

## HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

### PUBLICATIONS

The American Antiquarian Society has issued a *Handbook of Information* about the work of the Society.

*The British Board of Trade and the American Colonies*, by O. M. Dickerson, is a reprint from the first volume of the *Proceedings of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association*.

The New Haven Colony Historical Society has issued a pamphlet containing the reports presented at the annual meeting of the Society in November, 1909, and a list of officers and members for the year 1909-1910.

*The Narrative of the Portola Expedition of 1769-1770 by Miguel Costanso*, edited by Adolph van Hemert-Engert and Frederick J. Teggart, is the latest number of the *Publications of the Academy of Pacific Coast History*.

*The Masters of the Wilderness: A Study of the Hudson's Bay Company* is the title of an address delivered by Charles B. Reed before the Chicago Historical Society, which has been printed in pamphlet form by the Society.

The *Proceedings of the Maine Historical Society* for the year from January to December, 1909, contains an account of the transactions of the Society, reports of officers and committees, and lists of officers and members.

*Ancient Legal Contentions in Upper Medford*, by Arthur E. Whitney; *Early Improvements on the Mystic*, by Moses W. Mann; and *The Last Medford Indian*, by Moses W. Mann, are among the articles in *The Medford Historical Register* for January.

*The Kensington Rune Stone, Its Discovery, Its Inscriptions and Opinions Concerning Them*, by Warren Upham, is the opening article in the January-February number of the *Records of the*

*Past.* A. L. Van Antwerp is the writer of an article on *The Aqueducts of the City of Mexico*. Among the other contributions is a discussion of *Washington's Canal Around the Great Falls of the Potomac*, by Thomas Forsythe Nelson.

In *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* for January there is printed a letter written by Charles Francis Adams, under the heading, *Virginia's Position in February, 1861*. The remainder of the *Magazine* is devoted to continuations of documentary material.

The November and December number of the *German American Annals* is taken up with the conclusion of Gilbert G. Benjamin's history of the *Germans in Texas*, and a continuation of William E. Bek's article on *The Community at Bethel, Missouri, and Its Offspring at Aurora, Oregon*.

In the *Proceedings of the Cambridge Historical Society* for 1909 are a number of interesting papers and addresses, among which may be mentioned: *Dr. Benjamin Waterhouse and Harvard University*, by William Coolidge Lane; and *Extracts from the Journal of Benjamin Waterhouse*, by William Roscoe Thayer.

*The Evolution of the State Universal from an American Standpoint* is the subject of an address delivered by William F. Woerner at a joint meeting of the Missouri History Society and the St. Louis Society of Psychology. The address has been printed in pamphlet form by the two societies.

The *Annual Report of the Director* of the Department of Historical Research of the Carnegie Institution of Washington for 1909 tells of the work accomplished during the past year, and outlines plans for 1910. The need of more adequate quarters near the Library of Congress is especially emphasized.

Edward S. Sears is the writer of a biographical sketch of *Caleb Benjamin Tillinghast*, in the January number of *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*. Another biographical sketch is one by George F. Piper, on *Abram English Brown*. Mary Ellen Baker contributes a *Bibliography of Lists of New England Soldiers*.

F. I. Herriott's contribution to the political history of Iowa, entitled *Republican Presidential Preliminaries in Iowa — 1859-1860*; an article on *The Lyons and Iowa Central Railroad*, by Ruth Irish Preston; and a sketch of *The Old-Time Trapper*, by Tacitus Hussey, combine to make the January number of the *Annals of Iowa* an interesting one.

*Historia* is the title of an eight-page pamphlet or bulletin published quarterly by the Oklahoma Historical Society, the third number of which was issued in March. It is apparently published through the generosity of the Custodian, W. P. Campbell. It is to be hoped that the Society will prosper, and that the publication thus begun will be continued and improved as funds increase.

