

SOME PUBLICATIONS

Primary Elections: A Study of the History and Tendencies of Primary Election Legislation, by C. EDWARD MERRIAM. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press. 1909. pp. xi, 308.

A renewed interest in popular government has been awakened in the United States within the past quarter of a century through the discussion of and the agitation for primary elections. Democracy, deceived, misguided and misrepresented, is now to come into its birthright, according to the advocates of primary elections, through the general adoption of the State-wide compulsory primary.

Professor Merriam is not exactly a pioneer in the field of primary election legislation, yet he has contributed a valuable service in collecting in systematic form the data relative to the historical evolution of our nominating processes.

Beginning with an introductory chapter on *Early Legislation Regarding Primaries*, the succeeding chapters are devoted to the steps of progress toward complete legal regulation by decades since 1880. In each period some definite step in advance has been taken in some of the States which the author thus summarizes:

“Forty years of primary legislation may be summarized as follows. Starting with unregulated primaries, the advance was made to the prohibition of flagrant offenses such as bribery and illegal voting, or to optional legal regulation and control; then to compulsory regulation; then on to the abolition of the convention system, and the establishment of the direct primary; and finally we encounter the demand for the preliminary non-partisan primary as in Iowa, and for the adoption of a system of nomination by petition only, as in Wisconsin.” (p. 136.)

The problems of the primary and its actual workings are well discussed and a chapter on the *Judicial Interpretation of Primary Elections* shows that, in general, the courts have sustained the constitutionality of the primary legislation thus far enacted.

An appendix of 126 pages gives some of the more typical primary election laws in full, some only in part. The *Summary of Present Primary Election Laws* (p. 273) makes a valuable up-to-date source of reference, as most other summaries of this kind have been out of date for some years.

Professor Merriam believes in the primary, but is fair in his treatment of those who do not endorse it.

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The Proceedings of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin at its Fifty-sixth Annual Meeting. Madison: Published by the Society. 1909. pp. 272. Portraits.

To one who is not well acquainted with the extensive and varied activities of this great Society the present volume of nearly three hundred pages affords a storehouse of information.

The first pages are devoted to lists of Society officers and members of the library staff, and to the minutes, in a condensed form, of the annual meeting. An appendix contains the executive committee's report treating of many details of library and administrative affairs. The present State appropriation to the Society consists of two separate sums: \$20,000 for administrative and miscellaneous expenses and \$5,000 for books, maps, manuscripts, etc. In addition to this amount must be reckoned the income from four different funds which aggregate \$57,000.

A complete report deals with the various phases of library activity. The library now possesses 307,674 titles. As regards publications, the Society reports eight bulletins, volume VI of reprints and volume XVIII of the Collections, and volume II of the Draper Manuscript series. Other volumes are in the printer's hands.

Under "Administrative Details" is a summarized allusion to the Secretary-Superintendent's participation in meetings of an historical nature. Of much importance to historical societies of the Middle West is the preliminary report of Mr. W. S. Leland, now

the representative at Paris of the Bureau of Historical Research of the Carnegie Institution of Washington. The situation relative to documentary material concerning the Mississippi Valley in the archives at the French capital is clearly stated and outlined.

The work of the Wisconsin Library Commission and Wisconsin Archaeological Society, the Museum, and Doctor Draper's grave also receive attention. Then follow in detail the treasurer's and secretary's fiscal reports, and lists of the donors of books and pamphlets, of miscellaneous map, manuscript and museum accessions, and of periodicals and newspapers currently received at the library. Full reports are also given of local auxiliary societies.

The volume concludes with a series of excellent historical papers presented at the annual meeting. Colonel William F. Vilas and Chief Justice John B. Cassaday, two of the Society's vice-presidents who passed away during the year, are the subjects of papers by Mr. Burr W. Jones and Judge Stevens respectively. Other interesting sketches are those of Julius T. Clark and Nils Otto Tonk, two men closely connected with the early history of Wisconsin, and lastly Mr. Thwaites's study of the world-renowned inventor, Cyrus Hall McCormick. Subjects of a more general nature are *The British Ministry and the Treaty of Fort Stanwix*, and Professor Frederick J. Turner's monograph on *The Old West*, "a programme for study . . . rather than an exposition".

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GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS

The March *Bulletin of the New York Public Library* contains an extensive *List of Works Relating to the Mormons*.

Curaçao, A Losing Colonial Venture, by Herdman F. Cleland, and *The Relation of Geology to Topography*, by Lawrence Martin, are interesting articles in the March *Bulletin of the American Geographical Society*.

Bulletin number fourteen of the Copyright Office contains *The Copyright Law of the United States of America in Force July 1, 1909*.

Will the Supreme Court Become the Supreme Legislature of the United States? is the title of an article by Clifford Thorne, which has been reprinted from the *American Law Review*.

Imprisonment Without Trial is the title of a pamphlet issued by the Indian Rights Association which deals with the status of the Indian as regards the law and legal processes.

The Delusion of Militarism is the subject of an article by Charles E. Jefferson, reprinted in pamphlet form from the *Atlantic Monthly* by the American Association for International Conciliation.

The Development of the English Law of Conspiracy is the title of a monograph by James Wallace Bryan, recently published as a number of the *Johns Hopkins University Studies in Historical and Political Science*.

A recently printed booklet gives a description of the McKinley Memorial in Philadelphia, together with a history of the movement and an account of the dedication exercises, including the oration by James M. Beck.

In a pamphlet describing the *Exhibits of the Smithsonian Institution and United States National Museum at the Jamestown Tercentennial Exposition* will be found many interesting facts concerning the early history of America.

The military career of *General Stephen Moylan, Muster-Master General, Secretary and Aide-de-Camp to Washington*, together with sketches of the lives of other members of the Moylan family, is the subject to which is devoted the April number of *The American Catholic Historical Researches*.

The most recently published number of the *West Virginia University Studies in American History* consists of a monograph by James Morton Callahan, entitled, *Evolution of Seward's Mexican Policy*. The Maximilian episode is treated in detail, after a discussion of the Mexican affairs which preceded it.

The Bulletin of the Virginia State Library for the months of January-April consists of what is called a *Finding List of History*. In it are listed all the books, pamphlets and articles in publications contained in the Virginia State Library which deal with historical subjects outside of the field of American history.

Volumes thirteen, fourteen and fifteen of the Library of Congress edition of the *Journals of the Continental Congress 1774-1789*, edited by Worthington C. Ford, have been issued from the Government Printing Office within the past few months. These three volumes, which comprise over fifteen hundred pages, cover the proceedings of the Congress for the year 1779.

Under the heading, *Scraps from an Army Woman's Diary*, in the May number of *Uncle Sam's Magazine*, Mary Rippey Heistand writes a sketch of *Old Frontier Days*, which gives an interesting account of army life in the far west in the early days. *How Miles Saved the Day at Chancellorsville*, by J. A. Dapray, and a number of *War Time Episodes*, told by veterans, are also of interest.

The Passing of the Solid South, by Enoch Marvin Banks; *The Australian Ballot — Why North Carolina Should Adopt It*, by William H. Glasson; *The Tariff and the Revenue*, by D. A. Tompkins; and *Municipal Government by Commission*, by Charles W. Eliot, may be mentioned as among the interesting articles which make up the April number of *The South Atlantic Quarterly*.

The *Twenty-Second Annual Report* of the United States Commissioner of Labor is devoted to the *Labor Laws of the United States*. The first chapter contains digests and summaries of certain laws affecting labor. The remainder of the volume is given up to a complete statement of all the labor laws of the various States of the Union as they existed when the report was made.

