

SOME PUBLICATIONS

AMERICANA

GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS

Herbert Bruce Fuller is the author of a timely volume on *The Speakers of the House*, published by Little, Brown & Company.

The American City is the name of a new periodical devoted to municipal affairs, which has made its appearance in New York City.

Frank J. Goodnow is the author of a volume on *Municipal Government* which has recently been published by The Century Company.

Dorrance Inscriptions: Old Sterling Township Burying Ground, Oneco, Connecticut, is a recent pamphlet prepared by Emma Finney Welch.

Narratives of New Netherland, edited by J. Franklin Jameson, is a volume in the series of *Original Narratives of Early American History* which has recently been published.

Selected Articles on the Commission Plan of Municipal Government, is the title of a volume compiled by E. Clyde Robbins, which is published in the *Debater's Handbook Series*.

Makers of Canada is the title of a comprehensive twenty-one volume work prepared under the direction of a board of editors, and published by Morang and Company, of Toronto.

A brief account of the *First Quaker Meeting House in Salem*; and a few notes on *Part of Marblehead in 1700*, by Sidney Perley, are historical articles in *The Essex Antiquarian* for October.

The *Jamestown Exposition Blue Book* is a volume of eight hundred and fifty pages, copiously illustrated, which contains a record of the exercises and speeches occurring in connection with the exposition.

The Practice of Asylum in Legations and Consulates of the United States is the title of an article by Barry Gilbert which is reprinted from the July number of *The American Journal of International Law*.

The United States and Spain, by Martin Hume; and *The Public School as a Factor in International Conciliation*, by Myra Kelly, are pamphlets recently published by the American Association for International Conciliation.

Interest on Debts where Intercourse between Debtor and Creditor is Forbidden by a State of War is the title of an article by Charles Noble Gregory, which is reprinted from the July number of the *Law Quarterly Review*.

The South in the Building of the Nation is the subject of a twelve volume work now in preparation under the supervision of a capable board of editors. The work will be published by The Southern Historical Publication Society, of Richmond, Virginia.

E. S. Smith is the writer of an article entitled *The Truth About Mexico*, which has been reprinted from *The Bankers Magazine*. An effort is here made to refute some of the charges recently made in various publications against the Mexican government and its people.

The *Columbia Law Review* for November contains three articles: *The Courts, As Conservators of Social Justice*, by Simeon E. Baldwin; the first installment of *The New York Test of Vested Remainders*, by S. C. Huntington; and the conclusion of *Absolute Immunity in Defamation: Judicial Proceedings*, by Van Vechten Veeder.

In the *Proceedings of the Second Annual Meeting of The Association of Life Insurance Presidents*, which was held in New York City on December 4 and 5, 1908, may be found a number of addresses on various phases of the life of Grover Cleveland. There are also some suggestive articles on the subject of taxation of life insurance.

Francis Newton Thorpe is the compiler and editor of a seven volume set of *The Federal and State Constitutions, Colonial Char-*

ters, and Other Organic Laws of the States, Territories, and Colonies Now or Heretofore Forming the United States of America, which has recently been issued from the Government Printing Office. This work was authorized by an Act of Congress of June 30, 1906.

A *Review of Historical Publications Relating to Canada*, edited by George M. Wrong and H. H. Langton, dealing with the publications of the year 1908, is a recent number of the *University of Toronto Studies*. Like its predecessors in the same field this volume contains admirable reviews of publications which treat to any considerable extent with the various phases of the history of the Dominion.

In the September number of the *Bulletin of the New York Public Library* may be found a number of *Letters and Documents by or Relating to Robert Fulton*. There is also a *List of Works in the New York Public Library Relating to Henry Hudson, the Hudson River, Robert Fulton, etc.* In the October number there is a *List of Works Relating to Mexico*, which is continued in the November number.

Constructive Educational Leadership, by William P. Few; *A New Suggestion on the Race Problem*, by Ernest G. Dodge; *The South Carolina Cotton Mill — A Manufacturer's View*, by Thomas F. Parker; *The Democracy and Fraternity of American Industrialism*, by John Carlisle Kilgo; and *Living in an Era of Rising Prices*, by William H. Glasson, are articles in the October number of *The South Atlantic Quarterly*.

In the September number of the *Journal of the United States Cavalry Association* there is begun an account of *The Battle of Gettysburg*, which was written a few days after the battle by Frank A. Haskell, a First Lieutenant in the Wisconsin Infantry. This interesting account is continued in the November number, and is the same as that published in book form by the Wisconsin History Commission in November, 1908.

Robert Stein contributes an article on *Bernhard Hantzsch's Notes on Northeastern Labrador* in the September *Bulletin of the*

American Geographical Society, where may also be found a brief sketch of the *Discovery of the North Pole*. In the October number the articles are: *Northern Alaska in Winter*, by V. Stefansson; and *Characteristics of American Railway Traffic: A Study in Transportation Geography*, by Emory R. Johnson.

The International Naval Conference and the Declaration of London, by Ellery C. Stowell, is the opening contribution in the November number of *The American Political Science Review*. Paul S. Reinsch describes *Parliamentary Government in Chile*; and there is a discussion of *French Colonization in North Africa*, by Thomas Willing Balch. Among the *News and Notes* may be found a brief article on *Centralization in Ohio Municipal Government*, by Thomas L. Sidlo.

The October number of *The Scottish Historical Review* contains the following contributions: *The Appointment of Bishops in Scotland During the Medieval Period*, by J. Dowden; *The King's Birthday Riot in Edinburgh, June, 1792*, by Henry W. Meikle; *Wimund, Bishop and Pretender*, by Alan O. Anderson; *Brunanburh and Burnswork*, by George Neilson; a continuation of the *Chronicle of Lanercost*, by Herbert Maxwell; and *Dalzell: an Ancient Scottish Surname*, by J. B. Dalzell.

The opening article in the October number of *The American Catholic Historical Researches* bears the title, *The Cross in the Flag of England Cut Out by John Endicott of Salem and by Sir Harry Vane at Boston*. Another contribution is entitled *Knights of Columbus at Valley Forge — Galloway's Reports to Lord Dartmouth of the Condition of Washington's Army*. Other articles deal with various phases of Catholic history during the Revolutionary period.

Standpoint for the Interpretation of Savage Society, by W. I. Thomas; *The Teaching of Sociology in the United States*, by L. L. Bernard; *Biblical Sociology*, by Louis Wallis; and *The Claims of Sociology Examined*, by Henry Jones Ford, are articles in the September number of *The American Journal of Sociology*. Among the contributions in the November number are: *The Problem of*

Sociology, by George Simmel; *Is an Honest and Sane Newspaper Press Possible?*, by an Independent Journalist; *Women in Industry: The Manufacture of Boots and Shoes*, by Edith Abbott; *A Study of the Greeks in Chicago*, by Grace Abbott; and *The Origin of Society*, by Charles A. Ellwood.

Inventory of the Contents of Mount Vernon 1810, with a prefatory note by Worthington Chauncey Ford, is a neatly printed volume published through the generosity of Mr. W. K. Bixby, of St. Louis. The manuscript of this inventory was recorded in Fairfax County, Virginia, in 1810, and remained there until during the Civil War, when it was picked up in the court-house yard by a Union officer. After the death of the officer the manuscript was sold and finally came into the possession of Mr. Bixby.

An entertaining discussion of *The Mores of the Present and of the Future*, by W. G. Sumner, is the opening contribution in the November number of *The Yale Review*. Gustav Cohn has an article on *Financial Reform in Germany*; K. Asakawa writes on *The Manchurian Conventions*; there is an article on *Organization Among the Farmers of the United States*, by John Lee Coulter; and a brief survey of *Early Railroad Monopoly and Discrimination in Rhode Island, 1835-55*, is presented by John K. Towles.

William A. Dunning presents a discussion of *The Political Theories of Jean Jacques Rousseau* in the September number of the *Political Science Quarterly*. W. F. Willoughby writes on *The Reorganization of Municipal Government in Porto Rico: Political*. Other contributions are: *The Attorney-General and the Cabinet*, by Henry Barrett Learned; *Horace Greeley and the Working Class Origins of the Republican Party*, by John R. Commons; *The Wheat Situation in Washington*, by A. Berglund; and *Capital and Interest*, by Irving Fisher.