Henry A. M. Smith continues his series of sketches of South Carolina towns in the October number of *The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine* with an article on *Purrysburgh*. There are continuations of the *Records Kept by Colonel Isaac Hayne*; and of *Abstracts from the Records of the Court of Ordinary of the Province of South Carolina, 1692-1700*, by A. S. Salley, Jr.

Articles in the *Deutsch-Amerikanische Geschichtsblätter* for January are: *Geschichte der Deutschen Gesellschaft von Maryland*, by Louis P. Hennighausen; the thirty-fifth chapter of *Geschichte der Deutschen Quincy's*, by Heinrich Bornmann; *Oberst-Lieutenant Heinrich von Trebra und das 32. (deutsche) Indiana Infanterie-Regiment*, by W. U. Fritsch; and *Aus den Aufzeichnungen von L. A. Wollenweber*.

Volume nine, number one, of *The James Sprunt Historical Publications* published under the direction of the North Carolina Historical Society contains two contributions. The first is an article on *The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in the Province of North Carolina*, by David D. Oliver; while the second consists of some *Letters of John Rust Eaton*, edited by J. G. de Roulhac Hamilton.

The July-September number of *The Quarterly Publication of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio* contains some *Selec-*

tions from the *Torrence Papers*, arranged and edited by Isaac Joslin Cox. The letters here printed relate chiefly to the transfer of Louisiana, and the Burr conspiracy. The October-December number is devoted to the *Annual Report* of the Society for the year ending December 6, 1909.

The opening contribution in the December number of the *Maryland Historical Magazine* consists of a number of *Letters of Andrew Jackson to Roger Brooke Taney*, written at intervals between the years 1833 and 1842. *Col. John Eager Howard's Account of the Battle of Germantown*; an article on the *Siege and Capture of Havana in 1762*, by Robert Burton; and some *Letters Relating to the French and Indians*, may also be mentioned.

In the *Register of Kentucky State Historical Society* for January may be found an account of the meetings of the Ohio Valley Historical Association at Frankfort, Kentucky, in October, 1909. Among the articles are: *A Vanishing Race*, by Mrs. Jennie C. Morton; *Kentucky, Mother of Governors*, by John Wilson Townsend; a continuation of L. F. Johnson's *History of Franklin County*; and extracts from the *Correspondence of Governor Isaac Shelby during the War of 1812*.

The January number of *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* contains, besides continuations, the following contributions: *Muster Rolls of Three Troops of Loyalist Light Dragoons Raised in Pennsylvania, 1777-1778*, by Carlos E. Godfrey; *Letters of Dr. John McKinley to his Wife, while a Prisoner of War, 1777-1778*, by Mary T. Evans; and *Letters of Robert Proud*, the Tory schoolmaster and historian. The *Selections from the Letter-Books of Thomas Wharton, of Philadelphia, 1773-1783*, are concluded in this number.

*Canal Enlargement in New York State* is a handsomely printed volume of nearly four hundred and fifty pages which forms volume thirteen of the *Buffalo Historical Society Publications*, edited by Frank H. Severance. The most extended article in the volume is an *Historical Sketch of the Board of Trade, the Merchant's Exchange and the Chamber of Commerce of Buffalo*, written by the

editor. A number of papers on various phases of the subject by men well qualified to write such discussions combine to make the volume both interesting and valuable.

Articles in the August to October number of *The Wisconsin Archeologist* are: *Remains of Aboriginal Occupation in Pewaukee Township, Waukesha County*, by Stanley G. Haskins; *The Field of the Small Museum*, by George L. Collie; and *Wisconsin Garden Beds*, by Charles E. Brown. In the October to December number there are two contributions by Charles E. Brown, the first consisting of *Additions to the Record of Wisconsin Antiquities*; while the second is an article on *The Distribution of Discoidals, Cones, Plumets and Boat Stones in Wisconsin*.

*The Beginnings of Presbyterianism in Albany*, by Victor Hugo Paltsits, is an article which is begun in the December number of the *Journal of the Presbyterian Historical Society*. Marcus A. Brownson discusses *The Calvin Celebration in Geneva and Calvin's City as it is To-day*; while *Calvin and the New World* by James I. Good, is among the other contributions. In the March number may be found a continuation of Mr. Paltsit's article, and a discussion of *The Early History of the First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia*, by John Edmands.

