

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

PUBLICATIONS

A. Hooton Blackiston describes the peculiar ruins of *Quirigua* in Guatemala in the March-April number of the *Records of the Past*. J. A. Jeancon tells of *Explorations in Chama Basin, New Mexico*.

The *Manuscript Collections of the American Antiquarian Society* are described by Charles Henry Lincoln in a reprint from volume four of the *Papers* of the Bibliographical Society of America.

The number of the *Publications of the Onondaga Historical Association* published in April contains a catalogue of portraits, relics, maps, and other historical material in the historical building at Syracuse, New York.

The April number of *The Medford Historical Register* opens with an article on *Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church*, by Moses Whitcher Mann. *An Old Medford Landmark* is the subject of a brief note by John H. Hooper.

A valuable volume which will probably be published during the current year is an analytical index to the *Public Papers of Governor George Clinton*, which has been announced by the State Historian of New York.

The *Addresses at the Unveiling of the Bust of Matt W. Ransom* by the North Carolina Historical Commission on January 11, 1911, may be found in the *Publications of the North Carolina Historical Commission, Bulletin No. 10*.

Two pamphlets published by the Chicago Historical Society are: *The Indian as a Diplomatic Factor in the History of the Old Northwest*, by Isaac J. Cox; and *The Preamble and Boundary Clauses of the Illinois Constitution*, by Herman G. James.

The volume of the *Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society at the Annual Meeting held in Worcester October 19, 1910*, contains the ordinary reports and a symposium on *The Present State of Historical Writing in America* in which J. Franklin Jameson, John Bach McMaster, and Edward Channing participate.

The Nebraska State Historical Society has published an *Outline of Nebraska History*, prepared by Albert Watkins. It furnishes lists of references on the various phases of Nebraska history from the earliest explorations down to the present time, and closes with a *Summary of Nebraska History*.

History of the Chippewa Nation as Told by Themselves and Catholic Documents, by J. O. Kinnaman; *Can we Obtain any Definite Knowledge of the Beginning of Civilized Life?*, by N. Kolpin; and *Physiography of the Great Colorado Cañon*, by Charles Hallock, are among the articles in *The American Antiquarian and Oriental Journal* for October-December, 1910.

An illustrated article on *The Court Houses in Salem*, by Sidney Perley, is the opening contribution in the April number of the *Historical Collections of the Essex Institute*. There is a continuation of the *Houses and Buildings of Groveland, Mass.*, by Alfred Poore; and a sixth installment of Sidney Perley's discussion of *Marblehead in the Year 1700*.

Volume seven of the seventh series of the *Massachusetts Historical Society Collections* is devoted to the first part of the *Diary of Cotton Mather 1681-1708*, edited by Worthington C. Ford. Besides the diary proper there are letters to Increase Mather, John Cotton, and Samuel Penshallow, one of which tells of the execution of witches at Salem and the Jamaica earthquake.

Volume thirteen of the *Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society* consists of the second volume of *Correspondence and Documents During Jonathan Law's Governorship of the Colony of Connecticut 1741-1750*. The material included in this volume covers the period from August, 1745, to December, 1746. These letters and documents should prove of great value to the student of early colonial history.

A second and last installment of J. I. Good's contribution entitled *The Earliest Account of Protestant Missions, A. D. 1557*, is to be found in the *Journal of the Presbyterian Historical Society* for March. *The Little Family in the Presbyterian Church* is the title of a sketch by Charles Little. *Some Noteworthy Features in the Annals of the Mahoning Presbyterian Church, 1785-1910*, are outlined by Robert Laird Stewart.

The *Records of the American Catholic Historical Society* for March opens with the *Baptismal Registers of Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia, for 1793-4-5*, transcribed by F. X. Reuss and edited by Thomas C. Middleton. Some copper objects found in Indian mounds are described by James Savage in an article on *The Pre-historic Finds of Michigan*. Another contribution consists of *Philadelphia Catholic Historical Briefs*.

The April number of the *Deutsch-Amerikanische Geschichtsblätter* opens with a brief account of the *Elfte Jahresversammlung der Deutsch-Amerikanischen Historischen Gesellschaft von Illinois*. Among the other contributions are: *Der Deutsch-Amerikanische National-Bund*, by William U. Fritsch; an *Address Delivered at the Unveiling of the Steuben Statue, Washington, D. C., December 7th, 1910*, by Richard Bartholdt; and *Peter Mühlenbergs Ingendjahre*, by C. F. Huch.

