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MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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Minnesota Historical Society  
St. Paul, April 30, 1930

To Members of the Mississippi  
Valley Historical Association

So many members have told me that they intended to subscribe to the Alvord Publication Fund but had neglected to do so when my first letter was received that I have decided to send out a second letter to such members as I think might be interested in the project.

Subscriptions amounting to \$3,735 have been received to date from 57 people. If enough of the members of the Association will subscribe to bring the fund within striking distance of the goal, there is a good prospect that we may be able to obtain one or two large subscriptions outside the membership to complete the fund.

In view of the memorial character of this project, it is very desirable that the names of as many members as possible be included in the list of subscribers to be published in the first volume of the proposed series.

May we not, therefore, receive your subscription in the near future for such amount as you may feel able to contribute?

Sincerely yours

*Solon J. Buck*

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# CLARENCE WALWORTH ALVORD FUND PUBLICATIONS

## *A Project for the Publication of Source Material for the History of the Mississippi Valley*

Despite the publishing activities of state and local historical agencies, a large amount of source material of outstanding importance for the history of the Mississippi Valley remains unpublished. Such of this as relates primarily to specific states will ultimately be published in large part by these agencies, and some of it will be brought out by the federal government or other national agencies; but much of the material is of regional rather than local interest and can be handled adequately only on a regional basis.

The Mississippi Valley Historical Association is the logical organization to promote the publication of this regional material. At the first annual meeting of the association in 1908, Professor Clarence W. Alvord proposed the publication of a "Mississippi Valley Historical Series" and was made chairman of a committee on the publication of collections. He worked out several plans for financing such a series and assembled and partially edited the material for a volume of reprints for rare pamphlets concerning proposed western colonies in the British period; but the lack of funds for editorial assistance, the establishment of the *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, for which he was responsible, and the war-time disturbance of financial conditions prevented him from carrying through the project. He never lost interest in it, however, and on September 29, 1924, he wrote: "I think that the sooner the M. V. H. A. can start publishing collections of sources, the better. . . . The Association can publish much material that would not be brought out by local or state societies. . . . As you know my ambition has long been to start just such a series."

The outstanding importance of the work of Clarence W. Alvord on the history of the West and the value of the services that he rendered to the M. V. H. A. and through it to the cause of history are generally recognized by scholars. What more fitting memorial of the man and his contribution could be devised than the carrying out under the auspices of this association of the plan that he so ardently cherished — the publication of a carefully planned and well-edited series of volumes under the designation of CLARENCE WALWORTH ALVORD FUND PUBLICATIONS?

It is proposed therefore to raise a fund of \$10,000 or more to be used as a revolving fund for promoting such a series of publications, and it is confidently believed that with such a fund the series can be kept going indefinitely. The fund will be administered by a commission, appointed by the executive committee of the association, which will plan the series and select an editor-in-chief. State and local agencies will be asked to cooperate in the assembling of material and scholars will be expected to serve as editors without compensation but with funds for assistance in routine work. Libraries and individuals will be asked to enroll as subscribers for the series, with the understanding that the total cost in any year shall not exceed a fixed sum; and the price and edition of each volume will be so adjusted with reference to advance subscriptions as to insure the maintenance of the fund

The first volume of the series should obviously be the one that was partially edited by Alvord himself; and this could be followed by volumes of documents on the French régime in the valley, British administration of the West, exploration, the advance of settlement across the mountains, the West in the Revolution, transportation problems, the fur trade, and so on. The available material of importance and interest seems almost unlimited and more will become available in the course of time.

Subscriptions to the fund and to the projected publications are solicited by the Clarence Walworth Alvord Memorial Commission of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. Either or both may be made on the form printed below.

### *Subscription Blank*

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I hereby subscribe the amount indicated below as my contribution to the Alvord Publication Fund of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association.

AMOUNT SUBSCRIBED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Name \_\_\_\_\_

In full herewith

In full on:

Address \_\_\_\_\_

In two equal installments on:

I hereby subscribe to the Clarence Walworth Alvord Fund *Publications* of the M. V. H. A. with the understanding that each volume will be paid for on receipt, that the total cost will not exceed ten dollars in any one year, and that this subscription may be cancelled on six months' notice.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Copies of the publications will be sent without charge to all who contribute \$250 or more to the fund. Checks should be made payable to the Alvord Memorial Commission. Checks and subscriptions may be addressed to any member of the commission or to the chairman, Solon J. Buck, Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul.

