

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

PUBLICATIONS

Forty-six articles, covering a great variety of topics concerning the Civil War and the Confederate Army and its commanders, make up Volume XXXV of the *Southern Historical Society Papers*, issued in the year 1907.

The *Annual Report of the Ontario Historical Society 1907* contains the Secretary's report, financial report, an account of the annual meeting, and reports of various committees. A large portion of the work is also given over to reports from the affiliated societies.

A reproduction of *Haverhill Inscriptions* taken from the ancient Pentucket cemetery, in Haverhill, occupies the first place in the January number of *The Essex Antiquarian*. The inscriptions comprise all now to be found bearing dates earlier than 1800.

The *Proceedings of the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Old Settlers' Association of Johnson County, Kansas*, is a pamphlet of forty pages of reminiscences. The meeting was also the semi-centennial anniversary of the founding of the city of Olathe, and was made the occasion for the dedication of the Santa Fe Trail monument at that place.

The 129th Anniversary of the Battle and Massacre of Wyoming occurred on July 3, 1907. The *Report of the Proceedings of the Wyoming Commemorative Association* contains an address by Judge Simeon E. Baldwin of Connecticut which was read on this occasion. The subject was *Connecticut in Pennsylvania*.

The year-book of the Chicago Historical Society for 1907 has made its appearance. It includes a report of the annual meeting, the Charter, Constitution, and By-Laws of the Society, reports of

the various officers, showing progress and prosperity in its numerous lines, and considerable information regarding membership, donations, etc.

The second volume of *Publications of The Cambridge Historical Society* was issued in 1907 and contained the proceedings of the Society from October 23, 1906 to October 23, 1907. A number of addresses by notable men are herein preserved, two of the meetings reported being the occasions of the celebration of the Longfellow Centenary and of the Agassiz Centenary.

The annual report of The New Haven Colony Historical Society contains reports of the officers, list of officers and members, the address of the President of the Society at the annual meeting, November 18, 1907, and a list of over fifty recent accessions to the museum.

In the January number of the *Register of Kentucky State Historical Society* we note a portrait and brief sketch of *General John C. Breckenridge*; a comment by George C. Downing on the old Stephen's Tavern near Frankfort, *Where Santa Anna was a Prisoner* in 1836; and a narration of the *Discovery of Humboldt Bay*, by L. K. Wood, a Kentucky "forty-niner." Mr. L. F. Johnson's *History of Franklin County, Kentucky*, is continued in this issue.

Two contributions are found in *The Medford Historical Register* for January, 1908. The first is a paper by Charles E. Hurd entitled *Medford Fifty-four Years Ago*; the second in a somewhat extended letter written in 1779 by Colonel Isaac Royall from Kensington, England. Royall was a New Englander who left Massachusetts during the Revolutionary War and crossed over to England.

The major part of *The Essex Institute Historical Collections* of January is taken up with a sketch of *Frederick Townsend Ward*, by Robert S. Rantoul. Ward was a native of Salem, Massachusetts, who left home, fought and died in the service of the Imperial Army and Navy of China, and was buried with pagan rites and ceremonies in Sung-Kiang in China, after a career of only thirty years.

The *Annual Publication of the Historical Society of Southern California and the Tenth Annual Publication of the Pioneers of Los Angeles County—1906* contains a list of the officers of each organization, the Constitution, By-Laws, reports of officers, and membership roll of the pioneers of Los Angeles County and a number of articles, reminiscent and otherwise, dealing with the history of California.

The first item in *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* for January is a short memoir of *Gen. John Marshall Brown, A. M.*, by Henry S. Burrage. Among the numerous other articles of a genealogical nature we note a memoir of *Alfred Poore*, by Sidney Perley; *Robert Eames of Woburn, Mass., and Some of his Descendants*, by Arthur G. Loring; and *Some Records of Bedford, Mass.*, by Charles W. Jenks.

The December issue of the *Journal of the Presbyterian Historical Society* contains the following: *The Early German Hymn Books of the Reformed Church in the United States*, by Wm. J. Hinke; a continuation of the *Reports upon the Early History of Presbyterian Churches*, covering in this number the churches in "Baltimore Town" and "Soldiers Delight"; and the fourth part of *Records of Accomack County, Virginia, Relating to the Rev. Francis Makemie*.