Chinese and Japanese in America is the subject of a discussion in the September number of *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, and the articles are for the most part by men living in the west coast States. The arguments for and against the exclusion of Orientals are stated by various writ-

ers and there are papers dealing with the national and international aspects of the exclusion movement, and with the problem of oriental immigration outside of America. The *Annals* for November is devoted to *American Business Methods*, and here the discussions are by leaders in the world of business affairs.

A timely article in the November number of *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* is entitled *The Tariff Debate of 1909 and the New Tariff Act*, and is written by F. W. Taussig. *American Shoemakers, 1648-1895: A Sketch of Industrial Evolution* is the subject of a contribution by John R. Commons. Thornton Cooke writes on *The Insurance of Bank Deposits in the West*, dealing with the State of Oklahoma in this article which is evidently one of a series to be published in subsequent numbers of the *Journal*. Another instructive article is one by Melvin T. Copeland on *Technical Development in Cotton Manufacturing Since 1860*.

When Europe's Kings Wooed California is the subject of a brief article by Al H. Martin, in the *Americana* for September. Leonora Sill Ashton is the writer of a biographical sketch of *Sir William Johnson*, the British Indian agent who was so successful in his dealings with the Six Nations. *Genesis of Hudson's Third Voyage*, by Millard F. Hudson; *Early Education in Ohio*, by Jessie Cohen; and *The Legend of Detroit's "Nain Rouge"*, by Elizabeth L. Stocking, are among the articles in the October number. A number of interesting sketches may be found in the November number, the opening contribution being *Ancient Abodes of Annapolis*, by Catherine Frances Cavanaugh.

In *The Journal of American History* for the second quarter, 1909, there are a number of interesting contributions. Zoeth S. Eldredge continues his history of the *First Overland Route to the Pacific*, which deals with the journey of Colonel Anza. David E. Alexander writes on the subject of the *Diary of Captain Benjamin Warren on Battlefield of Saratoga*, giving also a number of extracts from the diary. *First Territorial Governor in the First Expansion of United States*, by Dwight G. McCarty, is a defense of Arthur St. Clair, the first Governor of the Old Northwest. Wal-

ter L. Fleming is the author of an interesting sketch of *Plantation Life in the Old South and the Plantation Negroes*. Other articles and reproductions of valuable original material might be mentioned. In the *Journal* for the third quarter the opening number is Frederick A. Cook's account of the *Cook Expedition to the North Pole*. Other articles are: *Experiences of an Early American Lawyer in the "Northwest"*, by Lucy Mathews Blackmon, in which are related some adventures of Samuel Huntington; *First Native Martyrs in America*, by R. T. Crowder, which treats of Bacon's Rebellion; and *Hero of the Early American Navy*, by Alice Frost Lord. The number for the fourth quarter opens with two articles dealing with America's mission in promoting international peace, by Andrew Carnegie and Nicholas Murray Butler. A number of contributions of western interest are: *Adventures of the First Settlers in the Mississippi Valley*, in which is told the story of Julien Dubuque, by Dan Elbert Clark; *Travels in Western America in 1837*, which deals with early Illinois, by Mary Washburn Parkinson; *Private Letters of a Government Official in the Southwest*, written in 1851, and recently transcribed by Tod B. Galloway; and *Evolution of the Mason-Dixon Line*, by Morgan Poitiaux Robinson.

WESTERN

The Century History Company has published a five volume *History of Washington*, by C. A. Snowden.

The *History of the State of Washington*, by Edmond S. Meany, is among the late publications of The Macmillan Company.

The Columbia River: Its History, Its Myths, Its Scenery, Its Commerce is the title of an attractive volume written by W. D. Lyman.

The *Bulletin of the University of New Mexico*, published in September is devoted to *A Study of Spoken Language*, by Charles E. Hodgin.

Two new volumes in Frederic De Kastner's series of *Héros de la Nouvelle France* have appeared. One deals mainly with the life of Lemoyne de Bienville, while the other is chiefly devoted to the Verendryes.

A *List of Indiana Histories*, prepared by Harlow Lindley, is to be found in the November number of the *Bulletin of the Indiana State Library*.

B. F. Moore is the author of *The History of Cumulative Voting and Minority Representation in Illinois, 1870-1898*, which is published by the University of Illinois.

The Transition in Illinois from British to American Government, by R. L. Schuyler, is a volume of western interest which has come from the Columbia University Press.

The Peace of Mad Anthony Wayne, by Frazer E. Wilson, is a little volume dealing with the subjugation of the Indians in the Old Northwest, and the treaty of Greenville.

Transportation and Industrial Development in the Middle West, by William F. Gephart, is a recent number of the *Columbia University Studies in History, Economics and Public Law*.

A. L. Kroeber is the writer of some *Notes on Shoshonean Dialects of Southern California*, published as a number of the *University of California Publications in American Archaeology and Ethnology*.

Among the articles in the October number of *The University of California Chronicle* are: *The Rural Schools of California*, by Edward Hyatt; and *Charles Warren Stoddard and His Place in American Literature*, by Henry Meade Bland.

An interesting address on *The University and the State*, by Henry F. Mason, is printed in *The Graduate Magazine of the University of Kansas* for October. *The First Five Years at Kansas University* is the subject of a brief sketch by S. D. Alford.

A very welcome and valuable publication of the Washington State Library bears the title, *Check-List of Books and Pamphlets Relating to the History of the Pacific Northwest to be Found in Representative Libraries of that Region*. Charles W. Smith is the compiler of this volume which contains information of great importance to the investigator of subjects in the history of the Pacific Northwest. Similar lists are needed for other sections of the country, especially with regard to collections of manuscripts, documents, newspapers and other source material.

IOWANA

Hunters and Hunting at Muscatine, Iowa, by C. C. Braunwarth and Phil J. Mackey, is a booklet containing some interesting information.

In the *Iowa Library Quarterly* for the third quarter, 1909, may be found a series of brief articles describing the various libraries in Des Moines.

An *Occasional Bulletin* published by the Iowa Masonic Library at Cedar Rapids in November, contains many items of interest to members of the fraternity.

List of One Hundred and Fifteen Colonial Ancestors of Cornelius Cadle, Muscatine, Iowa, compiled by Mrs. Charles Francis Cadle, is a recent Iowa item.

Ancient Ruins of the Southwest, written by Edgar L. Hewett, is an article which is printed in two installments in the October and November numbers of *Autumn Leaves*.

At the banquet of the Linn County Bar Association at Cedar Rapids on February 22, 1909, Charles A. Clark delivered an address on *Washington*, which has been printed in a neat pamphlet.

In the October number of *The Iowa Alumnus* there are biographical sketches of Lawrence Marshall Byers and Henry Evarts Gordon, and an article on *Philanthropy and Education*, by Clarence W. Wassam.

Dwight G. McCarty's *History of the Tariff in the United States*, which originally appeared as a series of articles in the *Palo Alto Tribune* of Emmetsburg, Iowa, has been reprinted in pamphlet form.

The proceedings of the *Tenth Annual Conference of the Iowa Daughters of the American Revolution*, which was held at Sioux City, October 6 and 7, 1909, are printed in a neat booklet of nearly fifty pages.

The sketches of *Iowa in the Civil War*, by L. F. Andrews, are continued in the October and November numbers of *The Midwest-*

ern. The November number also contains an article on *The Future of Agriculture*, by Malcolm MacKinnon; and a brief biographical sketch of *Edgar Ruby Harlan, Curator of the Historical Department of Iowa*.

Under the heading of *Two Boone County Scouts*, C. L. Lucas writes an article which is published in two installments in the *Madrid Register-News* of November 25 and December 2, 1909. It is an account of the experiences of Samuel and Andrew Purcell during the Indian troubles in northwestern Iowa during the winter of 1859-60.

Public Play Grounds, by Thomas Maloney; *Street Illumination*; and *MacVicar's Campaign*, are articles in the October number of *Midland Municipalities*. The November number is devoted largely to the *Minutes of the Twelfth Annual Convention of the League of Iowa Municipalities*. The *Report of the Chairman of the Legislative Committee*, by C. F. Kimball; and the *Report of the Committee on Judicial Opinions*, by F. B. Blair, are contained in the December number.