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## CLARENCE WALWORTH ALVORD FUND PUBLICATIONS

Despite the publishing activities of state and local historical agencies, a large amount of source material of outstanding importance for the history of the Mississippi Valley remains unpublished. Such of this as relates primarily to specific states will ultimately be published in large part by these agencies, and some of it will be brought out by the federal government or other national agencies; but much of the material is of regional rather than local interest and can be handled adequately only on a regional basis.

Recognizing this situation and desiring at the same time to provide a suitable memorial to the late Clarence W. Alvord, the executive committee of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, in December, 1928, authorized the president to appoint a Clarence Walworth Alvord Commission to raise and administer a fund of ten thousand dollars to be used as a revolving fund for the publication of a series of documentary volumes relating to the history of the Mississippi Valley. The commission, as first appointed, consisted of Solon J. Buck, chairman, Arthur C. Cole, Edward E. Dale, Archibald Henderson, Archer B. Hulbert, Louise P. Kellogg, Theodore C. Pease, Dr. Otto L. Schmidt, and Benjamin F. Shambaugh. The association, at its meeting in the spring of 1929, endorsed the project and provided for the appointment by the executive committee each year of three members of the commission to serve for three years. Miss Kellogg and Messrs. Hulbert and Shambaugh retired from the commission in the spring of 1930, as a result of the drawing of lots, and Clarence E. Carter, Arthur M. Schlesinger, and James F. Willard were appointed to succeed them.

The first business of the commission was the raising of the fund and the campaign has been carried on by means of general publicity, circulars, personal letters, and direct solicitation by members of the commission. Miss Mary E. Wheelhouse contributed extensive services as secretary of the commission and contributions of postage, stationery, stenographic services, and office facilities were made by the Minnesota Historical Society. The results of the campaign to date (October 22, 1930) are seventy-five subscriptions for a total of \$4,485. The subscriptions range from \$1,000 to \$2. There are one of \$1,000, one of \$500, four of \$250, one of \$130, nine of \$100, seven of \$50, twelve of \$25, two of \$20, sixteen of \$10, twenty of \$5, one of \$3, and one of \$2. All are from individuals except five -- the Chicago Historical Society, the State Historical Society of Iowa, the Gown in Town Dining Club of the University of Minnesota, St. John's University Library, and the department of history of the University of North Dakota. The commission expects to bring the fund up to five thousand dollars in the near future and, after the publication of the first volume, it hopes to obtain the other five thousand dollars to complete the fund, perhaps in a single contribution.

At a meeting of the commission in April, 1930, the chairman was designated as general editor of the publications and plans were laid for several volumes. The first book to be issued will

be a collection of rare pamphlets relating to the Vandalia Colony project, which was planned by Professor Alvord some fifteen years ago. Professor Wayne E. Stevens of Dartmouth College, a former student of Professor Alvord's, has undertaken to edit this volume and it will be ready for the printer in the near future. Professor Clarence E. Carter of Miami University, also a former student of Professor Alvord's and co-editor with him of the British Series of the Illinois Historical Collections, has undertaken to compile and edit a volume of documents on the British occupation of the West after the French and Indian War and has the work well under way. A volume to consist of the original records of the Fisk expeditions to the gold country, 1862-66 is being edited by Professor Theodore G. Blegen of the University of Minnesota and Professor Charles J. Ritchey of Macalester College; and Professor Archibald Henderson of the University of North Carolina has undertaken to edit a volume of documents relating to the Transylvania project. Valuable coöperation has been received from institutions with which the editors are connected in the form of grants for editorial expenses, and other interested institutions have aided the work by supplying photostats or transcripts of documents.