The *Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society* for the period, May to October, 1907, opens with a sketch of *Hendrick Fisher*, by T. E. Davis. Mr. A. Q. Keasbey's discussion of *Slavery in New Jersey* is continued in this number and in the issue for January, 1908. It is an important line of research, and it would be well if every northern State would make a scientific study of the negro problem within its borders. A review of *Berkeley Hall* published in 1796 is given in the January number under the caption of *The First New Jersey Novel*.

Canadian history receives contributions of value in Volume VIII of the *Papers and Records* of the Ontario Historical Society. Some of the topics considered are: *The Insurrection in the Short Hills*

in 1838, by Lieut.-Col. E. Cruikshank; *The First Commission of Peace for the District of Mecklenburg*, by R. V. Rogers; *The Navies on Lake Ontario in the War of 1812*, by Barlow Cumberland; *Early Churches in the Niagara Peninsula, Stamford and Chippawa, with Marriage Records of Thomas Cummings, and Extracts from the Cummings' Papers*, edited by Janet Carnochan; and several articles having to do with the early history of Kingston.

In November, 1907, appeared Part I of Volume V of the *Historical Records and Studies* of the United States Catholic Historical Society. Among the articles in this excellent number we note an article on *New York's First Directory* (that of 1786), by Charles G. Herbermann, with a map of New York City in 1789. Rev. John J. O'Brien contributes a sketch of *The Rev. Gabriel Richard: Educator, Statesman, and Priest*. This number also contains a continuation of the *Letters of Rev. P. J. De Smet, S. J., Now Published for the First Time*, and a *Register of the Clergy Laboring in the Archdiocese of New York from Early Missionary Times to 1885*, by Rev. Michael A. Corrigan.

The *Year-Book* of the Swedish-American Historical Society for 1905-1907 appeared in 1907 as a pamphlet of sixty-four pages. Among other things it includes abstracts from the proceedings of the organization meeting, July 22, 1905 (at which time a constitution was adopted), and of the subsequent meetings. The general purposes of the Society are to promote the study of the history of the Swedes in America and their descendants, to collect a library and museum illustrating their development, to issue publications relating to the history of the Swedish people on both sides of the water, and to encourage the study of Swedish history and literature in American universities.

Besides the continuation of the life of *Francis Daniel Pastorius, The Founder of Germantown*, and Mr. Heydrick's *Provincialisms of Southeastern Pennsylvania*, the issue of the *German American Annals* for November and December, 1907, includes a paper on *German Archives as Sources of German-American History*, by Joseph G. Rosengarten. The phase of historical connection between

the two countries that particularly attracts the attention of the writer is the raising of troops in Germany for use by the British in the subjection of the American Colonies. His plea is for the study of German archives in a manner similar to that conducted in other European countries through the agency of the Carnegie Institution.

A sketch by Nelson W. Evans of a curiously eccentric pioneer of Ohio, Charles William Byrd, opens the January number of *The "Old Northwest" Genealogical Quarterly*. Byrd was a delegate of some prominence in the Convention of 1802 which drew up the first Constitution for the State of Ohio. Later he served for a long period of years in the position of United States Judge. The first instalment of *The Noblesse of Canada* is contributed by C. E. Lart. The continuation, in this issue, of *Selections from the Papers of Governor Allen Trimble* includes letters during the years 1828-1830. Among the articles of a genealogical nature we note one on *The John Naylor Family of Pennsylvania*, by Mrs. H. W. Naylor.

Of a documentary nature we find in *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* for January, 1908, besides continuations, a collection of *Documents Relating to the French and Indian War, 1755-1762*, edited by Charles E. Kemper, and a series of *Orders and Proclamations for Virginia in Regard to Prizes, Letters of Marque and the Protection of Shipping During the War Between England and Holland, 1665, etc.* There is also included in this issue the *Proceedings of The Virginia Historical Society* in the annual meeting held December 31, 1907. The President of the Society states that it is planned to adhere to the policy of publishing chiefly source material in the *Magazine* and outlines a number of valuable collections the publication of which is being considered.

