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11 It is quite proper that San Antonians with critical minds for history and with high ideals in that regard should work together for the common purpose of producing a satisfactory narrative of events from the earliest times. San Antonio and its vicinity have here the golden opportunity to illumine many pages with the noble deeds of the forerunners in the mission era. The heroism and the chivalry of Texans have a perpetual memorial in the Alamo, the cradle of liberty and independence; and finally the refining influences of modern civilization have had their champions and their leaders whose names should be inscribed in the records of fame, so that the rising generations may honor and revere them in a becoming manner according to their worth.

12 By all means get St. Mary's interested in the work. They have many capable men who should be encouraged to pursue special studies, and I know that they will achieve splendid results. The field is so vast that it must be cultivated by those who have the power to labor for this common good.

13 If I might be permitted to read your commentaries on the expeditions into Texas, I would be very much pleased. I will then be able to suggest to you a means of publication.

14 One more thought: I have notified you of your selection by the Commission as a corresponding member. In answering, please give that matter separate attention, as your reply will form part of the minutes at the next session of the Commission.

15 I know that I have not answered all the matters contained in your letter, but I will leave the rest until I meet you again. I appreciate very much your interest and seriousness of purpose in this chosen field. I assure you that you are assisting the Commission by your critical work.

Very cordially yours,

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*Paul J. Foik c.s.c.*  
Chairman.