

NOTES AND COMMENT

Mr. E. G. Swem of Washington, D. C., is preparing a bibliography of Iowa maps. He finds that the titles thus far secured number more than nine hundred.

Valdris Helsing, No. 5, for November, 1904, has been issued. This quarterly publication, issued at Iowa City, is the official publication of the Valdris Samband, a society of natives of Valdris, Norway, and their descendants. Professor A. A. Veblen, of Iowa City, Iowa, is president of the Society and editor of the quarterly.

Mr. Clarence Wassam, Fellow in Economics at The State University of Iowa, was born at Hudson, Iowa. In 1900 he graduated from the Iowa State Normal School. He graduated from The State University of Iowa in 1903, and in 1904 received the degree of Master of Arts.

Dedicatory exercises attending the opening of the Iowa City Public Library were held on November 29, 1904. Mr. J. W. Rich, the President of the Library Board, gave an *Historical Sketch of the Library Movement in Iowa City*.

No. 2 of Volume I of the *History Series* of the University of Wisconsin is a monograph of 211 pages on *The King's Household in England Before the Norman Conquest*, by Lawrence Marcellus Larson. The purpose of the author is "to show, as far as possible, the lines of development, the causes of changes, the sources of innovation and the successive periods of growth."

Mr. Frank Basil Tracy, a graduate of The State University of Iowa, class 1888, now literary editor of *The Boston Transcript*, has in the December 10, 1904, issue of *The Transcript* an extended article entitled *A Real Reform Movement in Boston—the Courageous Effective Work of the Good Government Association*.

Mr. Edmund C. Nelson, Fellow in History at The State University of Iowa, was born in Norway. He graduated from The Iowa State Normal School in 1897, and from The State University of Iowa in 1904. Before entering the University he had served as Director of the Normal Department of Elkhorn College (Iowa), Principal of the Scandinavian Academy (Wisconsin), and Principal of Luther College (Racine, Wisconsin).

Charles Henry Huberich, Adjunct Professor of Political Science and Law in the University of Texas, is the author of a pamphlet of 31 pages on *The Trans-Isthmian Canal: A Study in American Diplomatic History*.

Mr. Joseph Oliver Johnson was recently appointed Scholar in Political Science at The State University of Iowa. He was born at Lawler, Iowa, and graduated from The Iowa State Normal School in 1897. From 1899 to 1903 he published the *Cedar Falls Daily Record*. In 1904 he graduated from the College of Liberal Arts at The State University of Iowa.

Mr. E. G. Swem, who is employed in the copyright department of the Library of Congress, has located Albert Lea's *Notes on Wisconsin Territory* in the possession of the following: New York State Library, Long Island Historical Society, British Museum, Boston Public Library, Library of Congress (2 copies), Historical Society of Wisconsin, Historical Society of Minnesota, Masonic Library (Cedar Rapids, Iowa), Historical Department (Des Moines, Iowa), State Historical Society of Iowa, private library of Mr. A. N. Harbert, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and library of Mr. W. M. Blair, Kossuth, Iowa. All this is interesting in view of the fact that according to tradition the bulk of the edition was lost in the Ohio River, there being in existence not more than three or four copies.

Mr. F. V. Brock, a graduate of The State University of Iowa, and the teacher of civics and commercial law in the University Preparatory School, Tonkawa, Oklahoma, has prepared and published a book on *Civil Government in Oklahoma*.

A Check List of the Journals and Public Documents of Wisconsin has recently been issued by the Wisconsin Free Library Commission. This work is, as stated in the preface, essentially a check list of the documents which have appeared at some time in the set of bound documents. The titles of the Territorial and State journals are given in full; the State publications have been arranged in chronological sequence for the three series of publications; and whenever practicable the tabular method of arrangement has been followed as serving best the purposes of a check list.