Appearing in a volume of over two hundred pages, we note Number 16 of the *Publications of the American Jewish Historical Society* of President Cyrus Adler delivered upon that occasion. A number of profitable studies follow concerning the part taken by Jews in the history of America. Among others are: *Some Jewish Factors Society*. The report of the fourteenth annual meeting, held at Baltimore, March 25, 1906, is here given together with the address

in the Settlement of the West, by Max J. Kohler; *The Struggle for Religious Liberty in North Carolina, with Special Reference to the Jews*, by Leon Hühner; and *An Early Jewish Colony in Western Guiana, 1658-1666*, by Samuel Oppenheim.

One is forcibly reminded of the great advance in oceanic transportation during the last two centuries by an article which Henry F. Thompson writes for the December *Maryland Historical Magazine* on *An Atlantic Voyage in the Seventeenth Century*. Certain log-books of vessels trading from England in the latter part of the seventeenth century, now kept in the Bodleian Library, Oxford, England, furnish the data for the article. Other contributions to the December issue are *Indian Place-names in Maryland*, by Charles W. Bump; *Reports of the British Board of Trade and Plantations While Maryland was a Royal Province*, by Bernard C. Steiner; *The Restoration of the Old Senate Chamber in Annapolis*, by De Courey W. Thom; and various valuable documentary items.

The Records of an Early Texas Baptist Church, published in *The Quarterly of the Texas State Historical Association* for October, give a clear idea of the organization and government of an early pioneer church. The part played in frontier life by these early churches is often forgotten. One is frequently reminded, in perusing the pages of these *Records*, of the church life of the Puritan of New England and the direct influence of the religious organization upon every phase of the life of the community. The *Records* cover the years from 1833 to 1847. The remaining contribution to this issue is entitled *New Light on the Tampico Expedition*. It consists of a letter to his wife from a certain George Dedrick and is written from Goliad, Texas, on February 22, 1836. Dedrick is supposed to have been a victim of the massacre at Goliad in the following month.

The History, Charter, By-Laws, and List of Officers, Members, etc., of the Wyoming Historical and Genealogical Society (Wilkes-Barré, Pennsylvania) is the title of a pamphlet of forty odd pages appearing in 1907 and containing information along the lines indicated. The Society was founded February 11, 1858, and cele-

brates this year its semi-centennial anniversary. The Society is a private institution deriving its support entirely from membership dues and the income from its endowment, but opens its library to the public and is very largely visited by schools, classes, and individuals. The library consists of eighteen thousand books and pamphlets, about eight-ninths of which are on American history and genealogy and the remainder on geology. Valuable geological and ethnological collections are in the possession of the Society and are accessible to the public. Nine volumes of *Proceedings and Collections* and twenty-five pamphlet titles have been published by the Society.

The principal article in the June, 1907, number of *The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society* is part two of F. G. Young's *Financial History of Oregon*. This paper treats of the finances of the Territorial period, 1849-1859. The second instalment of *Recollections of an Indian Agent*, by T. W. Davenport, *Notes from a Government Document on Oregon Conditions in the Fifties*, by Thomas Prosch, and an appreciation of *Two of Oregon's Foremost Commonwealth Builders: Judge Reuben Patrick Boise and Professor Thomas Condon* complete this issue. In the September number we note particularly an article by Thomas M. Anderson on *The Vancouver Reservation Case* and one by Clyde B. Aitchison dealing with *The Mormon Settlements in the Missouri Valley*. The writer of the latter article briefly sketches the history of the early settlements of the Mormons, the trail across Iowa in 1846, the various town beginnings that marked their progress and their later course of migration to their new home in the Rockies.

