

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

PUBLICATIONS

Some Contrasts Suggested by the Massacre of Wyoming, is the subject of an address delivered by Henry Budd before the Wyoming Commemorative Association on July 3, 1908. The address is printed in the *Proceedings* of the Association for 1908.

A biographical sketch of *Galen James*, by Helen T. Wild; an article entitled *An Old Physician's Record*, by John H. Hooper; and *Unpublished Manuscripts of Caleb Swan*, with editorial notes, make up the October number of *The Medford Historical Register*.

An appreciation of *Grover Cleveland*, by Lyman Abbott, is the opening contribution in the October number of *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*. Another article of more than local interest is one by the Viscount de Fronsac on the *Lords of Manor of New York*.

A concise historical discussion of *Legal Qualifications of Voters in Massachusetts*; a list of *Haverhill Inscriptions: Walnut Cemetery*; a genealogical account of the *Descendants of John Brown of Ipswich*; and an article on *Salem in 1700*, by Sidney Perley, may be found in the October number of *The Essex Antiquarian*.

Heath: A Historic Hill Town, by Edward P. Guild; *Fifty Years of Probation Work in Massachusetts*, by Frank B. Sleeper; *Colonel William Prescott's Regiment*, by F. A. Gardner; *Massachusetts Pioneers in Michigan*, by Charles A. Flagg; and *Some Massachusetts Historical Writers*, are among the articles in *The Massachusetts Magazine* for October.

Der Krieg der Flachköpfe und Regulatoren im südlichen Illinois, 1831-1850, is the title of the opening contribution to the October number of the *Deutsch-Amerikanische Geschichtsblätter*. Under the heading, *Amana, die Gemeinschaft der Wahren Inspiration*, there is copied from the *Davenport Demokrat* a review of Mrs.

Shambaugh's book on Amana. Among the other articles there is a continuation of Heinrich Bornmann's *Geschichte der Deutschen Quincy's*.

In the *Journal of The Presbyterian Historical Society* for September there are to be found the following articles: *The Centenary of the Town Steeple of Frederick, Maryland*, by E. R. Eschbach; *James Duncan Ferguson: 1837-1906*, by Charles S. Cleland; and a continuation of *The Presbyterian Church of Monmouth County*, edited with introduction and notes by James Steen.

The June to September number of *The Wisconsin Archeologist* contains the papers read at a joint meeting of Wisconsin scientific societies held at Milwaukee in February, 1908. Among the many interesting papers are: *The Progress of Archaeological Science in Wisconsin*, by Warren K. Moorehead; *Archaeological Work in Wyoming*, by Harlan I. Smith; and *A Mandan Village Site*, by Herbert C. Fish.

The leading article in the October number of *The "Old Northwest" Genealogical Quarterly* bears the title, *Ye Andersons of Virginia and Some of Their Descendants, Bye One of Ye Famile*. Other contributions are: *Israel Clark, An Ohio Pioneer*, by Orra Eugene Monnette; and *Judge Byrd's Journals*, by N. W. Evans. There are also printed the rules and regulations and the by-laws adopted by the Society on June 25, 1908.

The July number of *The Quarterly of the Texas State Historical Association* contains two excellent contributions to the source material of Texas history. One of these, entitled *The Records of an Early Texas Baptist Church*, is a continuation from a previous number of the *Quarterly*, and covers the years from 1847 to 1869. *The Recollections of S. F. Sparks* is a story of early days in Texas, told by a man who settled in that country in 1834.

Among the contributions to *The Essex Institute Historical Collections* for October are the following: *The Early Church Plate of Newburyport, Newbury, West Newbury and Rowley*, by John H. Buck; *Transcripts of the Lost Registers of Rowley, Co. York, England*, by J. Henry Lea; and a continuation of *Revolutionary*

Letters Written to Colonel Timothy Pickering, by George Williams, and of Robert S. Rantoul's biographical sketch of *Frederick Townsend Ward*.

In the July number of *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* there is printed an address on *Anthony Wayne*, delivered at Valley Forge in June, 1908, by Hon. Samuel W. Pennypacker, on the occasion of the dedication of a monument to General Wayne. Another article of more than local interest is one by Charles Henry Hart, which bears the title, *An Original Portrait of Doctor Franklin, Painted by Joseph Wright, Belonging to the Royal Society, London*.

Three contributions make up the contents of the *German American Annals* for September and October. The first is a brief article on *The Palatines in New York and Pennsylvania*, signed J. G. R. Then follows a somewhat detailed discussion of *German American Researches*, by Richard E. Helbig, in which the writer tells of the growth of the German American collection of the New York Public Library during 1906 and 1907. The last article is by Edwin M. Fogel and bears the title, *The Himmelsbrief*.