Henry A. M. Smith discusses the Cypress Barony in *The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine* for January in his series on *The Baronies of South Carolina*. Another contribution is the *Register of the Independent or Congregational (Circular) Church, 1732-1738*, edited by Mabel L. Webber. In the April number Mr. Smith discusses the Wadboo Barony and there is published a *Journal of the Campaign to the Southward, May 9th to July 14th, 1778*, by John Fauchereau Grimke.

Charles Edward Mann is the writer of a brief sketch of *Deloraine Pendre Corey* which appears in the April number of *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*. Among the continuations is the list of *Emigrants from England*, prepared by Gerald Fothergill; and a list of names connected with the *First*

Ownership of Ohio Lands, by Albion Morris Dyer. A supplement to this number contains the proceedings of the Society at the annual meeting held on January 25, 1911.

The Relation of Archaeology to History is the subject of an address by Carl Russell Fish, which appears in the December-February number of *The Wisconsin Archeologist*. Arlow B. Stout writes a brief sketch on *The Winnebago and the Mounds*. Charles E. Brown is the contributor of two articles, one on *Silver Trade Crosses*, and the other on *A Group of Indian Mounds on the Pecos River*. There are also some *Notes of the Four Lakes Indians*, and a notice of *The Centenary of Increase Allen Lapham*.

The January-March number of *The Quarterly Publication of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio* is devoted to a translation of a Welsh pamphlet entitled *The American*. The pamphlet was written by B. W. Chidlaw, a Welsh minister in Ohio, and was first published in 1840. It describes a journey from the Ohio Valley to Wales in the year 1839 and contains a description of the State of Ohio and a brief history of Welsh settlements in America. An introductory note is written by L. Belle Hamlin.

First Free School in Queen Anne's County is the title of an article by Edwin H. Brown, Jr., which opens the *Maryland Historical Magazine* for March. A transcript of *Admiral Cockburn's Plan* indicates clearly who was responsible for the suggestion which led to the attack on the city of Washington during the War of 1812, and also reveals what might easily have been the fate of Baltimore had the suggestion been followed without modification. *Baltimore in 1846* is the title of a paper which was read before the Society in 1875 by Henry Stockbridge, Sr.

The Southwestern Boundary of Texas, 1821-1840, is the topic discussed by Thomas Maitland Marshall in a scholarly article which appears in the April number of *The Quarterly of the Texas State Historical Association*. E. W. Winkler tells of *Some Historical Activities of the Texas Library and Historical Commission*. Alexander Horton contributes an autobiographical sketch under the heading, *Life of A. Horton and Early Settlement of San Augus-*

tine County. An interesting article on a fascinating subject is one by Adele B. Looscan, on *Micajah Antrey, a Soldier of the Alamo*.

General Zachary Taylor and the Mexican War is the title of an article by Anderson Chenault Quisenberry, which appears in the May number of *The Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society*. An appendix contains a roster of Kentuckians who served in the War with Mexico. A brief biographical sketch of *Henry Watterson: World-Famous Editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal* is written by Ella H. Ellwanger. Under the somewhat non-committal heading, *Those Who Have Been and Are Not*, A. D. Price presents an historical sketch of the physicians who once lived in Harrodsburg, Kentucky, or vicinity.

James Peckham and Thomas L. Snead, two historical writers who made noteworthy contributions to the history of Missouri in their books dealing with events in that State during the year 1861, are the subject of discussion in a paper on *Two Missouri Historians*, by H. E. Robinson, which appears in the April number of the *Missouri Historical Review*. Frank H. Hodder contributes some interesting *Side Lights on the Missouri Compromise* which include some letters from Senators Benton and Barton. *Bryant's Station and its Founder, William Bryant*, is the subject discussed by Thomas Julian Bryant. The closing article is one by Joab Spencer on *John Clark, Pioneer Preacher and Founder of Methodism in Missouri*.