The beginning of a sketch of the founding and founders of *Asylum: A Colony of French Catholics in Bradford County, Pennsylvania 1794-1800* is found in the September number of the *Records of the American Catholic Historical Society*. The *Sacramental Registers at St. Joseph's Church, Philadelphia* are given for the year 1803. The continuation of the *Correspondence between the Sees of Quebec and Baltimore* covers the years 1807 to 1814. Mr. Schuyler's life of *A Typical Missionary; Rev. Sebastian Rale*,

the Apostle of the Abnakis is concluded in this issue. These last three chapters have to do with the troubles between the Indians of this disputed territory of Maine where the Abnakis dwelt and the English settlers. Father Rale who acted as priest, teacher, physician, and counsellor for the Indians is justified by the writer for attempting to fortify the determination of the Indians to resist encroachments of the English, but is defended from the charge of inciting them to unprovoked and brutal assault.

A most useful commentary upon historic events is to be found in the letters and papers of those who have taken an active part in such events. The Buffalo Historical Society has recently issued in two volumes, containing an aggregate of about a thousand pages, the *Millard Fillmore Papers*. No adequate biography of Fillmore exists, and the present volumes furnish an invaluable aid to students of a complex period of our national history. The work is edited by the Secretary of the Society, Mr. Frank H. Severance, who supplies an introduction, critical notes, and an index. Mr. Fillmore's correspondence, carefully preserved through many years, was destroyed in accordance with the terms of his son's will. President Fillmore had, however, deposited with the Buffalo Historical Society, for preservation, an autobiography of his earlier years. This forms the first part of the published collection. A large number of his speeches have been gathered together for this work and form the bulk of the first volume, about seventy-five pages being devoted to his official letters. In the second volume the pages are largely given up to correspondence, dating both before and after the Civil War.

Biographical articles receive the emphasis in the *Annals of Iowa* for January, 1908. Edward H. Stiles contributes an appreciative sketch of *Henry Clay Caldwell* dealing largely with his public addresses and his judicial decisions. Professor Pammel concludes in this issue his sketch of Dr. Edwin James. He quotes many letters and among them a very interesting one from Doctor James commenting on John Brown and his raid at Harper's Ferry. The latter part of the article is devoted to the literary and scientific

work of Doctor James. Edited by William Salter is a bit of *Correspondence of A. C. Dodge and Thomas H. Benton on the Public Lands, the Homestead Bill, and the Pacific Railroad*. A eulogistic article on *Henry Clay Dean*, by J. R. Rippey, awakens somewhat of a protest in the mind of the reader who is mindful of the career of Dean during the Civil War and who is at all familiar with his writings. That he was brilliant and able is unquestioned, but one hesitates to believe that he was either "strenuous in his opposition to slavery" or "intensely patriotic." A brief but interesting *Journal of the Oregon Trail* kept by Lafayette Spencer during the year 1852 is edited by E. R. Harlan.

The *Sixth Annual Report of the Director of the Department of Archives and History of the State of Mississippi*, by Dunbar Rowland, shows energetic and effective work, particularly in the line of obtaining transcripts from the archives of European countries and of Cuba. During the year 1906 Dr. Rowland visited England and France and made arrangements for the transcription of manuscripts relative to Mississippi History to be found in the repositories of those countries. The present *Report* indicates a continuation of the work in the Archives of the Indies at Seville, Spain, and in the archives at Havana, Cuba.

The *Report* shows an addition of ten portraits of deceased Governors of Mississippi to the collection of the Department. Two hundred old newspaper files dating from 1805 to 1875 have been bound during the past year. The Department has also been made the custodian of the Archives of the Synod of Mississippi of the Southern Presbyterian Church. The esteem in which the services of the Director, Dr. Rowland, are held, is attested by the recommendation of the Trustees to the legislature that his salary be increased to three thousand dollars annually. The Department announces the publication of the first volume of *Mississippi Provincial Archives, English Dominion*. From recent information from the Department we learn that up to March, 1908, there had been received ten volumes of transcripts from the British Foreign Office, London, relating to the English occupation of West Florida, three volumes

of transcripts from the Archives of Paris relating to the French occupation, and six volumes of transcriptions from the Archives of the Indies at Seville, Spain.

