

## HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

A chapter on *The Early History of the Educational Institutions of New Jersey*, by F. B. Dwight, leads in the July, 1906, issue of the *Proceedings* of the New Jersey Historical Society.

*Relations with Cuba*, by Luis M. Perez; *More Race Problem Literature*, by A. H. Stone; and *Paul Jones*, by Stephen B. Weeks appear in the *Publications of the Southern History Association*, for July, 1906.

The two leading contributions in the *Quarterly* of the *Texas State Historical Association* for July, 1906, are: *The Louisiana-Texas Frontier*, by I. J. Cox; and *Land Speculation as a Cause of the Texas Revolution*, by Eugene C. Barker.

*Journal of a Voyage to Nova Scotia Made in 1731 by Robert Hale of Beverly* is to be found in the *Essex Institute Historical Collections* for July, 1906. This journal is printed from the original manuscript now in the possession of the *American Antiquarian Society*.

The July, 1906, issue of *The Virginia Magazine* begins volume XIV. The leading contributions are: *Journals of the Council of Virginia in Executive Sessions, 1737-1763*; *Revolutionary Army Orders for the Main Army under Washington, 1778-1779*; *Virginia Legislative Papers*; and *Virginia Gleanings in England*.

Bulletin number 11 of the Illinois State Historical Library, June 1, 1906, contains the *Laws of the Territory of Illinois, 1809-1811*, edited by Clarence W. Alvord. This is a publication of thirty-four pages and includes all the recently discovered old laws, and as a result the legislative records of the State are now complete.

Some articles bearing on Kentucky history are to be found in the *Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society*, for September,

1906. The titles are: *Governor Beriah Magoffin*, by Jennie C. Morton; *General Joseph Montfort Street*, by George Wilson; *George Rogers Clark*, by Z. F. Smith; and *History of the Kentucky Historical Society*, by J. W. Townsend.

The *Records and Papers* of the New London County (Connecticut) Historical Society, volume III, part I, was distributed in August, 1906. This publication is mainly a history and dedication of the monument to Governor John Winthrop, the younger, erected in the city, which he founded, A. D., 1646, by the State of Connecticut, at New London, May 6, 1905.

The papers in the *Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly* for July, 1906, are: *Stanton—the Patriot*, by Andrew Carnegie; *Salmon P. Chase*, by Joseph B. Foraker; and *General George A. Custer*, by R. M. Voorhees. This number also contains the *Proceedings* of the Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the *Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society*, held June 9, 1906.

The second issue of the *Maryland Historical Magazine* is for June, 1906. This issue contains a second installment on *Early County Seats of Baltimore County*, by Albert Ritchie; *Reminiscences of Baltimore in 1824*, by J. H. B. Latrobe; *Richard Ingle in Maryland*, by Henry F. Thompson; *The Battle of Bladensburg*, by A. K. Hadel; and the *Log of the Chasseur*, by Thomas Boyle.

*William F. Coolbaugh*, by J. T. Remey; *Biographical Memoir of Charles Christopher Parry*, by Charles A. White; *Iowa Under Territorial Governments and the Removal of the Indians*, by Alonzo Abernethy; and *Whence Came the Pioneers of Iowa?* by F. I. Herriott are the articles in the July, 1906, *Annals of Iowa*. Portraits are given of W. F. Coolbaugh, C. C. Parry, Alonzo Abernethy, and George C. Remey.

The articles in the July, 1906, number of *The American Historical Review* are: *The École des Chartes*, by J. T. Shotwell; *The England of Our Forefathers*, by Edward P. Cheyney; *The Later American Policy of George Canning*, by H. W. V. Temperley; *The*

*Origin and Growth of the Southern Black Belts*, by Ulrich B. Phillips; and *Gaps in the Published Records of United States History*, by J. F. Jameson.

The annual report of The Connecticut Historical Society for the year ending May, 1906, was issued the following July. From this report it is found that the membership of the Society aggregates 411. The library increased in accessions over the previous year by about twenty per cent, the total, exclusive of manuscripts, amounting to 1,621 titles. The Society has in its library over sixteen hundred eighteenth century Connecticut imprints. In all lines the Society reports a prosperous growth.

