

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

PUBLICATIONS

An address on *The History of the West and the Pioneers*, by Benjamin F. Shambaugh, has been reprinted from the *Proceedings of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin* for 1910.

Number five of the *Memorial Papers* of the Society of Colonial Wars in the District of Columbia contains a biographical sketch of *Gilbert Thompson*, by Marcus Benjamin.

The Sauks and Foxes in Franklin and Osage Counties, Kansas, is the title of an article by Ida M. Ferris, which has been reprinted from the eleventh volume of the *Kansas Historical Collections*.

A brief article on *Medford Milkmen*, by Francis A. Wait, may be found in the January number of *The Medford Historical Register*. An unsigned article bears the title, *How Medford Began to Grow*.

The December number of the *Records of the American Catholic Historical Society* is largely taken up with *Propaganda Documents* relative to the appointment of the first Bishop of Baltimore, contributed and edited by E. P. Devitt.

In the January-February number of the *Records of the Past* may be found the *Preliminary Report to the Minnesota Historical Society on the Kensington Rune Stone*. The report on the whole is favorable to the authenticity of the stone.

The *Third Biennial Report of the North Carolina Historical Commission* contains an account of the work of the Commission during the years from 1908 to 1910, together with a report of other historical activities in the State during that period.

The *Proceedings of the Bunker Hill Monument Association* at the annual meeting on June 17, 1910, contains three addresses: the presidential address by John Collins Warren; *Fighters and Spec-*

tators at Bunker Hill, by Curtis Guild, Jr.; and *A Hero of Dorchester Heights*, by Archer Butler Hulbert.

A Memorial Tablet at Ticonderoga is the title of a pamphlet issued by the Ticonderoga Historical Society. It contains an account of the exercises on October 4, 1910, at the unveiling of a tablet presented by the Ticonderoga Pulp and Paper Company.

The New England Historical and Genealogical Register for January opens with two biographical sketches: *Charles Edwin Hurd*, by Edward Henry Clement; and *James Brown of Middletown, Conn.*, by Edwin A. Hill. Among the other contributions is a continuation of Albion Morris Dyer's discussion of the *First Ownership of Ohio Lands*.

The *Journal of the Presbyterian Historical Society* for December opens with *The Earliest Account of Protestant Missions, A. D. 1557*, by J. I. Good. *The Early History of the Ninth Presbyterian Church and the Chambers Independent Church* is contributed by John Edmands; and under the head of *Ancient Documents and Records* there are a number of petitions *To the General Assembly of the Delaware State*.

A new series to be known as the *Kentucky Historical Series*, edited by Jennie C. Morton, has been initiated. The first volume to appear is one by John Wilson Townsend, entitled *Kentucky: Mother of Governors*. Mr. Townsend has presented in a very readable way some biographical data concerning a large number of the chief executives of Commonwealths and Territories who were sons of Kentucky either by birth or by adoption.

Two brief discussions of the much mooted question of whether the American Indians or an earlier race built the mounds, written by E. Ralston Goldsborough and John Sexton Abercrombie, are printed in *The Archaeological Bulletin* for December. *Newly Discovered Ruins of the Ancient Pueblos*, by J. A. Jeancon; *Notes from Pulaski County, Kentucky*, by W. L. Griffin; and *The Indian Trails in Clark County, Ohio*, by W. H. Ryner, are other contributions.

Among the articles in the January number of the *Deutsch-Amerikanische Geschichtsblätter* are: *The Americanizing Influence of*

the Foreign Press in America, by Emil Baensch; *Zustände in einer kleinen Stadt von Missouri vor 50 Jahren*, by Julius Kaufmann; *General W. T. Sherman as a College President*, by David French Boyd; *Die Deutschen in der Politik im Staate Indiana*, by W. U. Fritsch; and *Die Deutsch-Amerikaner and die deutsche Revolution*, by C. F. Huch.