Mr. T. J. Fitzpatrick has two articles in the October, 1904, *Fern Bulletin*, which are entitled *The Fern Flora of Montana* and *Notes on the Ferns of Washington* respectively.

The Gender of English Loan-Nouns in Norse Dialects in America; A Contribution to the Study of the Development of Grammatical Gender, is the title of a paper by Professor George T. Flom which appears as a reprint from *The Journal of English and Germanic Philology*, Vol. V, pp. 1-31. The three main theories regarding the origin of grammatical gender according to Grimm, Brugmann, and Paul-Wheeler are reviewed. A discussion of about 400 English Loan-nouns in Norse dialects is then offered, together with a consideration of the gender determining causes. The author adduces corroborative evidence in favor of Wheeler's pronominal theory from the Scandinavian languages and from non Indo-European speech and he regards the pronominal theory the only possible solution of the origin of gender classifications, for wherever gender distinctions exist they exist in the pronoun. Where they are imperfectly developed they are best developed in the pronoun. Where they are in a developing state it is in the pronoun that the effort at gender differentiation is first evidenced.

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

A paper on *The Work of American Historical Societies* was read by Professor Henry E. Bourne at the December, 1904, meeting of the American Historical Association.

The annual meeting of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin for the year 1904 was held on October 27. William W. Wright was elected President of the organization. During the year ending September 30, 1904, the library of the Society was increased by the addition of about 11,990 titles.

The Honorable Thomas M. Owen, Director of the Department of Archives and History of Alabama, has issued a prospectus for a proposed *Magazine of Southern History* to be issued quarterly beginning the first of January, 1905. The new publication is to be octavo in form and is to contain from 75 to 100 pages per number. The scope of the magazine as outlined will cover "Southern History, Genealogy, Biography, War Records, Bibliography, Antiquities, Original Documents, Notes, Queries, News, and Reviews." The undertaking is to be conducted as a private enterprise of Mr. Owen, who has long been a student of Southern history. It is to be hoped that the enterprise will receive the encouragement necessary to enable Mr. Owen to carry out the plans for the collection and preservation of Southern History.

At the meeting of the American Historical Association which was held at Chicago in December, 1904, a round table conference was held on "The Problems of Local and State Historical Societies." The chairman of the conference was Reuben Gold Thwaites, Secretary of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. Two subjects were on the program for discussion: (a) *Form of Organization and Relation to State Governments*, discussed by Thomas M. Owen, Director of the Department of Archives and History in Alabama, and Warren Upham, Secretary of the Minnesota Historical Society; (b) *The Possibilities of Mutual Coöperation between Societies—State and Local*, discussed by C. M. Burton, President of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, and Benjamin F. Shambaugh, Editor of the publications of the State Historical Society of Iowa. The conference was well attended and the discussions proved interesting and helpful. On the same day another conference was partici-

pated in by the representatives of the Historical Societies of the Mississippi Valley. Many helpful suggestions were made at this meeting. These conferences, which were in a way an outgrowth of a conference held at St. Louis in September, 1904, will in all probability be followed up by annual or semi-annual meetings in the future.

The first volume of the *Official and Statistical Register of the State of Mississippi for 1904*, an octavo volume of 694 pages in maroon cloth, has recently been issued by the Department of Archives and History of the State of Mississippi. Mr. Dunbar Rowland, Director of the Department, has compiled and edited the work, which is certainly creditable to the Department and its Director. Besides the usual array of political and economic statistics usually found in such compilations, this book contains much valuable historical data. Among the matters of special interest may be mentioned a facsimile of the first law of Mississippi Territory with the signatures of the Governor and Territorial Judges; a facsimile of the first page of the first Constitution of the State of Mississippi, adopted in 1817, and a facsimile of the signatures of the members of the Constitutional Convention by which it was drafted. An outline history of the State is given from 1540 to 1904. From the early explorations of De Soto, Joliet, Marquette, and La Salle, the territory of which the State of Mississippi now forms a part has changed sovereignty no less than four times. Existing first as a French colony from 1699-1736, as an English province from 1763-1779, as a province of Spain from 1779 to 1798, Mississippi finally became a territory of the United States in 1798. The book contains numerous half tones and color plates representing the State Capitol and the various institutional buildings of the State. The flags of the State, the cotton plant, the seal of the British Province of West Florida, the coat of arms of the State, and the State flower are printed in colors. Sketches and portraits of the members of the State Senators and Representatives to whom the volume is dedicated take up considerable space. A well arranged index adds to the usefulness of the volume.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