Senator Allison's Recollections of Public Men, by Arthur Wallace Dunn, in the May number of *The American Review of Reviews*, is a taste of the storehouse of interesting and valuable material which might have been given the country had the Iowa Senator lived to write the reminiscences which he had planned. *Another Year of Defeat for the American Saloon*, by Ferninand Cowle

Iglehart, is a brief review of the progress of the temperance movement in this country. *How Returning Emigrants are Americanizing Europe*, by Edward A. Steiner, is a suggestive article in the June number of the *Review*.

The Progress of California is the title of an address delivered on Charter Day at The University of California by Ambassador James Bryce which is printed in the April number of *The University of California Chronicle*. Among the other articles are: *Stevenson and California*, by Cornelius B. Bradley; *The Child and the Nation*, by Martin V. O'Shea; and *Variety and Unity in Education*, by Alexis F. Lange.

The Boston Book Company has issued its *Annual Magazine Subject-Index for 1908*, compiled by Frederick Winthrop Faxon. The scope of the work has been enlarged, and the present volume includes a subject-index of one hundred and twenty American and English periodicals and society publications, which are for the most part passed over in other works of this character. Historical societies especially will find this index valuable.

The *Fifth Annual Report of the Library Board of the Virginia State Library* contains, besides the various reports on the condition of the library, *A Calendar of Legislative Petitions Arranged by Counties*, prepared by the Department of Archives and History. Petitions from the counties included alphabetically between Accomac and Bedford are here listed. There is also *A Trial Bibliography of Colonial Virginia*, submitted as a special report of the Department of Bibliography.

Primary Elections: The Test of Party Affiliation, by Margaret A. Schaffner; *Proportional Representation*, by Roy E. Curtis; *Juvenile Courts*, by Stanley K. Hornbeck; *Telephones: Interchange of Service*, by Laura Scott; *Mortgage Taxation*, by Robert Argyll Campbell; *Municipal Home Rule Charters*, by Margaret A. Schaffner; and *Tenement House Legislation State and Local*, by Ford H. MacGregor, are pamphlets published during the past winter by the Legislative Reference Department of the Wisconsin Free Library Commission.

The March number of the *Political Science Quarterly* opens with a discussion of *The Nature of Political Corruption*, by Robert C. Brooks. Edgar J. Levey writes on *Municipal Socialism and Its Economic Limitations*, in which the conditions in New York City are made the basis of study. Other articles are: *Unionism in the Iron and Steel Industry*, by John A. Fitch; *A Year of Bench Labor Law*, by David Y. Thomas; *The Constitution of Oklahoma*, by Charles A. Beard; and *The Political Capacity of the French*, by James Thomson Shotwell.

Labor and Wages is the subject to which the March number of *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* is devoted. Various phases of the question are discussed in a number of articles by such well known students of present day problems as Edward T. Devine, Andrew Carnegie, Charles R. Henderson, Alfred H. Stone, and others. *The Child Workers of the Nation* is the subject of discussion in the supplement, in which may be found numerous articles dealing with the child labor evil in all its aspects.

Under the heading, *The Highlanders at Macclesfield in 1745*, in *The Scottish Historical Review* for April there are presented a number of letters, with notes by W. B. Blackie, which relate some incidents of the march of the Jacobite army to Derby and back to Carlisle. *A New Year's Gift for the Whigs* is the title of of a ballad with a note by C. H. Firth. *A Northern Baronial House*, by James Ferguson; *Saint Maclrubha*, by Archibald B. Scott; and *Chronicle of Lanercost*, by Sir Herbert Maxwell, are the remaining contributions to this number of the *Review*.

In view of the recent controversy over the power of the Speaker of the lower house of Congress an article by Asher C. Hinds, in the May number of *The American Political Science Review*, on *The Speaker of the House of Representatives*, is of timely interest. Ernest Bruncken's discussion of *Defective Methods of Legislation* is also well timed and worthy of consideration in these days of dissatisfaction with legislatures. *The Separation of the Races in Public Conveyances*, by Gilbert Thomas Stephenson, is an article which

will be read with the greatest interest in the southern States. Margaret A. Schaffner's *Notes on Current Legislation*; William Bennett Munro's *Notes on Current Municipal Affairs*; a review of the *Present Status of Ballot Laws in the United States*, by Arthur Ludington; an *Index to Recent Literature — Books and Periodicals*; and a list of *Recent Government Publications of Political Interest*, by P. D. Blair, are all of immense value to the student and observer of modern political affairs.

In an article on *The Proposal for a Central Bank in the United States: a Critical View*, in the May number of *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, O. M. W. Sprague comes to the conclusion that such a bank is neither required nor well suited to relieve our financial ills. Warren M. Persons writes on *The Variability in the Distribution of Wealth and Income*, and Jonathan Thayer Lincoln discusses *The Sliding Scale of Wages in the Cotton Industry*. W. Z. Ripley's study of *Local Discrimination in Transportation* will be found interesting, as will also an article on *Socialism and the Class War*, by John Martin.

In *The Yale Review* for May there are articles on a wide variety of subjects. Luis Garcia Guijarro writes of *Spain Since 1898*, in which he discusses the effects of the war with the United States and the political condition of the country since that time, both as regards internal affairs and foreign relations. Clive Day is the writer of an article on *Industrial Leadership*. Eugene Meyer, Jr., contributes a critical study of *The New York Stock Exchange and the Panic of 1907*. Other articles are: *The Nature of Commercial or Economic Geography*, by Avarad Longley Bishop; and *The Carl-Zeiss-Stiftung, an Attempt to Socialize Capitalism*, by Henry W. Farnam.

A second installment of *The Literature of Colonial Virginia*, by Carl Holliday, is the opening contribution to the March number of the *American Historical Magazine*. The Viscount de Fronsac, in a second chapter on the *Rise of the United Empire Loyalists*, deals with the colonial manors. *Pennsylvania Pioneer Days* is the title given to the copy of an entry found on the fly-leaves of a book

which belonged to John Ormsby, a citizen of Pennsylvania in the years following the American Revolution. Mr. Brigham H. Roberts continues his discussion of *The Origin of the Book of Mormon*; and other continuations are: *Book of Bruce*, by Lyman Horace Weeks; and *Origin and Antiquity of Heraldry*, by Henry White-
more.

The family in its relation to the phenomena of society is the main topic of discussion in the March number of *The American Journal of Sociology*. The presidential address on *The Family and Social Change*, delivered by William G. Sumner before the American Sociological Society at Atlantic City, in December, 1908, is the opening number. Other articles are: *How Home Conditions React upon the Family*, by Charlotte Perkins Gilman; *The Effect on Woman of Economic Dependence*, by Charles Zueblin; *The Relations of Social Diseases to the Family*, by Prince A. Morrow; *The Influence of Income on Standards of Life*, by R. C. Chapin; and *Are Modern Industry and City Life Unfavorable to the Family?*, by Charles Richmond Henderson.

WESTERN

A Half Century of Minneapolis is the title of a recent volume by Horace B. Hudson, which relates in popular style the story of the "Mill City".

History of the Swedes of Illinois is the title of a recent book by E. W. Olson, which is a worthy addition to the history of that State.

Volume six number three of *The University of Colorado Studies*, published in April, contains a historical sketch of *The Fenian Movement*, by Clyde L. King.

True Indian Stories, with Glossary of Indiana Indian Names, by Jacob Pratt Dunn, is an entertaining addition to the literature of Indian life and customs.

