

## HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

### PUBLICATIONS

The *Annual Report of the Connecticut Historical Society* contains the reports presented at the annual meeting, May 24, 1910, and a list of officers and members.

The Massachusetts Historical Society has published a neat volume by Samuel Abbott Green, on *John Foster the Earliest American Engraver and the First Boston Printer*.

Herbert N. Ackerman is the writer of an article on *The Congregational Church of West Medford* which appears in the April number of *The Medford Historical Register*.

Volume one, number five of the *Publications of the Academy of Pacific Coast History* is devoted to a monograph on *The United States Consulate in California*, by Rayner Wickersham Kelsey.

*The New England Churches and the First Presbytery*, by William H. Roberts; and *Self-Government and Calvinism*, by Paul Fredericq, are articles in the June number of the *Journal of the Presbyterian Historical Society*.

The April number of the *Deutsch-Amerikanische Geschichtsblätter* is largely taken up with a continuation of selections *Aus den Aufzeichnungen von L. A. Wollenweber*, and with the *Geschichte des Omaha Schweizer-Colonie*, by Xaver Stadler.

The January and April numbers of the *Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly* are combined, and are entirely taken up with *David Zeisberger's History of North American Indians*, edited by Archer Butler Hulbert and William Nathaniel Schwarze.

J. Franklin Jameson's historical sketch of *The American Historical Association, 1884-1909*, has been reprinted from the October number of *The American Historical Review*. The Association has also issued a pamphlet descriptive of its aims and activities.

*Robert Hoe* is the subject of a biographical sketch by Walter Gilliss in the April number of *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*. John R. Totten is the writer of an article on the *Science of Genealogy: The Growing Interest in this Study in the United States*.

An account of the *Fuenfte Konvention des Deutsch-Amerikanischen National-Bundes*, and a continuation of William G. Bek's study of *The Community at Bethel, Missouri, and Its Offspring at Aurora, Oregon*, take up the greater part of the *German American Annals* for January and February.

Among the articles in the May number of the *Register of Kentucky State Historical Society* are: *The Great Revival of 1800*, by Z. F. Smith; *Col. Richard Henderson of the Famous Transylvania Company*, by Susan S. Towles; *Pre-historic Animals in Kentucky and the Ohio Valley*, by R. B. Gilbert; and the *Diary of John Findlay Torrence, 1841*.

Among the contents of *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* for April, in addition to continuations, is an article on *The Last Fifteen Years of the House of Burgesses of Virginia, 1761-1776*, by James Mercer Garnett. The *Proceeding of the Virginia Historical Society* at its annual meeting on January 6, 1910, are also printed in this number.

The April number of the *Historical Collections of the Essex Institute* opens with a biographical sketch of *Francis Safford Dodge, Brigadier General in the United States Army*, by Mary Hunt Weston Dodge. *Groveland Localities and Place-Names*, compiled in 1854 by Alfred Poore; and *Marblehead in the Year 1700*, by Sidney Perley, are among the other contributions.

The *Collections of the Maine Historical Society* consists of volume fourteen of the *Documentary History of the State of Maine*, and contains *The Baxter Manuscripts*, edited by James Phinney Baxter. The letters, state papers, and other documents contained in this collection cover the years from 1766 to 1777, thus bringing the series down to the period of the Revolutionary War.

Charles E. Brown is the writer of three articles which appear in the January-April number of *The Wisconsin Archeologist*. The first deals with *The Intaglio Mounds of Wisconsin*. In the second article there are presented some *Notes on the Occurrence and Use of Bone, Shell, Hematite and Lead Implements in Wisconsin*. The last article tells of *Some Little-Known Wisconsin Implements*.

*Agricultural Organization in Illinois, 1870-1880*, is the title of an article by Solon J. Buck, which appears in the April number of the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*. An illustrated account of *Lincoln's Defense of Duff Armstrong* is presented by J. N. Gridley. Among the *Reprints* are a *History of Churches in Adams County*, and an article on *Pioneer Congregational Ministers in Illinois*.

Among the articles in *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* for April are: *The Struggle and Rise of Popular Power in Pennsylvania's First Two Decades, (1682-1701)*, by H. Frank Eshelman; "*Hail Columbia*" and its *First Publication: A Critical Inquiry*, by Charles Henry Hart; and some extracts from the journal of Sergeant Thomas Sullivan under the heading *From Brandywine to Philadelphia*.