Professor George B. Adams contributes to the January number of *The American Historical Review* a preliminary paper on *The Origin of the English Constitution* which he hopes to expand later into a more detailed and extensive work. In the present paper he treats of "the first inclination of the constitution toward a limited monarchy", namely, the body of Magna Charta and in particular the sixty-first clause thereof, which provided a means of enforcing the remedy of abuses which the king refused to redress. Under the title of *The Greek Renaissance in Italy*, Louise R. Loomis discusses the revival of learning in the Italian cities of the fifteenth century, her main thesis being that the vaunted recovery of Greek at this time was little more than a dabbling in the language resulting in much poor translation and a superficial semblance of erudition but not a great deal of comprehension of or genuine enthusiasm for the real excellence of the Greek language and literature. *John Knox as a Man of the World* is an interesting study, by Albert Bushnell Hart, of the personal side of the reformer, his literary methods, and his work as a destructive and constructive statesman. The source upon which the writer has largely drawn is the works of John Knox, and constant quotations from sermon or writing impress upon one the bitter intensity of the uncompromising Scotchman. A brief article on *The First Hayburn Case, 1792*, by Max Farrand, treats of that case as the first one in which the United States courts declared unconstitutional an act of Congress. *The American Acta Sanctorum*, printed in this number, is the presidential address of J. Franklin Jameson before the American Historical Association at Madison, Wisconsin, December 27, 1907. It draws a suggestive analogy between the numerous records of ecclesiastical personages in America and the volumes of *Acta Sanctorum* of the Middle Ages. Contributed by Gaillard Hunt to this issue of the *Review* are two documents together with explanatory material. One is a letter written by William W. Moore to Richard K. Crallé for Joseph Gales who was for fifty years

editor of the *National Intelligencer*. The letter concerns the War Manifesto of 1812. The other is a letter from Robert Barnwell Rhett, who succeeded Calhoun in the Senate, to Richard K. Crallé, and has to do with the biography of John C. Calhoun. A communication from George W. Graham will interest those who have followed the controversy over the Mecklenburg Declaration. It deals with the *Cape Fear Mercury* which was taken from the British archives.

ACTIVITIES

On January 30, 1909, the State Historical Society of Wisconsin will be sixty years old. Preparations are being made for a Diamond Jubilee to be held at that time. The last legislature added \$5000 to the annual appropriation of the Society and made it the depository of the archives of the State.

Prof. W. W. Folwell of the University of Minnesota presented an address on the *Minnesota Constitutional Conventions of 1857* before the Minnesota Historical Society at the annual meeting on January 13, 1908. The Society, begun in 1849, has now a library of over ninety thousand titles. The bound files of newspapers, extending back to 1849, number a little less than eight thousand.

The annual meeting of the Kentucky State Historical Society was held on October 3, 1907, in its rooms in the Old Statehouse. The officers of the Society were reelected and G. C. Downing was added to the Executive Committee. A prominent feature of the meeting was the unveiling of a number of portraits of the Governors of Kentucky. These include portraits of Governors Christopher Greenup, John L. Helm, Proctor Knott, George Madison, and Charles A. Scott.

An oil portrait of the late Senator James Z. George was presented to the Department of Archives and History of the State of Mississippi on the evening of January 22, 1908. The presentation was made by John Sharp Williams, recently chosen United States Senator from Mississippi, and was accepted for the Department

in a speech by the Director, Dr. Dunbar Rowland. Sincere tribute was paid by both speakers to the long and distinguished career of Senator George.

Phases of the economic history of Arkansas are now the object of investigation by the Arkansas Historical Association. Such topics as the Manufactures of the Confederacy in Arkansas, and the Cotton Tax in Arkansas after the War are receiving attention. The last Legislature of the State increased the appropriation for publications and continued the Arkansas History Commission which works under the direction of the Association. On May 21-23, 1908, the annual meeting will be held at which time the housing of the Association will be considered and the question of a future legislative program discussed.

The Buffalo Historical Society has lately acquired a large collection of titles including many volumes relating to the development of the Niagara Frontier. In coöperation with the Niagara Frontier Landmarks Association, the Society has performed a valuable work in the marking of historic sites in accordance with a plan adopted five years ago.

At a meeting on January 16, 1908, the following officers of the Society were elected: President, Andrew Langdon; Vice President, Hon. Henry W. Hill; Secretary-Treasurer, Frank H. Severance.

