

## HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

### PUBLICATIONS

*The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* for July contains continuations of documentary material relating to the colonial history of Virginia.

The July number of *The Medford Historical Register* is almost entirely taken up with an entertaining article on *A Pioneer Railroad and How It Was Built*, by Moses W. Mann.

*Bulletin* number five of the North Carolina Historical Commission contains an illustrated sketch of *The Great Seal of the State of North Carolina*, by J. Bryan Grimes.

The *Annual Report of the Connecticut Historical Society*, which was presented in May, 1909, consists of the President's address, the reports of various officers, and a list of members.

The belated March number of *The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society* is entirely taken up with *Documents Relative to Warre and Vavasour's Military Reconnoissance in Oregon, 1845-6*, edited by Joseph Schafer.

*The Annual Report of the Essex Institute for the Year Ending May 3, 1909*, contains the president's address, a list of officers and members, reports of officers, and lists of additions to the collections of the Institute.

In the April number of *The "Old Northwest" Genealogical Quarterly* the opening contribution is entitled *Charles Aldrich — A Memorial Sketch*, by S. C. Derby. A number of genealogical articles complete the contents.

The biennial *Handbook* of the American Historical Association for 1909 was issued in April. It contains information concerning the Association and its activities, together with complete lists of officers, committees, and members.

*The Wyoming Valley and Union Sentiment in the American Revolution* is the title of an address by Claude Halstead Van Tyne, which is printed in the *Report of the Proceedings of the Wyoming Commemorative Association* for 1909.

In the April-July number of *The Wisconsin Archeologist* George A. West presents an interesting discussion of *Chipped Flint Perforators of Wisconsin*; and Edson C. Smith contributes some *Suggestions of Mexico in the Mound Relics*.

*The James McBride Manuscripts: Selections Relating to the Miami University*, arranged and edited by John Ewing Bradford, occupy the April-June number of the *Quarterly Publication of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio*.

J. Hanno Deiler's study of *The Settlement of the German Coast of Louisiana and the Creoles of German Descent* is concluded in the July-August number of the *German American Annals*. There is also a continuation of the story of the *Germans in Texas*, by Gilbert G. Benjamin.

*Early Mile-Stones Leading from Boston, and Mile-Stones at Groton*; and *Slavery at Groton, Massachusetts in Provincial Times*, are the subjects of papers read before the Massachusetts Historical Society in January and March, 1909, by Samuel Abbott Green. These papers are now printed in pamphlet form.

*John Calvin and the Psalmody of the Reformed Churches*, by Louis F. Benson; *Conewago Presbyterian Church*, by Jacob Weidman; and a pastoral letter printed under the heading, *Presbyterians and the Revolution*, are among the contributions to the *Journal of the Presbyterian Historical Society* for September.

Among the contributions to the July number of *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* may be mentioned a biographical sketch of *John Harsen Rhoades*, by Hopper Striker Mott; a continuation of *Clues from English Archives Contributory to American Genealogy*, by J. Henry Lea and J. R. Hutchinson; a brief genealogy of *The Dutcher Family*, by Walter Kenneth Griffin; and the *Church Register of the Walpeck Congregation*.

Besides a biographical sketch of Francis Philip Fleming the April number of *The Florida Historical Society Quarterly* contains an article on *Pensacola: Its Early History*, by Mrs. S. J. Gonzalez; the beginning of a biographical sketch of *Senator David Levy Yulee*, by C. Wickliffe Yulee; and a number of shorter contributions.

The first part of number twenty-four of the *Filson Club Publications* contains an entertaining account of *The Life of James Francis Leonard, the First Practical Sound-Reader of the Morse Alphabet*, by John Wilson Townsend. In the second part there is a *Biographical Sketch of Colonel Joseph Crockett*, by Samuel W. Price.

Among the contributions to the July number of *The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine* are a continuation of *Letters from Commodore Alexander Gillon in 1778 and 1779*; a transcript of *Records Kept by Colonel Isaac Hayne*; and an *Account of the Loss of the Randolph as Given in a Letter from Rawlins Lowndes to Henry Laurens*.

*Samuel Champlain and the Lake Champlain Tercentenary*, by Henry W. Hill; *Immigration to Vermont*, by John E. Goodrich; *Life, Character and Times of Ira Allen*, by Daniel P. Thompson; and an *Address Before the Vermont Historical Society by Daniel P. Thompson, October 24, 1850*, are the papers and addresses printed in the *Proceedings of the Vermont Historical Society for the Years 1908-1909*.

The *Deutsch-Amerikanische Geschichtsblätter* for July opens with an article on *Der deutsche Protestantismus in Amerika* by Wilhelm Müller. Following this there is a sketch of the life of *Gottlieb Theodor Kellner*, by C. F. Huch. Then come a number of extracts *Aus alten Zeitungen*; a continuation of Heinrich Bornmann's *Geschichte der Deutschen Quincy's*; and a sketch of *Deutsche Familien-Namen in Nord-Carolina*.