Among the articles in the March-April number of the *Records of the Past* are: *The Via Praenestina*, by Ralph Van Deman Magoffin; *More About the "New Serpent Mound in Ohio"*, by George

Frederick Wright; *The High Artistic Power of Primeval Man*, by D. Gath Whitley; *Traces of a Vanished Race in Kandiyohi County, Minnesota*, by Horatio Gates; and *Another Palaeolithic Implement and Possibly an Eolith from Northwestern Missouri*, by Luella A. Owen.

Early Detroit: A Sketch of Some of the Interesting Affairs of the Olden Time, is a very readable and neatly printed little booklet by Clarence Monroe Burton. As the author points out, Detroit is one of the most interesting cities in the United States. Hence every addition to the literature of its history will be welcome.

The fourth publication of the Club for Colonial Reprints of Providence, Rhode Island, is a western item. It contains a facsimile reprint of the *Invitation Serieuse aux Habitants des Illinois by un Habitant des Kaskaskias*, edited with introduction and notes by Clarence Walworth Alvord and Clarence Edwin Carter. The original edition was published at Philadelphia in 1772.

IOWANA

Monthly Utilities Bulletin is the name of a new Iowa publication issued by the Association of Local Telephone Companies of Iowa.

The proceedings of the ninth annual conference of the Iowa Daughters of the American Revolution form a neat pamphlet of forty pages.

Glimpses of Abraham Lincoln is the title of an address delivered by Col. Alonzo Abernethy before the Mitchell County Farmers' Institute, on February 12, 1909.

When the Wildwood Was in Flower, by G. Smith Stanton, is a book which contains an account of the author's life on the prairies of Iowa during the sixties and seventies.

The *Thirteenth Report of the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the State of Iowa*, which covers the years 1906 and 1907, has been issued from the office of the State Printer.

In the issue of *The Winterset Madisonian* for April 15, 1909, there is an interesting article on *Forgotten Town Sites of Madison*

County, by H. A. Mueller. It was written as a paper to be read before the Madison County Historical Society.

In the May number of the *Iowa Medical Journal* there is a brief *History of Keokuk Medical College and Evolution in Medical Education During that Time*, by George F. Jenkins.

Semi-Centennial Souvenir of the United Presbyterian Church of Fairfax, Iowa, is a neatly printed pamphlet containing material of value to the student of the church history of Iowa.

La législation de l'Etat d'Iowa sur les Hypothèques immobilières is the title of an article by Charles Noble Gregory, which is reprinted from the *Revue de l'Institut de Droit comparé*.

The Iowa Department of Agriculture is publishing from time to time during the summer months a bulletin called *Greater Iowa*, the purpose of which is to advertise the State Fair.

The *Proceedings* of the fifty-fourth annual meeting of the Iowa State Teachers' Association, which was held at Des Moines during the holidays, forms a volume of nearly two hundred and fifty pages.

The Golden West, edited by Sam Small, a new Iowa periodical which launched its initial number this spring, has suspended publication. It was a monthly magazine published at Waterloo, and while it was to a certain extent devoted to the interests of Waterloo and vicinity, it also contained much of general interest.

A number of facts concerning the *Supreme Court and New York Gas Rate* are presented in the April number of *Midland Municipalities*. In the May number are the following articles: *Rates for Water Service*, by Dabney H. Maury; *Profit Sharing in Public Utilities*, by W. H. Winslow; and *Control of Municipal Public Utilities*, by Robert O. Brennan. *Decision in Cedar Rapids Gas Case*, and a brief review of an address by Horace E. Deming, before the National Municipal League, are items in the June number.

Among the articles in the April number of the *Journal of History* published at Lamoni are: *Stockbridge Indians*, by the editor, Heman C. Smith, which contains some extracts from the report of

an early missionary in the Iowa country; continuations of the *Autobiography of Charles Derry*, and of *Brief Glimpses into a Century of the Past*, by Mrs. M. Walker; *Settlement at Mount Pisgah, Iowa*, being a letter from Heman C. Smith to T. P. McGowan; and a *Biographical Sketch of the Life of Elder Thomas Dobson*, by Eli T. Dobson.

In the June number of *The Midwestern* there may be found the fourth installment of *Iowa in the Civil War*, by L. F. Andrews. Under the heading, *Discussion of the Des Moines Plan*, there are presented two papers, one in favor of the plan, by Henry J. Sampson; and the other opposed to it, by W. W. Wise. Another article gives an illustrated account of the statue of the Indian Chief Mahaska unveiled at Oskaloosa on May 12, 1909. This number of *The Midwestern* is especially commendable in that it contains a good amount of material of interest to people outside of Des Moines, and in the absence of portraits and illustrations scattered through articles to which they bear no relation.

SOME RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY IOWA AUTHORS

- Abernethy, Alonzo,
Glimpses of Abraham Lincoln. Osage: Published by the author. 1909.
- Butler, Ellis Parker,
Mike Flannery on Duty and Off. New York: Doubleday, Page & Co. 1909.
- Conger, Sarah Pike,
Letters from China. Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co. 1909.
- Craven, Roger Carey,
In the Twilight Zone. Boston: C. M. Clark Publishing Co. 1909.
- Devine, Edward Thomas
Misery and its Causes. New York: The Macmillan Co. 1909.
- Hutchinson, Woods,
Instinct and Health. New York: Dodd, Mead & Co. 1909.
- Kirkpatrick, Edwin Ashbury,
Studies in Development and Learning. (Archives of Psychology Series.) New York: Science Press. 1909.

Genetic Psychology: An Introduction to an Objective and Genetic View of Intelligence. New York: The Macmillan Co. 1909.

Long, Joseph Schuyler,
Out of the Silence. Council Bluffs: Published by the author. 1909.

Medbury, Charles S.,
From Eden to the Jordan: Series of Lessons in the Pentateuch. Cincinnati: Standard Publishing Co. 1909.

Merriam, Charles Edward,
Primary Elections. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press. 1909.

Otis, William Bradley,
American Verse, 1625-1807: A History. New York: Moffat, Yard & Co. 1909.

Riggs, James Franklin,
Next Step in School Legislation. Des Moines: Published by the author. 1909.

Swem, Leota, and Sherwood, Rowena,
A Primer of Nursery Rhymes. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co. 1909.

Weaver, S. M.,
Iowa, Its Constitution and Laws. New York: C. E. Merrill Co. 1909.

Wilcox, Henry S.,
Joys of Earth. Chicago: Wilcox Books Concern. 1909.

SOME RECENT HISTORICAL ITEMS IN NEWSPAPERS

The Register and Leader

Pioneer Residences of Des Moines. (In each Sunday issue.)

J. W. Ellis Historical Collection at Maquoketa, March 21, 1909.

Kirkwood and the Dodges, by James B. Weaver, March 21, 1909.

Interesting Historical Incidents of the Early Days in Iowa, by L. F. Andrews, March 21, 1909.

Four Des Moines Citizens of Distinction, March 21, 1909.

The Ashworths, Pioneers in Iowa, by L. F. Andrews, March 28, 1909.