The American Freemason is a new Iowa publication the first number of which appeared in November. It is a monthly magazine devoted to the general interests of the Masonic fraternity. Joseph E. Morcombe is the editor, and the place of publication is Storm Lake. Among the articles in the first number are: *A General Lodge: Documents Pertinent to the Controversy*, by the editor; and *The Vexed Question of Masonic Origin*. The magazine is attractive in appearance.

A History of Washington County, Iowa, from the First White Settlements to 1908, by Howard A. Burrell, is a two-volume addition to the histories of Iowa counties, which is above the average of such publications. The first volume is chiefly historical; while the second is devoted to biographical sketches. In addition to the customary portraits of old settlers and prominent citizens of the county there are a number of interesting views of buildings and scenes in Washington County.

A brief *Biography of James Caffall*, discussions of *Kirtland Bank* and *The Kirtland Temple*, and an article on *Missouri Troubles*, all written by Heman C. Smith, may be found in the October number of the *Journal of History* published by the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. A continuation of the *Autobiography of Charles Derry*; a biographical sketch of *Oliver Cowdery*, by Heman Hale Smith; and chapter ten of *Local Historians and their Work*, complete the contents.

SOME RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY IOWA AUTHORS

Adams, Albert Augustus,

True Love. Council Bluffs: Published by the author. 1909.

Botsford, George Willis,

The Roman Assemblies, from their Origin to the End of the Republic. New York: The Macmillan Co. 1909.

Braunwarth, C. C., and Mackey, Phil J.,

Hunters and Hunting at Muscatine, Iowa. Muscatine: Muscatine News Co. 1909.

Butler, Ellis Parker,

The Thin Santa Claus. New York: Doubleday, Page & Co. 1909.

Ellis, Katharine Ruth,

The Wide Awake Girls in Winsted. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. 1909.

Fitch, George,

The Big Strike at Siwash. New York: Doubleday, Page & Co. 1909.

Franklin, William Suddards, (joint author)

Dynamo Laboratory Manual for Colleges and Technical Schools. (Revised edition). New York: The Macmillan Co. 1909.

Garland, Hamlin,

The Mocassin Ranch. New York: Harper & Brothers. 1909.

Gilson, Roy Rolfe,

The Wistful Years. New York: Baker and Taylor Co. 1909.

Griffith, Helen Sherman,

Patty of the Circus. Philadelphia: Penn Publishing Co. 1909.

- Hutchinson, Woods,
Preventable Diseases. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. 1909.
- Lazell, Frederick John,
Some Summer Days in Iowa. Cedar Rapids: The Torch Press.
1909.
- McCarty, Dwight G.,
History of the Tariff in the United States. Emmetsburg:
Tribune Publishing Co. 1909.
- Morley, Margaret Warner,
Donkey John of the Toy Valley. Chicago: A. C. McClurg &
Co. 1909.
- Parker, George F.,
Recollections of Grover Cleveland. New York: Century Co.
1909.
- Parrish, Randall,
My Lady of the South: A Story of the Civil War. Chicago:
A. C. McClurg & Co. 1909.
- Quick, J. Herbert,
Virginia of the Air Lanes. Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill Co.
1909.
American Inland Waterways. New York: G. P. Putnam's
Sons. 1909.
- Reid, Harvey,
Thomas Cox. Iowa City: The State Historical Society of
Iowa. 1909.
- Richardson, Anne Steese,
The Girl Who Earns Her Own Living. New York: B. W.
Dodge & Co. 1909.
- Robbins, E. Clyde,
*Selected Articles on the Commission Plan of Municipal Gov-
ernment*. Minneapolis: The H. W. Wilson Co. 1909.
- Rogers, Julia E.,
Trees Every Child Should Know. New York: Doubleday,
Page & Co. 1909.
- Russell, Charles Edward,
Songs of Democracy and on Other Themes. New York: Mof-
fat, Yard & Co. 1909.

Steiner, Edward A.,

The Immigrant Tide: Its Ebb and Flow. New York and Chicago: Fleming H. Revell & Co. 1909.

Ward, Duren J. H.,

The Classification of Religions. Chicago: Open Court Publishing Co. 1909.

Wood, James,

Woods' Iowa Justice's Form Book and Constable's Guide (Fifth edition). Davenport: Fidler & Chambers. 1909.

Zollinger, Guilelma,

A Boy's Ride. Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co. 1909.

SOME RECENT HISTORICAL ITEMS IN NEWSPAPERS

The Register and Leader

Descendants of Scotch Family of McCain were Local Pioneers, by L. F. Andrews, September 26, 1909.

John Alexander Elliott, Auditor of State, a Real Pioneer, by L. F. Andrews, October 3, 1909.

When the Beasts Harried Iowa's Citizens, October 10, 1909.

Sketch of Life of Adam Hafner, Early Des Moines Policeman, October 10, 1909.

Underground Station Keeper for Polk County, by L. F. Andrews, October 17, 1909.

Something About the Three Great Iowa State Libraries, October 17, 1909.

Early Jackson County History, October 24, 1909.

An Iowan's Buried Gold, October 31, 1909.

One Man's Part in the First Booster Movement in Des Moines, by L. F. Andrews, October 31, 1909.

Crime in Pioneer Polk County Days, by F. F. Blyler, November 7, 1909.

Icaria, an Iowa Arcadia, November 7, 1909.

An Appreciation of W. I. Buchanan, by Frank W. Bicknell, November 7, 1909.

Benjamin N. Kinyon — A Pioneer Character, by L. F. Andrews, November 7, 1909.

- Some of the Early Day Political Maneuvering in a New State, by L. F. Andrews, November 14, 1909.
- History of Elkhorn College, November 14, 1909.
- The Homes of Two Iowa Pioneers at Forest City, November 21, 1909.
- Sketch of Life of Samuel Connor of Washington, Iowa, November 21, 1909.
- Sketch of Life of John Nollen—Fifty-five Years a Banker at Pella, November 28, 1909.
- An Early Crime Record, by L. F. Andrews, November 28, 1909.
- Samuel Merrill—One of Iowa's Noted Pioneers, by L. F. Andrews, December 5, 1909.
- Rowell and Atkins Golden Anniversaries, December 5, 1909.
- Career of Colonel Alonzo Abernethy, Soldier and Scholar, by L. F. Andrews, December 12, 1909.

The Burlington Hawk-Eye

- Twenty Years Ago (In each Sunday issue).
- Prairie Chicken Hunting in Early Iowa, October 1, 1909.
- A Year of the Des Moines Plan of City Government, October 3, 1909.
- Old Time River Craft, October 6, 1909.
- The Old Time Boats, October 24, 1909.
- The Story of "Little Breeches" the Boy Whom the Angels Loved, October 24, 1909.
- Samuel Connor—A Pioneer of Washington County, November 7, 1909.
- Keokuk the Politician, by Albert Payson Terane, November 14, 1909.
- The Iowa Band, November 18, 1909.
- Sketch of Life of William Salter, November 18, 1909.
- Sketch of Life of Father Mazzuchelli—Pioneer Iowa Priest, November 21, 1909.
- How the Carthage Branch Came into Existence, November 21, 1909.
- Sketch of Life of John Hale—Pioneer Attorney of Wapello, November 27, 1909.

Sketch of Life of William Fischer — Early Des Moines County Business Man, November 27, 1909.

Glendale Boys with Sherman on the March to the Sea, December 5, 1909.

The Dubuque Telegraph-Herald

Early History of St. John's Church, Dubuque, October 10, 1909.

Early Day Career of D. D. W. Carver, November 7, 1909.

A. A. Cooper at Eighty Years Tells of Pioneer Days in Iowa, November 14, 1909.

Record of Early Priest in Dubuque, November 16, 1909.

Sketch of Life of D. D. W. Carver, November 17, 1909.

Dubuque Military Company, Governor's Greys, Passes its Fiftieth Milestone, November 21, 1909.

Sketch of Life of James S. Clarkson, November 28, 1909.

River Gambling Before the War, November 28, 1909.

The Sioux City Journal

Twenty Years Ago (In each Sunday issue).

J. H. Millard Recalls Early Days in Sioux City, October 1, 1909.

Fiftieth Anniversary of St. Thomas Church, Sioux City, November 7, 1909.

Memories of the Old Days on the Farm, November 14, 1909.