As documentary volumes are not likely to have any wide sale, the commission plans to issue its publications in limited editions for subscribers only. A specially attractive format will be used and the price will be so adjusted with reference to the number of subscribers as to cover the cost of publication. Subscriptions to the series are being accepted with the understanding that the cost will not exceed ten dollars a year. As soon as the first volume is ready for the printer, a circular will be prepared describing it and other prospective volumes and subscriptions will be solicited from libraries, institutions, scholars, and collectors throughout the country. In the meantime, however, subscriptions either to the publications or to the fund or to both will be very welcome. They should be sent to the chairman of the commission, in care of the Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul. A list of the subscribers (without the amounts of individual subscriptions) will be included in the first of the publications, in order to make a permanent record of the names of those who will have made the project possible and thus have shared in an appropriate tribute to the memory of Clarence W. Alvord.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS OR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE  
ALVORD MEMORIAL PUBLICATION FUND  
TO APRIL 15, 1931

Mrs. Clarence W. Alvord, Minneapolis . . . . .	\$1,000.00
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Hon. Frank O. Lowden, Oregon, Illinois . . . . .	250.00
Mr. Lessing Rosenthal, Chicago . . . . .	250.00
Mr. J. L. Powers, Ames, Iowa . . . . .	250.00
Mr. Oswald G. Villard, New York . . . . .	250.00
Mr. Jay Morton, Chicago . . . . .	130.00
Prof. Solon J. Buck, Minneapolis . . . . .	100.00
Mr. Edward C. Congdon, Duluth . . . . .	100.00
Mr. John W. Fristoe, St. Louis . . . . .	100.00
Prof. Archibald Henderson, University of North Carolina . .	100.00
Mrs. Charles P. Noyes, St. Paul . . . . .	100.00
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Chicago Historical Society . . . . .	100.00
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Prof. Ernest L. Bogart, University of Illinois . . . . .	5.00
Mr. William E. Culkin, Duluth . . . . .	<u>3.00</u>
Dr. Joel W. Greene, Chicago . . . . .	2.00

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ALVORD MEMORIAL COMMISSION  
OF THE  
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Report, April 26, 1932

No attempt has been made by the commission to obtain additional subscriptions to the fund during the past year. The number of subscribers, therefore, as a year ago, stands at eighty and the amount of subscriptions at \$4,535.10. Of this amount \$3,282.40 has been paid in cash; ~~an increase of \$50.00 for the year;~~ \$1000.00 is represented by a note drawing six per cent interest; and \$252.70 is still outstanding. If to the amount of subscriptions is added the \$311.21 received as interest, the total becomes \$4,846.31. The total expenditures to date, both for raising the fund and for editorial work, amount to \$220.41, which is less than the interest received.

The balance on hand on April 28, 1931, amounted to \$3,107.83. Contributions received during the year were \$50.00; interest on savings account amounted to \$115.74; and interest on the note for two years, \$120.00; making a total of \$3,393.57. Expenditures for the year consisted of only \$20.47, in connection with editorial work, leaving a balance April 26, 1932, of \$3,373.10. Of this sum, \$2,948.57 is on deposit in a savings account in the First National Bank of St. Paul, \$279.53 is on deposit in a checking account with the Potter Title and Trust Company of Pittsburgh, and \$145.00 is accounted for by checks awaiting deposit.

Progress on the projected volumes has been slower than anticipated, as all the editors have many other obligations. Nevertheless very real progress has been made and considerable expense has been borne by individual editors and by institutions in connection with the work, which explains the smallness of expenditures from the funds of the commission. Dr. Wayne E. Stevens, who is editing the Vandalia pamphlets, has submitted part of his copy to the managing editor and expects to complete it by the end of 1932. The amount of work necessary on this volume has proved to be very much greater than was anticipated, but Dr. Stevens is doing it in a very thorough manner and the book will be an important contribution to American history. The appointment of Dr. Clarence E. Carter to the position of editor of the territorial papers in the Department of State has interfered somewhat with his work on the volume on "British Occupation of the West." Nevertheless he has made a selection

of documents for the volume and printer's copy is now being made for some of them from Library of Congress photostats. This work is being done in Pittsburgh under the supervision of the managing editor, the photostats being borrowed for the purpose. Dr. Theodore C. Blegen and Dr. Charles J. Ritchey report definite progress on the volume of documents relating to the Fisk expeditions which they are editing, including the discovery of some hitherto unknown material. Dr. Archibald Henderson expects to have his "Documentary History of the Transylvania Company" ready in about a year.

