

NOTES AND COMMENT

An eight page pamphlet on "Publications in Iowa History," issued by the State Historical Society of Iowa, contains this announcement: "The Board of Curators has provided for the compilation and publication of the Messages and Proclamations of the Governors of Iowa. The entire compilation will be issued in four large octavo volumes which will contain all of the Inaugural Addresses, Biennial Messages, Veto Messages, Special Messages, and Proclamations of the Governors of Iowa from 1836 to 1902. The complete set of four volumes will be issued before December, 1903. The subscription price has been fixed at six dollars."

Frontier Land Clubs or Claim Associations, a paper published in the Annual Report of the American Historical Association for 1900, is based largely upon materials taken from the sources of Iowa history.

The State Historical Society of Iowa has recently issued a pamphlet which contains a list of all its regular and special publications in Iowa history.

In June, 1902, a chair of American History was established at the State University of Iowa. Professor William Craig Wilcox, who for eight years occupied the chair of History in this University, has been elected to the newly established professorship.

To the October, 1902, number of the *Annals of Iowa*, Mr. W. H. Ingham of Algona, Iowa, contributes the leading article which is on "The Iowa Northern Border Brigade of 1862-3." Mr. Ingham's article is a valuable contribution to what may be called the Indian history of Iowa.

The Iowa Monument Commission has decided to locate the second of the monuments, which are to be erected on the Chattanooga battle grounds, on the extreme end of Missionary Ridge. At this place the Sixth Iowa Regiment was stationed during the battle of Missionary Ridge. The third monument will probably be located near the site of Bragg's headquarters.

After having served as instructor for four years and as assistant professor for two years at the State University of Iowa, Harry Grant Plum, A. M., has been promoted to the position of Professor of European History. Mr. Plum was born in Iowa and educated at the State University. He pursued graduate study at Columbia University, where in 1899 he held a fellowship in History.

At last the books and pamphlets in the Library of the State Historical Society of Iowa are to be completely accessioned, arranged, classified, and catalogued. Miss Margaret Budington, who was recently elected to the position of Acting Librarian and Cataloguer, will superintend the work. The Historical Society is fortunate in securing the services of one so efficient in library administration. Miss Budington is an alumna of Vassar, having graduated in 1900. She received her special training for library work at the Illinois State Library School of the University of Illinois. From June, 1901, to March, 1902, Miss Budington served as assistant cataloguer in the library of the University of Cincinnati. Then she came to Iowa, where she occupied the position of assistant cataloguer in the library of the State University until August, 1902. Miss Budington entered the library of the State Historical Society on October 1, 1902.

Frank E. Horack, A. M., Ph. D., has recently been appointed to the position of Instructor in Political Science in the State University of Iowa. Dr. Horack is a native born Iowan and a graduate of the State University of Iowa, from which he also holds the degree of Master of Arts. His degree of Doctor of Philosophy was conferred by the University of Pennsylvania. The Board of Curators of the

State Historical Society of Iowa have recently elected Dr. Horack to the position of Custodian.

Simeon E. Thomas, formerly Custodian of the State Historical Society of Iowa, is pursuing graduate work in History at Harvard University.

An eight page article on *The Public Archives of Iowa*, which forms a part of the first report of the Archives Commission of the American Historical Association as published in the Annual Report of the American Historical Association of 1900, suggests the necessity of more care for the preservation of our state archives.

William J. Haddock, who on account of advancing years recently resigned from the secretaryship of the State University of Iowa—a position which he held for 38 years—did something more than keep the records of the University. He lived besides; and while he lived he builded two homes—"Bluffwood" and "The Crag." In a handsome volume entitled "*Novels and Pictures*" or "*A Comparative Review of the Heart of Midlothian and Little Dorrit and Other Notes*," of which only forty copies were printed in December, 1900, for private circulation, Mr. Haddock has, under the headlines of "Days o' Lang Syne," given us a glimpse of the building of "Bluffwood," a typical Iowa country-place. Of more historical interest, however, is Mr. Haddock's "Reminiscence" entitled "*The Prairies of Iowa*." This is a bit of historical literature well worth preserving. The seventy-one pages were "printed for private circulation." Only fifty copies were issued.