*The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society* for December opens with *The Peter Skene Ogden Journals*, edited by T. C. Elliott. Then follow a second chapter of *The Financial History of the State of Oregon*, by F. G. Young; and an account of the *Dedication of the M'Loughlin Home*. The principal contribution in the January number is an address on *Oregon Counties: Their Creations and the Origins of their Names*, by Frederick V. Holman.

*The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine* for January opens with an article on *The Evacuation of Charleston by the British in 1782*, by Joseph W. Barnwell. *Radnor, Edmundsbury and Jacksonborough* is the title of an article by Henry A. M. Smith. Two contributions in the April number are: *The Baronies of South Carolina*, by Henry A. M. Smith; and *Notes on Some Colonial Governors of South Carolina and their Families*, by M. Alston Read.

The fourth chapter of Alex. Dienst's study of *The Navy of the Republic of Texas* appears in the belated October number of *The Quarterly of the Texas State Historical Association*. Other contributions are: *The Clopper Correspondence, 1834-1838*; and an article on *James H. C. Miller and Edward Gritten*, by Eugene C. Barker. In the January number there is a scholarly monograph by Ethel Zivley Rather on the *Recognition of the Republic of Texas by the United States*.

Besides continuations the following articles may be found in *The New England Genealogical Register* for April: A biographical sketch of *George Sumner Mann*, by Marquis Fayette Dickinson; *Extracts from the Journal of Elder Phineas Pillsbury of Nobleboro, Me.*; and a study of the *First Ownership of Ohio Lands*, by Albion Morris Dyer. A supplement to this number of the *Register* contains the *Proceedings of the New England Historic Genealogical Society* at the annual meeting on January 26, 1910.

The opening contribution in the *Maryland Historical Magazine* for March is a paper on *Brantz Mayer*, by Bernard C. Steiner. There are also some *Letters of Francis Scott Key to Roger Brooke Taney, and Other Correspondence*. Among the contributions in the June number are: *Recollections of Baltimore*, by John H. Naff; *Cruizing on the Chesapeake in 1781*, by Isaac J. Greenwood; *Luther Martin's Speech to the House of Delegates*, contributed by Bernard C. Steiner; and some *Land Notes, 1634-1655*.

A reprint from the *Papers of the Military Historical Society of Massachusetts*, volume seven, contains a number of Civil War sketches, by Ephraim A. Otis. The first sketch describes *The Second Day at Shiloh*, in which battle the writer served as an aide to Colonel Gibson who commanded the sixth brigade of McCook's division. *Recollections of the Kentucky Campaign of 1862* is the title of the second sketch; while the last deals with *The Murfreesboro Campaign*.

Warren Upham contributes an article on *Washington's Canoe Trip Down the Potomac Related in a Letter to Colonel Innes*.

in the *Records of the Past* for March-April. Henry W. Haynes tells of the *Discovery of an Indian Shell-Heap on Boston Common*. Frederick Bennett Wright discusses *The Relation of the Great Museums and Institutions to the Independent Local Investigator*. Articles on *San Hipolito*, by A. L. Van Antwerp; and *Discoveries in Babylonia and the Neighboring Lands*, by Theophilus G. Pinches, are among the other contributions.

The *Proceedings* of the Massachusetts Historical Society for the year 1908-1909 contains the usual account of the transactions of the Society, a number of papers and addresses, and some documentary material. Among the latter are: some *Letters of James Monroe, 1790-1827*; a number of papers under the heading *Quaker Protests, 1659-1675*; a series of letters from the *Van Buren-Bancroft Correspondence, 1830-1845*; and the *Diaries of Rev. William Smith and Dr. Cotton Tufts, 1738-1784*. The Society has published a comprehensive general index to the first twenty volumes of the *Proceedings* (Second Series).

The United States Catholic Historical Society has issued a neat volume of over two hundred pages containing a *Diary of a Visit to the United States of America in the Year 1883*, by Charles Lord Russell, late Lord Chief Justice of England. The volume is edited by Charles George Herbermann, and there is an introduction by Matthew Russell and an appendix by Thomas Francis Meehan. The diary is very readable and indicates that the writer was quite favorably impressed with America. The party of which Lord Russell was a member journeyed across the continent on the first through train on the Northern Pacific Railway.