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

PUBLICATIONS

The two leading contributions to *The Medford Historical Register* for October are: *The First Parish in Medford*, by Henry C. DeLong; and *The First Medford Journal*.

The *Proceedings of the Fourth Annual Conference on the Work of State and Local Historical Societies*, reported by Evarts B. Greene, have been reprinted from the *Annual Report of the American Historical Association* for 1907.

Two recent publications of the Department of History of the State of South Dakota are: *Digest of Governors' Messages* from 1889 to 1909, edited by Thomas Askin; and *Ninth Annual Review of the Progress of South Dakota, 1909*.

The Function of State Historian of New York is the title of a paper read before The New York State Historical Association in October, 1908, by the State Historian, Victor Hugo Paltsits. The paper is now printed in pamphlet form.

With the exception of a *Catalogue of the Library of Daniel Parke Custis* the October number of *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* is devoted to continuations of original material along the same line as in past numbers.

A continuation of the monograph on *Germans in Texas*, by Gilbert G. Benjamin; and a discussion of *The Community at Bethel, Missouri, and its Offspring at Aurora, Oregon*, by William G. Bek, are the leading contributions to the September-October number of the *German American Annals*.

Edward B. Krehbiel's monograph on *The Interdict* is the first volume in a new series of publications undertaken by the American Historical Association. This series will include the essays to which the Justin Winsor and Herbert Baxter Adams prizes have been awarded, or shall be awarded in the future.

Two articles of especial interest in the September-October number of the *Records of the Past* are: *Cuzco and Sacsahuaman*, by Hiram Bingham, which is an illustrated account of the ruins at the ancient capital of the Inca Empire; and *Possible Pre-Glacial Human Remains About Washington, D. C.—A Letter to Dr. C. C. Abbott*.

With the exception of a brief biographical sketch of *The Earl of Dunmore*, by George Austin Morrison; and *Earliest Baptismal Records of the Church of Harlingen (Reformed Dutch) of New Jersey, 1727-1734*, by William Jones Skillman, the October number of *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* is devoted to continuations.

The Discovery and Exploration of the Fraser River is the title of an address by Frederick V. Holman, which is printed in the June number of *The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society*. William D. Fenton writes interestingly of *Father Wilbur and His Work*; while *Land Tenure in Oregon* is the subject of a scholarly monograph by Lon L. Swift.

In addition to continuations the October number of the *Historical Collections of the Essex Institute* contains a sketch of *The French Acadians in Essex County and their Life in Exile*, by George Francis Dow; a list of *Revolutionary Prisoners at Gloucester*; and a number of *Letters Written by Benjamin Wadleigh of Salisbury, Mass., in 1810-1813*.

Among the articles in the October number of the *Deutsch-Amerikanische Geschichtsblätter* are: *Die Mennoniten während des neunzehnten Jahrhunderts*, which is taken from *The Mennonites of America*, by C. Henry Smith; a sketch of *Das Leben und Wirken von Pastor Friedrich Schmid*, by Friedrich Schmid, Jr.; and the *Geschichte der Deutschen Gesellschaft von Maryland*.

Charles L. Coon is the compiler of *The Beginnings of Public Education in North Carolina; A Documentary History, 1790-1840*, which occupies two volumes in the *Publications of the North Carolina Historical Commission*. The work includes Governors' messages, legislative bills and reports, memorials, speeches and other

documentary material relating to education, and will prove of great value to the investigator. Another praiseworthy volume in this same series is devoted to *The Correspondence of Jonathan Worth*, collected and edited by J. G. de Roulhae Hamilton. The letters here printed cover the period from April, 1841, to May, 1869.

Among the contributions of an historical character in *The "Old Northwest" Genealogical Quarterly* for July are: *Historical Notes Relating to Northwestern Ohio, Compiled from Old Newspapers* by Mrs. Alta Winchester Fitch; a document entitled *The Indenture of David Merriam 1760*, by David E. Phillips; and *Some Account of the "Old Northwest" One Hundred and Ten Years Ago*, by David E. Phillips.

In the April number of *The Quarterly of the Texas State Historical Association* may be found a continuation of Alex. Dienst's history of *The Navy of the Republic of Texas*; an article on *The Case of the Brig Pocket*, by C. T. Neu; and some *Reminiscences of Jno. Duff Brown*. The July number is taken up with another installment of Mr. Dienst's monograph, and with *J. C. Clopper's Journal and Book of Memoranda for 1828*.

The October number of the *Register of Kentucky State Historical Society* opens with a biographical sketch of *George W. Ranck*, by Mrs. Jennie C. Morton. Among the other contributions are: *The Old Courthouse and the Courts and Bar of Mercer County, Ky.*, by W. W. Stephenson; *Kentucky the Home of Jefferson Davis*, by John Wilson Townsend; and a continuation of the history of *Franklin County*, by L. F. Johnson.

C. Wicliffe Yulee concludes his biographical sketch of *Senator David L. Yulee* in the July number of *The Florida Historical Society Quarterly*. There is a brief article on *St. Joseph, Florida*, in which an account of the founding of the city is given. An article by Ellen Call Long on *Princesse Achille Murat*; and a contemporary account of *Governor Milton and his Family*, by an English tutor who was in Florida during the Civil War, complete the contents.

The opening article in the October number of *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* is an address on the subject of *The Gettysburg Address, When Written, How Received, Its True Form*, by William H. Lambert. The writer discusses the various versions of the address, two of which are reproduced in facsimile, and the different accounts of the manner in which the audience and contemporaries were impressed by the address. The remainder of the *Magazine* is devoted to continuations.

Charles William Sommerville concludes his study of the *Early Career of Governor Francis Nicholson* in the September number of the *Maryland Historical Magazine*. John H. B. Latrobe is the writer of an interesting paper on the *Construction of the Public Buildings in Washington*. Bernard C. Steiner writes on the subject of *New Light on Maryland History from the British Archives*; while *French Forts in 1755* and *Party of Acadians who Sailed from the Potomac, Bound for the Mississippi* are titles of other contributions.

The *Report of the Secretary* of the Kansas State Historical Society for 1909, besides containing the usual material found in such reports, includes much additional information. There is a brief sketch of *The Wyandotte Constitution*, and an account of the proposed Memorial Building; while a number of letters selected from the State Archives are printed under the heading *Our Archives*. A brief statement of the provisions for membership in various State historical societies is among the other items of interest.

The Part of Iowa Men in the Organization of Nebraska is the title of an address delivered before the Nebraska State Historical Society in January, 1908, by Horace E. Deemer, which is published in the October number of the *Annals of Iowa*. There is also another installment of F. I. Herriott's discussion of *Iowa and the First Nomination of Abraham Lincoln*. In the editorial department there is a brief sketch of the history and work of *The Historical Department of Iowa*, which may in a sense be taken as an inaugural announcement by the newly appointed Curator. Under the heading, *James W. Grimes and Abraham Lincoln in 1844*, there is printed an interesting letter, together with editorial comments.

The *Missouri Historical Review* for October opens with an *Historical Sketch of Kansas City from the Beginning to 1909*, by H. C. McDougal. Part two of Joab Spencer's discussion of *Missouri's Aboriginal Inhabitants* deals with manners, customs, and habits. Will S. Bryan concludes his sketch of *Daniel Boone in Missouri*. An article on *Missouri Military in the War of 1812*, by Will C. Ferril, contains some interesting material. The closing contribution is a chronological list of the *Sessions of the Missouri Legislature*, compiled by F. A. Sampson. Under the heading of *Missouri Society of Teachers of History and Government* there is printed the address delivered in May, 1909, by the President of the Society, H. R. Tucker.

A new series of western historical publications known as *Publications of the Academy of Pacific Coast History* has appeared. The first number, issued in January, 1909, bears the title, *The San Francisco Clearing House Certificates of 1907-1908*, and is from the pen of Carl Copping Plehn. *The Official Account of the Portola Expedition of 1769-1770*, given both in the Spanish and in English translation, and edited by Frederick J. Teggart, constitutes the second number. The third number was perhaps also suggested by the Portola festival held in San Francisco in October, for it consists of the *Diary of Gaspar de Portola During the California Expedition of 1769-1770*, likewise in Spanish and English, edited by Donald Eugene Smith and Frederick J. Teggart.

