

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

PUBLICATIONS

The *Annual Report of the Essex Institute for the Year Ending May 2, 1910*, contains the usual reports, roster of members, and a list of donations.

The July number of *The Medford Historical Register* is largely taken up with an article on *Medford's Water Supply*, by Fred L. Cushing; and an editorial entitled *The Royall House People of a Century Ago*.

The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine for July opens with *Colonel Robert Gray's Observations on the War in Carolina*. There is also a continuation of the *Records Kept by Colonel Isaac Hayne*.

The Evanston Historical Society has issued a pamphlet containing *Proceedings, Reports of Officers and a List of Donors*. There is also an illustrated account of *Lincoln's Visit to Evanston in the Year Before the War*, written by J. Seymour Currey.

Bulletin number eight of the *Publications of the North Carolina Historical Commission* contains a brief account of *Canova's Statue of Washington*, by R. D. W. Connor, together with a portion of the correspondence relative to the statue.

The Kensington Rune-Stone is the subject of an address delivered by George T. Flom before the Illinois State Historical Society in May, which is published and distributed in advance sheets of the forthcoming *Publication of the Illinois State Historical Library*.

The March number of the *Records of the American Catholic Historical Society* is devoted to an article on *The Church of the Holy Trinity, Philadelphia*, by Martin I. J. Griffin; and to the proceedings of the annual meeting of the Society on December 21, 1909.

Sketches of the lives of Howard B. Cushing, Alonzo H. Cushing, and William B. Cushing are contained in a little volume entitled *Three Wisconsin Cushings*, which has been published by the Wisconsin History Commission. Thereon Wilbur Haight is the author.

The March-April number of the *German American Annals* opens with the *German Translation of William Penn's Letter to the Free Society of Merchants in London, 1683*. There is also a continuation of William G. Bek's monograph on *The Community at Bethel, Missouri, and Its Offspring at Aurora, Oregon*.

The thirtieth volume of the *Archives of Maryland* published by the Maryland Historical Society contains the *Proceedings and Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, April, 1715-August, 1716*, edited by William Hand Browne. This was the period of the restoration of the proprietorship in Maryland, and of the excitement over the claims of the Pretender in the mother country.

Part two of volume two of the *Proceedings and Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada* is devoted to a *Chronological Inventory of Maps, Plans and Atlases Relating to New France and the Province of Quebec—1508-1908*, compiled by N. E. Dionne. The introduction, which occupies seventeen pages, is written in French. The work will be a valuable aid to students of Canadian history.

Pipestone Quarries in Barron County is the title of an article by G. A. West which opens the April to July number of *The Wisconsin Archeologist*. Charles H. Doerflinger presents a very interesting *Franco-American Study of a Waning Prehistoric Industry*. A description of *An Ornamented Stone Axe*, by Charles E. Brown; and a list of *Indian Mounds Preserved in Wisconsin*, complete the contents.

Among the articles in the July number of the *Deutsch-Amerikanische Geschichtsblätter* are: *Die Deutschen in Mormonenkriege*, by Heinrich Bornmann; *The Germans of Davenport and the Chicago Convention of 1860*, by F. I. Herriott; *Amerikanisches Volksbildungswesen*, by Wilhelm Muller; and *Die Wirkung der Einwanderung auf die Entscheidung des Bürgerkrieges*, by Wilhelm Kaufmann.

In a volume entitled *Maine at Louisburg in 1745*, Henry S. Burrage, State Historian of Maine, performs a praiseworthy service to the cause of the history of his State. In addition to the account by the author, the book contains lists of officers and men from Maine who were at Louisburg, transcripts of correspondence and official reports relating to the siege, and a reference list of sources of information.

The *Maryland Historical Magazine* for September opens with some letters from Lieutenant-Colonel Samuel Smith to General Washington relative to the *Defense of Fort Mifflin*. Another contribution consists of some documents from the British Archives dealing with *The Burning of the "Peggy Stewart"*. A roster of Maryland troops engaged in the *French and Indian War* is taken from the Calvert Papers.

George D. Perkins is the author of a biographical sketch of the late *Azro Benjamin Franklin Hildreth* which appears in the April number of the *Annals of Iowa*. W. A. Duckworth writes interestingly of the *Escape of Iowa Soldiers from Confederate Prison*. Two other articles are: *Trial of John Brown*, by George E. Caskie; and *The Defoe Family in Iowa*, by Ona Ellis Smith. Among the editorials may be found a note on *Abraham Lincoln and His Clients*.

Bryant's Station and Its Founder, William Bryant, is the title of an article written by Thomas Julian Bryant, which opens the July number of the *Missouri Historical Review*. Heman C. Smith contributes an interesting narrative of *Mormon Troubles in Missouri*. The concluding installment of Minnie Organ's *History of the County Press of Missouri* occupies over fifty pages. G. C. Broadhead is the writer of two articles entitled *The Santa Fe Trail*, and *Missouri Weather in Early Days*.

