

June 12, 1941.

Mr. Walter Frese,
HASTINGS HOUSE
New York City.

Dear Mr. Frese:-

Mr. Smalley was here on Tuesday and we had a long talk about books and new possibilities. The new possibilities we discussed were

1. The Pikes Peak Region.
2. Bryce, Zion Canyons and the north Rim of Grand.
3. The Mission Churches of New Mexico
4. Acoma Pueblo.

Mr. Smalley thinks a local book would go. So do I for I have had countless calls for one. The Utah Parks should be a much better one for the audience would be much larger. I have some material and will gladly go to complete it during the season in order to have material in your hands in time for a spring book. The Mission Churches I have almost ready. I should have to go down for some additional "fill ins". Acoma too, I have some material as you know, and could easily complete this this summer. This would make a very full summer's work as I am not the rapid "snap shooter", but do all work as

carefully as possible with a large camera, usually my 8x10. The local book would of-course be the logical one to get ready first, particularly as we are having heavy rains this spring and it would be best to wait for trips until later in the season. I shall be teaching here at the Fine Arts Center early in the summer and can complete this as I do onther things. I shall do this and send it in to you as soon as I can.

As it will be necessary for me to earn the cost of the Utah trip before I go, I should want your say on this before I undertake it. Of-course, it would be subject to my producing the goods, but I think I can promise you that, and I should like to feel that it would be my best effort yet.

I am anxious to hear what you think of the Yucatan or rather Chichen Itza prints. If you should be willing to O.K. this I feel reasonably sure that I could finance my trip with the book in prospect. The time to go there would be January. But with these other nearer things in possible prospect, they should be done first, it seems to me.

Mr. Smalley tells me that you may come out this way this summer, and that you have never been west before. It would certainly be a pleasure to show you some of this part and I do hope that you will let me know if you do come this way. I should love to take you on some of the most interesting "back roads" of country which are always the nicest, and show you some of the places I really know well.

I am hoping to receive your decision about the possible changes in the PUEBLO book. I should probably go to New Mexico first to add Puye and additional pictures of Frijoles if the Spanish American Villages and the Acoma series are to be withheld from this. Such additions should not be difficult from the layout point of view as they could be a complete small unit to be inserted and requiring no changes in already prepared text.

These small books are right down my alley as the saying is for I love to do a complete series of things, and I do know a large part of this western country. It would be a joy to work on preparing this material, and just as soon as I hear from you I shall lay my plans for a hard summer's work.

Assuring you of my best and earnest endeavor and hoping that you may consider at least some of these possibilities favorably, I am

Very sincerely yours,