Number six of the *Annals of Jackson County, Iowa*, published by the Jackson County Historical Society, has been distributed. There are a number of papers and addresses by James W. Ellis, Harvey Reid, Levi Wagoner, and others. There is a detailed account of the movement to secure an appropriation for a monument to Ansel Briggs, the first Governor of the State of Iowa. And the addresses delivered at the dedication at Andrew on September 22, 1909, are given in full. The Society is to be commended for its activity along the line of publication.

The January number of the *Missouri Historical Review* opens with *The Journals of Capt. Thomas Becknell from Boone's Lick to Santa Fe, and from Santa Cruz to Green River*. These journeys were made between the years 1821 and 1825. *Peculiarities of Life in Daniel Boone's Missouri Settlement* is the title of an article by

Will S. Bryan. *Col. Robert T. Van Horn* is the subject of an address by J. M. Greenwood, and there is *A Short Biographical Sketch of Lilburn W. Boggs*, by W. M. Boggs. The first installment of the *History of the County Press of Missouri*, by Minnie Organ, completes this number.

In the September number of *The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society* Edwin V. O'Hara tells of *De Smet in the Oregon Country*. F. G. Young contributes the first installment of what promises to be a valuable and scholarly monograph on *The Financial History of the State of Oregon*. T. C. Elliott is the editor of the *Journal of John Work*, which gives an excellent idea of the activities of a trader of the Hudson's Bay Company in the Northwest. The *Official Report of John Brown's Raid Upon Harper's Ferry* seems somewhat far afield. The closing contribution is *A Hudson's Bay Company Marriage Certificate*, edited by T. C. Elliott.

In the *Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society* at the annual meeting on October 20, 1909, may be found a number of interesting and valuable papers. Austin S. Garver writes a biographical sketch of *Edward Everett Hale*; while *John Connolly, a Tory of the Revolution*, is the subject of a sketch by Clarence Monroe Burton. A vivid picture of *The Campaign of 1844* is furnished by Worthington Chauncey Ford; *Some Customs of the Macheyengas* are described by William Curtis Farabee; and the closing contribution consists of *The Journal of Sir William Pepperrell* kept during the expedition against Louisbourg in 1745, which is edited by Charles Henry Lincoln.

The *Proceedings of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin* at the fifty-seventh annual meeting held on October 21, 1909, is a volume which will be of interest and value to students of history throughout the Mississippi Valley. The address on *Indian Diplomacy and the Opening of the Revolution in the West*, by James Alton James, is an able presentation of an interesting subject. *A Bibliography of Carver's Travels*, by John Thomas Lee, will be useful to students of this somewhat mendacious explorer. In the

*Organization, Boundaries, and Names of Wisconsin Counties*, Louise Phelps Kellogg has made a contribution to State history which will be of great value for reference purposes. *An Appreciation of James Rood Doolittle*, by Duane Mowry, and a number of other papers on various subjects of local history in Wisconsin complete the contents of the volume. Reprints have been made of all of these papers and contributions.

The somewhat belated volume containing the *Transactions of the Illinois State Historical Society* for the year 1908 has appeared. Among the papers read at the annual meeting in 1908 are: *Abraham Lincoln in 1854*, by Horace White; *Stephen A. Douglas*, by Adlai E. Stevenson; and *The Significance of the Piasa*, by Clara Kern Bayliss. Under the heading of *Contributions to State History* are four brief articles. Among the *Translations and Reprints* may be found a reprint of the pamphlet entitled *Earnest Invitation to the Inhabitants of Illinois by an Inhabitant of Kaskaskia*, translated and edited by Lydia Marie Brauer. *In Memoriam* is the heading given to a number of brief biographical sketches.