The *Dubuque County Early Settlers' Association* has issued a pamphlet which contains a brief sketch of Iowa and of Dubuque County, the constitution of the Association, some biographical stories of Julien Dubuque, a song for the early settlers, and the names of the members of the Association from the date of the organization, June 10, 1865, to August 1, 1906. The total membership since organization is 738, the present membership is 457. Of the thirty-two members of 1865 none are living. The present officers are William Quigley, president; Alexander Simplot, secretary; and Philip Pier, treasurer.

The *Proceedings* of the Wisconsin Historical Society for 1905 is a volume of nearly three hundred pages. The included historical papers are: *Some Historic Sites About Green Bay*, by Arthur C. Neville; *Narratives of Early Wisconsin Travellers Prior to 1800*, by H. E. Legler; *The Impeachment of Levi Hubbell*, by J. B. Sanborn; *John Scott Horner: A Biographical Sketch*, by E. H. Merrell; *First Constitutional Convention in Wisconsin, 1846*, by F. L. Holmes; *Slavery in the Old Northwest*, by Raymond V. Phelan; and *Pioneer Life in the Fox River Valley*, by A. S. McLenegan.

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The *Collections* of the Minnesota Historical Society, volume x, parts I and II bear the imprint, February, 1905, but the volumes

apparently were not distributed until in July, 1906. The historical papers in part I are: *History of Wheat Raising in the Red River Valley*, by G. N. Lamphere; *History of Flour Manufacture in Minnesota*, by George D. Rogers; *The Early Government Land Surveys in Minnesota West of the Mississippi River*, by Thomas Simpson; *Sketches of the History of Hutchinson*, by W. W. Pendergast; *Early Steamboating on the Minnesota and Red Rivers*, by Edwin Bell; *The Treaty of Traverse des Sioux in 1851, under Governor Alexander Ramsey, with Notes on the Former Treaty there in 1841, Under Governor James D. Doty, of Wisconsin*, by Thomas Hughes; *History of Steamboating on the Minnesota River*, by Thomas Hughes; *Missionary Work at Red Wing, 1849 to 1852*, by Joseph W. Hancock; *History of Fort Ripley, 1849 to 1859, based on the Diary of Rev. Solon W. Manney, D. D., Chaplain of this Post from 1851 to 1859*, by G. C. Tanner; *Early Episcopal Churches and Missions in Minnesota*, by G. C. Tanner; *The Chapel of St. Paul and the Beginnings of the Catholic Church in Minnesota*, by Ambrose McNulty; *Minnesota Journalism in the Territorial Period*, by D. S. B. Johnston; *History of Education in Minnesota*, by David L. Kiehle; *History of the St. Paul & Sioux City Railroad, 1864-1881*, by Judson W. Bishop; *Sketches of the Early History of Real Estate in St. Paul*, by Henry S. Fairchild; and *The First Railroad in Minnesota*, by William Crooks.

The papers in part II are: *Groseilliers and Radisson, the First White Men in Minnesota, 1655-56, and 1659-60, and Their Discovery of the Upper Mississippi River*, by Warren Upham; *A Sioux Narrative of the Outbreak in 1862, and of Sibley's Expedition in 1863*, by Gabriel Renville; *Biographic Sketch of Chief Renville*, by S. J. Brown; *The Work of the Second State Legislature, 1859-60*, by John B. Sanborn; *The Old Government Mills at the Falls of St. Anthony*, by Edward A. Bromley; *Lumbering and Steamboating on the St. Croix River*, by Edward W. Durant; and *Minnesota's Eastern, Southern, and Western Boundaries*, by A. N. Winchell. Quite a list of memorial addresses follow, also short sketches of the

deceased members of the Society for 1901-1904. Two indexes are included for the first ten volumes of the series. The two volumes are printed on remarkably poor paper.

Volume XI, part I, of the *Collections* is a well printed and well illustrated volume containing a monograph on *Itasca State Park*, written by J. V. Brower. The volume bears the imprint, 1904, but seems not to have been distributed until July, 1906.

