

NOTES AND COMMENT

From Houghton, Mifflin & Co. comes the announcement that Mr. Albert Shaw, editor of the *American Review of Reviews*, will contribute the volume on "Iowa" for the *American Commonwealths Series*. Mr. Reuben G. Thwaites will write the volume on "Wisconsin."

The address delivered by Major-General Grenville M. Dodge at the Twenty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Department of Iowa of the Grand Army of the Republic, which was held at Des Moines on May 21, 1902, has been published in pamphlet form. It is entitled: *Personal Recollections of General William T. Sherman*.

Upon the suggestion of Mr. Charles Aldrich and through the active efforts of Mr. A. N. Harbert a "Drummond Memorial Tablet" will soon be placed in the College for the Blind at Vinton, Iowa. A fund of nearly \$100 has been raised by Mr. Harbert for this purpose. It is, indeed, time that many more historical and memorial tablets and monuments were erected in Iowa.

Volume I of the *Messages and Proclamations of the Governors of Iowa* has been announced by the State Historical Society of Iowa (Iowa City) as ready for distribution. It contains the messages and proclamations of Governors Dodge, Lucas, Chambers, Clarke, Briggs, and Hempstead, covers about five hundred pages, and is neatly bound in cloth. Volume II will be issued probably in April; and volumes III and IV will appear before December. The price per volume, express prepaid, is \$2.00. The edition is limited to one thousand copies.

Students of State politics and finance will not fail to be interested in Dr. Frank I. Herriott's contributions in volumes III and IV of

the *Bulletin of Iowa Institutions* which have appeared under the title of *Institutional Expenditures in the State Budgets of Iowa*. The subject has been discussed by Dr. Herriott under five heads. I. *The Growth of Institutional Accounts in the State*. II. *Sources of Revenue*. III. *Method of Making Appropriations*. IV. *Administrative Supervision and Audit of Institutional Expenditures*. V. *Legislative Supervision and Control of Institutional Expenditures*.

Professor Isaac A. Loos, member of the Board of Curators of the State Historical Society, represented the University of Iowa at the Conference on Higher Commercial Education which was held at Ann Arbor, Michigan, in January, under the auspices of the Michigan Political Science Association.

The program of the eighth annual meeting of the American Historical Association (held at Philadelphia in December, 1902) included two papers on Western history: *The West and Nationality*, by Professor John L. Stewart; and *Party Politics in Indiana during the Civil War*, by Professor James A. Woodburn.

The Nationalization of Municipal Movements, an article by Mr. Clinton Rogers Woodruff in the March number of the *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* (Philadelphia) will be of interest in connection with Dr. Horack's article on *The League of Iowa Municipalities* which appears in this number of THE IOWA JOURNAL OF HISTORY AND POLITICS.

It is an interesting fact that Mrs. Eva Emery Dye, the author of *The Conquest, the True Story of Lewis and Clark* (a book which is noticed on page 237 of this number of THE IOWA JOURNAL) was at one time a resident of Iowa City, Iowa, where her husband attended the Law College of the State University. Here in the library of the State Historical Society of Iowa Mrs. Dye began the historical studies which have resulted in *McLoughlin and Old Oregon* and *The Conquest*. At one time she thought of writing a story of Iowa; but when she removed to Oregon, the plan developed into a scheme for a

romance of the Northwest, which seemed more stirring in deeds and picturesque in color.

The Evolution of the Judicial Opinion is the subject of a paper read at Saratoga Springs at the meeting of the American Bar Association (August 28, 1902) by Emlin McClain, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of Iowa. Judge McClain's paper has been issued in a pamphlet of twenty-five pages.

In *Harpers Weekly* for December 13, 1902, there is a short article on the *Iowa Idea*.

The addresses before the Grant Club (Des Moines, Iowa) since October, 1902, have been:—October 23, 1902, *National Politics*, by Mr. Sidney A. Foster; November 20, 1902, *Alexander Hamilton*, by Mr. H. H. Stipp and Mr. J. U. Sammis; December 18, 1902, *Thomas Jefferson*, by Mr. A. B. Cummins and Mr. W. W. Witmer; January 15, 1903, *Daniel Webster*, by Mr. J. C. Davis and Mr. Horace E. Deemer; February 19, 1903, *John Marshall*, by Mr. Emlin McClain and Mr. J. A. McCall; March 19, 1903, *Benjamin Franklin*, by Mr. Allan Dawson and Mr. Wallace R. Lane.