The first volume of the *Proceedings of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association*, which covers the year 1907-1908, has appeared. It is an attractively printed volume of nearly one hundred and fifty pages, and is edited by Benjamin F. Shambaugh. The contents consist of a *Historical Sketch* of the Association, the Constitution, a list of officers, the proceedings of the meetings for the year 1907-1908, the report of the Secretary-Treasurer, and a number of papers. The papers are as follows: *The Explorations of Verendrye and his Sons*, by Warren Upham; *The Mandans from the Archaeological and Historical Standpoint*, by Orin G. Libby; *The British Board of Trade and the American Colonies*, by O. M. Dickerson; *Coöperation Among Historical Agencies and Activities*

of the *Mississippi Valley*, by Charles W. Mann; *The Study and Writing of History in the Mississippi Valley*, by Clarence W. Alvord; *The Diplomatic Correspondence of Augustus Caesar Dodge*, by Louis Pelzer; and *The Sectional Elements in the Early History of Milwaukee*, by Laurence M. Larson. The second volume of the *Proceedings* is now in press.

In the October number of *The American Historical Review* J. Franklin Jameson presents a twenty page sketch of *The American Historical Association, 1884-1909*, which was doubtless written in view of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Association which was celebrated at the last meeting. *British Druidism and the Roman War Policy* is the title of an article by W. F. Tamblyn. A discussion of *The Character and Antecedents of the Charter of Liberties of Henry I* is written by Henry L. Cannon. *The Policy of the German Hanseatic League Respecting the Mercantile Marine* is traced briefly by Ernst Daenell; and there is an interesting address on the subject of *The Share of America in Civilization*, delivered at the University of Wisconsin in June, 1909, by Ambassador Joaquim Nabuco, of Brazil. Under the heading of *Documents* may be found a number of *Papers Relating to Bourbon County, Georgia, 1785-1786*, contributed by Edmund C. Burnett.

An article of much interest to westerners is one by Reuben Gold Thwaites on the subject of *The Ohio Valley Press Before the War of 1812-15*, which is published in the *Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society* for 1909. Not only is there an excellent discussion of the various newspapers, treating of their character and influence, but a number of facsimile reproductions of first pages add interest to the description. *Early Spanish Cartography of the New World*, by Edward Luther Stevenson, in connection with which there is given a reduced reproduction of the Wolfenbüttel-Spanish Map, is another important contribution. A sketch of *Early Commercial Providence*, by William B. Weedon; and *Three Documents of 1775* complete the contents. Under the latter heading may be found a letter from Samuel Paine to Dr. William Paine, Peter Thatcher's Account of the Battle of Bunker Hill, and a letter from Thomas Jefferson to John Page.

The Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly for October is larger than usual and is filled with interesting articles. The first eighty pages are devoted to a full report of the *Second Annual Meeting of the Ohio Valley Historical Association*, which was held at Marietta, Ohio, in November, 1908. *The Development of the Miami Country*, by Frank P. Goodwin; *Auto Trip Over the Old National Road*, by Albert Douglas; *Whitelaw Reid in Columbus*, by Edward L. Taylor; *The Siege of Fort Meigs*, by Earl A. Saliers; *The Indian as a Diplomatic Factor in the History of the Old Northwest*, by Isaac Joslin Cox; and *The Useful Results of Historical Controversy*, by William Z. Davis, are all articles of more than local interest. About the only cause for regret to be found in this number of the *Quarterly* is the fact that the index to the eighteenth volume, here included, is not more comprehensive.

ACTIVITIES

The Mississippi Valley Historical Association will hold its next annual meeting at Iowa City during the last week in May.

The Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society is engaged in the unique occupation of preparing an archaeological atlas of Ohio.

Frederick B. Richards has been chosen to fill the vacancy in the secretaryship of the New York State Historical Association occasioned by the death of Robert O. Bascom.

The annual meetings of the Texas State Historical Association are held on March 2 of each year, on the anniversary of the declaration of the independence of Texas from Mexico in 1836.

At the monthly meeting of the Louisiana Historical Society on November 17, 1909, a paper on the subject of the *History of the Jesuits' Plantation, forming part of Concession to Bienville*, was read by Charles T. Soniat.

Mr. Edgar R. Harlan has been appointed Curator of the Historical Department of Iowa. Mr. Harlan was assistant for more than a year to the late Charles Aldrich, founder of the Department, and has had charge of the work as Acting Curator since March,

1908. He is, therefore, well acquainted with the duties of the curatorship, and enters upon the work under favorable circumstances.

The State Historical Society of North Dakota is arranging a competitive contest among the school children of the various counties of the State. Prizes are offered for the best essays on the general subject of the early history of the State, local sketches being the matter chiefly desired. It is proposed also to publish the best of these essays in some form later on. The object of the Society is to create a greater interest in local history throughout the State.

The annual meeting of the Decatur County (Iowa) Historical Society was held at Lamoni on November 23, 1909. The principal address was one by Daniel F. Lambert in which he emphasized the importance of the work of the Society. The officers who served during the past year were reelected. Reports were made on the progress of the Society, and plans were adopted looking toward the publication of certain material. It is proposed to reduce the membership fee from one dollar to fifty cents.

An interesting meeting of the Historical Society of Marshall County, Iowa, was held at the public library in Marshalltown on November 17, 1909. The papers read were as follows: *The Organization of Towns in Marshall County*, by T. P. Marsh; *The First Stores and Business Houses*, by B. A. Beeson; *Iron Foundries, Mills and Factories*, by Merritt Greene; *The First Schools and Academies*, by Mrs. A. C. Abbott; and *The Early Churches of Marshall County*, by John W. Wells. The Society has voted that in the future it will have four meetings each year.

The fifty-seventh annual meeting of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin was held on October 21, 1909. The principal address of the occasion was delivered by Professor James Alton James, of Northwestern University, on the subject of *Indian Diplomacy and the Opening of the Revolution in the West*. The report of the Secretary revealed a growth in all branches of the Society's work during the past year. The accessions to the library during the year ending September 30, 1909, amounted to over twelve thousand

titles, the principal large additions being the private libraries of the late Judge S. U. Pinney and Mrs. Anna R. Sheldon. In spite of the splendid building in which the Society is located many departments are overcrowded because of lack of space.

The Department of Historical Research in the Carnegie Institution of Washington has made considerable progress in its various lines of activity during the past six months. The work of gathering material in the German archives relative to German emigration to America has been completed by Professor M. D. Learned. A guide to the materials relating to American history to be found in Rome and other Italian archives has been prepared by Professor Carl Russell Fish. The list of Spanish archives-documents found in the United States, by Dr. J. A. Robertson, is finished; and the inventory of manuscript materials for American Protestant religious history, by Professor Allison, is nearly completed. Professor Herbert E. Bolton has also ended his investigations among the archives in Mexico.

The Kansas State Historical Society held its thirty-fourth annual meeting on December 7, 1909. A. B. Whiting was chosen President; George W. Martin, Secretary; and Lucy S. Greene, Treasurer. A site has been purchased and the contract let for excavation and foundations for a magnificent new Memorial and Historical Building, which will be the home of the Society when completed. The library now numbers over one hundred and eighty thousand titles, including bound newspapers and magazines; while the other collections of the Society in the way of archives, manuscripts, maps, pictures, and relics amount to an even larger number of items. It is interesting to note that among the recent accessions to life membership in the Society are three children, two boys and a girl, no one of whom is four years of age.

The Minnesota Historical Society has recently received some notable additions to its manuscript collection. Perhaps the most interesting is a group of about five hundred letters, papers and account books originally belonging to the pioneer trader Martin McLeod, who was a member of the Territorial Council from 1849 to 1853. These papers relate chiefly to the fur trade in the Minnesota

country. The other group consists of nearly one thousand letters and papers from the collection of Dr. Edward D. Neill, the well-known Minnesota historian. The Society has in preparation the fourteenth volume of its *Collections*. At the meeting held on December 13, the chief topic of discussion was a stone bearing runic inscriptions, purporting to date from the year 1362, which was found in Minnesota in 1898.