The *Proceedings of the New York State Historical Association* at the ninth and tenth annual meetings is a volume of over three hundred pages. There are a number of addresses dealing with different phases of the War of 1812, among which may be mentioned: *General Van Rensselaer and the Niagara Frontier*, by Jacques W. Redway; *Perry and his Victory*, by George L. Hawkins; *The Siege of Fort Erie*, by L. L. Babcock; *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 Irvin W. Near. Other papers of interest are *New York's Obligations to Her History*, by Andrew S. Draper; and *The Function of State Historian of New York*, by Victor Hugo Paltsits.

The presidential address on the subject of *Imagination in History*, delivered at the meeting of the American Historical Association in December, 1909, by Albert Bushnell Hart, is printed in the January number of *The American Historical Review*. It is one of

the most interesting and satisfying discussions of the aims and methods of the historian which has appeared in many years. Clarence Perkins writes on *The Wealth of the Knights Templars in England and the Disposition of it After their Dissolution*; and Guy S. Ford discusses *Wöllner and the Prussian Religious Edict of 1788*. Annie Heloise Abel is the writer of a scholarly article on the subject of *The Indians in the Civil War*. There is also a continuation of *Papers Relating to Bourbon County, Georgia, 1785-1786*, contributed by Edmund C. Burnett.

Among the articles in the October number of the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society* are: a tribute to Alfred Orendorff, the late President of the Society; *Shickshack in Romance and in Real Life*, by J. F. Snyder; *A Curious Proposition in 1776*, by J. H. Burnham; *Reminiscences of a Tragedy in Pioneer Life*, by F. M. Woolard; *Extracts from Old Newspapers*, by Garland C. Broadhead; *Early Attempts to Form an Illinois State Historical Society*; and *Some Old Letters*, which include two letters from Senator George W. Jones of Iowa. In the January number, among other things, Richard V. Carpenter writes on *Margaret Fuller in Northern Illinois*; and J. F. Snyder tells of *An Illinois Burnt Offering*. Under the heading of *Important Purchases of Books by the Illinois State Historical Library*, there will be found a list of books on Mississippi Valley history, a knowledge of the location of which will be useful to the investigator. There is also a *List of the Editions of the Works of Louis Hennepin in the Illinois State Historical Library* which is of value; and *Some Reprints from Old Books and Periodicals* relating to the Illinois country.

#### ACTIVITIES

At the meeting of the Maryland Historical Society on November 8, 1909, Bernard C. Steiner read a paper on *Brantz Mayer*, one of the founders of the Society.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Alabama State Department of Archives and History was held Tuesday, January 25. In his report the Director, Thomas M. Owen, told of the work during the past year. Perhaps the most conspicuous activity



has been the collection of the record of Alabama soldiers in the various wars of the United States.

At the monthly meeting of the Louisiana Historical Society held on February 16, Professor Franklin L. Riley read a paper on *The Mississippi River as a Political Factor in American History*.

The tenth annual meeting of The German-American Historical Society of Illinois was held at Chicago on February 12. The principal address was by Professor A. B. Faust, on the subject of *The German American in the Defense and Advance of the American Frontier*.

At a meeting of the Chicago Historical Society on Tuesday evening, January 18, 1910, Herman G. James delivered an address entitled *A Study in Illinois Constitutional History*; and there was an address on *Indian Diplomacy and the Opening of the Revolution in the West*, by James Alton James.

The heirs of Ebenezer Brigham, the first American settler in Dane County, Wisconsin, have donated to the State Historical Society of Wisconsin the site of an old blockhouse at Blue Mounds which figured prominently in the Black Hawk War. The Society expects to provide a suitable marker for the spot.

The Department of Historical Research in the Carnegie Institution of Washington now occupies enlarged quarters in the Bond Building. Among the activities projected for the coming year are the examination of the London archives for materials relating to the history of the United States since 1783, and a search through the Canadian archives for materials on United States history. Mr. Waldo G. Leland will return to Paris during the spring to complete his work in the archives there.