The January-March number of *The Quarterly Publication of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio* contains four letters, each describing a journey in the western country during the early days. The first is entitled *Tour to Mobile, Pensacola, &c.*, and consists of a letter written by Peyton Short to Henry Clay in 1809. The second is a letter from Peyton Short to Dr. Frederick Ridgely in 1809, describing a *Tour to Fort St. Stephens, Fort Stoddert, and Pensacola*. James McBride is the writer of the third and fourth

letters which were written respectively to Margaret Poe in 1810 describing a *Journey to Lexington, Kentucky*; and to Mary McRoberts in 1812 telling of a *Voyage Down the Mississippi River* during the period of the New Madrid earthquake.

Volume seven of the *Contributions to the Historical Society of Montana* contains a number of papers of general interest. Wilbur Edgerton Sanders writes in an entertaining manner of *Montana: Organization, Name and Naming*. David B. Weaver's recollections of *Early Days in Emigrant Gulch* is interesting to Iowans because the writer and a number of persons referred to in the article at one time resided in Iowa. Frank H. Woody tells *How an Early Pioneer Came to Montana and the Privations Encountered on the Journey*. Under the heading, *Early Navigation of the Upper Missouri River* may be found a report of a steamboat expedition from St. Louis to Fort Benton in 1859, by Charles P. Chouteau. *Sacajaweah: An Historical Sketch*, by William F. Wheeler, is another article of interest.

The tenth volume of the *Publications of the Mississippi Historical Society*, edited by Franklin L. Riley, contains a good variety of articles on State history. There is also much material of general interest, among which may be mentioned: *The War in Mississippi after the Fall of Vicksburg, July 4, 1863*, by Stephen D. Lee; *The Vicksburg Campaign*, by Frank Johnston; *The Tupelo Campaign*, by Theodore G. Carter; *Aaron Burr in Mississippi*, by Charles B. Galloway; *Jefferson Davis at West Point*, by Walter L. Fleming; and the *Diary of a Mississippi Planter*, by Franklin L. Riley. The last hundred pages are devoted to tables of contents, an author index and a subject index for the first ten volumes of the *Collections*. It is believed that consolidation of all this material into a single and more extensive index would have increased the serviceability of this part of the volume.

Volume one of the *Annual Report of the American Historical Association for the Year 1907* is largely taken up with William Spence Robertson's monograph on *Francisco de Miranda and the Revolutionizing of Spanish America*. Among the other papers

which may be mentioned are: *Proposals for an Indian State, 1778-1878*, by Annie H. Abel; *The Pacific Railroads and the Disappearance of the Frontier in America*, by Frederic L. Paxson; *The Sentiment of the People of California with Respect to the Civil War*, by John Jewett Earle; and a *Résumé of the Archives Situations in the Several States in 1907*, compiled by Herman V. Ames. Volume two is devoted to part one of the *Diplomatic Correspondence of the Republic of Texas*, edited by George P. Garrison. The correspondence here printed for the first time covers the period from December, 1835, to December, 1842. There is also a calendar of correspondence hitherto printed.

An interesting and extended account of *The Meeting of the American Historical Association at New York* opens the April number of *The American Historical Review*. The first article is one by James F. Baldwin, on *The King's Council and the Chancery*. There is a second installment of Guy S. Ford's study of *Wöllner and the Prussian Religious Edict of 1788*; while John W. Foster presents a discussion of *The Contest for the Laws of Reform in Mexico*. James Ford Rhodes is the writer of the concluding article, which is a highly entertaining story of *The Molly Maguires in the Anthracite Region of Pennsylvania*, in which are described the operations and the downfall of this powerful band of criminals. Under the heading of *Documents* appear four letters varying in time from 1777 to 1867, perhaps the most interesting being a *Letter of John Quincy Adams, from Ghent, 1814*, and a *Letter of William Henry Trescot on Reconstruction in South Carolina, 1867*.