John F. Philips is the writer of an article on *Governor Willard Preble Hall* appearing in the January number of the *Missouri Historical Review* in the series of articles on the *Administrations of Missouri Governors*. Joseph H. Schmidt presents some *Recollections of the First Catholic Mission Work in Central Missouri*. E. M. Violette discusses *The Battle of Kirksville, August 6, 1862*; and there is a second installment of *Monumental Inscriptions in Missouri Cemeteries*.

Henry Follansbee Long is the author of an historical sketch of *The Salt Marshes of the Massachusetts Coast* which may be found in the *Historical Collections of the Essex Institute* for January. There are continuations of *The Houses and Buildings of Groveland, Mass.*, by Alfred Poore; and of the *Revolutionary Orderly Book of Capt. Jeremiah Putnam of Danvers, Mass., in the Rhode Island Campaign*; and a fifth chapter in Sidney Perley's study of *Marblehead in the Year 1700*.

Nathaniel Pope is the subject of a biographical sketch by William A. Meese which appears in the January number of the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*. Isabel Jamison contributes an interesting sketch of the *Independent Military Companies of Sangamon County in the 30's*. The story of *Judge Theophilus L. Dickey and the First Murder Trial in Kendall County* is told by Avery N. Beebe. Some *Extracts from the Memoir of Alvan Stone* are presented under the head of reprints.

The principal contributions in the nineteenth number of the *Publications of the American Jewish Historical Society* are: *The Jews and Masonry in the United States before 1810*, by Samuel Oppenheim; *A List of Jews Who were Grand Masters of Masons in Various States of this Country*, by Albert M. Friedenberg; *Jews in*

Connection with the Colleges of the Thirteen Original States prior to 1800, by Leon Hühner; and *The Beginnings of Russo-Jewish Immigration to Philadelphia*, by David Sulzberger.

A contribution to the literature on the subject of the Mound Builders is to be found in Bennett H. Young's monograph on *The Prehistoric Men of Kentucky*, which constitutes number twenty-five of the *Filson Club Publications*. The writer gives a brief discussion of the theories concerning the origin and identity of the Mound Builders and then proceeds with a history of the life and habits of these ancient people in Kentucky, and with a description of the material remains left by them.

The April, July, and October, 1910, numbers of *The "Old Northwest" Genealogical Quarterly* are combined into one number. The first contribution is the *Journal of John Cotton, M. D.*, who was a lineal descendant of the famous John Cotton of colonial times. Another article is on the subject of the *Fugitive Slave Law of Ohio*. Other articles are: *Prince's Annals and Its Notable List of Subscribers*, by David E. Phillips; and *The Notable Pedigree of Wendell Phillips and Phillips Brooks*, by the same writer.

The belated September number of *The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society* opens with an extended biographical sketch of *Peter Skene Ogden, Fur Trader*, by T. C. Elliott. T. W. Davenport writes a brief appreciation of *The Late George H. Williams*. Public expenditures is the subject treated in the installment of the *Financial History of the State of Oregon*, by F. G. Young, here printed. Under the heading of *Documents* there is a letter and circular of information for prospective emigrants to Oregon.

The Heroic Career of a Kentucky Naval Officer: Rear Admiral Lucien Young is described by George Baber in the January number of *The Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society*. John Wilson Townsend contributes a brief sketch of *Rosa Vertner Jeffrey: Noted Kentucky Singer*. Martha Stephenson's discussion of *Education in Harrodsburg and Neighborhood Since 1775* is concluded in this number. There is another installment of the *Correspondence of Gov. Isaac Shelby*, copied from the State Archives by W. W. Longmoor.

In volumes fifteen and sixteen of the *Documentary History of the State of Maine* the Maine Historical Society continues the publication of *The Baxter Manuscripts*, edited by James Phinney Baxter. The letters and documents presented in volume fifteen cover the period from January, 1777, to April, 1778, and illustrate the part played by the people of Maine during the early years of the Revolution. Volume sixteen covers the months from April, 1778, to August, 1779, and contains an especially good collection of material dealing with the Penobscot Expedition.