The Houses and Buildings of Groveland, Mass., is the title of an article by Alfred Poore which appears in the *Historical Collections of the Essex Institute* for July. Then follows the *Journal of Col. Archelaus Fuller of Middleton, Mass., in the Expedition Against*

Ticonderoga in 1758. Another installment of Sidney Perley's description of *Marblehead in the Year 1700*; an article on *Familiar Ways of East Anglia*, by Pauline Willis; and some continuations of documentary material complete this number.

Two articles in the May-June number of the *Records of the Past* are: *Cremation in Cliff-Dwellings*, by J. Walter Fewkes; and *The Boone Mound*, by T. Van Hyning, which gives a description of an Iowa mound opened two years ago. The opening contribution in the July-August number is an article on *Archaeological Investigations in Honduras*, by A. Hooton Blackiston; *Examples of Unusual Zunian Pottery* are described by R. W. Shuffeldt; while Madison Davis tells of *An Almost Forgotten Battle* during the War of 1812.

Among the contributions in the *Register of Kentucky State Historical Society* for September are: *Daniel Boone*, by John Wilson Townsend; *Correspondence of Gov. Isaac Shelby*, copied from the State Archives by W. W. Longmoor; *Archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs*, translated by G. Waldo Leland; *Education in Harrodsburg and Neighborhood since 1775*, by Martha Stephenson; *Recollections of Louis Kossuth in Washington*, by Elizabeth Snow Sturges; and *Dueling and Some Noted Duels by Kentuckians*, by Z. F. Smith.

Frederick J. Teggart is the editor of the *Diary of Patrick Breen, One of the Donner Party*, which appears as a recent number of the *Publications of the Academy of Pacific Coast History*. Patrick Breen and his family started from Keokuk, Iowa, on the long overland journey to California on April 5, 1846, and suffered untold privations before reaching their goal. Another number of this interesting western historical series contains the *Papers of the San Francisco Committee of Vigilance of 1851*, edited by Porter Garnett.

The April-June number of *The Quarterly Publication of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio* is devoted to an installment of *Selections from the Follett Papers*, arranged and edited by L. Belle Hamlin. Oran Follett was a newspaper editor in New York and Ohio and took an active part in politics in those

States during the period of 1820 to 1860. The letters here presented range through the years from 1830 to 1833. The majority of them are from the correspondence between Oran Follett and Joseph Hoxie, but there are letters from Duff Green, Henry Clay, Thurlow Weed, and others.

The July number of the *Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly* opens with some *Reminiscences of a Pioneer*, edited by Clement L. Martzoff, which consists of recollections by Thomas Rogers who settled in the vicinity of Chillicothe in 1795. *Joseph Vance and his Times* is the title of an article by Benjamin F. Prince. Among the other articles are: *Muskingum River Improvement*, by Irven Travis; *Russell Bigelow, the Pioneer Pulpit Orator*, by N. B. C. Love; and *Washington's Ohio Lands*, by E. O. Randall. An account of the *Twenty-Fifth Annual Meeting of the Ohio Archaeological and Historical Society* may also be found.

The opening contribution in the April number of *The Quarterly of the Texas State Historical Association* is an article by Eugene C. Barker on *Stephen F. Austin and the Independence of Texas*. There are some interesting *Reminiscences of the Texas Revolution*, written in 1870 by Andrew A. Boyle; and three accounts of the capture and imprisonment of *The Bexar and Dawson Prisoners* are edited by E. W. Winkler. A brief monograph on *The State Finances of Texas During the Civil War*, by E. T. Miller; and some *Reminiscences of Henry Smith* found among the Lamar Papers, make up the contents of the July number.

Prehistoric Illinois: The Primitive Flint Industry, by J. F. Snyder, is the opening contribution in the July number of the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*. E. K. Crews writes on *Illinois in Modern Literature*, and Mrs. John M. Palmer relates some *Remembrances of Two Springfield Weddings of the Olden Time*. Another article from the pen of J. F. Snyder is a sketch of *Governor Ford and His Family*. Edgar J. Goodspeed contributes a brief statement concerning *The Old University of Chicago in 1867*; and there are *Some Reprints From Old Books and Periodicals*, together with the usual editorial notes and book reviews.

The Circumstance or the Substance of History is the title of an article by Frederick J. Teggart, which opens the July number of *The American Historical Review*. Laurence M. Larson discusses *The Political Policies of Cnut as King of England*; and James F. Baldwin contributes a second installment of his study of *The King's Council and the Chancery*. Articles on subjects in American history are: *The Cleavage Between Eastern and Western Virginia*, by Charles H. Ambler; and *Reconstruction and Its Benefits*, by W. E. Burghardt Du Bois. *Some Documents Relative to the Adjustment of the Roman Catholic Organization in the United States to the Condition of National Independence, 1783-1789*, are contributed by Carl Russell Fish.

The first volume of the *Annual Report of the American Historical Association of the Year 1908* has been distributed. The volume opens with the proceedings of the annual meeting of the Association and of the Pacific Coast Branch, which are followed by reports of the various conferences, including the *Report of the Fifth Annual Conference on the Problems of State and Local Historical Societies*, by St. George L. Sioussat. The following papers are presented: *The Viceroy of New Spain in the Eighteenth Century*, by Don E. Smith; *Notes Supplementary to Any Edition of Lewis and Clark*, by Frederick J. Teggart; *The Historical Value of Census Records*, by Joseph A. Hill; *The American Newspapers of the Eighteenth Century as Sources of History*, by William Nelson; and three articles grouped under the general heading, *The Wilderness Campaign*. Fully one-half of the volume is occupied with the *Ninth Annual Report of the Public Archives Commission*, by Herman V. Ames.