In 1907 a *Virginia Series* in the *Collections of the Illinois State Historical Library* was begun by the publication of the *Cahokia Records, 1778-1790*, edited by Clarence Walworth Alvord. Another volume, entitled *Kaskaskia Records, 1778-1790*, under the same editorship, has been added to the series. Since the first volume contained a general introduction to the whole series, the introduction to the present volume is comparatively brief and is devoted to the discussion of certain problems. As a rule the documents are arranged in chronological order, and for purposes of conven-

ience are divided into fifteen chapters. As is the case with the *Cahokia Records* these documents will prove of immense value to the student of early western history, since the greater part of them have hitherto been unaccessible except in manuscript. The commendable policy of giving both original and translation in the case of French documents has been followed, although it is believed that the manner of arrangement is not an improvement over that employed in the first volume. It is a matter of some surprise that the title page and the binder's lettering differ quite radically from the first volume in the series. Nevertheless, the changes are decided improvements.

The second volume of the *Proceedings of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association* was distributed in May. It is a handsome volume of nearly three hundred pages, and contains the transactions, papers, and addresses at the mid-winter meeting at Richmond, Virginia, on December 30, 1908, and at the second annual meeting at St. Louis, Missouri, June 17-19, 1909. Benjamin F. Shambaugh is the editor. Among the papers at the Richmond meeting were the following: *The North Carolina Cession of 1784 in Its Federal Aspects*, by St. George Leakin Sioussat; *William Clark — the Indian Agent*, by Harlow Lindley; and *The Story of Sergeant Charles Floyd*, by Frank Harmon Garver. At the St. Louis meeting there were a number of excellent papers, among which may be mentioned: *Ethnological Problems of the Lower Mississippi Valley*, by John R. Swanton; *Remarks on the Study of Aboriginal American History*, by William H. Holmes; *The Significance of the Attack on St. Louis, 1780*, by James Alton James; *The Western Sanitary Commission*, by Roland G. Usher; and *Early Trade and Travel in the Lower Mississippi Valley*, by William O. Scroggs. This volume completes the record of the meetings of the Association up to the meeting at Iowa City in May of this year, the proceedings of which will be published during the summer or fall.

#### ACTIVITIES

Mr. Louis H. Dielman has succeeded Dr. William Hand Browne as the editor of the *Maryland Historical Magazine*.

The Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society held its thirty-sixth annual meeting at Lansing on June 7 and 8, 1910.

The Connecticut Historical Society has recently come into possession of some additional Huntington papers for the year 1776.

The late Mrs. Henry G. Russell willed to the Rhode Island Historical Society a number of papers relating to Gabriel Bernon, a Huguenot immigrant. These papers cover the period from 1685 to 1735.

The library of the Massachusetts Historical Society has been made the depository of the Henry Knox papers, which are bound in fifty-five volumes. The New England Historic and Genealogical Society is the donor.

The eleventh annual meeting of the Illinois State Historical Society was held on May 5 and 6, 1910. The principal address was delivered by Professor Frederic L. Paxson, on the subject: *The West and the Growth of the National Ideal*.

#### THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

The third annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association was held at Iowa City on Thursday and Friday, May 26 and 27, 1910, following a program presented under the auspices of The State Historical Society of Iowa. The following program was prepared and, with a few exceptions, was given in full:

*May 26, 10:00 A. M.*

Address of Welcome — George Edwin MacLean, President of the State University of Iowa.

President's Address — *Professional Ideals* — Orin G. Libby, Professor in the State University of North Dakota.

Paper — *The Evolution of Nebraska* — Albert Watkins, Historian in the State Historical Society of Nebraska.

Paper — *The Pioneer and the Forest* — Bohumil Shimek, Professor in the State University of Iowa.

Paper — *The State Historical Museum* — Charles E. Brown, Chief of the Wisconsin State Historical Museum.

*May 26, 12:30 P. M.*

Luncheon tendered to the members of The Mississippi Valley Historical Association and the members of The State Historical Society of Iowa by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Cox at their home on the corner of Clinton and Market Streets.

*May 26, 2:00 P. M.*

A Conference of Teachers of History

Professor James A. James, Professor of History in Northwestern University, Presiding.

Paper — *Chief Features of the Report of the Committee of Five of the American Historical Association* — Andrew C. McLaughlin, Professor in the University of Chicago.

Discussion — *To What Extent Can an Effective Use of the Sources be made in Secondary Teaching?* — Guernsey Jones, Professor in the University of Nebraska; Edward C. Page, Professor in the Northern Illinois State Normal School; Jay T. Colegrove, Teacher of History in the Cedar Rapids High School.