The officers for the year 1910 elected by the American Historical Association at the annual meeting in December are: President, Frederick J. Turner; First Vice President, William M. Sloane; Second Vice President, Theodore Roosevelt; Secretary, Waldo G. Leland; Secretary of the Council, Charles H. Haskins; Treasurer, Clarence W. Bowen; Curator, A. Howard Clark. Max Farrand,

Frank H. Hodder, Charles H. Hull, Evarts B. Greene, Franklin L. Riley, and Edwin Erle Sparks were chosen members of the Executive Committee in addition to the members ex-officiis. Clarence M. Burton was appointed Chairman of the Conference of State and Local Historical Societies.

The Illinois State Historical Library has recently acquired through purchase from a London book firm a number of valuable books bearing on the history of North America and especially of the Middle West. This accession includes many of the rare French works of the early period, as well as many scarce and valuable items in the English language. The Library board expects soon to publish the George Rogers Clark papers which are being edited and arranged by Professor James A. James.

A preliminary announcement of the program of the third annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, which will be held at Iowa City, May 26 and 27, has been issued. Besides a number of addresses and papers by men of wide reputation, there will be a Conference of Teachers of History, and a Conference of Mississippi Valley Historical Societies. The social side of the meetings will be well provided for in a number of receptions, luncheons, and dinners. The second volume of the *Proceedings* of the Association is now in press and will be distributed in May.

The Madison County (Iowa) Historical Society held its annual meeting on March 15. T. C. Gilpin delivered the first address, on the subject of *Early Courts and Litigation*. Blair Wolf followed with an original poem entitled *The Pioneer*. The next number was a paper on *Early Quaker Settlements in Madison County*, by D. B. Cook. *Landmarks that Should be Remembered* was the subject of a paper by W. W. Gentry. Curator Edgar R. Harlan was the last speaker on the program, and he especially emphasized the necessity of preserving historical documents and relics. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, H. A. Mueller; Vice President, E. R. Zeller; Secretary, W. F. Craig; Treasurer, W. H. Lewis; Directors, Fred Beeler, William Brinson, W. W. Gentry, and W. S. Wilkinson. Mr. Mueller was chosen as delegate to the meeting of The State Historical Society of Iowa in May.

## NEW COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETIES IN IOWA

At a meeting held at Jefferson late in October the first steps were taken toward the organization of a Greene County Historical Society. B. F. Osborn was chosen President; G. S. Toliver, Vice President; J. A. Henderson, Secretary; J. W. Huntington, Treasurer; and Mrs. Ida B. Head, Librarian. Committees on the drafting of a constitution and by-laws, and on membership were also appointed.

Late in December the Kossuth County Historical Society was organized by the adoption of a constitution and the election of officers. B. F. Reed was chosen President; M. Schenk, Vice President; Ed. Blackford, Secretary; C. F. Chubb, Treasurer; and Mrs. L. M. Horton, Curator. A Board of Trustees, three members of which retire each year, was also elected. Little more than an organization was effected at the first meeting, but it is expected that plans for the active work of the Society will be made at an early date. The headquarters of the Society will be at Algona.

A Floyd County Historical Society was organized at Charles City on February 12. A constitution and by-laws were drawn up and adopted, and signed by a number of charter members who it is hoped will form the nucleus for a very successful organization. The following are the officers elected: President, C. G. Patten; Vice President, S. C. Goddard; Secretary, Mrs. H. A. Stephens; Treasurer, Morton Wilbur; Curator, Miss Eva L. Fitch; Historian, W. H. Leonard. Judging from the number of historical articles which appear in the columns of the *Charles City Daily Press* there is an active interest in local history in Floyd County, which augurs well for the prosperity of the new Society.

## THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

Dr. Louis Pelzer will give instruction in the Iowa State Teachers' College during the summer session of the current year.

A volume on *The Territorial Governors in the Old Northwest*, written by Dwight G. McCarty, is now in press and will be distributed in May.