Volume six, part one, of the *Historical Records and Studies* published by the United States Catholic Historical Society contains some excellent contributions of western interest. Thomas J. Campbell is the writer of an article on *Pierre Esprit Radisson* which is not only entertaining reading, but gives evidence of careful research. Under the heading *An Iroquois Chief*, Edward P. Spillane writes a brief sketch of Jean Baptiste Taiaiake, the last great chief of the Iroquois Indians. Another contribution by Thomas J. Campbell is a discussion of the *First Canadian Missienaries and the Holy Eucharist*. There is also a review of the second volume of Reverend Campbell's history of *Pioneer Priests of North America*, which deals with the priests among the Huron Indians.

The seventh volume of the *Collections of the Illinois State Historical Library* comprises the second volume in the *Executive Series* which is devoted to the *Governors' Letter-Books 1840-1853*, edited by Evarts Boutell Greene and Charles Manfred Thompson. There is a general introduction by Professor Greene, and *A Study of the Administration of Governor Thomas Ford*, by Professor Thompson, which occupies eighty pages. The Governors whose letter-books are here presented are Thomas Carlin, Thomas Ford, Augustus C. French, and Joel A. Matteson. One hundred and thirty pages are also devoted to *Letters of Wadsworth and Sheldon to Governor French, 1847-1853*. A list of letters, a bibliography, and an excellent index complete the volume and make it very convenient for use by the student.

The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography for April opens with some transcripts of *Minutes of the Council and General Court, 1622-1624*. The portion of *The Randolph Manuscript* here printed consists of some extracts from Council journals for the years from 1686 to 1688. *The Miscellaneous Colonial Documents* illustrate various events in the year 1775, and among them may be found an advertisement by the agent of the Transylvania Company. Under the heading, *Early Settlers in Greenbrier County*, are some extracts from the journal of Dr. Thomas Walker, who was one of the first men to make a trip into Kentucky, the date of the journal being 1750. *Colonel Scarborough's Report*, contributed by Thomas B. Robertson, tells of attempts to suppress the Quakers in what is now a part of Maryland.

Frank E. Stevens is the writer of a biographical sketch of *Alexander Pope Field* appearing in the April number of the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*, which, to say the least, is not eulogistic. *The Burial and Resurrection of Black Hawk* is the subject of an article by J. F. Snyder which embodies some interesting information concerning the famous chieftain and the burial customs of the Sac and Fox Indians. The *Church Records of Salt Creek Circuit, 1829-1833*, form a contribution to early western church history. A sketch of the *Life and Services of General Thomas J. Henderson*, by J. W. Templeton, furnishes some

sidelights on Abraham Lincoln. William R. Sandham is the writer of an appreciation of *Hon. James H. Miller*, who was largely responsible for the act which created the Illinois State Historical Library.

In the January number of *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* may be found the proceedings of the banquet given by the Society on December 31, 1910, to celebrate the ninety-fifth anniversary of the birth of General George Gordon Meade. *Joseph Richardson's Road* is discussed by Samuel W. Pennypacker in an article which deals with an interesting phase of early Pennsylvania history. Joseph Jackson in an article entitled *The First Balloon Hoax* shows that the balloon ascension which has been considered to have taken place in Philadelphia on December 28, 1783, never occurred, and that it was a hoax perpetrated largely for the purpose of increasing the fame of the Philosophical Society of Philadelphia. Some *Extracts from the Journal of Surgeon Ebenezer Elmer of the New Jersey Continental Line, September 11-19, 1777*, are contributed by John Nixon Brooks.

A rather extended account of *The Meeting of the American Historical Association at Indianapolis* during the last week in December, 1910, may be found in the April number of *The American Historical Review*. Roger Bigelow Merriman is the writer of an article on *The Cortes of the Spanish Kingdoms in the Later Middle Ages*. Carl Becker discusses *Horace Walpole's Memoirs of the Reign of George the Third*. Under the heading *The Literature of the Russo-Japanese War* appears an interesting article signed by "A British Officer". The only article in this number which may be said to come within the range of American History is one on the *Privateers and Pirates of the West Indies*, by Violet Barbour. The concluding contribution is composed of a number of documents dealing with *American Commercial Conditions, and Negotiations with Austria, 1783-1786*, edited by Edmund C. Burnett.