Discussion — *To What Extent may the Teaching of History and Civics be Correlated and How Best Accomplished?* — Thomas F. Moran, Professor in Purdue University; O. M. Dickerson, Professor in the Western Illinois State Normal School; L. A. Fulwider, Principal of the Freeport High School; H. C. Wright, Teacher of Civics in the J. Sterling Morton High School.

*May 26, 3:30 P. M.*

A Conference of Mississippi Valley Historical Societies.

Edgar R. Harlan, Curator of the Historical Department of Iowa, Presiding.

Brief statements were presented at this time by representatives of the various societies.

*May 26, 8:00 P. M.*

Address — *The Significance of the Mississippi Valley in American History* — Frederick J. Turner, Professor in the State University of Wisconsin.

Address — *The Duty of the State in Relation to its History* — John Lee Webster, President of the Nebraska State Historical Society.

*May 27, 10:00 A. M.*

Paper — *The Significance of the Louisiana-Texas Frontier* — Isaac Joslin Cox, Professor in the University of Cincinnati.

Paper — *The Bid of the West for the National Capital* — Olynthus B. Clark, Professor in Drake University.

Paper — *Detroit and George Rogers Clark, 1780-1781* — James Alton James, Professor in Northwestern University.

Report — *The Marking of Historic Sites* — Committee of the Association.

*May 27, 12:30 P. M.*

Luncheon tendered to the members of The Mississippi Valley Historical Association and the members of The State Historical Society of Iowa by Mr. Euclid Sanders, President of The State Historical Society of Iowa, at the rooms of the Commercial Club.

*May 27, 2:00 P. M.*

Paper — *The Need of a Comprehensive Finding List of Western Manuscripts* — Clarence W. Alvord, Professor in the University of Illinois.

Paper — *Effigy Mounds and Mosaics in the Valley of the Mississippi* — Arlow B. Stout, Instructor in the State University of Wisconsin.

Paper — *Aboriginal Population of the Mississippi Valley* — James Mooney, American Bureau of Ethnology.

Paper — *Indian Names in Historical Documents* — John R. Swanton, American Bureau of Ethnology.

Business Session of The Mississippi Valley Historical Association.

*May 27, 8:00 P. M.*

Address — *Past and Present Sticking Points in Taxation* — Frank L. McVey, President of the State University of North Dakota.

Address — *Conservation of Natural Resources* — W. J. McGee, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The attendance was considerably larger than at any of the preceding meetings of the Association, thus indicating the growing strength of the organization. The papers were fully up to the standard hitherto maintained in the Association and all indications point to a very successful future.

At the business session a board of publication, of which Clarence W. Alvord is chairman, was appointed to arrange for the publication of a series of *Collections* under the auspices of the Association. It is hoped that a satisfactory arrangement will be made in the near future. The first two volumes of the *Proceedings* have now been issued, and the third volume, containing the transactions and papers at the recent meeting, will be put to press at an early date.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Benjamin F. Shambaugh; Vice President, Andrew C. McLaughlin; Secretary-Treasurer, Clarence S. Paine; two members of Executive Committee, James Alton James and Isaac Joslin Cox. Orin G. Libby, by virtue of being the retiring President, becomes a member of the Executive Committee ex-officio.

#### CONSTITUTION OF THE FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In the April number of THE IOWA JOURNAL OF HISTORY AND POLITICS there appears a list of the officers of the Floyd County Historical Society. The following are the Constitution and By-Laws which were adopted on February 14, 1910:

#### CONSTITUTION

##### ARTICLE I—NAME

The name of this Society shall be the Floyd County Historical Society.

##### ARTICLE II—OBJECTS

The society is organized for the purpose of collecting and preserving books, papers and records, writings and relics, legal, military and other materials, relating to the history of Floyd County, Iowa, but may include such material as is illustrative of the State and Nation.

##### ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Any person may become a member of this Society by

signing the Constitution and By-Laws and by payment of the membership fee.

SEC. 2. Any person making an absolute gift to the Society of \$10.00 in money, or of historical matter of the value of \$10.00 in the judgment of the Board of Directors, shall become a life member of the Society.

ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The officers of this Society shall a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Curator, Historian, and a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President and eight members of the Society.

SEC. 2. All elections shall be by ballot unless the rule be suspended by a majority vote.