The third annual meeting of the Ohio Valley Historical Association was held at Frankfort, Kentucky, October 14-16, 1909. The first two sessions were devoted to a conference of college history teachers, and a conference on historical manuscript collections. At the afternoon session on October 15, the principal address of the occasion was delivered by Professor Frederick Jackson Turner, on the subject of *The Ohio Valley in the History of the Nation*. The session on Saturday morning was under the auspices of the Kentucky State Historical Society, and there were papers by Mrs. Jennie C. Morton, Professor J. E. Tuthill, and Mr. J. W. Townsend. The last session consisted of a meeting of teachers of history in the public schools in the Ohio Valley. The Association is doing much to promote interest in local history.

Perhaps the most interesting sessions of the meeting of the American Historical Association held at New York City, December 27 to 31, 1909, were those of Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. Tuesday evening was devoted to discussions of the Work of Historical Societies in Europe, and there were reports by representatives from Great Britain, Germany, France, Holland, and Spain. On Wednesday morning there were a number of papers relating to British Constitutional Development with Special Reference to the Centenary of Gladstone. The other sessions, while not so unique, were nevertheless very profitable. At one of the conferences in connection with the meeting, Professor Edmond S. Meany read a paper on *Morton Matthew McCarver, Frontier City Builder*. McCarver was one of the founders of Burlington, Iowa, and later was a potent factor in the building of various cities in the Pacific coast States.

The Department of History of the State of South Dakota is a unique institution in its organization and work. Within the Department and under the direction of the Superintendent are five divisions: The State Historical Society, the State Library, the State Census, Vital Statistics, and Legislative Reference. The fifth volume of the *Collections* of the Department, which will be devoted chiefly to the history of capital locations in Dakota Territory and South Dakota, is in preparation. The Superintendent, Doane Robinson, delivered an address at the dedication of a monument provided by the citizens of Vermilion, on the site of the first permanent school house in Dakota. The dedication occurred August 25, the one hundred and fifth anniversary of the visit of Lewis and Clark to Vermilion. On April 1 the Department will move into quarters in the New Capitol building.

During the summer and fall the Buffalo Historical Society completed its building, which now represents a total cost of construction of over two hundred thousand dollars. In December the Society issued volume thirteen of its *Publications*. Volume fourteen which is now in press will contain among other things the correspondence of officers and agents of the Holland Land Company with De Witt Clinton and others, regarding canal construction in New York State. The letters run from 1808 to 1825, and as yet, with a few exceptions, have never been published. The originals are owned by the Society. In this volume will also be printed the journal of Colonel William L. Stone's tour from New York City to Buffalo and Niagara in 1829. Besides its regular course of entertainments for members, the Society conducts free Sunday afternoon lectures at its building, to which the public are invited. These lectures have proved very popular. It was largely due to the Society that a branch of the Archaeological Institute of America has recently been formed in Buffalo.

THE KENSINGTON RUNE STONE

Dr. Warren Upham, Secretary of the Minnesota Historical Society, sends the following report of its monthly meeting on December 13, 1909:

The discovery of the Kensington Rune Stone, its inscriptions, and the opinions concerning them, were the themes of addresses at this meeting by Hjalmar R. Holand, of Ephraim, Wisconsin; Prof. Andrew Fossum, of St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota; Prof. N. H. Winchell, the former State Geologist, now archaeologist for the Minnesota Historical Society; and Dr. Knut Hoegh, of Minneapolis, who had interviewed Olof Ohman, the Swedish farmer on whose land the stone was found, and others of his neighbors, concerning the circumstances of its discovery. It was found in August, 1898, by the farmer and his son while clearing off poplar woods from a part of the farm, about three miles north of Kensington, a railway station and village in the southwest corner of Douglas county, in the western central part of Minnesota. A poplar tree growing above the stone, which lay thinly covered by the soil and with its rune inscribed face downward, had sent a root across the upper face of the stone, showing that it had lain there at least about thirty years, that is, from a time antedating the first settlements of the Scandinavian farmers in the region.

By advice of the local school-teacher, who thought the characters of the inscriptions perhaps similar to the ancient runes, the stone was soon forwarded to the professor of Scandinavian literature in the University of Minnesota and to other experts in Chicago, who recognized most of the characters as runes of the later part of the runic period. But the translation so obtained made the astonishing claim that it was the record of an exploring expedition of Norsemen, which was regarded by the translators as a sufficient proof of its being a fraud of a recent date. With this verdict, the stone was returned to Mr. Ohman, and for several years it lay neglected in his dooryard.

New interest in the stone and its inscriptions, and a gradual vindication of their probable truth, after many further adverse criticisms and discussions by runologists in this country and Europe, have come through the work of Mr. Holand, who in 1898 was graduated at the University of Wisconsin. In his researches for writing a history of Norwegian immigration to the United States, of which the first volume was published in 1908, Mr. Holand has

visited nearly all places having a considerable number of Norse settlers in the Northwest, including their communities in Douglas County, Minnesota. During these travels, in August, 1907, he learned from Mr. Ohman the facts of his finding the rune stone, and obtained it for further investigations, being persuaded that it is what its inscriptions claim.

The stone is about 30 inches long, 16 inches wide, and 6 inches thick, and it weighs about 230 pounds. It is a fine-grained gray-wacke, of dark gray color, evidently rifted from some large boulder of the glacial drift which forms the surface of all the surrounding country.

The translation of the inscription on the face of the stone in nine lines reads as follows:

“Eight Goths [Swedes] and twenty-two Norwegians on an exploring journey from Vineland very far west. We had a camp by two skerries [rocks in the water] one day’s journey north from this stone. We were out fishing one day. When we returned home, we found ten men red with blood and dead. A.V.M. [Ave Maria] Save us from the evil.”

On the edge of the stone an inscription in three lines reads thus:

“We have ten men by the sea to look after our vessel, fourteen days’ journey from this island. Year 1362.”

The description of the place of their camp and fishing, and of the massacre of their comrades, a day’s travel north of the rune stone, led to much search, in the late autumn of 1909, for such a place on the numerous lakes at such a distance northward. Professor Fossum, after examining several lakes, thought the locality might be identified on the eastern part of Lake Christina. Later searches by Mr. Holand and Professor Winchell lead them to believe confidently that the runic description is better met by a spot on the southwest part of Pelican Lake, where two exceptionally large boulders at the shore line rise about six feet above the water.

Mr. Holand, in his address at this meeting, took up and answered in serial order the various objections that have been raised against the genuineness of the rune stone, classifying them as general, runic, and linguistic. The main general obstacle is the great dis-

tance inland; for when the Norsemen had colonies in Greenland from 985 A. D. through the ensuing five centuries, with expeditions thence to Vineland, identified as Nova Scotia, or perhaps eastern Massachusetts, we could somewhat readily accept a runic record if it were found near our northeastern coast.

Professor Fossum set forth a very interesting theory of the probable route of this exploring expedition, sailing from some part of our North Atlantic coast through Hudson Strait and by leaving their vessel, as we may suppose, near the mouths of Nelson and Hayes rivers, ascending with small and portable boats or canoes to Lake Winnipeg, thence up the Red River to its first series of strong rapids and falls, terminating a few miles below Fergus Falls, Minnesota, and thence crossing the country, probably by streams, small lakes, and portages, some twenty miles south-eastward to Pelican Lake. In the long days of summer, when fifteen working hours or more may be rated for a day, and not counting time lost by stormy weather and by halts for rest and for fishing and hunting, it may be accepted that fourteen such long days of rapid canoe travel would suffice for the whole inland journey.

Professors Fossum and Winchell and Dr. Hoegh agreed with Mr. Holand in regarding all objections thus far made against the rune stone as answerable by attributing the inscriptions to a Swedish priest or scribe accompanying the expedition. Mr. Holand cited official memoranda showing that the Scandinavian home government in the year 1355 sent out a vessel with a commission to explore the lands west of Greenland, and that it returned in 1364; but no European record of the regions visited appears to be extant.

This rune stone probably almost five and a half centuries old, has been deposited by Mr. Holand in the Museum of the Minnesota Historical Society in the new fire-proof Capitol.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

Mr. E. H. Downey's *History of Labor Legislation in Iowa* is now in press.

Dr. John C. Parish is engaged in gathering material relative to the early history of Dubuque and other cities on the eastern border of Iowa.

Among the accessions to the library of the Society during the past quarter are nearly three hundred volumes from the library of the late Judge Samuel H. Fairall.

