

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

PUBLICATIONS

The October number of *The Medford Historical Register* is devoted to a biographical sketch of *Lucretia Mott*, by Anna D. Hallowell.

The *Proceedings of the Forty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Old Settlers' Association of Johnson County, Iowa*, which have recently been printed, contain considerable information relative to early Iowa settlers.

The fourth number of volume two of the *Publications of the American Academy of Pacific Coast History* is devoted to *The Portola Expedition of 1769-1770: Diary of Miguel Costanso*, edited by Frederick J. Teggart.

Robert F. Gilder describes some *Discoveries Indicating an Unexploited Culture in Eastern Nebraska* in the September-October number of the *Records of the Past*. Hjalmar R. Holand presents some opinions of *The Kensington Rune Stone Abroad*. George Frederick Wright tells of *Glacial Man at Trenton, New Jersey*.

The Society of Colonial Wars of the State of Michigan has published the *Journal of J. L. of Quebec, Merchant*, which is the record of a journey made in 1768 by John Lees from London to Boston, New York, Detroit, Montreal, and various other points in America. The journal is edited by Clarence M. Burton.

The seventh installment of *Selections from the Torrence Papers*, arranged and edited by Isaac Joslin Cox, is printed in the July-September number of the *Quarterly Publication of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio*. The letters here published are taken quite largely from the correspondence of Thomas Sloo, Jr.

The *Seventeenth Biennial Report of the Board of Directors of the Kansas State Historical Society* contains a record of the activi-

ties and progress of the Society during the biennial period from July 1, 1908, to June 30, 1910. It also includes the proceedings of the annual meeting of the Society on December 6, 1910.

The May-August number of the *German American Annals* is taken up with an article on *Die Deutschen Indianas in Kriege für die Union*, by William A. Fritsch; and a continuation of the *Journal of Du Roi the Elder, Lieutenant and Adjutant, in the Service of the Duke of Brunswick, 1776-1777*, translated by Charlotte S. J. Epping.

William West Richeson: The Kentuckian that Taught Grant, by Thomas E. Pickett; *Kentucky's Part in the War of 1812*, by Samuel M. Wilson; *Letter of Samuel R. Overton to Waller Overton, Esq.*, written during the War of 1812; and *Kentuckians in the Battle of Lake Erie*, by A. C. Quisenberry, are among the articles in *The Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society* for September.

Charles Wilson Hackett is the author of a monograph on *The Revolt of the Pueblo Indians of New Mexico in 1860*, which appears in the October issue of *The Quarterly of the Texas State Historical Association*. E. W. Winkler writes a brief paper on the *Destruction of Historical Archives of Texas*. Under the heading of *Documents* there is *A Contemporary Account of the San Jacinto Campaign*.

Two articles are to be found in the June-September number of the *Journal of the Presbyterian Historical Society*. Robert Laird Stewart writes on *The Mission of Sheldon Jackson in the Winning of the West*; and Henry Beets discusses *The Old Reformed Churches of Prussia, Germany*. Among the editorials may be found a number of addresses delivered at *The Calvin Quadricentennial* at Geneva, Switzerland, during the summer of 1911.

The *Missouri Historical Review* for October opens with the *M. M. Marmaduke Journal*, edited by F. A. Sampson. M. M. Marmaduke was a member of an expedition from Franklin, Missouri, to Santa Fé in 1824. *Cities that were Promised* is the title of a brief article by F. A. Sampson; while Joab Spencer presents some notes on the *Early History of the Methodist Episcopal Church and of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Saline County, Mo.*

The "Old Northwest" *Genealogical Quarterly* for January and April, which made a belated appearance, contains, besides genealogical material, the following contributions: a sketch of *General Washington as a Land Locator and Dealer*; the argument of Nelson W. Evans relative to *The Washington Claim Before Congress in the Light of the Report of the Committee on Private Land Claims of the 61st Congress*; and a list of *Subscribers to Prince's Annals*.