The Society contemplates the publication of a volume of documents relative to transportation interests, especially the canal systems of New York.

The Illinois State Historical Society held its ninth annual meeting on January 30 and 31, 1908. Five sessions were held, the last one, on Friday evening, January 31, being the occasion of an address, by Hon. A. E. Stevenson of Bloomington, on *Stephen A. Douglas*. Some of the other speakers and topics during the two days' meetings were: Mr. Horace White of New York City, on *Abraham Lincoln in 1854*, Prof. E. B. Green of the University of Illinois, on *The Writings of James Hall as Material for Western History*, and Mr. J. Seymour Currey, President of the Evanston Historical Society, on *Chicago's North Shore*.

The Madison County (Iowa) Historical Society arranged a program for March 17, 1908. Among the papers listed were the following: *The Evolution of Fencing in Madison County*, by W. S. Wilkinson; *Madison County During War Times*, by Mrs. Caroline Murray; *The Kentucky Settlement in Madison County*, by E. R. Zeller; and *Lost and Forgotten Town Sites in Madison County*, by H. A. Mueller.

The Decatur County (Iowa) Historical Society held a meeting at Leon, Iowa, January 8, 1908. Mr. G. P. Arnold, as President of the Society, called the meeting to order and the Secretary, Mr. Heman C. Smith, read the report of the doings of the organization. Ninety-one members have enrolled since the last meeting of the Society. A fossil crinoid found at Garden Grove was presented to the Society by the President; and a paper by Mr. Heman C. Smith on the settlement of Garden Grove, and one by Mr. J. E. Vail on the names of streams in Decatur County were read. An editorial Committee was appointed consisting of Mr. Heman C. Smith, Mr. Stephen Varga, and Mr. Duncan Campbell, to superintend the publication of all articles read before the Society. A resolution was also passed giving the President discretionary power to send delegates to the meetings of other societies at the expense of the Decatur County Historical Society.

The Nebraska State Historical Society and the Nebraska Territorial Pioneers Association held a joint annual meeting at Lincoln, January 13 and 14, 1908. Among the principal speakers were Hon. William Jennings Bryan who spoke on the subject *History* and Judge Horace E. Deemer of the Supreme Court of Iowa who delivered an address on *The Part of Iowa in the Organization of Nebraska*. The meetings were very largely attended. In the last year the membership of the Nebraska State Historical Society has more than doubled. The museum includes about 28,000 objects, the library some 28,000 titles and nearly as many duplicates for exchange purposes. The bound volumes of newspapers number a little over 2,000 with over five hundred more ready for binding.

How can the public be made to realize that State history is an integral part of national history, and that neither can be adequately

studied without a realization of the importance of the other? This is a problem that always has confronted State historical societies. With a view to giving a greater impetus to the teaching of Mississippi History, a special program was prepared by the Mississippi Historical Society for a History Teachers' Conference at the decennial meeting of the Society, January 9-10, 1908. On the evening of the ninth, Professor Franklin L. Riley reviewed the work of the Mississippi Historical Society since its reorganization in 1898. The principal address was by Albert Bushnell Hart on *What an Historical Society Should Accomplish*. Preliminary arrangements were made for the organization of a permanent Mississippi Association of History Teachers. This appeals to us as a distinctly progressive movement. A widespread interest in and zeal for State history is necessary for the successful carrying on of the work. Ignorance and lack of interest have too often been the cause of the destruction of source materials and the consequent gaps in the record of history.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MARSHALL COUNTY

A movement inaugurated by the Spinning Wheel Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution culminated in the formation of the Historical Society of Marshall County on March 7, 1908. The meeting at which this Society was organized was held in rooms of the Public Library at Marshalltown. Mr. J. L. Carney presided. Professor Benj. F. Shambaugh, Superintendent of The State Historical Society of Iowa, was present upon invitation and gave an informal address upon the work of *State and Local Historical Societies*. At the close of this address the meeting proceeded to the adoption of a constitution and the election of officers.