The terms of three members of the Commission, Messrs. Cole, Dale, and Henderson expire at the present time. It is recommended that these vacancies be filled by the appointment of Dr. Eugene C. Barker of the University of Texas, Dr. Wayne E. Stevens of Dartmouth College, and Dr. Theodore C. Blegen of the University of Minnesota.

Inasmuch as it is impossible for the chairman to attend the meeting of the association and it is not feasible to send on the books, vouchers, etc., it is suggested that Dr. John W. Oliver be appointed to audit the books of the commission and report thereon to the chairman of the executive committee.

On behalf of the Commission

Solon J. Buck, Chairman

ALVORD MEMORIAL COMMISSION  
OF THE  
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION  
Financial Report, April 28, 1931 to April 26, 1932

RECEIPTS

Balance, April 28, 1931 . . . . .	\$3,107.83
Contributions . . . . .	50.00
Interest on savings account . . . . .	115.74
Interest on note . . . . .	120.00
Total	<u>\$3,393.57</u>

EXPENDITURES

Editorial expenses, Stevens' volume . . . . .	\$ 20.47
Balance April 26, 1932 . . . . .	3,373.10
	<u>\$3,393.57</u>

FUNDS ON HAND

Savings Account, 1st Nat. Bank of St. Paul . . . . .	\$2,948.57
Checking Account, Potter Title & Trust Co., Pittsburgh	279.53
Checks awaiting deposit . . . . .	145.00
	<u>\$3,373.10</u>

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ALVORD MEMORIAL COMMISSION  
OF THE  
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION 41

Report, April 28, 1931

The Commission has continued its work of building up the Fund with the result that twenty-three new subscriptions have been obtained for a total of \$800.10. This brings the total of subscribers to the Fund up to eighty, and the total of subscriptions to \$4,535.10. Of this sum \$3,232.40 has been paid in, and the Commission holds a note of one subscriber for one thousand dollars, drawing interest at six per cent. The remaining \$302.70 of unpaid subscriptions will doubtless be received in due time.

The balance on hand on April 25, 1930, amounted to \$1,916.70. Contributions received during the year were \$12,25.20 and interest \$65.97, making a total of \$3,207.87. Expenditures during the year consisted of postage and express, \$13.20; multigraphing, \$2.80; traveling expenses for editorial purposes, \$77.74; and other editorial expenses, \$6.30, making a total of \$100.04, and leaving a balance April 28, 1931, of \$3,107.83. This sum is on deposit in the name of the Commission on a savings account in the First National Bank of St. Paul.

The Commission had hoped that the subscriptions would amount to five thousand dollars by this time, but they are still some four hundred dollars short of that total. It will probably be possible to raise the balance during the coming year, but it is not believed that the other half of the original goal set of ten thousand dollars can be raised in the near future from the members and individual friends of the Association. If, however, the Commission's theory is correct that the volumes to be published can be sold for enough to cover the cost of publication and of such of the editorial work as is not contributed, the plan of a continuing series of publications can be carried out. A larger revolving fund would, of course, make possible more rapid and frequent publication, and there is reason to believe that after the first volume is published and the value of the project and its practicability are demonstrated, another five thousand dollars can be obtained from one of the Foundations.

The expenditure of \$100.04 is not to be taken as an adequate indication of the amount of work done during the year, for various institutions and individuals have made valuable contributions towards the progress of the volumes in preparation. Dr. Wayne E. Stevens of Dartmouth College, who is editing the Vandalia Pamphlets, which is expected to be the first volume published, reports that he has made excellent progress on the work; that he expects to devote much of his time to it during the coming summer and hopes to have it ready for the printer by the end of the summer. It is interesting to note that Dr. Stevens has discovered another pamphlet in the series which apparently was unknown to Professor Alvord, when he planned the volume.

Dr. Clarence E. Carter of Miami University has also made considerable progress in editing a volume on "British Occupation of the West" and expects to have it ready next fall or winter. Dr. Theodore G. Blegen and Dr. Charles J. Ritchey report progress on the volume of papers relating to the Fisk Expedition, that they are editing, and expect to have it completed not later than a year from the coming fall. Dr. Archibald Henderson has undertaken to edit "A Documentary History of the Transylvania Company" and has outlined a plan for the contents of the volume.