The thirteenth biennial report of the Society for the period ending December 31, 1904, was issued in 1905. The report states that the library comprises 77,684 volumes, an increase of 5,358 during the biennial period. The collection of newspapers amount to 6,526 volumes. The *Society* has a total membership of 355.

#### ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The *Transactions of the Illinois State Historical Society* for the year 1905 appeared in September, 1906, as a five hundred page octavo volume. Besides the records of the official proceedings of the Society a number of historical papers are included, some of which are: *Father Gibault: The Patriot Priest of the Northwest*, by J. P. Dunn; *Social Life and Scenes in the Early Settlement of Central Illinois*, by James Haines; *St. Clair County*, by J. N. Perrin; *General James Semple*, by Mary Cushman; *The Value to Both of a Closer Connection between the State Historical Society and the Public Schools*, by Henry McCormick; *Bishop Chase and Jubilee College*, by C. W. Leffingwell; *The Bloomington Convention of 1856 and those Who Participated in it*, by J. O. Cunningham; *Ancient Fort Chartres*, by Homer Mead; *Dr. George Cadwell*, by R. W. Mills; *Palestine, Its Early History*, by J. C. Allen; *Old Kaskaskia Days and Ways*, by Stuart Brown; *An Appeal on the Question of a Convention*, by Morris Birkbeck; *A Contribution toward a Bibliography of Morris Birkbeck*, by C. W. Smith; *A Narrative of Military Experience in Several Capacities*, by Edward Everett; *Early History of the Drug Trade of Chicago*, by A. E. Ebert; *Puritan Influences in the Formative Years of Illinois History*, by C. P. Kofoid; *Captain Thomas J. Robinson*, by McKendree H. Chamberlin; and *Forgotten Statesmen of Illinois, Hon. Conrad Will*, by John F. Snyder.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WEBSTER COUNTY, IOWA

The Historical Society of Webster County (Iowa) was organized on June 26, 1906. The officers chosen for the first year are: President, Mrs. J. P. Dolliver; Vice-President, Mr. H. O. Baldwin; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. C. B. Helper; Curator, Mr. H. M. Pratt; and Board of Directors, Mr. O. M. Oleson, Mr. L. S. Coffin, Mrs. J. P. Dolliver, Mrs. C. B. Helper, and Mr. H. M. Pratt. On August 7, 1906, a meeting of the old settlers of Webster County was held at Oleson Park under the auspices of the Society. Hon. J. P. Dolliver presided and Prof. B. F. Shambaugh delivered the principal address.

The Constitution and By-laws of the Society are published as follows:

## CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE I—NAME

The name of this Society shall be HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WEBSTER COUNTY, IOWA. The headquarters of the Society shall be located at Fort Dodge, Iowa.

## ARTICLE II—OBJECTS

The Society is organized for the purpose of the collection and preservation for the free use of the public of any and all articles and materials which may establish or illustrate the history of Webster County, Iowa; and also material illustrative of the history of the state and nation; and in addition it shall be its purpose to publish such historical matter as the Society may authorize.

## ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP

Any person may become a member of this Society upon election by a majority vote of the Society at any meeting thereof and upon the payment of a fee of two dollars. Membership may be retained after the first year by the payment of an annual fee of two dollars payable at or prior to the annual meeting.

Honorary or life memberships may be conferred by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a meeting called for such purpose. Written notice of such meeting, stating the purpose, must be given to each member of the Society one week prior thereto.

ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Curator, and Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Secretary-Treasurer, Curator, and two additional members of the Society.

SEC. 2. The officers and Directors shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE V—BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The affairs of the Society shall be managed by the Board of Directors, subject to the provisions of the constitution and by-laws. All appropriations of the funds of the Society shall be made by the Board of Directors.

SEC. 2. The President may appoint such standing committees as may be necessary, and give them such duties as may be expedient.

ARTICLE VI—MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of this Society shall be on the second Tuesday in July.

SEC. 2. Special meetings may be held at the call of the President and Secretary, written notice stating the purpose of said meeting having been sent to each member one week prior to said meeting.

SEC. 3. Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VII—AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at any stated meeting, provided a written notice of such amendment shall have been given at least thirty days previous to such meeting.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The duties of the officers shall be such as indicated by their titles and as may be provided by the constitution and by-laws.