The life and services of the late *George Pierce Garrison*, whose death has been greatly felt in historical circles, is discussed by H. Y. Benedict in an article in *The Quarterly of the Texas State Historical Association* for January. *Stephen F. Austin: A Memorial Address* was delivered by Alex. W. Terrell on the occasion of the removal of the remains of Stephen F. Austin from Peach Point to the State Cemetery at Austin in October, 1910. The remainder of the *Quarterly* is taken up with a scholarly monograph on *Apache Relations in Texas, 1718-1750*, by William Edward Dunn.

Some *Extracts from a Journal Kept During the Earlier Campaigns of the Army of the Potomac*, by Charles C. Bombaugh, which are printed in the December number of the *Maryland Historical Magazine*, relate the experiences of a surgeon with the brigade of General E. D. Baker. Under the heading, *George Peabody and his Services to the State*, are published a number of letters from the Executive Archives. *The Last Bloodshed of the Revolution* is the subject of an article by Francis B. Culver. A number of letters relating to the *Battle of Bladensburg*, and an article on *The Quit Rent in Maryland*, by Beverly W. Bond, Jr., may also be found among the contents of this number.

Two contributions, with an introductory note, make up the contents of the July-September, 1910, number of *The Quarterly Publication of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio*. The first is the Trenton circular *To the Respectable Public*, written by John Cleves Symmes on November 26, 1787, in which he set forth the advantages and prices of the lands which he owned on the Miami

River and which he hoped to sell to emigrants from New England. The second is a letter from *John Cleves Symmes to Elias Boudinot* discussing St. Clair's disastrous campaign against the Indians in 1791. The October-December number is devoted to the annual report of the Society for the year ending December 5, 1910.

A thirty page, illustrated article by A. B. Stout on *Prehistoric Earthworks in Wisconsin* opens the January number of the *Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly*. Then follows an address by Frederick Jackson Turner on *The Place of the Ohio Valley in American History*. Mrs. Jennie C. Morton is the writer of a brief paper on the history and character of the American Indian which appears under the title *A Vanishing Race*, adopted from Edward S. Curtis's picture of the same name. Some notes concerning the Wyandot chieftan, *Tarhe — the Crane*, are contributed by Basil Meek, who is also the writer of an article on *General Harmar's Expedition*. Among the editorials is one on *Jefferson's Ordinance of 1784*.

The portion of *The Randolph Manuscript* published in the January number of *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* covers the years from 1684 to 1686. Perhaps the most notable document in this group is a letter from Charles II relative to a grant which had recently been surrendered by Lord Culpeper. Among the *Miscellaneous Colonial Documents* are a number which throw light on the regulation of trade and commerce in the colonies early in the eighteenth century. An *Extract from the Sir William Johnson Papers*, contributed by G. A. Taylor, contains material relative to the dealings with the Indians. Franklin R. Carpentier contributes *Henry Bartlett's Diary to Ohio and Kentucky, 1805*, which tells of a journey taken during the months of April, May, and June of the year indicated.

Volume fourteen of the *Buffalo Historical Society Publications* is devoted to documentary material relative to *The Holland Land Co. and Canal Construction in Western New York*, edited by Frank H. Severance. The scope of the volume can best be stated in the words of the editor's introduction: "The present volume consists chiefly of documents bearing on the original construction of the Erie canal

in Western New York, and on the early harbor work at Buffalo and Black Rock. There are also here printed two journals of travel in New York State in the early years of the canal; a valuable study of the influences of the Erie canal on the settlement of the West; and sundry other papers which, although perhaps of minor importance, find an appropriate place in this collection." The editing has been done in the careful and painstaking manner characteristic of the work of Mr. Severance, and the volume is printed neatly and on good paper.

Volumes six to nine, inclusive, of *The Chicago Historical Society's Collection* are devoted to *The Diary of James K. Polk During his Presidency, 1845-1849*, edited by Milo Milton Quaife, with an introduction by Andrew Cunningham McLaughlin. The original manuscript of this valuable diary has for about ten years been in the possession of the Chicago Historical Society and has been occasionally consulted by historians, but it is now printed for the first time and made generally accessible. Viewed as a source for the history of a period over which there has been no end of controversy the diary is of great importance. Furthermore, it reveals with minute clearness the daily life of a President sixty years ago, recording with equal frankness the whole gamut of executive cares from the petition of the lowliest office-seeker to the great questions of diplomatic affairs. The editing has been done in a careful, scholarly manner, and the volumes are printed and bound in an attractive and permanent manner appropriate to their contents.