- George G. Wright and George W. McCrary, by James B. Weaver, March 28, 1909.
- Captain Albert Head and the Tenth Iowa Volunteers, by L. F. Andrews, April 4, 1909.
- J. J. Richardson — Half Century with One Iowa Newspaper, April 4, 1909.
- Evolution of the Cooking Stove in Iowa, by L. F. Andrews, April 11, 1909.
- Father Coffin's Great Fight for Railroad Trainmen, April 18, 1909.
- George Otis — Fifty Years an Editor, April 18, 1909.
- Early Settlers and First House in Buena Vista County, April 18, 1909.
- Early Days in Le Claire, a Typical Pioneer Iowa Village, April 18, 1909.
- George T. Carpenter, one of Iowa's Pioneer Educators, by L. F. Andrews, April 18, 1909.
- Sketch of life of John F. Hopkins, Pioneer Lawmaker, April 21, 1909.
- Progress in Post-Offices in Des Moines, April 25, 1909.
- John Scott, one of Iowa's Sturdy Pioneers, by L. F. Andrews, April 25, 1909.
- Burlington, Home of Thriving Industry, April 25, 1909.
- Senator Allison's Recollections of Public Men, May 1, 1909.
- Horace E. Teachout, of Des Moines, by L. F. Andrews, May 2, 1909.
- Naming of Iowa Counties, May 2, 1909.
- Jesse P. Farley of Iowa Made Hill's Railroad, May 9, 1909.
- Iowa's Part in the Mexican War, May 9, 1909.
- Names of Iowa Counties, by L. F. Andrews, May 9, 1909.
- Unveiling of Statue to Mahaska at Oskaloosa, May 12, 1909.
- Wheeler W. Carpenter — Des Moines Man Who Killed Iowa Buffalo, by L. F. Andrews, May 16, 1909.
- Sketches of lives of Le Claire Pioneers, May 16, 1909.
- Sketch of life of Amos Noyes Currier, May 17, 1909.
- Mr. and Mrs. S. V. West, Early Settlers in Polk County, by L. F. Andrews, May 23, 1909.

Samuel Saucerman and the Trimmer Clubs, by L. F. Andrews,
May 30, 1909.

Lenox College — First College to Put in Chair of Agriculture, May
30, 1909.

Oldest Monument to Civil War Veterans in Country is in Iowa,
June 6, 1909.

H. H. Griffiths and Locust Street in 1871, by L. F. Andrews, June
6, 1909.

The Burlington Hawk-Eye

Twenty Years Ago. (In each Sunday issue.)

Appreciation of J. W. Blythe, by A. B. Funk, March 18, 1909.

Pioneer Settlers of Jefferson County, Iowa, March 28, 1909.

Old Time Navigators, April 4, 1909.

Des Moines County in History, April 11, 1909.

The Meek Brothers' Mill and the Bonaparte Dam, April 11, 1909.

The Late Smith Thompson, of Mt. Pleasant, April 11, 1909.

J. J. Richardson — Half a Century with an Iowa Newspaper,
April 11, 1909.

What the 33rd General Assembly Did, April 13, 1909.

A Memory of Musical Burlington, May 2, 1909.

Local Bars Pays Tribute to J. W. Blythe, May 4, 1909.

William Glyndon, Iowa's Monte Christo, May 14, 1909.

Oldest House in Iowa at Fairfield, May 23, 1909.

Sketch of life of Amos Noyes Currier, May 23, 1909.

The Statue of Mahaska at Oskaloosa, May 23, 1909.

The Late George Orm — Conscientious Citizen, May 23, 1909.

Pella — The Plymouth Rock in Iowa, June 6, 1909.

The Sioux City Journal

Twenty Years Ago, and Forty Years Ago. (In each Sunday issue.)

Civil War Anecdotes, related by Iowa Veterans, March 21, 1909.

New Mellary and the Trappist Monks of Dubuque, March 28, 1909.

Bills Passed by the Iowa General Assembly, April 10, 1909.

Mrs. Ann Dickens, of McGregor — Oldest Settler in Iowa, April
11, 1909.

Passing of a Northwestern Iowa Pioneer — William Houston Woods, April 19, 1909.

Senator Allison's Recollections of Public Men, by Arthur Wallace Dunn, May 9, 1909.

Sketch of life of Amos Noyes Currier, May 23, 1909.

The Dubuque Telegraph-Herald

Sketch of History of New Mellary Monastery, March 21, 1909.

Alex. Simplot — Oldest Native Iowan, April 4, 1909.

Work Accomplished by the 33rd General Assembly of Iowa, April 11, 1909.

Dennis Ricard — An Iowan 111 Years of Age, April 25, 1909.

Senator Allison's Recollections of Public Men, by Arthur Wallace Dunn, May 3, 1909.

W. T. Shaw — Veteran of Two Wars Died at Anamosa, May 4, 1909.

Sketch of life of Father T. J. Vaughan, May 10, 1909.

History of Dubuque and Dunlieth Railway Bridge, May 30, 1909.

The Cedar Rapids Republican

The Buffalo in Iowa, March 18, 1909.

Sketch of life of Samuel Wallace Durham, May 4, 1909.

The Story of an Iowa Farm, May 9, 1909.

Sketch of life of Amos N. Currier, May 18, 1909.

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

PUBLICATIONS

The Historical Department of Iowa has issued a pamphlet containing a revised list of the oil portraits now in its possession.

The January-March number of *The Wisconsin Archeologist* consists of an illustrated monograph on *The Bird-Stone Ceremonials of Wisconsin*, by Charles E. Brown.

The leading article in the April number of *The Medford Historical Register* is one by Eliza M. Gill, entitled *The Pump in the Market Place; and Other Water Supplies of Medford, Old and Modern*.

With the exception of a memoir of the late Joseph Bryan, written by W. Gordon McCabe, the April number of *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* is devoted entirely to continuation of documentary material relative to colonial and Revolutionary history.

Cyrus Hall McCormick and the Reaper, by Reuben Gold Thwaites, is a twenty-five page reprint from the *Proceedings* of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin for 1908. Other reprints from the same publication are: *The Old West*, by Frederick Jackson Turner; and *The British Ministry and the Treaty of Stanwix*, by Clarence Walworth Alvord.

Continuations of two serials have formed the sole contents of the numbers of the *German American Annals* issued thus far this year. These two careful studies, which when completed will be of much value, are: *Germans in Texas*, by Gilbert G. Benjamin; and *The Settlement of the German Coast of Louisiana and the Creoles of German Descent*, by J. Hanno Deiler.

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin has within the past six months issued a number of bulletins of information. One of them tells of recent acquisitions of labor material, another de-

scribes accessions to the museums, while others are devoted to lists of newspapers and periodicals received by the Society, reports of auxiliary societies, and lists of members.

Contributions of a general character in the April number of *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* are: *Clues from English Archives Contributory to American Genealogy*, by J. Henry Lea and J. R. Hutchinson; *Lists of Germans from the Palatinate Who Came to England in 1709*; and a list of *New Brunswick Loyalists of the War of the American Revolution*, by D. R. Jack.

In the *Proceedings of the Bostonian Society at the Annual Meeting, January 12 1909*, may be found a number of addresses and papers, among which may be mentioned: *Historical Museums in a Dozen Countries*, by James F. Hunnewell; and *The Myth of Mary Chilton*, by Samuel Arthur Bent. Under the heading, *Reception of a Portrait of James Otis*, there is also presented some interesting material.

In addition to two continuations the April number of *The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine* contains an article on *The Luxembourg Claims*, by D. E. Huger Smith, who gives a clear statement of the difficulty over the frigate "South Carolina". Under the heading, *American Prisoners in Mill Prison at Plymouth, in 1782*, there is printed a letter from Captain John Green to Henry Laurens.