SEC. 3. The officers of this Society shall be elected by a majority vote of persons present who have been members one year or more.

ARTICLE V—BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Board of Directors, subject to the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws. And all appropriations of the funds of the Society shall be made by the Executive Committee, unless ordered by a majority vote of those present at any meeting of the Society.

SEC. 2. The Society may provide by its By-Laws for such standing committees and their duties as may be deemed necessary.

ARTICLE VI—MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of this Society shall be held on the second Monday in June of each year, at which time the officers shall be elected and shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified.

SEC. 2. Special meetings may be held at the call of the President.

SEC. 3. Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VIII—MEMBERSHIP FEES AND ANNUAL DUES

The membership fee and annual dues shall be as provided by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IX—AMENDMENTS

The Constitution may be amended at any stated meeting of the

Society by a majority vote of persons who have been members for one year or more. Absent members may vote by letter.

## BY-LAWS

## ARTICLE I—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The duties of the officers shall be such as are indicated by their titles, and as may be provided by the Constitution and By-Laws.

## ARTICLE II—ORDER OF BUSINESS

SECTION 1. At each stated meeting the order of business shall be as follows:

1. Reading of minutes of last meeting.
2. Presentation of petitions, letters, memorials, or other papers which require action, and may be referred to appropriate committees for report.
3. Nomination and election of officers.
4. Reports of committees and officers.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New business.
7. Delivery of addresses and reading papers.
8. Adjournment.

## ARTICLE III—THE SECRETARY

SECTION 1. The Secretary shall keep a book to be called the record and minute book, in which he shall transcribe in order (a) the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society; (b) the record of his minutes of the proceedings of all meetings of the Society, after approval, and all other matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Society.

SEC. 2. As soon as convenient after he shall have recorded the same he shall turn over to the Curator for listing, filing and preservation, the originals of all letters, papers, addresses and other materials proper to be preserved.

## ARTICLE IV

SECTION 1. The Curator shall appoint an assistant, and he and his assistant shall, under his direction and responsibility, have the care and charge of all books, papers and records, writings and rel-

ics of whatever kind or character, the property of the society, which shall be kept as a department of the Free Public Library of Charles City.

SEC. 2. The documents, papers and relics shall be catalogued and arranged after the system in use in said Library.

SEC. 3. The Curator shall be held responsible to the Society for the care and safe custody of all its said properties, and under no circumstances shall any person, whether officer or member, be suffered or permitted to take from its place in said Library any item or article of its property of whatever nature or kind.

SEC. 4. At each stated meeting of the Society the Curator shall report in writing the list of books, papers, relics, etc., that shall have been acquired by the Society since the last stated meeting, and a list of all such books, relics, etc., that have been lost since the last stated meeting, with such information as he may have concerning the same.

#### ARTICLE V—THE TREASURER

SECTION 1. The Treasurer shall collect and safely keep all the funds belonging to the Society, and disburse the same only on the order of the Executive Committee, and he shall make a full report of the financial condition of the Society at each annual meeting.

#### ARTICLE VI—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute an Executive Committee, having general management of the Society, and shall meet promptly on the first Monday of each quarter. Four members shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 2. They shall consider and determine what books, papers, records and relics and other historical materials shall be purchased for the Society, and individually interest themselves, with other members of the Society, in soliciting contributions in money and historical materials within the scope and purpose of the Society.

SEC. 3. No indebtedness of the Society shall be incurred by the Board of Directors in excess of the funds in the hands of the Treasurer not already appropriated unless by the direction of a majority vote of the Society, and before any bill for the purchase of books,

papers, relics, records and writings for the Society shall be paid by the Treasurer it shall be signed by the President or Vice-President of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE VII—MEMBERSHIP FEE AND ANNUAL DUES

The membership fee shall be 50 cents, and the annual dues 50 cents.

## ARTICLE VIII—AMENDMENT

SECTION 1. The By-Laws of this Society may be amended by a majority vote of persons who have been members for one year or more.

## THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

A volume on *The Territorial Governors of the Old Northwest* written by Dwight G. McCarty, was distributed in May.

Mr. E. H. Downey's *History of Labor Legislation in Iowa*, a volume of nearly three hundred pages, was distributed late in April.

The Society has recently installed a handsome flag-case of steel and plate-glass in which to preserve the battle-flags in its possession.