The eleventh volume of the *Collections of the Kansas State Historical Society*, edited by George W. Martin, is a volume which contains much interesting and valuable material. To note all of the articles would be impossible, but the following are illustrative:

The Significance of Kansas History, by Charles Harker Rhodes; *First Appearance of Kansas at a National Convention*, by A. G. Procter; *The Swedish Settlements in Central Kansas*, by Alfred Bergin; *The Boundary Lines of Kansas*, by George W. Martin; *A History of Manufacturing in the Kansas District*, by Richard L. Douglas; *Personal Recollections of the Battle of Shiloh*, by Leander Stillwell; *The Sauk and Foxes of Franklin and Osage Counties, Kansas*, by Ida M. Ferris; and *Massacre of the Villazur Expedition by the Pawnees on the Platte in 1720*, by John B. Dunbar. A number of maps and illustrations add interest to the volume, and there is a splendid index.

The third volume of the *Proceedings of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association*, which contains the proceedings for the year 1909-1910, exceeds the previous volumes in point of size and the number of papers. Two meetings were held during this year, one at Lincoln, Nebraska, on January 18, 1910, and the other at Iowa City on May 26 and 27, 1910. Among the numerous excellent papers which this volume contains are the following: *In Kiowa Camps*, by James Mooney; *The Pioneer and the Forest*, by Bohumil Shimek; *The Significance of the Mississippi Valley in American History*, by Frederick Jackson Turner; *The Significance of the Louisiana-Texas Frontier*, by Isaac Joslin Cox; *The Bid of the West for the National Capital*, by Olynthus B. Clark; *George Rogers Clark and Detroit 1780-1781*, by James Alton James; *Past and Present Sticking Points in Taxation*, by Frank L. McVey; and *The Conservation of Natural Resources*, by W J McGee.

Under Three Flags or the Story of St. Louis Briefly Told, by Gustavus A. Finkelnburg, is the opening contribution in the third number of volume three of the *Missouri Historical Society Collections*. Walter B. Douglas is the writer of an article on *Manuel Lisa* which is interesting and scholarly, and is to be continued. *The Spanish Forts at the Mouth of the Missouri River* is the title given a brief document copied from the General Archives of the Indies at Seville. Charles A. Krone continues his *Recollections of an Old Actor*. There is a *Letter of Don Manuel Perez to the People of Sainte Genevieve, 1791*, taken from the Vallé papers, together with

a brief sketch of *Don Manuel Perez*, which is the closing contribution. Among the notes in the back of the volume is a biographical sketch of *Pierre Chouteau*, who died on November 21, 1910, and whose ancestors included such famous pioneers as Pierre Chouteau, the great merchant, Charles Gratiot, and Laclède, the founder of St. Louis.

ACTIVITIES

A summer school will be maintained by the School of American Archaeology during August at El Rito de los Frijoles, New Mexico.

The North Central History Teachers Association held a meeting at Evanston on May 20th, in connection with the meetings of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association.

The sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars has been appropriated by the legislature of North Carolina for the erection of a fire-proof building for the accommodation of the Historical Commission, the Hall of History, the Supreme Court, and the State Library.

At the annual meeting of the Maryland Historical Society on February 13, 1911, the following officers were elected: President, Mendes Cohen; Vice Presidents, W. Hall Harris, George A. Leakin, and Henry Stockbridge; Corresponding Secretary, Richard H. Spencer; Treasurer, William Bowly Wilson.

Mr. David M. Matteson is engaged in preparing a general index to all of the publications of the American Historical Association. The second volume of the *Annual Report* for 1908, which completes the *Diplomatic Correspondence of the Republic of Texas*, is announced for early distribution. The Association has also nearly completed the preparation of its biennial *Handbook*.

The Chicago Historical Society is planning to commemorate the centennial of the Fort Dearborn massacre by the publication of a volume of documents edited by Milo M. Quaife. The Society has recently come into possession of the splendid collection of Lewis and Clark literature formerly owned by Charles H. Conover. The *Report* of the Society for 1910 indicates a growth along all lines.

Carl R. Fish's *Guide to the Materials for American History in Roman and Other Italian Archives*, and William H. Allison's *Inventory of Unpublished Materials for American Religious History, Chiefly in Protestant Church Archives*, have been published by the Carnegie Institution of Washington. David W. Parker's *Calendar of Territorial Papers in Government Archives at Washington* is in press.