A life of *John Chambers*, the second Governor of the Territory of Iowa, written by Dr. John C. Parish, will be ready for distribution in the near future.

The Society has recently issued a new volume in the *Iowa Biographical Series*. Mr. Harvey Reid, of Maquoketa, is the author of the volume which is a life of *Thomas Cox*, a pioneer Iowa legislator.

On the evening of December 3, 1909, Dr. Benj. F. Shambaugh delivered an address on *Commission Forms of Municipal Government* before the Minnesota Academy of Social Sciences at Minneapolis.

It is planned to hold a meeting of the Society during the last week in May, in connection with the annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. A splendid opportunity will be afforded to hear speakers of national reputation, and to gain inspiration from conferences on various phases of historical work.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership: Dean Wm. G. Raymond, Iowa City, Iowa; Hon. Ralph Otto, Iowa City, Iowa; Hon. E. D. Chassell, Des Moines, Iowa; Justice Horace E. Deemer, Red Oak, Iowa; Mr. Raymond B. Leland, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Dean C. E. Seashore, Iowa City, Iowa; Hon. James S. Clarkson, New York City; Hon. H. W. Byers, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. C. H. Crowe, Clarion, Iowa; Mr. Charles F. Huebner, Jr., Iowa City, Iowa; Judge Emlin McClain, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. William Hamill Tedford, Corydon, Iowa; Mr. O. M. Gillett, Independence, Iowa; Hon. Frank P. Woods, Estherville, Iowa; Hon. George Cossion, Des Moines, Iowa; Col. G. W. Crosley, Des Moines, Iowa; Hon. L. E. Francis, Spirit Lake, Iowa; Mr. W. R. Huntington, New York City; Mr. O. L. Keith, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. Clara A. Neidig, Des Moines, Iowa; Hon. C. H. Van Law, Marshalltown, Iowa; Mr. John I. Mullany, Dubuque, Iowa. Mr. J. A. Green of Stone City, Iowa, was elected to life membership.

NOTES AND COMMENT

The twelfth annual convention of the League of Iowa Municipalities was held at Fort Dodge on September 21-23, 1909.

Arrangements are being made for an All-American Exposition to be held at Berlin in the heart of Europe during the coming summer.

A number of documents and papers relating to the history of the fur trade in the Michigan country have recently been added to the Burton Library.

A joint conference of the American Civic Association and the National Municipal League was held at Cincinnati, Ohio, November 15 to 18, 1909.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Central Division of the Modern Language Association of America was held at Iowa City, December 28-30, 1909.

The twentieth annual meeting of the Iowa Library Association was held at Des Moines, October 12-14, 1909. Mr. Irving B. Richman, of Muscatine, was elected President for the ensuing year.

The legislature of the State of Indiana at its last session failed to make an appropriation for carrying on the work of the Department of Indiana Archives and History after the close of the present fiscal year.

A notable archaeological discovery has been made in Arizona by Professor Edgar L. Hewett. In an unfrequented part of the Navaho reservation he found a series of caves cut in the rocky walls of a cañon. These caves are filled with all sorts of interesting archaeological remains.

The League of American Municipalities held its annual meeting at Montreal during the last week of August. The commission form of city government was the principal topic of discussion. St. Paul

has been selected as the place of the next meeting, and the officers for the ensuing year are Alderman David Heineman of Detroit, and Mr. John MacVicar of Des Moines, as President and Secretary respectively.

The efforts of Illinois to secure a primary election law that will stand the test of constitutionality have thus far been unsuccessful. The law of February, 1908, has been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of the State, making the third law of this nature to receive an adverse decision in four years.

A joint meeting of the Iowa Society of the Archaeological Institute of America, The Iowa Anthropological Society, and The Iowa Branch of the American Folk-Lore Society was held at Iowa City, November 26 and 27, 1909. The principal addresses were: *New Light from Old Lamps*, by Rev. J. George; and *The Story of the Isle of Man*, by Mrs. A. M. Mosher.

A Bureau of Municipal Reference has recently been established in connection with the University extension work of The University of Wisconsin. The purpose of this bureau is to collect and make accessible all sorts of material relative to municipal problems. Lecturers will also be prepared to supply the demands for lectures on various subjects of municipal activity.

The American Historical Association and the American Economic Association celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversaries at the annual meetings held in New York City, December 27 to 31, 1909. Meetings of the American Political Science Association, the American Statistical Association, the American Sociological Society, the American Association for Labor Legislation, and a number of other associations and societies were held at the same time and place. It was a notable gathering which should be productive of much good in the various lines of activity which the different bodies represent.

Azro B. F. Hildreth, a pioneer Iowa editor, died at his home in Charles City on November 29, 1909. Mr. Hildreth was born in Chelsea, Vermont, February 29, 1816, and came to Iowa in 1856. For fourteen years he was the editor of the *Charles City Weekly Republican-Intelligencer*. In 1870 he retired from newspaper work

and the remainder of his life was spent in looking after the interests of his estate. During these years, by his benefactions and business enterprise, he was a potent factor in the growth of Charles City. Mr. Hildreth was the author of *The Life and Times of Azro B. F. Hildreth*, a book containing material of value to the student of Iowa history.

COMMENTS ON "THE BATTLE OF SHILOH"

It is not often that a writer of history succeeds in being so accurate in his presentation of facts and so fair and non-partisan in his judgments as to satisfy those who either as participants in or as living witnesses of the events described have or believe they have first-hand information. Mr. J. W. Rich is, therefore, to be congratulated upon the comments which have followed the publication of his account of *The Battle of Shiloh* which appeared in the October, 1909, number of THE IOWA JOURNAL OF HISTORY AND POLITICS.

Upon the request of the editor of THE IOWA JOURNAL OF HISTORY AND POLITICS permission has been secured to publish extracts from a few of the letters which have come to the author of *The Battle of Shiloh*. With but one exception the letters from which the following extracts are taken were addressed to Mr. Rich.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE LAKES,
CHICAGO, ILL., Nov. 8, 1909.

MY DEAR SIR:

I hasten to thank you for the pamphlet on "The Battle of Shiloh" which has just been received. I have already glanced through it, and have read a few pages which have proved most interesting to me, and confirm the story of that great battle as I have heard it described by my father and General Sherman, as well as by many others who participated on that field.

I shall treasure your pamphlet among the archives of my family, and it will occupy an honored place in my library.

With many thanks for your kind thought of me and for your labor of love in placing the history of our country in a true light, believe me,

Very gratefully and sincerely yours,

FREDERICK D. GRANT.

P. S. Some time I hope to write my recollections of my father and would like to quote your pamphlet (possibly in full), of course giving you credit. May I do so?

F. D. G.

[Second Letter]

CHICAGO, ILL., Dec. 18, 1909.

DEAR SIR:

I read your article with the greatest interest and consider it the best conceived and most complete article on that battle of any I have ever seen, and I am very grateful to you for having written it.

Believe me,

Most sincerely yours,

FREDERICK D. GRANT.

[Frederick D. Grant is the son of General U. S. Grant and is Major General in the U. S. Army.]

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA, Dec. 13, 1909.

MY DEAR COMRADE:

I received your pamphlet on the Battle of Shiloh. I had already read it in the Historical Quarterly that had been sent to me, and I read it the second time. It is one of the best and clearest statements of the Battle that I have ever seen. It is especially so on account of its maps. I have read, of course, nearly all the statements in relation to the battle that have been published, and also those of Secretary Reed, and I have also heard Generals Grant and Sherman discuss the battle very freely. . . . You make so clear in your paper the reason why there were so many men at the Landing than others called stragglers and people who had run away from the front, that it shows very plainly that the great bulk of the troops on the field stood by their work and were in line when the battle ended. . . .

Thanking you heartily for the pains you have taken to investigate the subject and make it a matter of record, which is a good companion of Reed's book, I am,

Truly and cordially,

G. M. DODGE.

[Major General Grenville M. Dodge rendered conspicuous service throughout the Civil War, resigning March 1, 1866.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE MISSOURI, OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

Nov. 28th, 1909.

MY DEAR MR. RICH:

Your Battle of Shiloh came in due time and was perused with intense interest from start to finish. It is by far the best and truest account that I have seen. The public, all who value truth in history, and all survivors of that great battle are indebted to you immeasurably. It has taken fifty years to get the truth before the public, refute the lies about, and correct the erroneous impressions of the circumstances of the battle. . . .

