

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

The thirty-first annual meeting of the Kansas State Historical Society was held at Topeka, December 4, 1906.

Bulletin of Information No. 30, issued by The State Historical Society of Wisconsin, is a seven page booklet on *Landmarks in Wisconsin*.

The quarterly published at Medford, Mass., entitled *The Medford Historical Register*, completes its ninth year and volume with the number for October, 1906.

An extended biography of *Tecumseh, the Shawnee Chief*, by E. O. Randall, is given place in the *Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly* for October, 1906.

The *Second Report of the Conference of State and Local Historical Societies*, is a forty-five page reprint from the annual report of the *American Historical Association* for 1905.

Installments of *Journals of the Council of Virginia in Executive Sessions, 1737-1763*, and of *Virginia Legislative Papers* occur in *The Virginia Magazine* for October, 1906.

In August, 1906, the State Historical Society of Wisconsin issued a sixteen page illustrated booklet entitled *A Brief Description of the State Historical Library Building at Madison*.

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin held its fifty-fourth annual meeting, October 19, 1906. During the past year the library gained 10,214 titles, making a total of 282,878.

The Historical Collections of the Essex Institute complete the forty-second volume with the October, 1906, issue. The contents of this number are in the main of local interest. The leading article, *Revolutionary Letters Written to Colonel Timothy Pickering*, gives many interesting glimpses of happenings in early American history.

In December, 1906, The State Historical Society of Iowa issued a four page circular of information concerning the Society. This circular states what the Society is, what it is doing, and its aims, plans, and accomplishments.

The annual report of the *Ontario Historical Society*, 1905 and 1906 forms a quarto volume of seventy-eight pages. The report details the work of the Society during the past year and includes the reports of the local historical societies of Ontario.

Historical Records and Studies, volume iv, parts i and ii, October, 1906, issued by the United States Catholic Historical Society, makes an illustrated volume of three hundred and fifty-eight pages. The articles mostly refer to ecclesiastical history.

Articles of historical value in *The Ohio Magazine* for December, 1906, are: *Gunn of the Zoarites*, by W. P. Huntington, *Old Miami, the First State College in the Northwest Territory*; *The Serpent Mound*, by E. O. Randall; and *History of the Veto in Ohio*, by George B. Okey.

The *Report* of the committee on methods of organization and work on the part of State and local historical societies by R. G. Thwaites, B. F. Shambaugh, and F. L. Riley has been issued as a pamphlet of about seventy-five pages. It is also included in the annual report of the *American Historical Association* for the year 1905.

The two contributions of general interest in the *Quarterly* of the *Texas State Historical Association* for October, 1906, are: *The Founding of Mission Rosario: A Chapter in the History of the Gulf Coast*, by Herbert E. Bolton, and *The Seat of Government of Texas*, by E. W. Winkler.

The sixtieth volume of *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* was completed with the October, 1906, issue. This number begins with a biographical sketch of Stephen Salisbury, by Waldo Lincoln. A fine steel portrait is included. The other matter in the volume consists of church and family records and cemetery inscriptions.

Colorado Volunteers in the Civil War, by William C. Whitford, is an illustrated volume of over one hundred and fifty pages issued by *The State Historical and Natural History Society* of Colorado in 1906. The work primarily treats of the New Mexico Campaign in 1862 in which the northern invasion of the Confederates under General Sibley was repulsed.

The thirty-seventh volume of *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* closed with the issue for October, 1906. The leading article is an appreciation of Russell Sage, congressman and capitalist, by M. E. Dwight. A fine portrait accompanies the article. The remainder of the number is made up of genealogical material and New England local records.

Publications of the American Jewish Historical Society, number 15, were distributed in December, 1906. The volume of over one hundred pages contains the address of the President, Cyrus Adler, delivered at the thirteenth annual meeting held in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 27, 1905, on the *Jews in the Diplomatic Correspondence of the United States*.

The *Transactions* of the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, sessions of 1905, appears as a forty-five page pamphlet and is given the serial number twenty-six. Besides the minutes of the session held January 10, 1906, the pamphlet includes an extended account (drawn from primary sources) of *Slavery in Old Canada* before and after the conquest, by Hubert Neilson.

The Report of the Proceedings of the second annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association held at San Francisco, December 1-2, 1905, by C. A. Duniway, is issued as a thirty-two page reprint from the *Report of the American Historical Association* for 1905. The third annual meeting was held at Portland, Oregon, November 30 and December 1, 1906.

In the *Publications* of the *Southern History Association* for September, 1906, are a series of letters from F. P. Blair to J. R. Doolittle on the subject of negro colonization. These letters contain

references to Governor-elect S. J. Kirkwood. Another series are letters to James McHenry, Secretary of War, on *Early Appointments to Office Under U. S. Government*. This is followed by a chapter on the *Duane Correspondence*.