The nineteenth volume of the *Collections of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin*, edited by Reuben Gold Thwaites, is devoted almost entirely to documentary material relating to the early fur trade in the Great Lake region and the upper Mississippi Valley. The first collection, however, occupying one hundred and sixty pages, is entitled *The Mackinac Register* and contains a record of baptisms, marriages, and interments covering the period from 1695 to 1821. Then follows *A Wisconsin Fur-Trader's Journal, 1804-05*, written by François Victor Malhiot for the North West Fur Company. The journal furnishes a good picture of the life of a fur trader and the goods used in transacting business with the Indians.

The Fur-Trade on the Upper Lakes, 1778-1815, is illustrated by a large number of documents and letters by various traders, including John Askin. The concluding group of documents relates to *The Fur-Trade in Wisconsin, 1815-1817*. The volume will be of great value to students of early western history, and the comprehensive index will be appreciated by all who have occasion to use it.

The Governors of New York is the title of an extensive article by Charles Z. Lincoln which appears as the opening contribution in volume nine of the *Proceedings of the New York State Historical Association*. Under the title, *A Native of Jefferson County, New York, First Organized and Named the Republican Party*, Irvin W. Near presents a brief biographical sketch of Alvin Earl Bovay. An illustrated account of *A Recently Found Portrait Medallion of Jacques Cartier*, by John M. Clark, is of general interest. John H. Brandow discusses *Washington's Retreat Through Westchester County*. Everyone engaged in local historical work will be interested in the *Report of the Committee upon the Establishment of Closer Relations Between the Historical Societies of the State*. Among the other contents are: *The Study of History as Corrective of Economic Eccentricity*, by Thomas R. Slicer; *The Executive Relation of New York State to Historical Scholarship*, by Victor Hugo Paltsits; and a number of papers by various authors relative to *The Ticonderoga Expedition of 1775*. It is somewhat surprising that a volume containing so much valuable material has no index that is worthy of mention.

A new series in the *Collections of the Illinois State Historical Library* to be known as the *Bibliographical Series* has been begun in a volume containing a list of *Newspapers and Periodicals of Illinois 1814-1879*, compiled and edited by Franklin William Scott. In an introduction the editor presents an historical sketch of the newspapers of Illinois which, he states, is to be considered only preliminary to a more detailed treatment of the subject to appear later. The greater part of the volume is taken up with a descriptive list of newspapers and periodicals, arranged alphabetically by towns and cities. In each case where information could be secured, the character and politics of the respective papers, their editors, and

various other facts are given, and the place is indicated where files may be found when any are extant. Following this general list there is a list of libraries containing Illinois newspapers, with the files which each contains. A chronological list, an index to newspapers, an index to names, and an index to counties complete the volume. The arrangement is admirable and offers every possible convenience to the investigator, to whom the volume will be of great value.

ACTIVITIES

The Missouri Historical Society has come into possession of some letters from members of the Doniphan expedition, and from California gold seekers in 1849.

The Department of Archives and History of the State of Alabama has begun the publication of a quarterly periodical known as the *Alabama History Journal*, edited by Dr. Thomas M. Owen.

Professor Julius Goebel of the University of Illinois will edit the German version of the American adventures of Christoph von Grafenried, which will be published by the Historical Commission of the State of North Carolina.

The Illinois State Historical Society held a special meeting on April 14th in commemoration of the beginning of the Civil War. Two sessions were held, one in the afternoon and one in the evening, and there were speakers representing the various sections of the State.

The fourth annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association will be held at Chicago and Evanston May 18-20, 1911. The Illinois State Historical Society and the North Central Teachers' Association will hold their annual meetings at the same time and places.

A movement is on foot in Indiana for the erection of a State Library and Museum Building as a permanent memorial for the centennial of Indiana's statehood in 1916. The Indiana Historical Society and other historical agencies have been particularly active in this movement.

