; National Society of College Teachers of Education; National Society for the Study of Education.

RELATED TO THE ASSOCIATION AS A WHOLE

American Association of University Professors; Society of Sigma Xi; United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa; Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi; American Nature-Study Society; American Library Association.

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ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES

CHEMISTRY (C)

American Institute of Chemical Engineers; Phi Lambda Upsilon.

GEOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY (E)

National Council of Geography Teachers; American Alpine Club.

ZOOLOGICAL SCIENCES (F)

Wilson Ornithological Club.

BOTANICAL SCIENCES (G)

American Fern Society; Sullivant Moss Society.

ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL SCIENCES (F and G)

Phi Sigma Society.

ANTHROPOLOGY (H)

Archaeological Institute of America; American Folk-Lore Society.

PSYCHOLOGY (I)

Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology.

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SCIENCES (K)

American Civic Association; American Economic Association; Metric Association.

ENGINEERING (M)

American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers; American Society of Refrigerating Engineers; Western Society of Engineers.

MEDICAL SCIENCES (N)

American Society of Biological Chemists; American Dental Association; American College of Dentists; American Association of Dental Schools; American Society for Experimental Pathology; American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics; American Physiological Society.

AGRICULTURE (O)

Potato Association of America; American Dairy Science Association; Association of Official Seed Analysts; American Pomological Society; Gamma Sigma Delta; Xi Sigma Pi.

EDUCATION (Q)

American Philosophical Association; Kappa Delta Pi; Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity; Pi Lambda Theta.

RELATED TO THE ASSOCIATION AS A WHOLE

Bibliographical Society of America; American College Personnel Association; Pi Gamma Mu; Gamma Alpha Graduate Scientific Fraternity.

A new volume of **Summarized Proceedings**, including a directory of members, has recently come from the press.

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May 9, 1935

OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARY
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Dear Sir:

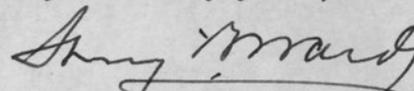
I am writing you because as retiring vice-president of the Section on Historical and Philological Sciences you are under obligation to deliver an address at the St. Louis meeting. I am anxious to have the title to use in connection with the general announcement sent out in the early fall.

In connection with each meeting the Association is accustomed to have a number of general lectures to indicate progress in science. Can you make suggestions regarding topics and lecturers, first for those in your own and allied sections who are looking for more technical information; and second of a general character for the educated public. Previous St. Louis meetings have been noteworthy both in attendance and in program and this meeting should be equally strong.

The executive committee is always looking for suggestions regarding more efficient organization and conduct of the Association work to provide for the advancement of science. You can serve in building up the organization by transmitting suggestions to this office. They will be presented to the executive committee and carefully discussed.

Incidentally we need a larger membership and increased income to take advantage of all the opportunities that come to us. You can assist by securing new members or additional funds for general or specific purposes. This is the only nationwide organization of scientific men and we owe it to our field to do our utmost to advance that work.

Very cordially yours,



Henry B. Ward
Permanent Secretary

Dr. Solon J. Buck, Vice-president,
Section L, A.A.A.S.,
University of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

AAAS.
July 10, 1935

Dr. Henry B. Ward, Permanent Secretary
American Association for the Advancement of Science
Smithsonian Institution Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ward:

Your form letter of May 9, asking for the title of my address as retiring vice president, was duly received, but I delayed my reply to it because I did not then know what I would be in a position to do. I had just been asked by Connor, the archivist of the United States, to take the position of director of publications in the National Archives, and I expected the matter to be settled in a short time. For some reason, unknown to me, however, it was delayed, and the President has just sent the nomination to the Senate. I do not anticipate any difficulty over confirmation but I still do not know when I shall be leaving here for Washington, nor do I know whether or not it will be possible for me to attend the St. Louis meeting.

Under the circumstances I think it would be inadvisable for me to select any title at the present time. If I do find it possible to go to St. Louis, I shall probably want to give a paper on some aspect of the work of the National Archives and of the National Board for Historical Publications.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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