Volume VII of the *Messages and Proclamations of the Governors of Iowa* is in press. It will contain the messages and proclamations of Governor Jackson, Governor Drake, and Governor Shaw.

Professor Flom's article in this issue of THE IOWA JOURNAL OF HISTORY AND POLITICS on *The Scandinavian Factor in the American Population* will be followed in subsequent numbers by a series of three papers dealing especially with the Norwegians, Swedes, and Danes in Iowa.

At the Chicago meeting of the American Historical Association, The State Historical Society of Iowa was represented at the round table for historical societies by Professor B. F. Shambaugh who read a paper on *The Possibilities of Mutual Coöperation Between Historical Societies—State and Local*.

Reading lists have been compiled at the library for the local chapter of the P. E. O. Society, whose program this year continues last year's *Study of the History of Iowa*. Some of the topics being studied are: *Mound Builders; The Story of Father Marquette; The Story of Julien Dubuque; The Trappist Abbey of New Melleray; The Story of J. B. Grinnell; The Negro and Slavery in Early Iowa; The Founding of Iowa City; Beginnings of Municipal Life in Iowa City; Old Landmarks in Iowa City; and Early Schools and Churches of Iowa City*.

The library has received *The Proceedings of the Iowa Engineering Society, 1887-1904*, in 17 volumes. The set is a gift from Mr. A. J. Cox, the Secretary of the Iowa Engineering Society.

Letters have been sent by the Collector to the Superintendents of the public schools at county seats in Iowa requesting printed copies of new and old courses of study, reports, and other material relative to the schools. The literature as shown from the returns is found to be very considerable.

Among the recent donations received, that of Mr. J. W. Dean of Coatsville, Missouri, is deserving of special mention. For over a

year Mr. Dean has been sending to the Society valuable files of newspapers and periodicals, and during the past month there has been received through his generosity several large boxes of files of valuable newspapers, periodicals, pamphlets, and a fine collection of Indian axes and arrow heads. Mr. Dean is a son of Henry Clay Dean who delivered the eloquent address at the seventeenth annual meeting of The State Historical Society of Iowa in 1874 on *The Philosophy of the History of the Louisiana Purchase*. This address was published in the *Annals of Iowa* and was reprinted in the *Tenth Biennial Report of the Board of Curators to the Governor* in 1875.

From October fifth to December seventh, 1904, the Collector, Mr. T. J. Fitzpatrick, has brought to the library of the Society 1982 titles. Of this number 1021 were duplicates, leaving 961 as additions to the library. Of the 1021 duplicates, 730 are the remainder of the edition of Lathrop's *Forestry Manual*, prepared for the Iowa Horticultural Society in 1881. The State Historical Society thus secures practically the control of this publication. The reports of the Acting Librarian, Miss Margaret Budington, show that during this same period there has come to the library through the regular channels of exchange 215 titles, making a total through collection and exchange, for these two months, of 1176 additional titles to the library.

Among the titles of Iowana recently received is a nearly complete set of the financial reports of Polk County, 1867-1903. These reports cover a period of thirty-seven years and range in size from eight page pamphlets to cloth bound volumes of about two hundred pages.