With the exception of *Revolutionary Pension Declaration from Pittsylvania County, Va.*, the October number of *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* is devoted to continuations of original material. The most valuable of these contributions are perhaps: *The Randolph Manuscript*, and *Journals of the Council of Virginia in Executive Sessions, 1737-1763*. In order that in the future the volume of the *Magazine* may correspond with the calendar year, the July and October numbers are made to constitute volume sixteen.

The Florida Historical Society Quarterly, while unpretentious in size, is proving to be an excellent addition to the list of historical periodicals. The third number of this new publication appeared in October, and contains much of interest. The opening article, entitled *Old St. Augustine*, by De Witt Webb, is accompanied by a view of St. Augustine harbor printed from an engraving made about 1650. Caroline Mays Brevard concludes her biographical

sketch of Richard Keith Call, and John Y. Detwiler writes on *Antiquities at and near New Smyrna, Florida*. There is reprinted from the August number of the *Magazine of History* an article by Geo. B. Utley on the *Origin of the County Names in Florida*.

The leading contribution to the September number of the *Maryland Historical Magazine* is a paper on *Benedict Leonard Calvert, Esq. Governor of the Province of Maryland, 1727-1731*, by Bernard C. Steiner. Under the title, *Babylon's Fall in Maryland A Fair Warning to Lord Baltimore*, there is reprinted for the first time in this country, a pamphlet dealing with the struggle between Parliament and the Proprietary's forces in Maryland in 1655. The remaining contributions consist largely of extracts from the Calvert papers.

The slavery question and early western transportation facilities are the topics discussed in *The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society* for September. T. W. Davenport, in a well written article on the *Slavery Question in Oregon*, relates his own recollections of the slavery agitation in Oregon Territory and its influence on Oregon politics. The "*Free-State Letter*" of Judge George H. Williams, which is reprinted from an early Oregon newspaper, is an able argument against the attempt to establish slavery in Oregon. Under the title, *Oregon's First Monopoly — The O. S. N. Co.*, there is a scholarly account of the origin and early development of the Oregon Steam Navigation Company, by Irene Lincoln Poppleton. Under the heading of documents there is printed a *Subscription List for Railroad Survey Funds* made in 1863.

The July number of *The Washington Historical Quarterly* contains a number of brief articles on a good variety of subjects. Rollin J. Reeves, in writing on *Marking the Washington-Idaho Boundary*, tells of his own experiences as officer in charge of the work which was done in 1873. *History of San Juan Island* consists of a few reminiscences by Charles McKay, the only surviving member of the colony of Americans who settled on the island in 1859. Under the title, *Seattle and the Indians of Puget Sound*, Thomas W. Prosch discusses the origin of the name of city of Seattle. There is a second installment of Edward McMahan's *Stephen A. Douglas:*

A Study of the Attempt to Settle the Question of Slavery in the Territories by the Application of Popular Sovereignty — 1850-1860, which is written in a scholarly and scientific manner. Three other articles and a number of documents complete this number of the *Quarterly*.

Charles Clinton Nourse, whose late retirement from active life closes a long and useful legal career in Iowa, writes reminiscently on the subject, *Beginning Fifty Years of Practice at the Iowa Bar*, in the October number of the *Annals of Iowa*. Under the heading, *Report upon the Propriety of Abandoning Forts Armstrong and Des Moines*, there is printed a document which has recently come into the hands of the Historical Department, but of which the authorship is not definitely known. William Salter again contributes a number of *Old Letters* from the correspondence of such men as Henry Dodge, A. C. Dodge, James W. Grimes, Samuel J. Kirkwood, and others, as well as a few received by himself during the fifties. The other contributions are a *Diary Kept by William Edmundson, of Oskaloosa, While Crossing the Western Plains in 1850*; an article on *Handling the Panic of 1907*, by A. C. Miller; and a brief discussion on *Climatic Changes*, written by the late Charles Aldrich.

Early in August there was held at Berlin a great gathering of historians from all over the world. A similar meeting was held at The Hague in 1898, and another at Rome in 1903. All of the meetings thus far have been successful and it is hoped that they will be continued at intervals of five years. Under the heading, *The International Historical Congress at Berlin*, Charles H. Haskins gives an account of the meeting last summer, in the October number of *The American Historical Review*. There is also printed the address delivered before this congress by Ambassador David J. Hill on *The Ethical Function of the Historian*. Ferdinand Schevill writes on *San Galgano: A Cistercian Abbey of the Middle Ages*. James W. Thompson, in an article on *Some Economic Factors in the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes*, discusses some of the economic conditions and movements leading up to this famous event rather than the economic results. The concluding article is a con-

tribution to the political history of the United States, by St. George L. Sioussat, bearing the title, *Some Phases of Tennessee Politics in the Jackson Period*. Under the heading of documents there may be found *Letters of Sir George Simpson, 1841-1843*, edited by Joseph Schafer.