Die Deutschen in der Amerikanischen Geschichtschreibung, by Julius Goebel, is an article which is given first place in the *Deutsch-Amerikanische Geschichtsblätter* for October. *Eine Ehrenrettung des Franz Daniel Pastorius*, and *Die Erinnerung an Emil Rothe*, are topics discussed by H. A. Rattermann. *Anton Caspar Hering* is the subject of a biographical sketch. Among the remaining contributions is an article on *Quincy's Deutsche in Kriege für die Union*, by Heinrich Bornmann.

The September number of the *Records of the American Catholic Historical Society of Philadelphia* opens with extracts from a number of letters grouped under the heading, *Baltimore Brevities*. The most interesting contribution from a western standpoint is to be found in the *Parish Registers of Prairie du Chien, Galena, and Fever River, 1827-1833*. There is also a brief discussion of the question: *Was Bishop Hughes Offered a Peace Mission to Mexico by President James K. Polk?*

The extract from *The Randolph Manuscript* published in the October number of *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* consists of instructions to Governor Lord Howard of Effingham, on February 27, 1688. The history of *Virginia in 1669-1670* is illustrated by a number of documents consisting largely of letters from the correspondence of Sir William Berkeley. A bibliography dealing with *Virginia's Soldiers in the Revolution* is prepared by C. A. Flagg and W. O. Waters.

Two numbers of *The James Sprunt Historical Publications*, published under the direction of *The North Carolina Historical Society*, have recently been issued. One contains a biographical sketch of *Benjamin Sherwood Hedrick*, by J. G. de Roulhac Hamilton. The

other number embraces a sketch of the life of *Bartlett Yancey*, by George A. Anderson; a brief article on *The Political and Professional Career of Bartlett Yancey*, by J. G. de Roulhac Hamilton; and a number of *Letters to Bartlett Yancey*.

Hooper Warren is the subject of a biographical sketch by Frank E. Stevens which opens the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society* for October. The psychozoic problems of *Prehistoric Illinois* are discussed by J. F. Snyder. *Early Religious Beginnings in Illinois* is the title of an address by Russell F. Thrapp. Richard V. Carpenter describes *Lincoln's First Supreme Court Case*; W. N. McElroy presents a brief sketch of *The Rev. Simon Peter and the Quarterly Conference*; and W. F. Norton discusses *Old Fort Belle Fontaine*.

The Bells of Paul and Joseph W. Revere, which consists of a descriptive list of the bells in question prepared by Arthur H. Nichols, is the opening contribution in the *Historical Collections of the Essex Institute* for January, 1912. The continuation of *Salem Town Records* affords additional opportunity for the study of the operation of the government of the New England town. *The Revolutionary Journal of James Stevens of Andover, Mass.* occupies about thirty pages. Sidney Perley contributes the ninth installment of his study of *Marblehead in the Year 1700*.

Isaac F. Nicholson is the writer of an article on *The Maryland Guard Battalion, 1860-61*, which opens the June number of the *Maryland Historical Magazine*. Some documents from the Executive Archives are printed under the heading, *Samuel Chase and the Grand Jury of Baltimore County*. A brief sketch by Francis B. Culver tells of *General Sullivan's Descent upon the British of Staten Island—The Escape of William Wilmot*. Among the other articles are: *Hon. Nicholas Thomas*, by Richard Henry Spencer; and *Washington College, 1783*, by L. Wether Barroll.

William Brooke Rawle is the writer of an article on *Laurel Hill and Some Colonial Dames who Once Lived There*, which is given first place in the October issue of *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*. Charles Henry Hart is the editor of some

Letters from William Franklin to William Strahan. Among the remaining contributions are: *Orderly Book of the Second Pennsylvania Continental Line, Col. Henry Bicker*, edited by John W. Jordan; and *Five Letters from the Logan Papers in the Historical Society of Pennsylvania*, selected by Miss J. C. Wylie.

W. L. Westermann is the writer of an article on *The Monument of Ancyra*, which appears in the October number of the *American Historical Review*. Albert E. White discusses the *First Concentration of Juries: The Writ of July 21, 1213*. Other contributions are: *The Board of Trade at Work*, by Mary P. Clarke; *Prince Henry of Prussia and the Regency of the United States, 1786*, by Richard Krauel; *The Dred Scott Decision, in the Light of Contemporary Legal Doctrines*, by Edward S. Corwin. Under the heading of *Documents* David W. Parker contributes the *Secret Reports of John Howe, 1808*.