Two very readable articles have recently appeared on Amana, Iowa's successful communistic society. Professor Richard T. Ely of Madison, Wisconsin, is the author of the sketch which was published as the leading article in *Harper's Monthly* for October, 1902. Five of the seven illustrations which accompanies this interesting sketch are from photographs taken by Bertha H. Shambaugh, the author of the article entitled *Amana*, which appeared at the same time in

The World Today. This is the third article on Amana which has been published above Mrs. Shambaugh's signature. The first was a prize essay in the *Midland Monthly* for July, 1896, when that magazine was still under the able editorship of Mr. Johnson Brigham. The second was a somewhat exhaustive descriptive and statistical production which was prepared upon the request of the Iowa Commissioner of Labor for publication in his *Report* for 1901. This article in the Commissioner's *Report* is clearly the most reliable source of data on Amana that has yet been published.

Mr. Lewis Todhunter died at Indianola, Iowa, February 1, 1902, at the age of eighty-five. He voted for William Henry Harrison in 1840. Later he joined the Republican party. In 1856 he was chosen to represent Warren, Madison, and Adair counties in the General Assembly. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1857.

Thousands of loyal people from Iowa and Missouri assembled, August 7, 1902, on the old battle grounds about twenty-five miles south of Keokuk to celebrate the battle of Athens, which was fought in 1861 to prevent the confederate forces from invading Iowa and capturing the powder magazine at Keokuk.

Of special interest to the members of the State Historical Society of Iowa and to Iowans generally are the two volumes entitled *Rhode Island—Its Making and Its Meaning*, recently announced by G. P. Putnam's Sons. The author of these volumes is Mr. Irving B. Richman of Muscatine, Iowa. Mr. Richman, who is a member of the Board of Curators of the State Historical Society of Iowa, is the well known author of *Appenzell* and *John Brown Among the Quakers*.

Mrs. Harriet Foote Gear, widow of the late U. S. Senator, John Henry Gear, died at Burlington, Iowa, October 4, 1902. She was born in Vermont, November 16, 1818, where she resided until 1843 when she came to Burlington, Iowa. In 1842 she married Mr. Gear.

The following reference to Mrs. Gear is taken from an article written by Peter A. Dey for the July, 1902, number of the *Historical Record*. "In his [Mr. Gear's] political career he had in Mrs. Gear a wonderfully able and earnest supporter. She sympathized with his ambitions, and by her personality held the men he had attracted to them. While he was Governor she joined in all his plans, was consulted as to men and measures, and probably felt as deeply political reverses and enjoyed as fully political success."

The New Century Historical Company, of New York City, has agents in the field soliciting subscriptions for a work entitled, *History of Iowa, From the Earliest of Times to the Beginning of the Twentieth Century*, by Benjamin F. Gue. The company promises to deliver the work to subscribers in four volumes of about 500 pages each, "bound in buckram, gilt top, deckle edge," etc., for \$18.00. Mr. Gue was at one time Lieutenant Governor of Iowa.

Mr. George Griswold, one of Iowa's oldest pioneers and for sixty-three years a resident of Clinton County, died August 24, 1902.

Mr. Damon N. Sprague, born in Cooperstown, N. Y., March 21, 1832, died in Wapello, Iowa, August 13, 1902. He came to Wapello, Iowa, in 1855. In 1857 he was elected to the lower house of the General Assembly. In 1870 he was elected district attorney, an office which he held for twelve years in all. Mr. Sprague was a Democrat in politics.

Mr. J. E. Conner, the new Instructor in Commerce and Finance at the University of Iowa, was born at Wilmington, Ohio. He graduated from Howe's Academy, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, in 1887. He entered the University of Iowa in the fall of 1887 and graduated with the degree of A. B. in 1891. He spent the academic year of 1891-92 at Yale. He also spent two years in resident graduate work at the University of Chicago. For two years he has held a Fellowship in the department of Economics and Sociology at the University of Iowa. His book treating of our foreign service was published under the title of *Uncle Sam Abroad*.

A beautiful tribute to one of Iowa's pioneers was the presentation to the Historical Department of a portrait of Dr. William Salter of Burlington, Iowa. The portrait, which was formally presented on Monday, November 24, 1902, was the gift of the Hon. Frank Springer and other friends of Dr. Salter. For more than half a century Dr. Salter has served as pastor of the First Congregational Church of Burlington. He has always taken a lively interest in Iowa history, and is the author of *The Life of James W. Grimes*.