At the regular annual business meeting of the Political Science Club (Iowa) which was held on January 19, 1903, Prof. Benjamin F. Shambaugh was elected President, and Prof. Frederick E. Bolton was re-elected Secretary. Dr. Frank E. Horack, Dr. Paul S. Peirce, and Dr. Margaret Schaffner were elected members of the Club.

Under the date of January, 1903, the "circular of library information," issued by the Iowa Library Commission at Des Moines, appears as the *Quarterly of the Iowa Library Commission*. The change of name from *Bulletin* to *Quarterly* will, perhaps, more clearly indicate the real character of the circular. The January number makes special mention of some recent publications in Iowa history.

During the months of January and February there appeared in the columns of the Webster City papers a number of interesting reminiscences from the pen of Mr. Charles Aldrich, Curator of the Historical Department of Iowa.

In the January, 1903, number of the *American Historical Magazine* and *Tennessee Historical Quarterly* a strong plea is made for the better preservation of the State archives of Tennessee, wherein the establishment of a State Department of Archives and History is recommended. Alabama and Mississippi have already established such a department.

Sir George Otto Trevelyan intends to publish, this autumn, two volumes in completion of his *American Revolution*.

Mr. Harold M. Bowman (of Des Moines), fellow in the School of Political Science at Columbia University, has written a thesis on *The Administration in Iowa* which will soon appear in print.

The advisability of a National Political Science Association has become evident. A committee of fifteen gentlemen from different parts of the United States now has the establishment of such an organization under advisement. It is hoped that when a Political Science Association is formed it will be national in *fact* as well as in *name*.

Mr. Charles Aldrich, Curator and Secretary of the Historical Department of Iowa (Des Moines), is to be congratulated on the completion of the fifth volume of the third series of *The Annals of Iowa*.

The *First Annual Report* of the Director of the Department of Archives and History of the State of Mississippi has appeared. In this report the Director of the Department, Mr. Dunbar Rowland, gives an account of "the organization and activities of the Department from March 14th to October 1st, 1902." This "State Department of Archives and History" was established "under the auspices of the Mississippi Historical Society" by an act of February 26, 1902. The State of Alabama has a similar Department of Archives and History which was established by an act of the General Assembly of February 27, 1901.

William Craig Wilcox, member of the Board of Curators of the State Historical Society of Iowa and Professor of American History

at the University of Iowa, spent the months of January, February, and March, 1903, lecturing in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania under the auspices of the University of Chicago. Six lectures on *Six Critical Points in American History* were given at Wilmerding, Pa., Jacksonville, Ill., Morrison, Ill., Oregon, Ill., and Milwaukee, Wis. A second course of six lectures on *The Nineteenth Century in Europe* was delivered at Alleghany, Pa., West End (Pittsburg) Pa., Hazelwood, Pa., and Kewanee, Ill. And a third course of six lectures on *The Eastern Question* was given at Chicago, Ill.

In the *Annals of Iowa* for January, 1903, Mr. L. S. Coffin contributes an article on *Safety Appliances on the Railroads*. The value of Mr. Coffin's article lies in the fact that it was largely through his efforts that such safety appliances as are now used for coupling and for stopping cars were adopted. To him is due the major portion of the credit for national legislation which compelled the railroads to make use of self-couplers and air-brakes on freight trains.

An exceedingly interesting, though very rare, little volume has recently come into the possession of Mr. A. N. Harbert, a member of the State Historical Society of Iowa, who is making a collection of literature relating to Iowa history. The title-page of the volume referred to reads: *An Iowa Grammar, illustrating the Principles of the Language used by the Ioway, Otoe and Missouri Indians. Prepared and Printed by Rev. Wm. Hamilton and Rev. S. M. Irwin under the direction of the Presbyterian B. F. M. Ioway and Sac Mission Press, 1848.* This little volume, which contains xix + 152 pages, was evidently printed on the frontier.