The twentieth number of the *Publications of the American Jewish Historical Society* makes a neat volume of over two hundred pages and contains much valuable material. *Societies for the Promotion of the Study of Jewish History* is the subject discussed by Alexander Marx. *Some Unpublished Correspondence Between Thomas Jefferson and Some American Jews* is contributed by Max J. Kohler. *Hebrew Learning Among the Puritans of New England Prior to 1700*, by D. de Sola Pool; *The Jews of Virginia from the Earliest Times to the Close of the Eighteenth Century*, by Leon Huhner; and *Francisco de Faria, an American Jew, and the Popish Plot*, by Lee M. Friedman, are among the remaining contributions.

The March number of *The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society* opens with a paper on *Early Navigation of the Straits of Fuca*, by F. W. Howay. Walter Carleton Woodward contributes a second installment of his study of *The Rise and Early History of Political Parties in Oregon*, this installment dealing with the Territorial Period. Part five of F. G. Young's *Financial History of Oregon* is devoted to treasury administration and budgetary practice. A further installment of Mr. Woodward's monograph is published in the June number of the *Quarterly*. Here may also be

found an article by J. Neilson Barry on *The First-Born on the Oregon Trail*; and *The History of Railway Transportation in the Pacific Northwest*, by F. G. Young.

A number of tributes to the late General Roeliff Brinkerhoff are to be found in the opening pages of the *Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly* for October. The *Celebration of the Surrender of John H. Morgan* is described by George W. Rue. *Early Steamboat Travel on the Ohio River* is the subject of an interesting article by Leslie S. Henshaw. William Z. Davis is the writer of a biographical sketch of *William H. West*. Charles B. Galbreath presents a discussion of *The Battle of Lake Erie in Ballad and History*, in which may be found a list of the killed and wounded on board the ships of the United States squadron, together with the official report of the distribution of the prize money. The final contribution is an article on *Brady's Leap*, by E. O. Randall.

The Carnegie Institution of Washington has published a volume which should prove of great assistance to anyone investigating subjects in the Territorial history of the various States. It is a *Calendar of Papers in Washington Archives Relating to the Territories of the United States (to 1873)*, prepared by David W. Parker. Nine pages, for instance, are devoted to papers, mostly letters, dealing with various problems arising in connection with the government of the Territory of Iowa, from 1838 to 1846. It might be stated, however, that the dates cited by the compiler in a brief prefatory note are at variance with those commonly accepted by Iowa historians. July 4, 1838, and December 28, 1846 (instead of July 3, 1838, and March 3, 1845), are the dates ordinarily cited for the establishment of the Territory and the admission of the State of Iowa, respectively. Furthermore, a number of these papers and documents have been printed, and references to this effect would have enhanced the convenience of the calendar.

Among the papers to be found in the *Annual Report of the American Historical Association for the Year 1909* are the following: *Some Aspects of Postal Extension into the West*, by Julian P. Bretz; *Side Lights on the Missouri Compromise*, by Frank Hey-

wood Hodder; the *Towns of the Pacific Northwest Were not Founded on the Fur Trade*, by Edmond S. Meany; *Morton Mathew McCarver, Frontier City Builder*, by Edmond S. Meany; *The Place of the German Element in American History*, by Julius Goebel; *The Dutch Element in American History*, by H. T. Colenbrander; and *The Dutch Element in the United States*, by Ruth Putnam. In addition to these papers historical workers will find much to interest them in the volume. The *Proceedings of the Sixth Annual Conference of Historical Societies*, reported by Waldo G. Leland, contains a summary of the conditions of the various societies in December, 1909. To the report of the Public Archives Commission there is appended an extensive report on *The Archives of the State of Illinois*, by Clarence W. Alvord and Theodore Calvin Pease; and *A Preliminary Report on the Archives of New Mexico*, by John H. Vaughan. The last two hundred and fifty pages are devoted to the bibliography of *Writings on American History, 1909*, prepared by Grace Gardner Griffin. This valuable reference list has for a number of years been published under various auspices and by various publishers but its preparation has now been definitely assumed by the American Historical Association and it will be printed yearly in the annual report.