Two articles of general interest are in the *Maryland Historical Magazine* for September, 1906. These are a second installment of *A Review of the Battle of Bladensburg*, by A. K. Hadel and the *Strategy of the Sharpsburg Campaign*, by W. Allen. The issue for December, 1906, completes the first volume of this quarterly. In this issue B. U. Campbell narrates the history of the *Early Missions Among the Indians in Maryland* as the leading article of general interest.

The *Missouri Historical Society Collections*, Vol. II, number 6, July, 1906, contains an address on Oliver Dwight Filley, by Charles P. Johnson, made on the occasion of the presentation of portrait to the Society. Other papers are: *Emigration from the French West Indies to St. Louis in 1848*, by Edward de Lauréal; *The French Emigrés from Guadeloupe*, by Adèle Hornsby; *Edward de Lauréal*, by R. A. Bakewell; *John Sappington Marmaduke*, by John F. Lee; *Documents Relating to the Attack upon St. Louis in 1780*; *The Missouri-Santa Fe Trade*; and *The Case of Pourée against Chouteau*, by Walter B. Douglas.

The leading article in the October, 1906, *Annals of Iowa* is an extended account of *The Battle of Pleasant Hill, Louisiana*, by S. F. Benson. Three maps illustrate the varying fortunes of the conflict. This is followed by *Reminiscences of the Battle of Pleasant Hill*, by Henry H. Childers, a resident of the vicinity of the battlefield. Wm. H. Heath in a short article gives his personal experiences in the battle and S. F. Benson revises the narrative of Ben Van Dyke's experiences, his detention in the hospital, and subsequent escape. Two other articles of interest are: *Clara Belknap Walcott*, by Dr. J. M. Shaffer; and *Did Primitive Man of Iowa have Manufacturing Plants?* by Charles H. Robinson.

Volume VII of the *Papers and Records* of the *Ontario Historical Society* was distributed in December, 1906. Twelve contributions, mostly of a local character, make up the volume of two hundred and thirty-seven pages. The papers of general interest are: *The First Chapter of Upper Canadian History*, by Avern Pardoe; *The Pennsylvania Germans of Waterloo County, Ontario*, by A. B. Sherk; and *The Origin of the Maple Leaf as the Emblem of Canada*, by Janet Carnochan.

The two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin was celebrated at Philadelphia, April 17-20, 1906, under the auspices of the *American Philosophical Society*. As an aid in defraying the expenses the State of Pennsylvania gave the sum of twenty thousand dollars. Volume I of *The Record of the Celebration*, a royal octavo volume of over three hundred pages with portraits, was distributed in December, 1906. This volume contains the commemorative and presentation addresses, the felicitations of Societies and Institutions; *Franklin's Researches in Electricity*, by E. L. Nichols; and *The Modern Theories of Electricity and their relation to the Franklinian Theory*, by Ernest Rutherford.

The *Washington University State Historical Society* has begun the publication of a quarterly journal of history to be known as *The Washington Historical Quarterly*. The initial number contains ninety-six pages and bears the date, October, 1906. The articles are: *Washington Nomenclature*, by J. N. Bowman; *Problems of the Pacific*, by Stephen B. L. Penrose; *Jason Lee's Place in History*, by Harvey W. Scott; *Our First Indian War*, by Clarence B. Bagley; *Diary of Dr. David S. Maynard While Crossing the Plains in 1850*, by Thomas W. Prosch; and *Some Evidence of the Influence of Politics on the Efficiency of the Army, 1861-5*, by Edward McMahan. Reprints of documents, book reviews, and short articles make up the remainder of the number.

The *State Historical Society of Missouri* has decided to establish a quarterly magazine of history to be known as the *Missouri Historical Review*. The initial number is for October, 1906, and consists of

one hundred and seven pages of miscellanies. Some of the articles worthy of notice are: *The Romance of Western History*, by E. G. Bourne, an address before the State Historical Society of Missouri, February 7, 1906, in which is given a general review of the early explorations made in the Louisiana territory with some hints on the policies of the former owners. Thos. J. C. Fagg gives a character sketch of Senator *Thomas Hart Benton*; E. M. Violette reviews briefly the *Early Settlements in Missouri*; and Isidor Loeb presents a lucid account of *The Beginnings of Missouri Legislation*. The minor papers are some genealogical notes illustrating the connection between the *Lincoln, Hanks, and Boone Families*; *A Bibliography of Missouri State Publications for 1905*, compiled by F. A. Sampson; and an annotated list of the *Local Historical Societies in Missouri*.