The following is the title of a fourteen page octavo pamphlet recently received as a gift from Mr. A. N. Harbert. It may be classed as one of the early forms of the *Official Register*: | Our state and its government. | — | statistics | relative to the | ninth general assembly | of the | state of Iowa, | and | the state departments, | civil and military. | [seal] | Ed. B. Stillman, Compiler. | — | Des Moines, Iowa: | ::::::::::: | 1862. |

The Fitzpatrick Collection

At their regular meeting in December, 1904, the Board of Curators accepted the well-known Fitzpatrick collection and made provision for placing it in the rooms of the Society. This is the largest collection of books and pamphlets which has thus far come to the Society and will form a most valuable supplement to the books and pamphlets already on the shelves of the library.

The Fitzpatrick collection comprises six thousand volumes and five thousand pamphlets relating to botany, geology, general science, mathematics, history, including midland local publications. One peculiar feature of the collection is the number and variety of groups included. For instance there is a collection of the writings of Linnaeus in nearly a hundred volumes, a collection of the pre-Linnaean works, a collection of the various editions of the narratives of Lewis and Clark explorations, a collection of early western travels, a Rafinesque collection in thirty volumes, a collection of volumes of poetry by Iowa authors, a collection of Iowa scientific periodicals, and a collection of books on shorthand. It contains a nearly complete collection of the publications of the various State experiment stations of the United States, and also the publications of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

In the line of periodicals there are sets of *Botanical Gazette*; *Torrey Bulletin*; *Fern Bulletin*; *Erythea*; *Plant World*; *Auk*; *Insect Life*; *Entomologica Americana*; *Journal of Mycology*; *Garden and Forest*; *Forest and Stream*; *Grevillea*; etc.

In the line of literary magazines there are many covering the period from the year 1800 down to the present day. The most noteworthy of these are sets of *The Casket*; *The Gentleman's Magazine*; and *Graham's Magazine*.

Efforts have been made by Mr. Fitzpatrick to secure sets of the various State and local academies of sciences with a fair degree of success.

Other sets in the collection worthy of mention are *Official Records, War of Rebellion*; *Union and Confederate Navies*; *Annals of Con-*

gress; *Congressional Debates*; *U. S. Geological Surveys*; the various State surveys; *Journal of Microscopy*, publications of the *Bureau of Ethnology*; *Proceedings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science*; *Experiment Station Record*; *The Tribune Almanac*, 1838-1903; set of *New York Natural History Survey*; etc.

In point of time the works are fairly distributed over five centuries, or from 1481 to 1904.

The collection of Iowana is a marked feature of the library. This portion is especially strong in the scientific section but the historical, literary, general, and local sections are well represented.

THE SEVENTH IOWA STATE CONFERENCE OF CHARITIES

The Seventh Iowa State Conference of Charities and Correction met in Sioux City, November 9th, 10th, and 11th, 1904. The address of welcome on behalf of the city was given by the newly elected Congressman from the Eleventh District, the Hon. Elbert H. Hubbard, and the response on behalf of the Conference was given by the Rev. George Luther Cady, Lecturer on Sociology in the State University of Iowa.

The president's address, by the Hon. Gifford S. Robinson of the State Board of Control, dealt with the progress of recent improvements in the administration of our penal and charitable institutions, and desirable amendments in the present law of the state respecting these departments of public administration and social work. President A. B. Storms of the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts read a paper at the opening session on *The Method of the Master*, in which he urged the importance of respecting personality and the stimulation of a sense of selfhood in all forms and methods of relief. In its general councils the Conference gave itself to a consideration of two main topics: first, reformatory institutions and measures; and secondly, practical methods of relief work.

In connection with the first of these two main subjects, a series of papers was presented, one by the Hon. H. M. Towner, Judge of the Third Judicial District and Lecturer on Law in the University of

Iowa, who prepared a very learned review of the legal principles and modern practice respecting the suspension of sentences, another by Judge George W. Wakefield on the juvenile court act and juvenile courts, and a third paper by Professor Isaac Loos of the University of Iowa, on the inspection of county and town prisons. Dr. Henry Wolfer, Warden of the Minnesota State Prison, discussed the best methods of employment of prisoners in State penitentiaries and State reformatories. Further discussion of this subject was led by Mr. Alfred Shepherd, Deputy Commissioner of Labor, Des Moines.