No effort has been made by the Commission during the past year to obtain subscriptions to the Fund Publications, for it has been believed that that could best be deferred until shortly before the first volume will be ready for publication.

The terms of three members of the Commission, Dr. Schmidt, and Messrs. Pease and Buck, expire at the present time. Assuming that the Executive Committee will desire to reappoint the chairman, the Commission recommends that the other two vacancies be filled by the appointment of *Irace J. Cox of Northwestern University* and *Vernon W. Crane of the University of Michigan*.

On behalf of the  
Commission  
*Irace J. Cox*  
Chairman

The executive committee of the association later appointed Messrs Cox and Crane members of the commission as recommended.

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ALVORD MEMORIAL COMMISSION  
of the  
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Report, April 11, 1933

No attempt has been made by the Commission to obtain additional subscriptions to the fund during the past year. The number of subscribers, therefore, as a year ago, stands at eighty, and the amount of subscriptions at \$4,535.10. Of this amount \$3,312.40 has been paid in cash, \$1,000.00 is represented by a note drawing 6% interest, and \$222.70 is still outstanding. If to the amount of subscriptions is added the \$396.85 received as interest, the total becomes \$4,931.95. The total expenditures to date is \$432.84, of which \$116.00 represents the cost of raising the fund and \$316.84 has been expended in connection with editorial work.

The balance on hand April 26, 1932, amounted to \$3,373.10. Contributions received during the year were \$30.00, and interest on savings account amounted to \$85.64, making a total of \$3,488.74. Expenditures for the year amounted to \$202.15 in connection with editorial work, \$10.00 for postage and express, and 18¢ for tax on checks, making a total of \$212.33, and leaving a balance April 11, 1933, of \$3,276.41. Of this sum \$3,034.21 is on deposit in a savings account in the First National Bank of St. Paul, \$222.20 is on deposit in a checking account in the Potter Title & Trust Company of Pittsburgh, and \$20.00 is accounted for by checks awaiting deposit.

The committee regrets very much that it is once more unable to report the publication of a volume or even that copy for a volume is in the hands of the printer. The work of editing the Vandalia pamphlets, which is being done by Dr. Wayne E. Stevens, has been very much greater than was anticipated, but progress is being made. The editor spent some time in London during the year, which enabled him to locate material that will add to the value of the work. The copying and collating of the pamphlets is practically completed, as are also the critical introductions that are to accompany them and a part of the general historical introduction. A map has been prepared to illustrate the volume and reproductions of contemporary maps and of the seal of the Indiana Company have been assembled for additional illustrations. The editor reports that "in view of past delays and disappointments" he hesitates to set a definite date for the completion of the work but he expects to devote considerable time this summer to uninterrupted work on the volume and it is the hope of the Commission that it may be sent to the press before the end of the year.

In view of the fact that the project for the volume being edited by Dr. Stevens was initiated by Professor Alvord, it has seemed appropriate that this should be the first volume in the series. Nevertheless, considerable progress has been made during the past year on another volume which is being edited by Dr. Clarence E. Carter, editor of the Territorial Papers for the State Department in Washington. This volume is to deal with "The British Occupation of the West" and is to include all important documents pertinent to the subject, not already available in print and well edited, for the period from the surrender of Canada in 1759 to approximately the end of the year 1761. The material for the volume has been selected in the main and about two hundred letters from the Bouquet Papers of the British Museum have been transcribed from the photostats of the Library of Congress under the direction of the chairman of the Commission. The editor expects to take up the work of annotating the material and otherwise preparing the manuscript for publication in the near future and hopes to be able to bring it to a conclusion in about a year. Dr. Theodore C. Blegen and Dr. Charles J. Ritchey are making progress on the volume that they are editing of documents relating to the Fisk Expedition and have accumulated so much material that it may be necessary to expand the work to two volumes. Dr. Archibald Henderson has undertaken to edit a "Documentary History of the Transylvania Company."

The terms of three members of the Commission--Messrs. Carter, Willard, and Schlesinger--expire at the present time. It is recommended that these vacancies be filled by the appointment of Dr. Everts B. Greene of Columbia University, Dr. John D. Hicks of the University of Wisconsin, and Dr. Charles H. Ambler of West Virginia University.