In the *Proceedings of the Bunker Hill Monument Association* for 1909 may be found the address of the President, John Collins Warren, on *The Historical Exhibit in the Monument Lodge*; an

address on *Early Experiments in Paper Money in America*, by Andrew McFarland Davis; and a communication from Horace N. Fisher which consists of copies of a number of letters from the manuscript collection at the Artemas Ward homestead.

The *Military Journal Kept in 1777, During the Rhode Island Expedition*, by John Goodwin of Marblehead, Mass., is the opening contribution to the July number of the *Historical Collections of the Essex Institute*. There is a continuation of the *Records of the Vice-Admiralty Court at Halifax, Nova Scotia*. An article by Herbert E. Valentine on *The Amphions*; a number of *Revolutionary Letters Written to Colonel Timothy Pickering*, and two other contributions of a documentary nature complete the number.

In the January-April number of the *Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society* there are a number of brief biographical sketches of *New Jersey Chaplains in the Army of the Revolution*, by Rev. F. R. Brace; and *Some Unpublished Revolutionary Manuscripts* taken from the collection of Mr. William Nelson. The latter contribution is continued in the July number where may also be found the minutes of *The New Providence Academy* from 1817 to 1832, and a tribute to the memory of *Miss Marie Antoinette Quinby*, by Mrs. Thomas J. Craven.

Number eighteen of the *Publications of the American Jewish Historical Society* contains the following excellent articles: *The Early History of the Jews in New York, 1654-1664*, by Samuel Oppenheim; *A Burial Place for the Jewish Nation Forever*, by Rosalie S. Phillips; *A Memorial of Jews to Parliament Concerning Jewish Participation in Colonial Trade, 1696*, by Max J. Kohler; *Notes on the History of the Jews in Barbados*, by N. Darnell Davis; *The Jews' Tribute in Jamaica*, by George Fortunatus Judah; and *Notes on the History of the Jews in Surinam*, by P. A. Hilfman.

The July number of the *Missouri Historical Review* opens with a continuation of *Some Historic Lines in Missouri*, by John L. Thomas, which is largely devoted to a discussion of the famous Missouri-Iowa boundary dispute. Joab Spencer writes of *Missouri's Aboriginal Inhabitants*, and there is a third installment of William

S. Bryan's sketch of *Daniel Boone in Missouri*. *A Historical Sketch of the Presbyterian Church in Columbia, Missouri*, by William F. Switzler; and *A Few of the Colonial and Revolutionary Ancestors of Mrs. Jessie Benton Fremont*, by Emma S. White, are other contributions.

The *Sixteenth Biennial Report of the Board of Directors of the Kansas State Historical Society* reveals commendable activity on the part of this society during the biennial period ending June 30, 1908. Perhaps the most interesting information contained in the volume, to the outsider, are the accounts of the marking of the Santa Fe Trail; a paper on *Memorial Monuments and Tablets in Kansas*, by George W. Martin; and a sketch of *The Early History of the Seventh Kansas Cavalry*, by S. M. Fox. The work of the society in all its phases is fully presented in reports by the various officers.

Among the contributions to the June number of the *Maryland Historical Magazine* are: *Early Career of Governor Francis Nicholson*, by Charles William Sommerville; *Action Between American and British Barges in the Chesapeake Bay, November, 1782*, which consists of documents taken from the Society's collections; *Resistance to Stamp Act*, prepared by Richard D. Fisher from documents in the Public Record Office, London; *Francis Scott Key as a Churchman*, by Clarence C. Wroth; and *Lieut. Gorrell's Journal* of his experience while commander of a post on Lake Michigan in 1761-1763, parts of which have never before been published.

Among the more extended articles in volume five, part two, of the *Historical Records and Studies* published by the United States Catholic Historical Society are: *Governor Edward Kavanagh*, by Charles W. Collins; *The Capuchins in America*, by Otto Jeron; *The Rev. John Kelly*, by Henry A. Brann; *Old Saint Peter's or The Beginnings of Catholicity in Baltimore*, by J. A. Frederick; *The Catholic Bar of New York from 1808 to 1908*, by Edward J. McGuire; the concluding chapter of *Constitutional Freedom of Religion and the Revivals of Religious Intolerance*, by Peter Condon; and *Personal Letters of Rev. P. J. De Smet*, translated by John E. Cahalan.

The July number of *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* contains some valuable original material of the Revolutionary period. The first contribution is the *Orderly Book of Gen. John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg, March 26-December 20, 1777*. There is another installment of *Colonel Hubley's Journal, 1779*, edited by John W. Jordan, and then come a number of *Letters of William Penn*; some *Selections From the Letter-Books of Thomas Wharton, of Philadelphia, 1773-1783*; an article by John W. Jordan on *William Parsons, Surveyor General, and Founder of Easton, Pennsylvania*; and some extracts from the *Correspondence of General Edward Hand, of the Continental Line, 1779-1781*.

The July number of the *Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly* opens with an account of *Explorations of the Seip Mound*, by William C. Mills. Articles which follow are: *The Centennial of Miami University*, by A. H. Upham; *Spiegel Grove, the Home of Rutherford B. Hayes*, by Lucy Elliot Keeler; *Auto-Sketch of Charles Williams*, who claimed to have been the first white settler on the site of the present city of Coshocton; and the address by Governor Andrew L. Harris at the time of the dedication of the Grant tablet at Point Pleasant, Ohio, on October 2, 1907. There is also a very entertaining sketch of *Washington's First Battle Ground*, by E. O. Randall, Editor of the *Quarterly*.