The officers chosen are: President, Mr. J. L. Carney; Vice President, Mrs. H. J. Howe; Secretary, Mrs. P. F. Arney; Treasurer, Mrs. May F. Montgomery; Curator, Dr. Cora Williams; Members of Board of Directors, Mr. J. L. Carney, Mrs. H. J. Howe, Mrs. P. F. Arney, Mrs. May F. Montgomery, Dr. Cora Williams, Mrs. G. W. Darling, and Mr. L. C. Abbott.

It was voted that the Society become an Auxiliary Member of The State Historical Society of Iowa. A communication was read offering the Society a room in the Public Library.

CONSTITUTION OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MARSHALL COUNTY

ARTICLE I—NAME

The name of this Society shall be Historical Society of Marshall County, Iowa. This Society shall be located at Marshalltown, 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, any and all articles and materials which may establish or illustrate the history of Marshall County, Iowa, or other portions of the State or adjoining States, and the publication of such historical matter as the Society may authorize.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP

Any person residing in Marshall County may become a member of the Society by signing the Constitution and by payment of the membership fee of fifty cents, which shall be in payment of dues to the first day of the following January. Membership in the Society may be retained by the payment of fifty cents annually, due and payable in each year prior to April 1st. This Society shall have the power of conferring honorary or life membership in its discretion, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any meeting called for that purpose.

ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS

SEC. 1. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Curator, and a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of the foregoing officers and two additional members of the Society. The officers and members of the Board shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified, and the Board shall have power to fill vacancies until the next annual meeting.

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

SEC. 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 them such duties as may be expedient.

ARTICLE VI—MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

SEC. 1. The annual meeting of this Society shall be held the third Tuesday in March of each year, or at such other date as shall be fixed by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any meeting called for the purpose of consideration of change of date of annual meeting.

SEC. 2. 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 already appropriated, unless by the direction of a majority of the Society at a stated meeting of which there shall have been due notice to all 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 amendments shall have been given at least thirty (30) days previous to such meeting.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

Card catalogue cases, supply-drawers, magazine shelves, and a series of manuscript safes have recently been installed in the rooms

of the Society. The work is all in steel having been made especially for the use of the Society by the Art Metal Construction Company. A large steel safe has also been placed in the Curators' room for the better preservation and safe-keeping of the official papers and records.

The Society has put to press a book of about 400 pages on *Amana, The Community of True Inspiration*. It is hoped that the edition will be ready for distribution in June.

Mr. John C. Parish, author of the biography of Governor Robert Lucas, is now preparing a biography of Governor John Chambers which will be published in the *Iowa Biographical Series*.

During the last quarter the Society has added many valuable items to its collection of Iowana, among which are a number of rare publications in the Dutch language, relating to Pella, Iowa, and to other Dutch settlements in America.

A biography of Augustus Cæsar Dodge, Delegate to Congress from the Territory of Iowa, later United States Senator from Iowa, and still later United States Minister to Spain, is being prepared by Mr. Louis Pelzer.

From the Library of Congress and from the libraries of historical and learned societies the library of The State Historical Society of Iowa has received many odd volumes and numbers of periodicals needed to complete broken sets. The library has adopted the policy, inaugurated by the library of Congress, of issuing "Wants" and "Offers" lists from time to time. A new and revised list of "Wants" will be issued some time in May.

Since January 1, 1908, the following have been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. Heman C. Smith, Lamoni, Iowa; Mr. Smith McPherson, Red Oak, Iowa; Mr. Thomas D. Murphy, Red Oak, Iowa; Mr. John F. Dillon, New York City; Mr. G. S. Otis, Monona, Iowa; Mr. Byron L. Morgan, Fremont, Nebraska; Dr. Henry Albert, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. Bernhardine Wachsmuth, Burlington, Iowa; Mr. J. H. Kelley, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Charles

A. Clark, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. W. I. Pratt, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. William C. McArthur, Des Moines, Iowa; and Mr. W. D. Cannon, Iowa City, Iowa.

The Public Library of Burlington has recently sent to the Society from its duplicate stock a number of copies of the first series of the Annals of Iowa, with the aid of which a set of this series in their original covers has been completed. It is believed that but few, if any other sets in the original covers are in existence.