Beginning with the issue of December 20, 1902, there has appeared on the editorial page of the *Iowa City Republican* a series of articles on the *Evolution of the American System of Protective Tariffs*. The fifteen chapters which have already appeared constitute an unusually interesting and valuable history of our American protective system. Rarely does a daily newspaper contain discussions on the tariff of so

scholarly a character. The author of the series is Mr. J. W. Rich, member of the State Historical Society of Iowa.

At the Kansas City meeting in 1898 the Missouri Press Association took the initiative in the establishment of the State Historical Society of Missouri. In March, 1899, the new Society was incorporated, and in May of the same year an act of the General Assembly recognized the organization as a trustee of the State of Missouri. Then followed a biennial appropriation of \$4,500 by the Forty-first General Assembly. The *First Biennial Report* of the Executive Committee, for the two years ending December 31, 1902, has been made to the Governor and is now published in a pamphlet of fifty pages.

The February, 1903, issue of *Midland Municipalities* contains the following leading articles: *Street Paving in Iowa*, by F. M. Norris, Mayor of Mason City; *Artesian Wells in Iowa*, by Samuel Calvin, Iowa State Geologist; *Report of the Committee on Franchises*, by P. J. Martin, of Waterloo, Iowa; and *The Cost of Electric Street Lamps*, by G. W. Bissell, Professor in the State College at Ames, Iowa.

One of the most valuable of the recent issues of historical societies in the United States is volume five of the *Publications of the Buffalo Historical Society* (N. Y.) which is edited by Frank H. Severance. This volume of 535 pages contains: (1) papers relating to the War of 1812 on the Niagara, (2) papers relating to Buffalo harbor and early trade and travel on the lakes, and (3) papers relating to recent events in the local "history of our own times."

A sketch of classifications, entitled *The Human Races*, by Duren J. H. Ward has been recently "privately printed" by the author. The pamphlet contains twenty-eight pages.

Under the title of *The Story of the Forty-ninth*, Captain J. E. Whipple, late Sergeant of Company G, 49th U. S. Volunteer Infantry, has published some "Recollections" of his regiment. The pamphlet (which was published at Vinton, Iowa) contains sixty-six pages of reading matter besides a large number of "pictures" furnished by Mr. George E. Knapp.

That the Masonic library at Cedar Rapids will be greatly improved by the fitting up of the "Hull Annex" is gratifying news to all students of history. Under the able administration of Dr. Theodore S. Parvin and his son, Mr. Newton Parvin, the largest collection of Masonic history and literature in the Middle West has been amassed within the walls of this unique institution. Nor have the Parvins ever neglected the interests of local history in the development of the library. The "Iowa alcove" contains one of the largest collections of Iowa history in the State.

In connection with President James' paper on *State History in the Public High Schools*, which appears in this number of THE IOWA JOURNAL OF HISTORY AND POLITICS, readers may be interested in President Woodrow Wilson's address on *The Course of American History*, which was delivered before the New Jersey Historical Society in 1895 and published in Volume VIII of the *Collections* of that Society in 1900. In that address President Wilson declared that "local history is the ultimate substance of national history;" that "the history of a nation is only the history of its villages writ large;" that "the right and vital sort of local history is the sort which may be written with lifted eyes,—the sort which has an horizon and an outlook upon the world;" that "usually the significance of local history is, that it is a part of a greater whole;" and that local history is "less than national history only as the part is less than the whole." He adds that "the whole could not dispense with the part, would not exist without it, could not be understood unless the part were also understood."

The Political Science Club (Iowa), an association which was founded at Iowa City in 1897 for the discussion of questions of interest along the mutually related lines of history, politics, law, economics, sociology, ethics, and public education has continued to hold its regular semi-monthly meeting during the present academic year. The following papers have been read and discussed: *Some Facts and Fictions Concerning Educational Values*, by Professor F.