*The Christian Church and Slavery in the Middle Ages* is the title of an article by Frederick Pijper in the July number of *The American Historical Review*. Wilbur C. Abbott contributes a second installment of *English Conspiracy and Dissent, 1660-1674*, which completes the study. *Chatham, 1708-1908*, is the subject discussed by Charles W. Colby. There is a continuation of the paper on *The South Carolina Federalists*, by Ulrich B. Phillips; while Ephraim D. Adams writes an excellent article on *English Interest in the Annexation of California*. Under the heading of documents there may be found *Texts of Columbus's Privileges*, edited by Frances G. Davenport; and *South Carolina Federalist Correspondence, 1789-1797*, contributed by Ulrich B. Phillips.

A biographical sketch of *Judge John F. Dillon*, by Edward H. Stiles, is begun in the April number of the *Annals of Iowa*. Al-

bert Newton Harbert is the writer of *A Review of Dr. Wilson's Swastika*. The "College Day" address on *Laying the Foundations*, delivered at the Iowa State College at Ames by Charles E. Bessey on October 20, 1908; a continuation of *Iowa and the First Nomination of Abraham Lincoln*, by F. I. Herriott; and an editorial appreciation of *Miss Mary R. Whitcomb* are the remaining articles in the April number. The July number opens with an article from the pen of the late Charles Aldrich on *The Building of An Autograph Collection*. Under the heading of *The Upper Des Moines Valley — 1848*, there is printed an interesting journal of an unknown writer. Following this there is the conclusion of the sketch of Judge Dillon. *Recollections of War Times*, by Col. David Palmer; and *Governor Kirkwood and the Skunk River War*, by Frank W. Eichelberger, conclude the number.

The *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society* is proving more valuable with each succeeding issue. In the July number there may be found much interesting material relative to the history of Illinois. Besides a list of the officers and committees of the Society, an account of the annual meeting held May 13 and 14, 1909, and other editorial notes, George C. Broadhead contributes some *Interesting Extracts from Old Newspapers*; and under the heading, *A Statesman's Letters of the Civil War Period*, Duane Mowry contributes a number of letters written by Senator Lyman Trumbull to Senator James R. Doolittle of Wisconsin. *Two Letters from Gov. Ninian Edwards*, contributed by Louise I. Enos; and *Extracts from the Journal of Captain Harry Gordon*, who made a journey down the Ohio River to the Illinois country in 1766, complete the contents of a documentary character. In addition there is a description of the *Dedication of George Rogers Clark Monument at Quincy, Illinois*, by H. W. Clendenin; and the third installment of J. F. Snyder's *Prehistoric Illinois; Certain Indian Mounds Technically Considered*, in which are discussed the temple or domiciliary mounds.

#### ACTIVITIES

Professor M. D. Learned is in Germany gathering material relative to the German emigration to the United States for the Depart-

ment of Historical Research in the Carnegie Institution. Mr. Waldo G. Leland has also returned to Paris to complete the work begun by him in the archives there.

The Archives Department of the Indiana State Library has been forced to suspend activities because the last legislature of the State failed to provide for a continuation of the work.

The Mississippi Valley Historical Association has issued a folder containing a list of the officers, a description of the organization and objects of the Association, and an outline of proposed activities during the coming year and in the future.

The Texas Library and Historical Commission is a new historical agency created by an act of the last legislature of Texas. This commission will consist of the head of the school of history in the University of Texas, the superintendent of public instruction, and three other members appointed by the governor.

The Lucas County (Iowa) Historical Society held its annual meeting on June 10. The following officers were elected: President, Warren S. Dungan; Vice President, John H. Darrah; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. F. H. Boynton; Curator, Mrs. E. L. Hickman; Board of Directors, Miss Margaret W. Brown, Mrs. E. L. Hickman, John H. Darrah, and Walter Dewey. The Society has been making a systematic canvass for funds with which to purchase cases in which to preserve its manuscripts and other historical material.

#### THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

Mr. Jacob Van der Zee is engaged in gathering material for a history of the Hollanders in Iowa.

A biography of Thomas Cox, written by Mr. Harvey Reid of Maquoketa, is now in press and will be distributed in the near future.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. John Wilson Townsend, Lexington, Kentucky; Mr. Martin J. Wade, Iowa City, Iowa; Professor C. R. Shatto,

Toledo, Iowa; Mr. H. E. C. Ditzen, Davenport, Iowa; and Mr. Elmer E. Johnston, Iowa City, Iowa.

Miss Clara Daley, a member of the Society, has been appointed to an instructorship in history at The State University of Iowa for the current year.

Mr. John Wilson Townsend, of Lexington, Kentucky, a member of the Society, is the author of *The Life of James Francis Leonard*, which appears in a recent number of the *Filson Club Publications*. Other works by Mr. Townsend are: *Richard Hickman Menefee*, and *Kentuckians in History and Literature*.