Mr. E. H. Downey, formerly Research Assistant in the Society, is the author of an excellent article on *The Futility of Marginal Utility*, which appeared in the April number of *The Journal of Political Economy*.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. W. E. Bickel, Vinton, Iowa; Mr. Carle D. Brown, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Charles Carter, Fairfield, Iowa; Mr. Fred Courts, Morning Sun, Iowa; Mr. H. P. Dillon, Topeka, Kansas; Mr. E. G. Dunn, Mason City, Iowa; Mr. A. J. Edwards, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. G. D. Ellyson, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Nathaniel T. Guernsey, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. P. E. Hall, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. L. V. Harpel, Boone, Iowa; Mr. J. A. Henderson, Jefferson, Iowa; Mr. J. H. Henderson, Indianola, Iowa; Mr. F. M. Hubbel, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Burr C. Keeler, Mason City, Iowa; Mrs. F. W. Knight, Milford, Iowa; Rev. Chas. S. Medbury, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Edward F. Misak, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. L. F. Parker, Grinnell, Iowa; Mr. Frank R. Parsons, Tipton, Iowa;

Mr. George B. Stewart, Fort Madison, Iowa; Mr. D. W. Turner, Corning, Iowa; Dr. Fred W. Bailey, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Miss Ruby Baughman, Jefferson, Iowa; Mr. W. H. Berry, Indianola, Iowa; Mr. H. M. Binder, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. Nathan E. Brown, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Walter S. Cardell, Winterset, Iowa; Mr. C. W. Cruikshank, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Mr. George D. Darnall, West Union, Iowa; Mr. F. F. Daugherty, Keokuk, Iowa; Mrs. Anna A. Fisher, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. A. N. Hobson, West Union, Iowa; Miss Anna M. Klingenhagen, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. R. H. Lambert, Marion, Iowa; Mr. C. R. Marks, Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. Earl E. Mason, Webster City, Iowa; Mr. B. F. Reed, Algona, Iowa; Mr. E. C. Robbins, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. John Sandham, Harlan, Iowa; Mr. E. F. Schall, Fort Madison, Iowa; Mr. John M. Thompson, Marion, Iowa; Mr. B. B. Van Steenburg, Spirit Lake, Iowa; Miss Anna O. Temple, Atlantic, Iowa; Mrs. Max Mayer, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Marvin Dey, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. William A. Hunt, Wapello, Iowa; Mr. James Blaine Mason, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Charles F. Peterson, Clarion, Iowa; and Mr. Walter I. Wolfe, Lost Nation, Iowa.

## PROGRAM ON MAY 25, 1910

A program was presented under the auspices of The State Historical Society of Iowa on Wednesday, May 25, in connection with the third annual meeting of The Mississippi Valley Historical Association. At ten o'clock, in the University Auditorium in the Hall of Natural Science, President Euclid Sanders introduced Professor Laenas G. Weld, who delivered a splendid address on the subject: *On the Way to Iowa*. Professor Weld sketched in an entertaining manner the early French voyages up the St. Lawrence River and the explorations leading out toward the Iowa country, especially those of Nicolet, Radisson and Groseilliers, and Joliet and Marquette.

At two o'clock in the afternoon, in the library rooms of the Society there was held a conference of local historical societies in Iowa. Brief but interesting reports were presented by representatives from sixteen local societies. These reports reveal a growing

interest in local history throughout the State, and it is hoped that this conference gave an added impetus to the work.

At six o'clock at the Burkley Imperial Hotel the members of The State Historical Society of Iowa tendered a dinner in honor of Mr. Joseph Newton and the conference representatives of the local historical societies in Iowa. One hundred and twenty-one persons were present, including about twenty-five members from Cedar Rapids who chartered a special car on the interurban for the occasion. At the close of the dinner Mr. Newton was called upon, and made some very pleasing remarks.

At eight o'clock the day's program was closed by Mr. Joseph Newton's address on *Abraham Lincoln*. Mr. Newton has made an extended study of the life of Lincoln and has gained access to materials hitherto denied the investigator. Hence he was able to bring something new and unique on a subject which would seem to have been largely exhausted in recent years.

The Society expects to publish these two addresses, as well as the reports of the conference, at an early date, thus preserving the record of a program which was a success in every respect.