Continuations of T. W. Davenport's *Slavery Question in Oregon*, and John Minto's *From Youth to Age as an American*, occupy the greater part of *The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society* for December. Under the heading of *Documents* may be found the speech of Senator J. Semple on the abrogation of the treaty of joint occupation of the Oregon country, together with other accompanying papers.

Under the title, *A Quaker Pilgrimage*, William H. Love contributes the journal of a mission to the Indians in 1804, in the March number of the *Maryland Historical Magazine*. Henry P. Goddard writes brief sketches of *Some Distinguished Marylanders I Have*

Known; the document known as *Langford's Refutation* is printed from the original in the Bodleian Library; and there is a genealogical sketch of the *Smith Family of Calvert County*, by Christopher Johnston.

The first volume of the *Publications of the Pennsylvania History Club* contains the constitution of the Club, which was organized in 1905, and which consists of persons who have made some worthy contribution to Pennsylvania history, either in the way of research or publication. A brief account is given of the meetings of the Club since its organization, and the remainder of the sixty page booklet is devoted to a *List of Members with their Historical Bibliographies*.

The April number of the *Historical Collections of the Essex Institute* opens with an address on *Abraham Lincoln*, delivered before the Essex Institute on February 12, 1909, by Robert S. Rantoul. Among the continuations are: *Revolutionary Letters Written to Colonel Timothy Pickering*, by George Williams; and *Records of the Vice-Admiralty Court at Halifax, Nova Scotia*. A. W. Greely contributes a genealogical sketch of *Richard Ingersoll and Some of his Descendants*.

In the April number of the *Missouri Historical Review* there may be found an article by James M. Wood, on *The Settlement of Columbia, Mo. — A Type Study*, which deals mainly with the sources of immigration. Harrison A. Trexler writes on *Slavery in Missouri Territory*; there is a continuation of W. S. Bryan's sketch of Daniel Boone, which is devoted to *Daniel Boone's Western "Palatinate"*; and John L. Thomas contributes two articles entitled *Historic Landmarks of Jefferson County*, and *Some Historic Lines in Missouri*.

The Navy of the Republic of Texas is the title of an interesting and valuable contribution by Alex. Dienst, which is begun in the January number of *The Quarterly of the Texas State Historical Association*. There is a continuation of Charles W. Ramsdell's *Presidential Reconstruction in Texas*; and a discussion of the *Plan of Stephen F. Austin for an Institute of Modern Languages at San*

Felipe de Austin, by Mattie Austin Hatcher, which reveals the pioneer's interest in the educational welfare of the colonists under his care.

Colonel Hubley's Journal, 1779, edited by John W. Jordan, and printed in the April number of *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, is a journal of the expedition sent by Washington to punish the hostile Six Nations in western New York. Two contributions which are concluded in this number are: *Thomas Sully's Register of Portraits, 1801-1871*, by Charles Henry Hart; and *Selections from the Military Correspondence of Colonel Henry Bouquet, 1756-1764*, by Helen Jordan. The concluding article is one by John W. Jordan, on the *Moravian Immigration to Pennsylvania, 1734-1765*.

The April number of the *Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly* contains as an opening contribution a sketch of *Me-She-Kun-Nogh-Quah, or Little Turtle, 1783-1812*, by N. B. C. Love. W. H. Mackoy is the writer of an article on *General Benjamin Rush Cowen*. The three articles which follow are connected with the centennial celebration of the death of David Zeisberger, the "Moravian Apostle to the Indians". An account of *The Moravian Records*, by Archer Butler Hulburt, completes this number of the *Quarterly*, except for the proceedings of the twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society, and some editorial notes.

The second volume of the *Publications of the Arkansas Historical Association* is a book of nearly six hundred pages, which contains a great amount of valuable information relative to the history of the State. Among the many papers the following may be mentioned as being of general interest: *A Comprehensive Historical Policy for Arkansas*, by John Hugh Reynolds; *A History of Taxation in Arkansas*, by David Y. Thomas; *The Brooks-Baxter War*, by Benjamin S. Johnson; *The Western Boundary of Arkansas*, by John Hugh Reynolds; *Reconstruction in Arkansas County*, by William Henry Halli Burton; and a report *In Relation to the Pronunciation of the Name "Arkansas"*, by U. M. Rose.

With the April number, which begins volume two, the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society* comes out in a new and enlarged form. Not only is the paper of a much better quality, but the typography as well gives evidence of greater care. A number of editorial notes in the opening pages contain many items of interest to the historically inclined citizen of Illinois and the middle west. Then follow an account of *The Annual Meeting of the Illinois State Historical Society*, May 13-14, 1909, and of the celebration of *The Lincoln Centennial*, a number of biographical sketches, and the second and last installment of J. F. Snyder's *Prehistoric Illinois. Certain Mounds Technically Considered*.

A number of papers dealing with various phases of the second war with England may be found in volume eight of the *Proceedings of the New York State Historical Association*. George L. Hawkins writes on *Perry and His Victory*; and L. L. Babcock tells of *The Siege of Fort Erie*; while other titles are: *General Scott at Lundy's Lane*, by George Douglas Emerson; *The Military Career and Character of Major-General Sir Isaac Brock*, by Ernest Cruikshank; and *The Causes and Results of the Failure of the American Campaigns on the Niagara Frontier in the Second War with England*, by Irwin W. Near. Besides these discussions of military episodes there are a number of papers dealing with the local history of New York State.

Volume twelve of the *Collections of the Minnesota Historical Society* is a veritable storehouse of Minnesota history. A few of the titles of the numerous contributions will indicate only partially the value of the volume. Some of the more extended papers are: *A History of the Capitol Buildings of Minnesota, with Some Account of the Struggles for their Location*, by William B. Dean; *History of the University of Minnesota*, by John B. Gilfilian; *Minnesota Journalism from 1858 to 1865*, by Daniel S. B. Johnston; *Causes and Results of the Inkpaduta Massacre*, by Thomas Hughes; *The Dakotas or Sioux in Minnesota as They Were in 1834*, by Samuel William Pond; *Boundaries and Public Land Surveys of Minnesota*, by Nathan Butler.

In view of the recent revival of interest in waterways as a means of transportation, the twelfth volume of the *Buffalo Historical Society Publications* is especially timely and valuable. Henry Weyland Hill is the author of this monograph of over five hundred pages which bears the title, *An Historical Review of Waterways and Canal Construction in New York State*. The writer begins the account with the first use of natural waterways in New York by the Dutch, and carries it down to the close of the canal campaign in 1903. In every respect the volume is to be commended. Scholarship and painstaking care are stamped upon its pages. The make-up and typography and the paper leave little to be desired, and a comprehensive index makes accessible the storehouse of information contained between the covers.

The April number of *The American Historical Review* opens with quite an extended account of the meeting of the American Historical Association at Washington and Richmond last winter. *Normandy Under William the Conqueror*, by Charles H. Haskins, deals especially with the feudal system in Normandy just previous to the Norman conquest of England. Henri Pirenne discusses in an interesting manner *The Formation and Constitution of the Burgundian State*. Two other articles of which the opening installments are here printed are: *English Conspiracy and Dissent, 1660-1674*, by Wilbur C. Abbott; and *The South Carolina Federalists*, by Ulrich B. Phillips. *Father Pierre Gibault and the Submission of Post Vincennes, 1778*, is the title of a contribution by Clarence W. Alvord, given under the head of documents.