The annual meeting of the Virginia Historical Society was held on December 29, 1910. The officers chosen at that time were: President, W. Gordon McCabe; Vice Presidents, Archer Anderson, Edward V. Valentine, and Lyon G. Tyler; Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, William G. Stanard; Recording Secretary, David C. Richardson; Treasurer, Robert A. Lancaster, Jr.

At the January meeting of the Louisiana Historical Society the Battle of New Orleans was the principal topic of discussion. The following officers were elected at this time: Alcée Fortier, President; Charles T. Soniat, First Vice President; Gaspar Cusachs, Second Vice President; Arthur T. Prescott, Third Vice President; Charles G. Gill, Recording Secretary; Pierce Butler, Corresponding Secretary; W. O. Hart, Treasurer.

The Madison County Historical Society held its eighth annual meeting at Winterset. There was an interesting program, with several papers on local historical topics and an address by Benj. F. Shambaugh, Superintendent of The State Historical Society of Iowa. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, H. A. Mueller; Vice President, E. R. Zeller; Secretary, Walter F. Craig; Treasurer, W. H. Lewis; Directors, J. J. Gaston, W. S. Wilkinson, William Brinson, and Fred Beeler.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

Dr. Louis Pelzer's biography of Henry Dodge is now in press and will probably be distributed during the summer.

It is expected that Mr. Johnson Brigham's biography of James Harlan will be ready to go to press during the summer.

Professor John E. Brindley's two-volume *History of Taxation in Iowa* has been distributed. In response to a resolution of the General Assembly each member of that body was furnished with a set of this work.

The following persons have been appointed by Governor Carroll to the Board of Curators of The State Historical Society of Iowa: Mr. Marsh W. Bailey, Washington, Iowa; Mr. F. M. Edwards, Parkersburg, Iowa; Mr. J. J. McConnell, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr.

John T. Moffit, Tipton, Iowa; Mr. Byron W. Newberry, Strawberry Point, Iowa; Mr. A. C. Savage, Adair, Iowa; Mr. E. W. Stanton, Ames, Iowa; Mr. W. H. Tedford, Corydon, Iowa; Mr. J. B. Weaver, Jr., Des Moines, Iowa.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. Henry L. Adams, West Union, Iowa; Mr. A. L. Ames, Traer, Iowa; Mr. James A. Hall, Denison, Iowa; Mr. Robert Healy, Fort Dodge, Iowa; Mr. Thos. Hickenlooper, Albia, Iowa; Mr. F. M. Meyers, Denison, Iowa; Mr. Wm. E. G. Saunders, Emmetsburg, Iowa; Mr. John H. Stibbs, Chicago, Illinois; Mr. Howard Vaughn, Ames, Iowa; Mr. A. H. Wallace, Washington, Iowa; Mr. Charles Baldwin, Salt Lake City, Utah; Mr. W. J. Brown, Emmetsburg, Iowa; Mr. Will L. Clifton, Webster City, Iowa; Mr. LaMonte Cowles, Burlington, Iowa; Mr. Ernest M. Engvall, Des Moines, Iowa; Miss Ellen Geyer, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. W. F. Hunter, Webster City, Iowa; Rev. John A. McKamy, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. W. C. Ralston, Pocahontas, Iowa; Mr. Alfred C. Torgeson, Beresford, South Dakota; Mr. G. A. Wrightman, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Edgar Ashton, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. John A. L. Campbell, Sheldon, Iowa; Mr. Walter F. Craig, Winterset, Iowa; Mr. Sherman W. DeWolf, Reinbeck, Iowa; Mr. D. A. Emery, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Charles E. Hall, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Charity Lothrop Kellogg, Charles City, Iowa; Mr. John E. Luckey, Vinton, Iowa; Mr. W. W. Mercer, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. James M. Pierce, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. C. G. Sauerberg, Ames, Iowa; Mr. James Saum, Adair, Iowa; Mr. H. H. Stipp, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. H. C. Wallace, Des Moines, Iowa; and Mr. Arthur Springer, Wapello, Iowa.