There is a fascination in the study of prehistoric man in America which few can resist who have delved even lightly into its mysteries. The life history of the Mound Builders remains a closed book to which no key has yet been found. But the material products of his civilization have survived the ravages of time and are in evidence throughout the length and breadth of the continent and especially in the Mississippi Valley. From these ancient remains science and scholarship may some day gain a clue to the character and life of their builders. One of the many scholars who have become deeply interested in this subject is Mr. E. O. Randall, Secretary of the Ohio Archaeological and Historical Society. He is the author of a little book entitled *The Masterpieces of Ohio Mound Builders*, which has recently been published by the Society. Only the hill-top fortifications are discussed in this volume, which, as the author states in the preface, aims to give a clear and accurate description of the mounds rather than a scientific or technical treatise of them. A few pages at the beginning are devoted to the famous Cahokia Mound in Illinois which the author visited in 1904. The most important of the hill-top fortifications which are to be found in Ohio are then enumerated and described, while a somewhat extended chapter is devoted to Fort Ancient. It is claimed that there are more localities in Ohio which give evidence of the existence of a prehistoric race of people than in all the rest of the country, and hence this little volume will be of peculiar interest to archaeological students. It is written in a pleasing style and gives the reader a very good idea of the Ohio mounds. The author hopes soon to produce another volume dealing with the lowland enclosures, mounds, and village sites of his State.

ACTIVITIES

The Minnesota Historical Society has recently distributed volumes twelve and thirteen of its *Collections*.

The Mississippi Historical Society has recently published the *Proceedings* of the Mississippi Association of History Teachers, a new auxiliary organization under the auspices of the Society. Volume ten of the *Publications* of the Society is now in press.

The Kentucky State Historical Society now occupies quarters in the new capitol at Frankfort. During the past quarter the Society's activities have been mainly along the line of organizing county historical societies and of marking historic sites in the city of Frankfort.

Among the manuscript collections of the Chicago Historical Society is the Diary of James K. Polk, which in the manuscript consists of more than a score of volumes. The Society is planning its publication in the near future. The editor will be Professor Charles W. Mann.

At a meeting of the Pottawattamie County Historical Society at the city library in Council Bluffs, on Saturday, November 28, Judge Horace E. Deemer delivered an address on *The Influence of Iowa Men in the Organization of Nebraska*. At this time also there was presented to the Society a book containing the record of the organization in Pottawattamie County of a patriotic society of the early sixties known as the "Union League of America."

The Buffalo Historical Society has acquired a large collection of original letters, being the correspondence received by Millard Fillmore while Vice President and President of the United States. These letters, gathered in forty-five volumes, have for many years been supposed to have been destroyed, but lately were found in the garret of a house in Buffalo, which was being dismantled. The papers had been preserved by their late owner, the last surviving executor of the will of Millard Powers Fillmore, the President's son. The collection includes nearly three hundred and fifty letters from Daniel Webster, many of which have never been published; letters

from the members of Fillmore's cabinet; and others from many of the prominent men and women of his day, such as Edward Everett, Henry Clay, Lewis Cass, Louis Kossuth, President Arista of Mexico, Mrs. James K. Polk, and scores of others.

An interesting manuscript recently acquired by the Kansas State Historical Society is the memoirs of Dr. Alexander William Reese, of Warrensburg, Missouri. This manuscript, which occupies two volumes with a total of nine hundred pages, relates the experiences of the writer in Missouri from 1855 to 1866, and tells of conditions during the territorial troubles with Kansas and during the War. The thirty-third annual meeting of the Society was held December 1, 1908, and ex-Governor George W. Glick was elected President for the year 1909.

Organized in 1897, The Texas State Historical Association has for ten years been making a heroic struggle against the disadvantages of inadequate financial support. The Association, which is closely connected with the School of History of the University of Texas, now has a membership of nearly sixteen hundred, but receives no aid from the State, its main income being from membership dues. The high grade of work being done under these adverse conditions is evidence of the immensely greater service which the Association would render if supported as such an institution should be.

