

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

State Historical Society of Iowa

The Society has recently received valuable additions to its manuscript collection. A farm expense-account book dating back to 1846 and giving valuable information on prices of farm commodities in Johnson County is one such item. Another is the diary of Dr. W. H. Turner of Keokuk, who served as army surgeon on the United States hospital steamboat *D. A. January* in 1863; a third is the Civil War diary of John Mackley of Keokuk for 1861-1862. Contemporary data on nineteenth-century church history is furnished in still another acquisition, the church record of the McKissick Grove Presbyterian Church. The record begins in 1867 and continues down to the twentieth century.

Published material added to the Society's collection includes a copy of the one and only issue of a curious little pamphlet published in Marshalltown in 1883 and titled *The Marshalltown Medical Review*. Only a few copies of this 16-page quarterly exist. Subtitled "An Independent Journal of Materia Medica and Therapeutics," the contents belie this resounding phrase by dealing almost wholly with the curative properties of "Sander & Sons' Eucalypti Extract."

The Society has added to its newspaper collection a microfilm of the first six years of the *Estherville Northern Vindicator*, a weekly which began publication in 1868. A single copy of Volume I, Number 1, of *The Upper Mississippian*, dated October 8, 1840, has also been acquired. This paper was published "Simultaneously in Stephenson, Rock Island County, Illinois; and Davenport, Scott County, Iowa Territory."

The Society welcomes gifts of manuscript materials, pictures, books and publications concerning Iowa, and newspapers.

Some fifty members of the Society took advantage of the Mississippi steamboat trip arranged by Superintendent William J. Petersen on October 10, 1948. Oliver D. Collis of Clinton generously made available his *Rob Roy III* for the cruise, which began at Clinton and passed many historic spots during the course of a seventy-mile round trip to the mouth of the

Maquoketa. Space on Captain Collis's boat was limited and consequently members were enrolled for this trip in the order their reservations were received. It is hoped that a similar trip can be arranged for 1949, one which can accommodate more members.

Dr. and Mrs. William J. Petersen were hosts at a tea honoring Mrs. Gregory Brunk, new Curator of the Society, and Dr. Mildred Throne, Associate Editor, on November 21, 1948. Governor and Mrs. Robert D. Blue were in the receiving line.

Dr. William J. Petersen, Superintendent of the Society, spoke on Iowa history at the Osceola Rotary in October; at the Southwest Iowa Pioneers Association at Shenandoah in October; and at the Davenport YMCA membership campaign in December. He also attended Iowa Day at the Chicago Railroad Fair in October, 1948.

The following persons were elected to membership from September 1, 1948, through December 15, 1948:

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