Dr. Margaret A. Schaffner, recently appointed Instructor in Sociology and Economics at the State University of Iowa, was born at New Bloomington, Ohio. She has studied at Baker University, Kansas; at Emporia College, Kansas (graduating from this institution in 1895 with the degree of A. B.); at the University of Wisconsin; and at the University of Michigan. In 1900-01 she was Fellow in Economics at the University of Wisconsin. She also held for one year the Chicago Social Settlement Fellowship granted by the University of Wisconsin. In 1902 she received the degree of Ph. D. from the University of Wisconsin.

Dr. V. H. Roberts, a new appointee in Law and Political Science at Drake University (Des Moines, Iowa), was born at St. Joseph, Michigan, in 1874. He received his college education at the University of Michigan. Afterwards he spent three years in Germany at the University of Heidelberg, from which institution he received his doctor's degree *in signi cum laude*. He has given special attention to International Law and has written on the form of contracts in Private International Law.

Volume XVI of the *Collections of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin* is devoted to the *French Regime in Wisconsin, 1634-1727*. The documents published in this volume under the direction of Mr. Thwaites will surely arouse a greater interest among scholars in the romantic period of Wisconsin history. The volume is an excellent illustration of critical historical work.

Dr. Paul S. Peirce, recently appointed Instructor in History at the State University of Iowa, was born at Johnson Creek, N. Y., in 1874. He entered Cornell University (Ithaca) in 1893, and graduated from that institution in 1897. As a graduate student he attended Cornell University during the year of 1897-98. In 1898-99 he was Fellow in History at Yale, where he received the degree of Ph. D. in 1900. During the academic year of 1900-02 he was Professor of English and History at Hedding College, Abingdon, Illinois.

Mr. Charles H. Horn began the academic year of 1902-03 as Instructor in History and Principal in the Academy at Iowa College, Grinnell. He was born in Michigan in 1865. He entered Olivet College in 1888 and received the degree of A. B. in 1892 and A. M. in 1893 from that institution. He has spent ten years in active school work in Michigan, three of which were spent as Superintendent of the Traverse City public schools.

Mr. T. W. Mitchell, who has been appointed Assistant Instructor in Economics and Statistics at the University of Iowa, was born in Arkansas in 1879. He entered the University of the State of Washington in the fall of 1896 and graduated in May 1900 with the degree of B. A. and with honors in Political Science. After spending a year as Instructor in his Alma Mater he was appointed Fellow in Economics at the University of Wisconsin, where he pursued graduate study during the year 1901-02.

CONFERENCE OF CHARITIES AND CORRECTIONS

The fifth annual convention of the *Iowa State Conference of Charities and Corrections* convened at Iowa City, October 30 and 31, 1902, under the presidency of Isaac A. Loos, Professor of Sociology and Political Economy in the State University. The object of this annual conference is, according to the constitution of the association, "to discuss the problems of charity and corrections, to improve the methods of dealing with delinquents and disseminate information on

these subjects." The present interest in social questions shows a healthful growth of public sentiment concerning the problems of our social development. The interest of legislators and public men in Iowa, as well as that of sociologists and philanthropists, is being directed at the present time to the child labor problem and the problem of the juvenile offender. The interest in the former is largely centered in the crying need for remedial legislation in other States rather than in our own. In discussing the evils of the system as they exist in other States the conference is educating the public to the advantage of passing preventive rather than remedial legislation. The problem of the juvenile offender is, however, one which already demands remedial legislation at the hands of the next General Assembly. In the two days of the conference five sessions were held, in which the subjects of child labor and the juvenile offender, as well as general charity work in the State, were ably discussed by such men as Mr. John Cownie and Mr. G. S. Robinson of the State Board of Control, Mr. B. F. Miles and Mr. F. P. Fitzpatrick, superintendents of the industrial schools at Eldora and Mitchellville respectively, and by Mr. E. M. Nealley, Judge Emlin McClain, and others.

LEAGUE OF IOWA MUNICIPALITIES

In the year 1898 four mayors of representative Iowa cities, while in attendance upon the second annual meeting of the League of American Municipalities, came to the realization that their respective cities had little in common with the national league. The proceedings of the national league were largely taken up in discussing the municipal problems of our large American cities, whereas, but few of the cities in the State of Iowa exceed 15,000 in population. It was then that Mr. John MacVicar, mayor of Des Moines, Mr. John N. Redmond, mayor of Cedar Rapids, Mr. F. G. Pierce, mayor of Marshalltown, and Mr. F. K. Stebbins, mayor of Iowa City conceived the idea of organizing a League of Iowa Municipalities; the annual meetings of which should be devoted to the live problems of the smaller cities. That their efforts have been highly successful is evidenced by the fact that

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