Faithfully,

CHAS. MORTON.

[Brigadier General, U. S. Army. Now commanding Department of the Missouri, Omaha, Nebraska. Was a private in the 25th Missouri Infantry, and was in the battle of Shiloh from opening to close.]

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

CHICAGO, ILL., Nov. 28, 1909.

MY DEAR COMRADE RICH:

Last night, I went through it carefully, from start to finish. . . . and it stirred up such a flood of recollections, that I was afraid I never would go to sleep. I congratulate you most heartily on your effort, and consider your paper a very valuable addition to "the collections of Shiloh" There is much in your paper that is comparatively new, or at least the facts are presented in a new light.

Very truly your friend,

JOHN H. STIBBS.

[Colonel 12th Iowa Infantry and Brevet Brigadier General. Only surviving member of the Court that tried Gen. Wurz.]

PITTSBURG LANDING, TENN., Nov. 26, 1909.

DEAR COMRADE RICH:

My honest "unbiased opinion" is that your book makes many disputed points clear, and would convince any unprejudiced mind. . . .

D. W. REED.

[Secretary and Historian Shiloh National Military Park Commission. Major of the 12th Iowa Infantry.]

RUTLEDGE, MO., November 11th, 1909.

MY DEAR COMRADE:

Your Shiloh book received. The most authentic and valuable writing about the Battle that it has ever been my pleasure to read. Such a contrast from most of the misinformation heretofore written. You deserve the thanks of every survivor for the clear, comprehensive, and accurate way in which you tell the story. I have written some on the subject myself, and have read every scrap I could get hold of on the subject. But your book is, in my judgment, the best, the *very best*, that has ever appeared in print. . . .

Yours Fraternaly,

T. W. HOLMAN.

[Member of Company B, 21st Missouri Infantry. Commander of National Association of Battle of Shiloh Survivors.]

BOSTON, Dec. 28, 1909.

DEAR SIR:

I have read over, carefully, your paper on the battle of Shiloh; and what has particularly appealed to me is the prominence you have given to the part that Gen. Halleck's peremptory orders "to do nothing to bring on a general engagement" did in preparing for the mischief of the first day's battle. . . . I congratulate you upon the general soundness of your views with regard to the occurrence of the battle. . . .

Yours very truly,

FRANK E. PEABODY.

[Nephew of Colonel Peabody, commanding 1st Brigade, Prentiss's division.]

IOWA CITY, IOWA, 11/10/1909.

DEAR COMRADE:

I have received your admirable brochure on the Battle of Shiloh. I have read it, and my heart burned within me as your words so graphically, so accurately, so fully and yet so modestly pictured to my mind those scenes that tried men's souls.

I am especially thankful for the citations and explanations, drawn from Confederate reports which I had not before read. . . . Your defense of General Grant is powerful and timely, though modest and often unintentional.

Yours in F. C. L.

[Captain] E. H. ELY.

IOWA CITY, IOWA, November 22, 1909.

MY DEAR RICH:

Allow me to thank you for "The Battle of Shiloh". I read and read it again and shall still read it. It contains facts not found elsewhere. For your labor and research the public owe you a debt of gratitude.

To the old soldier who knows of Shiloh, it reads like a leaf from his own life. . . . I thank you, also congratulate you.

ELMER F. CLAPP.

MANCHESTER, IOWA, Dec. 5, 1909.

DEAR COMRADE RICH:

I am very thankful for the pamphlet, for I feel certain that it will do some good. I would like to see 100,000 copies or more distributed through the country.

Fraternally yours,

R. W. TIRRILL.

[Second Letter]

The paper is certainly the most lucid, unbiased, straight forward and complete article I have ever read on the battle of Shiloh. . . .

R. W. TIRRILL.

[Sergeant Company F., 12th Iowa Infantry.]

IOWA STATE LIBRARY, DES MOINES.

Dec. 23, 1909.

MY DEAR MR. RICH:

Thanks to you, I now see for the first time the battle as a whole. Your method may not be original, but it certainly is in its application to Shiloh. . . . You have enabled your readers to see all sides of disputed questions and to judge intelligently, not only as to the so-called "surprise" on Sunday morning and the closing of the Sunday night battle, but also as to the relative claims and assertions of Grant, Buell, Lew Wallace, and others. No student of history can afford to ignore your judicial estimate of this historic battle, fortified as it is at every point by authorities. . . .

Yours very truly,

JOHNSON BRIGHAM.

[State Librarian of Iowa]

VINTON, IOWA, Nov. 13, 1909.

MY DEAR COMRADE:

I have read and read The Battle of Shiloh with intense interest. . . . I have read everything that I could get bearing upon that battle. Your account is the best. . . .

As ever yours,
[Captain] HENRY M. WILSON.

CLERMONT, IOWA, Dec. 15, 1909.

MY DEAR RICH:

The Battle of Shiloh I have read and re-read with much interest. I am glad indeed that you have written it. It gives, with the maps, the most comprehensive description of the battle that I have read. . . .

Yours truly,
[Ex-Governor] WM. LARRABEE.

DES MOINES, IOWA, Dec. 15, 1909.

HON. B. F. SHAMBAUGH:

I consider the article on The Battle of Shiloh, by Mr. Rich, a valuable contribution to military history. I was through both days of that great battle. Commanded my regiment from 3 p. m. of April 6th to the close of the battle the next day. . . .

Yours very truly,
[Colonel] G. W. CROSLY.

FAYETTE, IOWA, Nov. 15, 1909.

MY DEAR COMRADE:

I received your Battle of Shiloh read and read and studied the maps as never before. . . . All that is worrying me now is, that you or some other mortal did not do this very same thing forty years ago, so that the "boys" could have had the pleasure of *knowing* the facts. . . . I hope the book may go forth as thick as Autumn leaves, everywhere, till *all* may *know* the facts. . . . Our State is able to pay for the dissemination of the truth. . . .

Very truly yours,

G. E. COMSTOCK.

[Corporal Company C., 12th Iowa Infantry.]

PHILADELPHIA, December 13, 1909.

MY DEAR SIR:

Whosoever has had the thoughtfulness to send me this paper has conferred an obligation. It shows an absolutely open mind and a very careful study of that memorable conflict. . . . I have always looked upon the stand of Stuart's Brigade as being of vital importance, and I am glad to see that you recognize it also. I do not know that I have read any paper or historical account of the battle which puts the error of those who claim that the army was demoralized by the first attack so conclusively. . . .

Very truly and respectfully yours,

WALTER GEORGE SMITH.

[Son of Thomas Kilby Smith, Colonel 54th Ohio—Stuart's Brigade.]

WASHINGTON, IOWA, Dec. 7, 1909.

DEAR RICH:

I got your able article and finished reading it with great satisfaction. . . .
—clear, thorough, convincing— and the very best thing I ever read on that
battle. I had, until I read your proofs, always believed we were “surprised”
there, but you converted me. I am very much obliged for this favor. . . .

HOWARD A. BURRELL.

[Editor of the *Washington Press* (Iowa).]

ELDORA, IOWA, 11/17/09.

DEAR SIR:

It is the best by far that I have ever seen. The maps give a clear idea of
the battle. . . . Shiloh was the most desperate and the most lied about bat-
tle of the whole war.

WALTER HARNED.

[An Illinois soldier in the Civil War.]

LAKE CHARLES, LA., Nov. 18, 1909.

DEAR MR. RICH:

I found every page of the article extremely interesting and was impressed,
after reading every page, with the amount of labor devoted to read-
ing and searching out your authorities. I am sure it will be looked upon as
one of the most valuable contributions to the history of that event. . . .

Yours very truly,

FRANK ROBERTS.

IOWA CITY, IOWA, Nov. 13, 1909.

DEAR MR. RICH:

You are to be congratulated on making plain a much discussed subject. . . .

Very truly yours,

L. M. HASTINGS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12, 1909.

MY DEAR MR. RICH:

I am very glad to see that you are making such a valuable contribution to
the truth of history. It is a great pity that wrong impressions once started,
however important the topic, seem never to get fully corrected. This, of course,
is only another way of saying that truth never catches up with a lie. . . .

Yours sincerely,

GEORGE F. PARKER.

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