E. Bolton, October 6, 1902; *France in the Ohio Valley*, by Professor L. G. Weld, October 20, 1902; *Political and Industrial Greece of Today*, by Professor Arthur Fairbanks, November 3, 1902; *The History of the Tariff in the United States*, by Mr. J. W. Rich, November 17, 1902; *A Brief History of the State Historical Society of Iowa*, by Professor B. F. Shambaugh, December 1, 1902; *The Teutonic Order of Prussia*, by Professor H. G. Plum, December 15, 1902; *The Clearing House*, by Professor Samuel Hayes, January 12, 1903; *Sir Samuel Romilly and Law Reform*, by Professor Charles N. Gregory, January 26, 1903; *Is Crime Increasing*, by Mr. G. L. Cady, February 9, 1903; *Commercial Education—A Report of the Michigan Meeting*, by Professor I. A. Loos, February 23, 1903; *The Higher Education of Women in Spain*, by Professor H. E. Gordon, March 9, 1903; and *John Marshall as a Constructive Statesman*, by Judge Emlin McClain, March 23, 1903.

It is safe to say that in the field of State administration there is no commission, bureau, or department whose work is more effectively performed than that of the Iowa Library Commission. Its influence is rapidly becoming one of the moulding forces in the historical development of our provincial life. *Leaflet No. 2*, which has been issued by the Commission several times, clearly shows that Miss Alice S. Tyler and her co-workers are enthusiastically in earnest in an effort to have the public libraries of Iowa stand for good citizenship and intelligent patriotism. The free public libraries are urged to invest in the literature of Iowa history and government.

At their March meeting the Board of Curators of the State Historical Society of Iowa entered the following upon the records of the Society:

“Whereas, T. Mauro Garrett, Life Member of the State Historical Society of Iowa, died at Chicago, Ill., on March 4, 1903: be it resolved by the Board of Curators that the following be entered upon the records of the Society:

“Mr. T. Mauro Garrett was born in Burlington, Iowa, on Sep-

tember 1, 1855. His father was William Garrett, a distinguished citizen of Burlington. The son was educated in the public schools of Burlington. When he reached mature years he engaged in business in his native town. Later he moved to Chicago, where he met and married the only daughter of Dr. Sidney Sawyer. A successful business man, Mr. Garrett was more than a mere man of affairs. He was always the refined educated gentleman. He was much interested in books. American history, especially western American history, was his chosen subject of study. He was a life member of the Chicago Historical Society. In his death the State Historical Society of Iowa loses a faithful and helpful friend."

THE IOWA SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA

Above the names of Miss Elizabeth D. Putnam, Miss Alice French, Mrs. Emlin McClain, Mrs. Samuel F. Smith, and Mrs. James R. Kimball, the following announcement has been sent to the universities and colleges of Iowa:

"The Iowa Society of the Colonial Dames of America offers a prize of twenty-five dollars for an essay on early Iowa history, written by any undergraduate of any Iowa university or college. The writer may choose any subject of Iowa history before 1860.

"Simply as a guide, the Historical Committee submits the following list of acceptable subjects:

"The Louisiana Purchase as it has affected Iowa; Lynch Law in Early Iowa; Lyceums in Early Iowa; Social Amusements of the Pioneers; The Mormons in Iowa; Indian Treaties Relating to Iowa; The Underground Railroad in Iowa; Railroads and Town Building in Iowa.

"The essay must be signed by a fictitious name and be accompanied by an envelope containing the subject of essay, the writer's real name and a certificate from the president of his college or university that he is an undergraduate of said college or university.

"The essays must each be accompanied by an index and bibliography.

"It has been suggested by a Professor of History that students desiring to compete for the prize, read Prof. F. J. Turner's monograph on *The Significance of the Frontier in American History*, as a model upon which to base their work.

"The essays must be sent to Miss Elizabeth D. Putnam, Chairman of the Historical Committee, 2013 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa, before May 1st, 1903.

"The Professors of History in the State University, Iowa College, and Cornell College have kindly consented to act as judges.

"The committee reserves the right to withhold the prize if the essays are not satisfactory.

"The essays should have no less than 1,500 and no more than 2,000 words. Three typewritten copies must be made and sent to the Chairman of the Committee."

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