At the fifteenth annual meeting of the Texas State Historical Association on March 2nd the following officers were elected: President, A. W. Terrell; Vice Presidents, Beauregard Bryan, R. L. Batts, Milton J. Bliem, and Luther W. Clark; Recording Secretary and Librarian, E. C. Barker; Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, C. W. Ramsdell. Fifty new members were elected and Edward Dunn was chosen a Fellow.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF ILLINOIS

The State Historical Society of Illinois held its annual meeting at Evanston and Chicago on Wednesday and Thursday, May 17 and 18, 1911. The following addresses and papers were presented: an address of welcome, by Mayor Joseph E. Paden of Evanston; *Thomas Sloo, Jr., a Typical Politician of Early Illinois*, by Isaac J. Cox; *The Fordhams and La Serres of the English Settlement in Edwards County, Illinois*, by Walter Colyer; *The Development of the Illinois State Constitutions*, by Christopher B. Coleman; *Massachusetts, the Germans, and the Chicago Convention of 1860*, by Frank I. Herriott; and an address by Clark E. Carr; *Abraham Lincoln's Early Connection with the Republican Party*, by I. P. Wharton; and *Life and Labors of William H. Collins, One of the Founders of the Illinois Historical Society*, by James Robert Smith.

At the business meeting practically the same officers who have served during the past year were reëlected. The report of the Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber, revealed a consistent growth in the activities of the Society, which now numbers over twelve hundred members. The volume containing the Transactions for 1909 is about ready for distribution. The next volume of the *Collections* to be published will probably contain the George

Rogers Clark papers. Bills for a commission to formulate plans for the erection of a building for the Society, and appropriating money for the purchase of Starved Rock and vicinity, over a thousand acres, have been especially urged by the Society in the legislature. Plans are being made for the celebration next year of the centennial of Madison County, Illinois, which was established in 1812 by Governor Ninian Edwards. The Committee on Archaeology recommended active work along archaeological and ethnological lines.

THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

The fourth annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association was held at Chicago and Evanston on Thursday and Friday, May 18 and 19, 1911, following the annual meeting of the State Historical Society of Illinois. In Chicago the sessions were held in the building of the Chicago Historical Society, while at Evanston the place of meeting was the rooms of the Evanston Historical Society in the Public Library building. The following program, with a few omissions and rearrangements, was carried out:

May 18, 2:30 P. M.

Address of Welcome — Dr. Otto L. Schmidt.

President's Address — *The Iowa School of Research Historians* — Benjamin F. Shambaugh, Professor in the State University of Iowa.

Paper — *Robert J. Walker, Imperialist* — William E. Dodd, Professor in the University of Chicago.

Paper — *Myths of the American Indians as Material for Supplementary Reading in Our Secondary Schools* — Orin G. Libby, Professor in the State University of North Dakota.

Paper — *Some Notes on the Fort Dearborn Massacre* — M. M. Quaife, Professor in Lewis Institute.

Paper — *Some Materials for the Social History of the Mississippi Valley During the Nineteenth Century* — Solon J. Buck, Research Assistant in the University of Illinois.

May 18, 8:00 P. M.

Address — *Old Steamboat Days on the Mississippi River* — George B. Merrick, Madison, Wisconsin.

Informal reception to the members of the various associations by the Chicago Historical Society.

May 19, 10:00 A. M.

Paper — *The Mississippi Valley and Internal Improvements, 1825-1840* — R. B. Way, Professor in the University of Indiana.

Paper — *A Comparison of Some of the Source Material on Braddock's Campaign* — Archer B. Hulbert, Professor in Marietta College.

Paper — *The Early Harbor History of Wisconsin* — A. G. Plumb, Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

Paper — *Were the Outagami of Iroquois Stock?* — N. H. Winchell, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Business Meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association.

May 19, 12:30 P. M.

Luncheon tendered to the members of the visiting associations by Mayor and Mrs. Joseph E. Paden at the Evanston Club, Grove Street and Chicago Avenue. Following the luncheon Mr. Henry J. Patten provided automobiles for a ride through the city of Evanston.

May 19, 3:00 P. M.

Paper — *Personal Recollections of the Civil War* — Mrs. R. A. Stewart, Evanston, Illinois.

Adjourned business meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association.

May 19, 5:00 P. M.

Reception tendered to the members of the visiting associations by Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Dawes, at their home, Greenwood Boulevard and Sheridan Road.

May 19, 8:15 P. M.

Address — *Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas as Lawyers* — Orin N. Carter, Associate Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court.