The articles in *The American Historical Review* for October, 1906, are: *The Privy Council of the Time of Richard II*, by James F. Baldwin; *The Office of Intendant in New France*, by W. B. Munro; *Canning and the Spanish Patriots in 1808*, by J. H. Rose; *The Territory of Colorado*, by Frederic L. Paxson, who relates the trials and difficulties of the settlers to secure governmental recognition as well as the establishment by local efforts of the provisional government known as the Territory of Jefferson; and *The Organization of the Post-Office Department of the Confederacy*, by Walter F. McCaleb, who tells of the successful business management of the Confederate Postmaster-General, John H. Reagan, whereby the department was created and maintained in every stage of the war with a net income.

The following was scheduled as the program for the Conference of State and Local Historical Societies held in connection with and as a part of the program of the meeting of the American Historical Association held at Providence, Rhode Island, in December, 1906:

ON THE PROBLEMS OF STATE AND LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

Chairman, Benjamin F. Shambaugh, State Historical Society of Iowa.

- I. Problems Relative to the Care and Preservation of Public Archives.

- (a) *The Work of the Public Archives Commission.*
H. V. Ames, Professor in the University of Pennsylvania and
Chairman of the Commission.
- (b) *The Public Archives of Virginia.*
John P. Kennedy, State Librarian, Richmond, Va.
- (c) *The Public Archives of Pennsylvania.*
Luther R. Kelker, Custodian of Public Records, Harrisburg,
Pa.
- (d) *Some Points in Connection with the Work on the Public Ar-
chives of Iowa.*
John C. Parish, State University of Iowa.
- II. The Marking of Historic Sites.
- (a) *The Marking of Historic Sites in America.*
Henry E. Bourne, Professor in Western Reserve University.
- (b) *The Marking of Historic Sites on the Niagara Frontier.*
Frank H. Severance, Buffalo Historical Society.
- (c) *Marking the Santa Fé Trail.*
George W. Martin, Kansas State Historical Society.

THE MADRID (IOWA) HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

We, the undersigned, do by these presents associate ourselves together under and by virtue of chapter one, title nine, of the *Code of Iowa*, and the laws amendatory thereto, and do adopt the following articles of incorporation:

ARTICLE I

The name of this association shall be the Madrid Historical Society, and its principal place of business shall be Madrid, Iowa.

ARTICLE II

The nature, object, and purpose of this Society shall be the collection of history, biography, historic relics, and their preservation.

ARTICLE III

This association will carry no capital stock, but each member shall pay an admission fee of one dollar and such other dues as a majority of the members may see fit to impose.

ARTICLE IV

The time of the commencement of this association shall be immediately after the election of officers on the first Monday in July, 1905, and it shall continue for fifty years with the right of renewal unless it is sooner dissolved by a three-fourths vote of the members.

ARTICLE V

The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and five managers, all of whom shall be annually elected by a majority of the members on the first Monday in July of each year.

ARTICLE VI

The highest amount of indebtedness of this Society shall never exceed three-fourths of the money in its treasury, and the private property of its members shall be exempt from corporate debts.

ARTICLE VII

Until the first election is held the following managers shall perform the duties pertaining to this Society:

C. L. Lucas	H. W. Hull	H. S. Farr
Geo. E. Hutton	J. P. A. Anderson	

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

SECTION 1. The members of this Society shall hold regular meetings once each quarter; its first meeting having been held on the 3d day of July, 1905, its next regular meeting after this date will be the first Monday in April, 1906. But special meetings may be called when in the opinion of the President and Secretary the business interests of the Society may demand it.

SEC. 2. Not less than five members at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may adjourn from time to time till a quorum shall be present.

SEC. 3. Each member shall pay a quarterly due of twenty-five cents for the support of the Society, to commence the first Monday in April, 1906; and such payments are to be made in advance.

SEC. 4. Any member wishing to speak on any subject relating to the business of the Society must rise to his feet and first address the President; and in this way only shall a member be recognized by the presiding officer.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of each member to secure all the history and historical relics his time will permit and deliver them to the Society.

SEC. 6. When a member has an historical sketch to read he may do so by rising to his feet and giving notice of the fact. When such sketch is read its filing shall be passed upon by a majority vote of the members present.

SEC. 7. Any member failing to comply with the Articles of Incorporation of this Society or the By-laws adopted by it, or by purposely absenting himself from the meetings of the Society for three consecutive quarters, or shall refuse to pay any of the dues assessed against him may be expelled by a majority of the members.

SEC. 8. No money shall be drawn from the treasury except upon an order signed by the President and Secretary.