Victor Hugo Paltsits, State Historian of New York, has rendered a valuable service to students of Revolutionary War history by editing and publishing the *Minutes of the Commissioners for Detecting and Defeating Conspiracies in the State of New York*. These commissioners, to whom comprehensive powers were granted by the legislature, were selected from the seven counties of the State, and as a rule sat as separate boards in their respective counties. The

acts and proceedings of the Albany County Sessions, from 1778 to 1781, however, seem to be the only regular and complete records of the activities of the commissioners which have been preserved. The fact that the records of this one county board, covering as they do less than four years, occupy two large volumes is an indication of the varied and important duties which the commissioners performed. The editorial work by Mr. Paltsits has evidently been done with painstaking care, and the volumes are admirably printed and bound. A third volume, contains a comprehensive index.

ACTIVITIES

The Madrid (Iowa) Historical Society, through its Secretary, C. L. Lucas, displays a commendable activity in the way of historical articles in the local newspapers. In the *Madrid Register-News* for August 18, there is an extended *History of Madrid and the Community*, by Mr. Lucas.

The annual meeting of the American Historical Association will be held at Indianapolis during the holidays. The mid-winter meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association will be held at the same time and place, and it is expected that there will be a joint program with the Ohio Valley Historical Association.

The following addresses were delivered at the State Field Assembly of the Wisconsin Archaeological Society on July 29 and 30, 1910: *The Four Lakes Regions in Aboriginal Days*, by Reuben Gold Thwaites; *The Preservation of Prehistoric Remains in Ohio*, by Emilius O. Randall; and *The Relation of Archaeology to History*, by Carl Russell Fish.

The *List of Documents in Spanish Archives* prepared by Dr. J. A. Robertson will soon be published by the Department of Historical Research of the Carnegie Institution of Washington. Dr. David W. Parker has also completed the collecting of material for his *Calendar of Territorial Papers in Washington Archives*, a work which will be heartily welcomed by all students of western history.

At the annual meeting of the Texas State Historical Association held on March 2, 1910, the following officers were elected: A. W.

Terrell, President; Beauregard Bryan, First Vice-President; R. L. Batts, Second Vice-President; M. J. Bliem, Third Vice-President; Luther W. Clark, Fourth Vice-President; J. L. Worley, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. The Association, as well as the brotherhood of historians throughout the country, suffered a severe loss in the death of Professor George P. Garrison, which occurred on July 3, 1910.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

The address on *Abraham Lincoln*, which was delivered before the Society by Mr. Joseph Newton at the meeting in May, has been printed and distributed.

Professor Laenas G. Weld's address entitled *On the Way to Iowa*, which was delivered before the Society at the May meeting, will be printed and distributed to the members.

Professor John E. Brindley's two volume *History of Taxation in Iowa* is in press and will be distributed early in the winter. This work will appear in the *Iowa Economic History Series*.

Mr. Clarence Ray Aurner, a member of the Society, who for many years has been Superintendent of Schools at Tipton, Iowa, has completed a history of Cedar County, Iowa, and is now engaged in writing a history of Johnson County.

Mr. Kenneth W. Colgrove, a member of the Society who has made valuable contributions to its publications, has entered Harvard University as a graduate student. Mr. Colgrove received the degree of M. A. at the State University of Iowa in June.

Mr. Carroll B. Martin has succeeded Mr. Walter S. Cardell as General Assistant in the Society, and Miss M. Florence Franzèn has been appointed Library Assistant to succeed Miss Hazel Hayward. Mr. Clifford Powell has also been appointed an Assistant in the Library.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Miss Nellie L. Baldwin, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. R. K. Corlett, Burlington, Iowa; Mr. P. H. Donlon, Emmetsburg,

Iowa; Mr. John Fletcher, Des Moines, Iowa; Miss Sara L. Hart, Iowa City, Iowa; Dr. Leora Johnson, Iowa City, Iowa; Miss Mary Kelly, Perry, Iowa; Mrs. John A. Nash, Audubon, Iowa.

Mr. Jacob Van der Zee, who for many years has been actively engaged in the work of the Society, has entered the Law College of Harvard University. He will still maintain a connection with the Society, however, and will complete his history of the Hollanders in Iowa.

Dr. Louis Pelzer spent a portion of the summer at Iowa City, and has now nearly completed his biography of Henry Dodge which will be published in the *Iowa Biographical Series*. Dr. Pelzer has returned to the Montana State Normal School where he occupies the chair of History.

At the meeting of the Board of Curators on Wednesday, October 5, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mr. Euclid Sanders, President; Mr. Paul A. Korab, Treasurer; Dr. Frank E. Horack, Secretary. Mr. Marvin H. Dey was chosen to fill a vacancy in the Board of Curators.