ACTIVITIES

Dr. Dallas T. Herndon has recently been appointed Secretary of the Arkansas History Commission.

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the American Historical Association was held at Buffalo, New York, December 27-29, 1911, and at Ithaca, New York, December 30.

The Department of Historical Research of the Carnegie Institution of Washington will direct the greater part of its energies during the year 1912 toward the making of an atlas of the historical geography of the United States.

The midwinter meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association was held at Buffalo, New York, on December 28, 1911. On that morning a joint session was held with the American Historical Association, the papers all relating to frontier problems.

The *First Biennial Report* of the Texas Library and Historical Commission, which was created in 1909, has appeared. Among the documents acquired by the Commission are the papers of President Mirabeau B. Lamar, and a number of letters of Albert T. Burnley, Loan Commissioner of the Republic from 1837 to 1840. The Commission plans to publish a *Texas Archives* series containing important documentary material.

A series of letters from William Kennedy and Captain Charles Elliot to the British government relating to affairs in Texas during the years from 1842-1845 are being copied in the British Public Record Office, and will be published by the Texas State Historical Association in its *Quarterly* during the current year. William Kennedy and Charles Elliot were representatives of Great Britain in Texas during the years indicated, and their letters will be a contribution to the documentary history of Texan diplomacy.

The fifty-ninth annual meeting of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin was held on October 26, 1911. The report of the Secretary, Dr. Reuben Gold Thwaites, indicates that there has been no diminution in the work and progress of the Society during the past year. An appropriation of \$162,000 was secured from the legislature for a new book-stack wing to the building, and thus the congested condition of the library will be relieved. Nearly ten thousand books and pamphlets were added to the library, bringing the total to over three hundred and forty-one thousand. In the museum nearly four thousand specimens were added. Among the activities of the Society has been a series of researches in the various Canadian archives for documents bearing on the history of the Wisconsin fur trade. The principal address at the annual meeting was delivered by Dean Evarts B. Greene on *Some Aspects of Politics in the Middle West, 1860-1872*.

DECATUR COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Decatur County (Iowa) Historical Society held its annual meeting at Lamoni on November 28, 1911. The Secretary's report revealed the fact that a creditable addition had been made to the Society's library. The Historian presented a sketch of the early

history of Decatur County. The treasury of the Society was reported in good condition, and it was voted to reduce the annual membership fee from one dollar to fifty cents. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Guy P. Arnold, President; Stephen Varga, Vice President; Heman C. Smith, Secretary; F. M. Weld, Treasurer; Duncan Campbell, Historian; J. W. Harvey, Patrick Griffin, J. A. Gunsolley, and Emaline A. Malett, Members of the Board of Directors.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

The volume on *The Hollanders in Iowa*, by Mr. Jacob Van der Zee, and Dr. Dan E. Clark's *History of the Elections of United States Senators from Iowa* are ready for the press.

Professor E. H. Downey, of Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, Research Associate in the Society, read a paper on *Employers' Liability* before the Iowa State Conference of Charities and Correction at Iowa City in November.

George Wallace Jones is a volume in the *Iowa Biographical Series* which is now in press. The volume will contain a biographical sketch by Dr. John C. Parish, and in addition an autobiography and a series of recollections by Senator Jones.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership: Mr. James R. McVicker, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. John S. Nollen, Lake Forest, Illinois; Mr. Paul J. Pierce, Belmond, Iowa; Mr. Paul W. Black, Plymouth, Illinois; Mr. John C. Hartman, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. F. H. Paul, Des Moines, Iowa; and Mr. Irving B. Richman, Muscatine, Iowa.

In the November number of the *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* there is an article by the Superintendent, Dr. Benjamin F. Shambaugh, on *Commission Government in Iowa: The Des Moines Plan*. The article has been reprinted by The State Historical Society of Iowa in the form of a neat pamphlet with a comprehensive index.

Professor Laenas G. Weld, who since 1906 has been a Curator of The State Historical Society of Iowa, resigned during the sum-

mer from his position of Head of the Department of Mathematics in the State University of Iowa, and accepted the presidency of the new Pullman Institution to be established in pursuance of the provisions of the will of the late George M. Pullman.