On behalf of the Commission

Solon J. Buck, Chairman

ALVORD MEMORIAL COMMISSION

of the

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Financial Report, April 26, 1932 - April 11, 1933

RECEIPTS

Balance, April 26, 1932 . . . . .	\$3,373.10
Contributions . . . . .	30.00
Interest on savings account . . . . .	<u>85.64</u>
	\$3,488.74

EXPENDITURES

Editorial expenses, Carter's volume . . . .	\$ 202.15
Postage and express . . . . .	10.00
Tax on checks . . . . .	<u>.18</u>
	\$ 212.33
Balance, April 11, 1933 . . . . .	<u>\$3,276.41</u>
	\$3,488.74

FUNDS ON HAND

Savings account, 1st Nat. Bank, St. Paul . .	.\$3,034.21
Checking account, Potter Title & Trust Co. Pittsburgh	222.20
Checks awaiting deposit . . . . .	<u>20.00</u>
	\$3,276.41

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CO. OF MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION  
ALVORD MEMORIAL COMMISSION

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of the

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Financial Report, April 11, 1933 - April 30, 1934

RECEIPTS

Balance, April 11, 1933 . . . . .	\$ 3,376.41
Contributions . . . . .	20.00
Interest on savings account . . . . .	76.56
	<u>\$ 3,372.97</u>

EXPENDITURES

Editorial expenses, Carter's volume . . . . .	\$ 5.50
Tax on checks . . . . .	.04
	<u>\$ 5.54</u>
Balance, April 30, 1934 . . . . .	\$ 3,367.43
	<u>\$ 3,372.97</u>

FUNDS ON HAND

Savings account, 1st Nat. Bank, St. Paul.	\$ 3,110.77
Checking account, Potter Title & Trust Co. Pittsburgh	256.66
	<u>\$ 3,367.43</u>

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REPORT OF THE ALVORD MEMORIAL COMMISSION  
of The Mississippi Valley Historical Association  
For the year ending April 20, 1935

The income of the Commission during the year amounted to \$108.58, consisting of interest on the savings account and on a note. The expenditures during the year consisted of \$5 for postage and express, \$100 for editorial services, and four cents for tax on checks, making a total of \$105.04. The assets of the Commission include \$3,179.35 in the savings account; \$191.62 in a checking account at the Potter Title and Trust Company in Pittsburgh; a note for \$1,000; and \$202.70 in unpaid subscriptions — making a total of \$4,573.69.

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ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION:

Solon J. Buck, Chairman

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ALVORD MEMORIAL COMMISSION  
of the  
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION  
Financial Report, April 20, 1934 - April 20, 1935

RECEIPTS

Balance, April 20, 1934 . . . . .	\$ 3,367.43
Interest on note . . . . .	40.00
Interest on savings account . . . . .	<u>68.58</u>
	\$ 3,476.01

EXPENDITURES

Editorial expenses, Blegen and Ritchey's volume . . . . .	\$ 100.00
Postage and express . . . . .	5.00
Tax on checks . . . . .	<u>.04</u>
	\$ 105.04
Balance, April 20, 1935 . . . . .	\$ <u>3,370.97</u>
	\$ 3,476.01

FUNDS ON HAND

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	\$ 3,370.97

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE ALVORD MEMORIAL COMMISSION  
Of The Mississippi Valley Historical Association  
April 23, 1935

The income of the Commission during the past year has amounted to approximately \$120, consisting of interest on the savings account and on a note. The exact amount cannot be given at present because the chairman neglected to get the data on interest deposits in the savings account at the First National Bank in St. Paul until too late for the preparation of this report. The expenditures during the year have consisted of five dollars for postage and express, one hundred dollars for editorial services, and four cents for tax on checks, making a total of \$105.04. The assets of the Commission include approximately \$3,190 in the savings account; \$191.66 in a checking account at the Potter Title and Trust Company in Pittsburgh; a note for one thousand dollars; and \$202.70 in unpaid subscriptions -- making a total of approximately \$4,584. A definite financial statement will be prepared and transmitted to the secretary-treasurer as soon as the necessary data is received from the First National Bank of St. Paul.

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