SECTION 1. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a record book in which shall be transcribed the constitution and by-laws of the Society,

and the records of the proceedings of all the meetings of the Society, and all other matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Society. As Treasurer he shall collect and safely keep all the funds belonging to the Society and shall disburse the same only on order of the Board of Directors. He shall make a full report of the financial condition of the Society at each annual meeting.

SEC. 2. The Curator shall list, file, and preserve the original of all letters, papers, addresses, and other material proper to be preserved, and shall have the care and charge of all books, papers, records, writing, and relics, or other collections of this Society; he shall make a catalogue of all such documents, papers, relics, and collections as shall come into his hands. He shall be held responsible to the Society for the care and safe custody of all its properties, and under no circumstances shall any person, whether officer or member, be suffered or permitted to take from such place or places, as shall be hereafter designated by the Society as its repository, any item or article of its property of whatever kind or nature, except by resolution of the Board of Directors.

SEC. 3. The Directors shall consider and determine what books, papers, records, writing, relics, and other historical material shall be purchased for the Society.

They shall have general management of the affairs of the Society.

At any meeting of the Board of Directors three members shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

The President of this Society shall be ex-officio chairman of the Board of Directors, and the meeting of the Board shall be held subject to his call.

No indebtedness shall be incurred by the Board of Directors in excess of the amount of funds in the hands of the Treasurer not already appropriated.

#### ARTICLE II—ORDER OF BUSINESS

At each annual meeting of the Society the order of business shall be as follows:

1. Reading of minutes.



2. Presentation of petitions, letters, and memorials or papers which require action.
3. Nomination and election of officers.
4. Reports of committees and officers.
5. Unfinished business
6. New business.
7. Delivery of addresses and reading of papers.
8. Adjournment.

ARTICLE III—AMENDMENTS

The by-laws of this Society may be amended at any time by a majority vote of the members present.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF BOONE COUNTY, IOWA

On the 17th of August, 1906, there was organized at Boone, Iowa, the Historical Society of Boone County. The organization was affected through the Old Settlers' Association which voluntarily merged its Association into the new Society. It is also fitting that the Erickson Library should have been designated as the depository of the collections of historical materials made by the Society. The officers for the first year are: President, T. B. Holmes; Vice-President, John W. Thompson; Secretary and Curator, John M. Brainard; Treasurer, A. J. Barkley. These officers in addition to C. J. A. Erickson, C. H. Elliott, and Mrs. B. R. Moxley constitute a Board of Directors. Furthermore, Corresponding Secretaries have been appointed in the several townships of the County. The Constitution and By-laws follow:

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I—NAME

The Name of this Society shall be the HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF BOONE COUNTY, IOWA.

ARTICLE II—OBJECTS

The Society is organized for the purpose of discovery, collection, and preservation of books, pamphlets, maps, genealogies, portraits, paintings, relics, manuscripts, letters, journals, surveys, field-books,

and any and all articles and materials which may establish or illustrate the history of Boone County, or other portions of the State of Iowa, or adjoining States; specimens in illustration of the various departments of Natural History, Archaeology, etc.; and the publication of such matter allied thereto as the Society may authorize. It is the further intent of this Society to work in coöperation with the Historical Department of the Public Library at Boone, in the Museum of which its collections may be deposited.

#### ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP

Any person, now or in the past a resident of Boone County, having been recommended by two or more members of this Society, may become a member thereof upon election by a majority vote at any meeting thereof, and upon payment of an entrance fee of \$1.00, which shall be in payment of dues to the first day of the following January. Membership may be retained in this Society, after the first year, upon the payment of 50 cents annually, payable January first.

The Society shall have the power of conferring Life Memberships in its discretion, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any meeting called for that purpose. The record shall state the reason for such honor.

#### ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Curator, and a Board of Directors. The Curator may appoint an Assistant, when such is deemed advisable in the judgment of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of the foregoing officers and three additional members, selected from the membership of the Society. The office of Secretary and Curator may be combined in the same individual, for any given year, if so expressed by vote of the Society at its annual meeting for such year. There shall be one or more Corresponding Secretaries, named from each Township in the County, who shall hold office for one year.