In connection with the second main topic, practical methods of relief work, there was presented, first, a paper by Mr. Clarence W. Wassam, Fellow in Economics in The State University of Iowa, on the present status of organized charity in Iowa, and secondly, a very notable lecture illustrated with stereopticon, by Dr. J. W. Kime of Fort Dodge, on the prevention of consumption as a public duty. The importance of this subject was further urged upon the attention of the Conference by the Hon. L. G. Kinne of the State Board of Control. The last session of the Conference was devoted to a discussion of homes for children, public and private aid, under the leadership of Mrs. L. D. Carhart of Marion, Iowa; the work for our boys and girls, led by Mr. Joseph G. Hobson, Principal of the Worcester School in Sioux City; the Industrial School at Independence, by Mrs. M. W. Harmon, Independence; and Social Settlements, by Mrs. Flora Dunlap of Des Moines.

The officers and executive committee elected for the ensuing year are as follows: Hon. G. S. Robinson, President, Sioux City; Dr. Margaret A. Schaffner, General Secretary, Iowa City; Members of the Executive Committee, Professor Frank I. Herriott, Des Moines, Mrs. Flora Dunlap, Des Moines, and the Hon. W. W. Baldwin, Burlington.

JOHN H. CHARLES

The death of Mr. John H. Charles of Sioux City occurred December 1, 1904. For nearly half a century Mr. Charles has been one of the active, public spirited citizens of his adopted city.

Mr. Charles was born on a farm in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, January 19, 1826. In 1850 he made a trip by steamer down the Ohio River and up the Mississippi and Missouri rivers to Kansas City and thence overland to California. Meeting with financial success he soon returned to Ohio. In 1853 he, with others, returned to California with a herd of cattle which were sold at a handsome profit. During the next two years he superintended the construction of a plank road leading out from Sacramento and at the same time engaged in farming.

The year 1856 found him again in Ohio. In October of this year he journeyed by rail westward through Chicago to Iowa City, then the terminus of the railroad. He then traveled overland by way of Des Moines and Fort Dodge to Sioux City, arriving December 1, 1856. For the next forty-eight years he remained a citizen of Sioux City, being ever active in promoting its growth and welfare until the very close of his life. His death occurred on the anniversary of his coming to Sioux City. As a merchant he was successful both in the wholesale and retail trade. Steamboating claimed a share of his attention for many years.

Of a literary turn of mind, Mr. Charles contributed his full share towards the intellectual life of Sioux City. For many years he held the office of president of the Scientific Association which later became the Sioux City Academy of Science and Letters. He was also a member of The State Historical Society of Iowa. For a lengthy period he served as trustee of the public library of Sioux City. In 1876 the citizens made him their choice as mayor.

Mr. Charles looked upon the completion of the Floyd Monument as the crowning achievement of his life's work. He was chosen president of the Floyd Memorial Association when the organization was first formed and served for years with energy and zeal until he

saw his hopes and dreams crystallized into a beautiful marble shaft which is not alone a monument to Sergeant Floyd, who helped blaze the pathway for the pioneer, but a monument as well to the open-hearted and self-sacrificing devotion of its promoter, Mr. John H. Charles.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE COLONIAL DAMES PRIZE FOR ESSAY
IN IOWA HISTORY

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

The essay must be signed by a fictitious name and be accompanied by an envelope containing the subject of the 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.

Each essay must be accompanied by an index and bibliography.

The essays must be sent to Miss Elizabeth D. Putnam, Chairman of the Historical Committee, 2013 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa, before May 1st, 1905.

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 3,000 words. Three typewritten copies must be made and sent to the Chairman of the Committee.

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