The biography of *John Chambers*, the second Governor of the Territory of Iowa, written by Dr. John Carl Parish, has been distributed.

John Wilson Townsend, a member of the Society, read a paper on *Kentucky: Mother of Governors*, at the meeting of the Ohio Valley Historical Association at Frankfort in October, 1909.

Among the donations to the Society during the past quarter is a file of *The Iowa State Register* for over twenty years. These newspapers are the generous gift of Dr. G. D. Darnall of West Union, Iowa, who had them bound especially for the Society.

Mr. W. O. Hart, of the New Orleans Bar, a member of the Society, delivered an address on *The License Tax System in Louisiana* before the third International Conference on State and Local Taxation at Louisville, Kentucky, in September, 1909.

Two excellent addresses and a conference of local historical societies in Iowa have been arranged for the meeting of the Society which will be held on May 25, in connection with the meetings of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. There will also be a dinner tendered by the members of the Society to their guests. It is hoped that members will make arrangements to attend these meetings.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership: Mrs. Julia Baldwin McKibbin, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. A. H. Davison, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Chas. Baker, Iowa, City, Iowa; Mr. Geo. S. Barner, Webster City, Iowa; Mr. Charles S. Bradshaw, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. F. C. Bush, Garner, Iowa; Mr. C. A. Carpenter, Columbus Junction, Iowa; Mr. Jay T. Colegrove, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Wm. Dennis, Marion, Iowa; Mr. M. F. Edwards, Parkersburg, Iowa; Mr. John D. Glass, Mason City, Iowa; Mr. Remley J. Glass, Mason City, Iowa; Mr. Peter Kiene, Dubuque, Iowa; Professor John B. Knoepfler, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mr. C. H. McNider, Mason City, Iowa; Mr. James Moorhead, Marion, Iowa; Dr. J. P. Mullin, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. H. J. Nietert, Walker, Iowa; Mr. John M. Rider, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Casper Schenck, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. James H. Shields, Dubuque, Iowa; Mr. J. V.

Snyder, Delmar, Iowa; Mr. M. J. Tobin, Vinton, Iowa; Mr. J. F. Traer, Vinton, Iowa; Mr. Theodore A. Wanerus, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. A. F. Allen, Blairstown, Iowa; Mr. J. S. Broeksmit, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. W. C. Brown, New York City, New York; Mr. H. H. Carter, Corydon, Iowa; Mr. Simon Casady, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. W. T. Chantland, Fort Dodge, Iowa; Mrs. R. G. Clark, Webster City, Iowa; Dr. J. Fred Clarke, Fairfield, Iowa; Mr. Walter E. Coffin, Des Moines, Iowa; Professor C. P. Colgrove, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mr. Elisha A. Crary, Grundy Center, Iowa; Mr. W. L. Eaton, Osage, Iowa; Mr. F. J. Eighmey, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. Leonard Everett, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. H. O. Field, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. James Haynes, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mr. Wm. Jackson, Bedford, Iowa; Mr. Frank H. Kincaid, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. John F. Lacey, Oskaloosa, Iowa; Mr. J. S. McKemey, Fairfield, Iowa; Mr. W. W. Marsh, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. E. T. Meredith, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. John Merkle, Bellevue, Iowa; Mr. W. W. Miller, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. Joseph Newton, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Geo. D. Perkins, Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. J. L. Powers, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Thos. R. Rankin, Burlington, Iowa; Mr. Chas. A. Rawson, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. C. C. Redfield, Harlan, Iowa; Mr. E. E. Richards, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mrs. J. J. Richardson, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Theo. F. Sanxay, New York City, New York; Mr. J. L. Sawyers, Centerville, Iowa; Mr. C. W. Sutliff, Marion, Iowa; Mr. C. J. Van Vechten, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Ralph Van Vechten, Chicago, Illinois; Mr. B. S. Walker, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Thomas Walpole, Storm Lake, Iowa; Dr. Frederick J. Will, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Carroll Wright, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Geo. G. Wright, Des Moines, Iowa.