The second volume of the *Collections of the State Historical Society of North Dakota* is a book with a total of over seven hundred pages, and is divided into two parts. The first part contains the report of the Secretary and a number of papers dealing with the general and local history of the State. First come *Addresses and Papers Delivered at Annual Meetings of the State Historical Society*. Eight papers follow under the heading of *North Dakota History*. Then comes a *History of Riverside Township, Steele County*, by Myrtle Bemis. *Biography—Sketches of Deceased Members* is the next heading, and following this there is printed

C. J. Atkins' Logs of Missouri River Steamboat Trips, 1863-1868. Accounts of the *Expeditions of Captain Jas. L. Fisk to the Gold Mines of Idaho and Montana, 1864-1866*, and a number of articles on the *Indians of North Dakota* conclude part one, except for an appendix which contains a discussion of *The Founding of the Catholic Church in North Dakota*, by Rev. John Shanley. Part two is devoted to an illustrated narrative, largely documentary, of the history of *Fort Abercrombie, 1857-1877*, by Orin G. Libby. The whole volume is a creditable addition to the literature of North Dakota history.

Historical societies in the middle west are each year making valuable additions to the materials of the history of the region. A good example may be found in the fourth volume of the *South Dakota Historical Collections*. The first sixty pages are devoted to reports upon the progress and condition of the State Historical Society. Besides a number of memoirs and biographical sketches which follow there may be mentioned the following articles: *The Rescue of Frances Kelly*, by Doane Robinson; *Manuel Lisa*, by Kathryn M. French; *Did the Norsemen Visit the Dakota Country?* by Lars J. Hauge; *The Journal of Charles Le Raye*, edited by Doane Robinson; *The Capture of Sitting Bull*, by E. G. Fehet; the *Autobiography of Louis Dace Letellier*, edited by Constant R. Marks; and *French Pioneers of Sioux City and South Dakota*, by Constant R. Marks. The contribution of most general interest and significance, however, is part two of Charles E. DeLand's monograph on *The Aborigines of South Dakota*, which occupies over four hundred and fifty pages. This part of the monograph is devoted entirely to the Mandan Indians.

ACTIVITIES

The New York Historical Society now occupies a splendid new building at 170 Central Park West.

During the six months from November, 1908, to April, 1909, the Buffalo Historical Society gave to its members and the public twenty-seven entertainments, mostly lectures, many of which were illustrated by stereopticon.

The legislature of Montana established a legislative reference bureau in connection with the Montana Historical and Miscellaneous Library.

The Historical Society of Pennsylvania has recently come into possession of a number of war maps used by General Knox in the campaign for the defense of Delaware. Another noteworthy accession is a collection of documents of the Revolution which include records of court martials at Valley Forge.

The Ohio Valley Historical Association has been conducting an investigation of the teaching of local history in the public schools, with a view to making recommendations on the subject. It has also been endeavoring to locate manuscripts relative to Ohio Valley history to be found in the possession of private individuals.

On June 7 the Kentucky State Historical Society held its annual reception commemorative of the day on which Daniel Boone first saw Kentucky. The Society hopes to move into its rooms in the new State capitol during the summer. There is a movement on foot to have the old capitol building repaired, made fire-proof, and presented to the Society as a permanent home. Thus far in advance of the legislature of 1910, however, the outcome can not be predicted.

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin has recently acquired a collection of one hundred and fifty works on art from the library of the late Mrs. Anne R. Sheldon, of Madison. A bundle of the naval papers of Rear Admiral Wilkes is a valuable accession of manuscripts. They consist chiefly of papers, 1801-1845, of William B. Finch (afterwards William C. Bolton) including reports of his visit to the Hawaiian Islands in 1829. The most noteworthy manuscript relating to Admiral Wilkes is the draft of his letter to the Secretary of the Navy reporting the seizure of the steamer Trent, November 8, 1861. The legislature added twelve hundred dollars to the annual support fund of the Society.

On June 15, under the auspices of the South Dakota Department of History, a monument to the "Fool Soldiers", a band of Teton Sioux Indians, who in 1862 rescued a party of captives carried to

the Missouri, was dedicated at the point of rescue near Mobridge, in Walworth County. A monument has also been provided by the Department to mark the site of "Old Fort Sully", four miles east of Pierre, built in 1863 by the Sixth Iowa Cavalry, and abandoned in 1866. This fort must not be confused with the Fort Sully long an important post near the mouth of the Cheyenne River.

A recent acquisition of the Missouri Historical Society is a substantial addition to its collection of Vallé Papers. The Spanish régime is the period covered by this latest accession, and since the Vallé family was very prominent in those days these papers possess a rare value. The Society hopes in the course of a few years to be able to erect a building for itself. A considerable sum of money has been raised for this purpose.

The Arkansas Historical Association has come into possession of the journal of Captain Henry Brockman, who commanded a company of Arkansas infantry during the Civil War. The journal gives an account of the movements of the company, and of the more important conflicts and battles in that State from 1863 to 1865. The most significant work of the Association during the past few months was to secure the enactment of a law creating an Arkansas History Commission. The commission consists of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Presidents of the State University and the State Normal, and six other members appointed by the governor, all of whom act without salary. There is a salaried secretary, chosen by the commission, who devotes his entire time to the work. The duties of the commission are to care for the archives of the State and other historical collections, to superintend the editing of official records and other source materials, and to encourage historical research in the State.

The Minnesota Historical Society has made distinct progress along all the lines of its activities during the past year, as is shown by the fifteenth biennial *Report* submitted to the legislature in March. The library now contains nearly ninety-five thousand volumes, including a rich collection of Minnesota material and of genealogical literature. The museum has received many interest-

ing acquisitions and additions have been made to the collection of portraits. In the field of research and publication, especially, has the Society been active. Two volumes of the Collections have been published recently, making a total of thirteen volumes in this valuable series. Other publications in preparation include an archaeological history of the State, a volume containing brief biographies of Minnesota men, a book of geographical names, and a detailed history of the Society itself. During the session of the legislature this spring the Society made a determined but unsuccessful effort to secure an appropriation for a historical building.

A NEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Sognalaget is the name of an organization of immigrants from Sogn, Norway, and their descendants in this country. "Sons of Sogn" counts among its members Governor James Davidson of Wisconsin, State Auditor Iverson of Minnesota, and other persons prominent in educational work, in the church, in politics, in business, and in the Norse settlements throughout the northwestern States. The Sognalaget was permanently organized December 30, 1908, at Albert Lea, Minnesota, with a membership of one hundred and fifty. On June 8-9, 1909, the Society held its first annual meeting at Albert Lea, with the very remarkable attendance of one thousand people. Eight hundred people attended the banquet on June 8, this number being approximately the present membership in the sixth month of the existence of the Society.

Among the objects of the Society will be the investigation of the Sogn dialect, the study of the folk literature and folklore of Sogn, research in Norse-American pioneer history, and the preparation of a history of Norsemen in America and of their influence on American life.

Among the speakers at the annual meeting were Rev. M. Falk Gjetson of Minneapolis, Professor George T. Flom of The State University of Iowa, Dr. Nannestad of Albert Lea, and Rev. Atle Lee of Glenwood, Minnesota. Professor Flom upon special request prepared and presented plans for an extensive investigation into Norse-American history. This plan contemplates, among other

things, the division of the field into four geographical districts each of which will be presided over by a secretary. Professor Flom was unanimously elected Historian, to have general charge of the work. The secretary of the Society is Mr. E. R. Happerstad of Albert Lea, Minnesota.

The objects of this new Society are most praiseworthy, and it is to be hoped that the work begun with such enthusiasm will be carried out earnestly and with thoroughness.

THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

The second annual meeting was held at St. Louis, Missouri, June 17-19, 1909. With the exception of the first and the fourth sessions all the sessions were held in the rooms of the Missouri Historical Society. The following is the program which was prepared, and which, with the exception of the papers by Professors F. N. Shipley, Frank H. Hodder, and Roland G. Usher, was given in full:

JUNE 17, 8:30 P. M.

Address of Welcome — Herbert S. Hadley, Governor of Missouri.

Response — Orin Grant Libby, Ph. D., Professor of History, University of North Dakota.

Address — *The Conservation of the Natural Resources of the Mississippi Valley*—Ernest M. Pollard, Former Member of Congress from Nebraska.

JUNE 18, 9:00 A. M.

The Mississippi Valley as an Ethnological Field

(a) Upper Mississippi Region — James Mooney, Bureau of American Ethnology, Washington, D. C.

(b) Lower Mississippi Region — John R. Swanton, Ph. D., Bureau of American Ethnology, Washington, D. C.

Physiography as Related to History in the Mississippi Valley — Curtis Fletcher Marbut, Ph. D., Professor of Geology, University of Missouri.

The Study of the Present as an Aid in Interpreting the Past — Edward Alsworth Ross, Ph. D., Professor of Sociology, University of Wisconsin.

JUNE 18, 2:30 P. M.

Conference of Historical Societies — Chairman, Edgar R. Harlan, Acting Curator of the Historical Department of Iowa.

(a) *Applied History* — Benjamin F. Shambaugh, Ph. D., Superintendent of State Historical Society of Iowa.

(b) *Recent Historical Legislation of Arkansas* — John Hugh Reynolds, A. M., Secretary Arkansas Historical Society, and Historical Commission.

- (c) *Marking of Historic Spots in Illinois* — William A. Meese, Moline, Illinois.
- (d) *Plans of the American Archaeological Institute for Work in America* — Professor F. N. Shipley, Washington University.
- (e) *Relation of State and Historical Libraries* — Francis Asbury Sampson, LL. B., Secretary and Librarian State Historical Society of Missouri.

JUNE 18, 6:00 P. M.

Dinner at the Planters Hotel, and reception to members of Mississippi Valley Historical Association, in Hotel Parlors.

JUNE 19, 9:00 A. M.

Early Banking in Kentucky — Elmer Cummings Griffith, Ph. D., Professor of History and Political Science, William Jewell College.

Archaeology of the Mississippi Valley — William Henry Holmes, Chief of the Bureau of American Ethnology, Washington, D. C.

First Election of United States Senators in Iowa — Dan Elbert Clark, Research Assistant, State Historical Society of Iowa.

The Second Missouri Compromise — Frank Heywood Hodder, Ph. D., Professor of History, University of Kansas.

JUNE 19, 2:30 P. M.

Did Coronado see the Missouri River or Reach the Mississippi? — James N. Basket, Member Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis.

The Significance of the British Attack on St. Louis in 1780 — James Alton James, Ph. D., Professor of History, Northwestern University.

Western Sanitary Commission — Roland G. Usher, Ph. D., Professor of History, Washington University.

Early Travel and Trade in the Lower Mississippi Valley — William O. Scroggs, A. M., Assistant Professor of History, Louisiana State University.

The attendance was about as large as at the first annual meeting, the sessions were enthusiastic, and the papers and discussions were unusually interesting and suggestive. The interest which was manifested in the discussion of ethnological and archaeological topics is evidence of the broad scope of the Association's projected activities. The feeling was very apparent that the Association must get entirely away from the old stereotyped conception of history, and include within its field all possible phases of historical work. The Association has a membership of nearly three hundred, and with this body as a nucleus it is hoped to create an interest in the past life of the Mississippi Valley which will do much for the long neglected history of this region.

The need of marking historic sites was especially emphasized, and a resolution was adopted urging all historical agencies in the

Middle West to encourage activity in this direction. Another resolution recommended that Congress be urged to erect a monument to La Salle at the mouth of the Mississippi River, and another to Marquette and Joliet at the mouth of the Wisconsin River. Furthermore, a committee was appointed to do all in its power to encourage and promote the marking of historic sites throughout the valley.

Publication is another feature of the work planned by the Association. The Executive Committee was empowered to appoint a Publication Committee whose duties should be to endeavor to raise funds to begin the publication of a series of collections. The first volume of the transactions of the Association will go to press in the near future.

An automobile trip around the city, a dinner and reception at the Planters Hotel, and a visit to Monk's Mound, or Cahokia Mound as it more commonly called, combined to make the St. Louis meeting a pleasant one socially.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Orin G. Libby; Vice President, Benjamin F. Shambaugh; Secretary-Treasurer, Clarence S. Paine; two members of Executive Committee, Dunbar Rowland and Charles E. Brown. Clarence W. Alvord, by virtue of being the retiring President, becomes a member of the Executive Committee, ex-officio.

Invitations were extended to the Association to hold its next annual meeting at Lincoln, Nebraska, Des Moines, Iowa, and Iowa City, Iowa. At this time the Executive Committee has not determined upon the place for holding the next meeting.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

Mr. John E. Brindley, of the State Agricultural College, is preparing a *History of Taxation in Iowa*, which will eventually be published by the Society.

Mr. Jacob Van der Zee has been elected to the position of Reference Assistant in the Library of The State University of Iowa for the year 1909-1910. He will continue, however, to devote some time to research work for the Society.

Dr. Benjamin F. Shambaugh and Mr. Dan E. Clark represented the Society at the meeting of The Mississippi Valley Historical Association, at St. Louis, June 17-19.

Mr. Clifford Powell and Miss Ethyl E. Martin, both members of the Society, were the respective winners of the first and third prizes offered by the Iowa Society of the Colonial Dames of America for the best essays in Iowa history.

Mr. Kenneth Colgrove, author of *The Delegates to Congress from the Territory of Iowa*, will do research work under the auspices of the Society during the summer. He has recently been awarded the Jesup prize offered at the State University of Iowa for the best essay on some subject relating to citizenship.

Mr. Louis Pelzer, who for two years has been Research Assistant in The State Historical Society of Iowa, is teaching in the State Normal School at Winona, Minnesota, during the present summer session. He has been elected to the position of Professor of History in the Montana State Normal School for the year 1909-1910.

Mrs. Sarah C. Fellows has donated to the Society a number of valuable books and pamphlets which belonged to her husband, the late Stephen N. Fellows. The Society especially appreciates all such additions to its library because of the association of the books with the men who have helped to build the Commonwealth of Iowa.

Dr. John C. Parish, who for a year has been in Europe on a leave of absence from the Society, has returned to Iowa. While in Europe Dr. Parish spent much time in the archives of France and Spain, searching for material bearing on Mississippi Valley history. He will now resume active connection with the work of the Society.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. C. R. Benedict, Shelby, Iowa; Mr. Geo. L. Schoonover, Anamosa, Iowa; Mr. Thomas D. Foster, Ottumwa, Iowa; Mr. Roger Leavitt, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Miss Merze Marvin, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Byron W. Newberry, Strawberry Point, Iowa; Professor Paul F. Peck, Grinnell, Iowa; Miss Sara F. Rice,

Cedar Falls, Iowa; Hon. B. W. Lacy, Dubuque, Iowa; Miss Sara M. Riggs, Cedar Falls, Iowa; and Mr. S. G. Frink, Tipton, Iowa.