The attendance was perhaps not as large as at the meeting at Iowa City last year, but what was lacking in numbers was supplied in interest and enthusiasm. The papers were unusually good and when published in the fourth volume of the *Proceedings* will contribute materially to the reliable literature of Mississippi Valley history.

At the business session an amendment to the Constitution was adopted whereby changes are made in the provisions relative to membership and membership dues. Three classes of membership are now provided: active, sustaining, and life, of which the dues are one, five, and fifty dollars, respectively. There was quite a spirited debate on the proposition to raise the active membership dues to two dollars.

The following officers were elected: President, Andrew C. McLaughlin; First Vice President, Reuben Gold Thwaites; Second Vice President, James Alton James; Secretary-Treasurer, Clarence S. Paine. The Executive Committee was considerably enlarged.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

Dr. Louis Pelzer's biography of *Henry Dodge* has come from the press and will be distributed within a short time.

Mr. Clifford Powell has been appointed to the position of General Assistant for the summer months, to succeed Mr. Carroll B. Martin.

The Superintendent, Dr. Benjamin F. Shambaugh, delivered an address before the Old Settlers' Association of Cedar County at Tipton on June 10th.

The biography of James Harlan by Mr. Johnson Brigham, which will make a volume of over four hundred pages, is practically ready for the printers.

A collection of papers of Leander Clark, former Indian Agent for the Meskwaki Indians in Tama County, has recently been deposited with the Society.

Mr. Kenneth W. Colgrove, a member of the Society and the contributor of a number of articles to *THE IOWA JOURNAL OF HISTORY AND POLITICS*, is spending the summer in Europe, chiefly at Eisenach, Germany.

Miss Eliza L. Johnson, who is in charge of the library of the Society, has been granted a three months' leave of absence and is spending the summer in Europe. Miss M. Florence Franzén has charge of the library in her absence.

Mr. Henry E. C. Ditzen of Davenport, a member of the Society, is the author of an article on *The Contributory Dependency Law of Iowa*, which appears in the May number of the *Journal of the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology*.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. R. J. Fleming, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. C. R. Benedict, Shelby, Iowa; Mr. A. C. Gustafson, Red Oak, Iowa; Mr. Oscar Hale, Wapello, Iowa; Mr. O. J. Henderson, Webster City, Iowa; Mr. Hugh Mossman, Vinton, Iowa; Mr. E. B. Soper, Emmetsburg, Iowa; Mr. Geo. M. Bechtel, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. L. M. Bosworth, Ames, Iowa; Mr. John C. Bryant, Red Oak, Iowa; Dr. Olynthus B. Clark, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. M. H. Cohen, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. William Loudon, Fairfield, Iowa; Mr. B. E. Stonebraker, Rockwell City, Iowa; Mr. Dillon Turney, Fairfield, Iowa; and Mr. A. W. Wilkinson, Winterset, Iowa.

RESEARCH WORK IN THE SOCIETY

The rooms of the Society will be the scene of unusual activity along the lines of research in Iowa history during the present summer. Four Research Associates have been appointed and will be in residence at Iowa City during the greater part of the summer months. Mr. Jacob Van der Zee, a graduate of Oxford University, England, who has been connected with the work of the Society for several years, will complete his volume on the Dutch in Iowa. Mr. Van der Zee is at present pursuing law studies at Harvard University. Dr. E. H. Downey of Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, the author of the *History of Labor Legislation in Iowa*, will make investigations along the line of industrial history. Dr. John C. Parish of Montclair, Colorado, whose contributions to the publications of the Society are well known, will be at work on a biography of George W. Jones. Dr. John E. Brindley of the Iowa State College at Ames, author of the *History of Taxation in Iowa*, will make a study of road legislation in Iowa.

Besides the Research Associates a number of Research Assistants have been appointed. Mr. Clarence R. Aurner will be engaged in writing a history of township government in Iowa, and Professor Frank H. Garver of Morningside College will pursue studies along a similar line with respect to county government. Professor Olynthus B. Clark of Drake University will continue an investigation which he has already begun in the field of Iowa politics during the period of the Civil War and Reconstruction. Professor L. B. Schmidt of Iowa State College will also be engaged in working out some subject in the political history of Iowa.

A number of graduate students and others are also planning to do research work in connection with the Society during the summer. Dr. Dan E. Clark, the Assistant Editor, plans to complete a volume on the history of senatorial elections in Iowa.