SEC. 2. The officers and Directors shall be elected by ballot at the annual meetings of the Society, unless such method is suspended by a majority vote.

ARTICLE V—BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The affairs of the Society shall be managed by the Board of Directors, subject to the provisions of the Constitution and By-laws. All appropriations of the funds of the Society shall be made by the Board of Directors.

SEC. 2. The Society may provide for such Standing Committees as may be deemed necessary, and assign to them such duties as may be expedient.

ARTICLE VI—MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of this Society shall be held on the 11th day of August in each year.

SEC. 2. The special meetings may be held at the call of the President and Secretary.

SEC. 3. Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 4. No indebtedness shall be incurred by the Board of Directors in excess of the amount of funds in the hands of the Treasurer, not otherwise appropriated, unless by direction of a majority of the Society at a stated meeting, of which there shall have been due notice, as to time and purpose, given to all the members.

ARTICLE VII—AMENDMENTS

The Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at any stated meeting, provided a written notice of such amendment shall have been given at least thirty days previous to such meeting.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The duties of officers shall be such as indicated by their titles, and as may be provided by the Constitution and By-laws.

SECTION 1. *Secretary.* The Secretary shall keep a Record Book

in which shall be transcribed the Constitution and By-laws of the Society, the Records of Proceedings of all meetings of the Society, and all other matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Society.

SEC. 2. *Curator.* The Curator shall list and preserve the originals of all letters, papers, and addresses, and other material proper to be preserved, and shall have the care and charge of all books, papers, records, writings, and relics, or other collections of this Society; he shall make a catalog of all such documents, papers, relics, and collections of the Society (designating the same as property, loans, or deposits) as shall come into his hands; he shall be held responsible to the Society for the care and safe custody of all its properties, and under no circumstances shall any person, whether officer or member, be suffered or permitted to take from such place or places, as shall be designated by the Society as its repository, any item or article of its property of whatever kind or nature, except by resolution of its Board of Directors.

At each stated meeting of the Society the Curator shall report in writing a list of books, papers, relics, and so forth, that have been acquired by gift, loan, or purchase, by the Society since the last stated meeting, and a like list of same that may have been lost since the preceding stated meeting, with such information as he may have concerning the same.

SEC. 3. *Treasurer.* The Treasurer shall collect and safely keep all the funds belonging to the Society, and disburse the same only on the order of the Board of Directors, and he shall make a full report of the financial condition of the Society at each annual meeting.

SEC. 4. *Duties of Directors.* The Directors shall consider and determine what books, papers, records, writings, relics, and other historic material shall be purchased for the Society.

The Board of Directors shall have general management of the affairs of the Society.

At any meeting of the Board of Directors five members shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

The President of this Society shall be ex-officio Chairman of the

Board of Directors, and meetings of the Board shall be held subject to his call.

ARTICLE II—ORDER OF BUSINESS

At each meeting of the Society, or Board, the order of business shall be as follows:

1. Reading of minutes.
2. Presentation of petitions, letters, memorials or papers which require action, and may be referred to committees for report.
3. Nomination and election of officers.
4. Reports of committees and officers.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New business.
7. Delivery of addresses and reading of papers.
8. Adjournment.

ARTICLE III—AMENDMENTS

The By-laws of this Society may be amended at any time by a majority vote of the members.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

Mr. W. F. Main, of Iowa City, has been elected a Life Member of the Society.

The *Executive Journal of Iowa, 1838-1841*, was issued by the Society in September, 1906.

Curators L. G. Weld, B. F. Shambaugh, and J. W. Rich have been appointed to serve as a general committee on the Semi-Centennial Celebration of the Constitution of Iowa which will be held at Iowa City sometime in 1907.

At the September meeting of the Board of Curators Mr. Abraham Jacobson, of Decorah, Iowa, and Mr. H. A. Mueller, of St. Charles, Iowa, were elected members of the Society.

The following local historical societies have recently been enrolled as auxiliary members of The State Historical Society of Iowa: The Madrid Historical Society (Madrid, Iowa); the Webster County Historical Society (Fort Dodge, Iowa); and the Boone County Historical Society (Boone, Iowa).