Pursuant to law a meeting of the members of the Society was held on the evening of Monday, June 28, 1909, for the purpose of electing Curators for the ensuing biennial period. The following is the list of those elected: M. W. Davis, Peter A. Dey, George W. Ball, J. W. Rich, Euclid Sanders, Laenas G. Weld, Arthur J. Cox, James H. Trewin, and Henry G. Walker. A resolution was adopted instructing the Secretary to send the greetings of the Society to Dr. Josiah L. Pickard, the only living Ex-President of the Society.

NOTES AND COMMENT

The Iowa Department of the G. A. R. held its annual encampment at Fort Dodge, June 8-10, 1909.

A Bureau of Municipal Research, modelled after the one in New York City, has been established at Cincinnati, Ohio.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Lake Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration was held on May 19-21, 1909.

A movement has been inaugurated to commemorate the three-hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims by a World's Tercentennial Exposition at Boston in 1920.

Professor James A. James, of Northwestern University, has returned from a several months' sojourn in Europe, where he gathered material relative to certain phases of western history.

Professor Frederick J. Turner, of Wisconsin University, delivered the Phi Beta Kappa address during commencement week at The State University of Iowa on the subject of *Pioneer Ideals and the State University*.

The thirty-sixth annual meeting of the National Conference of Charities and Correction was held at Buffalo, New York, during the week ending June 19. Miss Jane Addams, of Chicago, was chosen President of the Conference for 1910.

The workings of tax commissions may be seen in two western States — Wisconsin and Minnesota. The commission in Wisconsin has recently made its fourth biennial report, while in Minnesota the commission is of more recent establishment and made its first report to the last legislature.

The Thirty-Third General Assembly of Iowa appropriated the sum of one thousand dollars to defray the expenses of disinterring the remains of Iowa's first State Governor, Ansel Briggs, and of removing them to his former home at Andrew, Jackson County,

Iowa. The disinterment took place on May 21, and the remains of the old Governor now rest in Iowa soil, beneath a suitable monument. It was chiefly through the efforts of Mr. J. W. Ellis, of Maquoketa, that the appropriation was made.

On Friday, June 11, 1909, the thirty-seventh annual reunion of the Oregon Pioneer Association was held at Portland, Oregon. This association consists of persons coming to, or born in, the original Territory of Oregon prior to the close of the year 1859. Especial interest attaches to the reunion this year in view of the fact that it is the year of the semi-centennial of Oregon's statehood.

The Old Settlers' Association of Cedar County held its annual meeting at Tipton on June 10, 1909. The principal address was given by Mr. B. L. Wick, of Cedar Rapids. This association numbers among its members some of the oldest of the Iowa pioneers. During the past year death took away a large number, some of whom came to the Iowa country while it was yet a part of the Territory of Wisconsin.

The past few months have witnessed the unveiling of a number of monuments in the Mississippi Valley. The service rendered by George Rogers Clark in saving the Old Northwest received recognition recently at Quincy, Illinois, in the erection of a monument. At Chicago on May 16, a tablet in honor of the explorers Marquette and Joliet was unveiled. Among the many Lincoln monuments perhaps the most interesting is the one unveiled at the martyr President's birthplace in Kentucky, on May 31. These instances have been selected among many because of the influence which the men in whose honor the monuments were erected had on the history of the middle west. Within the State of Iowa may also be mentioned the monument to Governor Briggs at Andrew, one to Chief Mahaska at Oskaloosa and one to Company H, 31st Iowa Infantry, at Monticello.

Beginning with the present year the Iowa Society of the Colonial Dames of America will offer three prizes, instead of one as hitherto, for the best essay in Iowa history, written by a student in an Iowa college or university. The first prize is seventy-five dollars, the

second fifty dollars, and the third twenty-five dollars. All of the essays submitted this year were of an unusually high order and the markings were close. Mr. Clifford Powell, a student at the State University of Iowa, won the first prize with an essay entitled, *Contributions of Albert M. Lea to the Literature of Iowa History*. Miss Beulah May Garrard, of Cornell College, came second with an essay on *The Development of County Government in Iowa*. The third prize was won by Miss Ethyl E. Martin, of The State University of Iowa, who wrote on *A Bribery Episode in the First Election of United States Senators in Iowa*. The remaining essays ranked but little below the prize winners, and are worthy of much praise. The Iowa Society of the Colonial Dames is to be congratulated on its success in arousing an interest in Iowa history, and in stimulating the production of so many worthy essays as were submitted this year.

President Roosevelt exhibited a wise foresightedness when he directed the Committee of Department Methods to appoint an assistant committee to make recommendations concerning documentary historical publications of the United States Government. This committee which was composed of some of the most eminent historians in the country has made an extended report covering forty large pages. By way of introduction there is a review of the course pursued by the Government hitherto, showing the lack of method and the extravagance which have prevailed; and a survey of the field of United States history with special reference to the gaps to be filled in official publications. Then follow the recommendations, ending with suggestions for a permanent Commission on National Historical Publications and a draft of a bill creating such a commission. It is sincerely to be hoped the recommendations of this report will be adopted.

SAMUEL WALLACE DURHAM

Samuel Wallace Durham was born on March 7, 1817, at Vallonia, Jackson County, Indiana. He moved to Iowa in 1840; and, with the exception of three years spent on a farm, he made his home at Marion, in Linn County. He was a delegate to the Constitutional

Convention of 1844, of which he was the sole surviving member at the time of his death. From 1843 to 1855 he occupied the office of United States Deputy Surveyor. He made the first plat of the city of Cedar Rapids and laid out the town of Marion, besides surveying a number of the western counties of the State. He held the office of Sheriff in 1846-1847; and at intervals from 1841 to 1895 occupied the position of County Surveyor. Mr. Durham was a Democrat in politics, and from 1841 to 1855 took an active part in political campaigns. He died at his home in Marion on Sunday, May 2, 1909.

MARY R. WHITCOMB

Miss Mary R. Whitcomb, who for several years has been Assistant Curator of the Historical Department of Iowa, passed away on April 8, 1909. Miss Whitcomb was born at Grinnell, Iowa, on April 4, 1860. After leaving Iowa College she taught school for many years until her health failed. In 1894 she was appointed to the position of assistant in the State Library, where she remained until 1896, when she was offered the position in the Historical Department which she held at the time of her death.

Since the death of Curator Charles Aldrich probably no one was so thoroughly acquainted with all phases of the work of the Historical Department as was Miss Whitcomb. She was faithful, efficient, and enthusiastic in her work. Not only did she have charge of the library of the Department, but she contributed a number of articles on subjects of Iowa history. She will be greatly missed, not only by those who were associated with her in the work, but by all those who have ever had occasion to experience her kindly helpfulness.

AMOS NOYES CURRIER

On May 16, 1909, Dean Amos Noyes Currier, who for over forty years was a member of the faculty of The State University of Iowa, passed away at his home in Iowa City. In his death the State loses a patriotic citizen and an educator beloved by all who knew him.

Dean Currier was born on October 13, 1832, near Canaan, New

Hampshire. After preparatory work at Kimball Academy he entered Dartmouth College, from which he graduated at the age of twenty-four. In 1857 he came west to accept the position of Professor of Ancient Languages in Central College at Pella, Iowa. In 1861 he entered the army and served until the close of the Civil War. Then after two more years spent at Central College he began his long career at the State University. He was Dean of the College of Liberal Arts from 1887 to 1907, when at the completion of forty years of faithful service in the one institution, he retired from active work on the faculty. Up to the time of his death, however, he continued to take a keen interest in all the affairs of the University.

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