The Montana Historical and Miscellaneous Library is endeavoring in a most praiseworthy manner to make itself of service to the citizens of the State, especially in an educational way. Circular letters have been sent to the colleges and public schools throughout the State, urging the teaching of State history and offering to loan material to aid in making this work possible, and also offering to loan material pertinent to the question being debated in the Montana High School Debating League. Still more significant is the work which the Library is planning to do as a Legislative Reference Department. Circular letters have been sent to all the members of the State legislature calling their attention to the fact that the Library desires to aid the legislators by furnishing all available

information, both historical and current, not only on the great questions of legislation in which all are interested, but also on any special subject which is of interest to any individual legislator.

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin has recently spent about eleven thousand dollars for improvements in the way of increasing its storage and office capacity in the catalogue, newspaper, and manuscript departments. New shelving, catalogue cases, drawers, lockers, and other modern conveniences have been installed in these departments. The ethnographical material in the museum is being reclassified and relabeled according to modern methods. The Society has in preparation volume nineteen of its *Collections*, a new volume of Draper manuscripts, and the *Proceedings* of the Society for 1908. The annual meeting was held October 15, and, with a few exceptions, no changes were made in the official staff.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

At a meeting of the Board of Curators on Wednesday evening, January 6, Mr. John E. Brindley was elected to the position of Research Assistant in The State Historical Society of Iowa.

Professor F. H. Garver, of Morningside College, and a member of The State Historical Society of Iowa, read a paper on the *Story of Sergeant Charles Floyd*, at the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association at Richmond, Virginia, on December 30.

Mr. John E. Brindley, of the State Agricultural College at Ames, who has for some time been engaged in research work for the Society, of which he is a member, has been appointed Legislative Reference Assistant to the Curator of the Historical Department of Iowa.

Much interest was manifested in Mr. Curtis's fine collection of photographs of North American Indians on exhibition in the rooms of the Society during the months of October and November. The photographs were arranged according to subject, and a catalogue was printed for the convenience of visitors.

The Society has recently issued four neat folders describing its nature, purposes and activities. One folder contains a list of the

members of the Society; another describes and enumerates the publications; a third deals with research in the Society; while the fourth is a description of the library.

Mr. W. O. Hart, of the New Orleans bar, and a member of The State Historical Society of Iowa, is the author of a pamphlet called *Fragments of Louisiana Jurisprudence*. It consists of a number of lectures delivered by Mr. Hart in 1907 in the law college of the State University of Louisiana.

The biography of *Augustus Caesar Dodge*, by Louis Pelzer, was distributed early in December. This is the third volume to appear in the *Iowa Biographical Series* and is a book of three hundred and sixty-nine pages. Augustus Caesar Dodge served the people of the Territory of Iowa as Delegate to Congress; he was Iowa's first Senator; and he represented the United States as Minister to Spain. Hence Mr. Pelzer's volume is a valuable contribution, not only to Iowa history, but to the diplomatic history of the Nation as well.

On Thursday evening, December 3, Mr. Irving B. Richman delivered an address on *Some Researches in California History*, before the members of The State Historical Society of Iowa and their friends, in the auditorium of the Hall of Liberal Arts. Mr. Richman, who is a Curator of the Society, has been engaged for some time in gathering material for a history of California, and he told in an entertaining manner of his experiences, and of some of the romantic episodes in the history of this interesting State. Preceding the address a dinner was given at the Burkley Imperial Hotel in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Richman and other guests of the Society. At this time brief remarks were made by Governor Garst, Mr. Richman, President A. B. Storms of the State Agricultural College, and President Charles E. Shelton of Simpson College.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership: Mr. Paul A. Korab, Iowa City, Iowa; Judge Horace M. Towner, Corning, Iowa; Mr. E. B. Limpus, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. J. G. Henry, Des Moines, Iowa; Professor Bohumil Shimek, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. C. B. Robbins, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Willard J. Welch, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. T. Will Runkle, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. O.

A. Byington, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Clifford Powell, Red Oak, Iowa; Miss Edna Stone, Logan, Iowa; Mr. John Springer, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. J. L. Gillin, Iowa City, Iowa; Hon. W. L. Harding, Sioux City, Iowa; Hon. J. A. White, South Amana, Iowa; Hon. G. W. Clarke, Adel, Iowa; Mr. Chas. J. Deacon, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Kenneth Colgrove, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Miss Gertrude Branson, Iowa City, Iowa; Hon. A. F. Dawson, Preston, Iowa; Mr. C. F. Clark, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Hon. C. G. Saunders, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Hon. Frederic Larrabee, Fort Dodge, Iowa; Mr. Lowell Chamberlain, Des Moines, Iowa; Hon. A. B. Cummins, Des Moines, Iowa; Hon. Robert Hunter, Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. Wesley Martin, Webster City, Iowa; and Hon. A. C. Savage, Adair, Iowa.