

## HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

### PUBLICATIONS

In addition to continuations *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* for April contains a transcript of *The Tobacco Acts of 1723 and 1729*, prepared by C. G. Chamberlayne.

Two articles in *The Medford Historical Register* for April are: *Union Congregational Church*, by Henry B. Doland; and *The Walnut Tree Division of the Stinted Pasture*, by John H. Hooper.

Besides continuations the *Maryland Historical Magazine* for June contains the following articles: *Maryland's Share in the Last Inter-colonial War*, by Arthur Meier Schleisinger; and *The Brengle Home Guard*, by John A. Steiner.

Adelaide Curtiss describes *The Venerable City of York* in the opening pages of the *Records of the Past* for March-April. *The Burial Mounds at Albany, Illinois*, is the subject of an illustrated article by William Baker Nickerson.

A *Digest and Revision of Stryker's Officers and Men of New Jersey in the Revolutionary War*, revised and compiled by James Wall Schureman Campbell, has been published by the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Jersey.

Among the contents of the April number of the *Historical Collections of the Essex Institute* may be found the following articles: *Hathorne Hill in Danvers, with Some Account of Major William Hathorne*, by Arthur H. Harrington; and *Northfields, Salem, in 1700*, by Sidney Perley.

Two articles, namely *The German Drama in English on the Philadelphia Stage*, by Charles F. Brede; and *Die Literarische Geschichte des Milwaukeeer Deutschen Bühnenwesens, 1850-1911*, by J. C. Andressohn, are to be found in the January-April number of the *German American Annals*.

The January-March number of the *Quarterly Publication of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio* contains the *Journal of Miss Susan Walker, March 3rd to June 6th, 1862*. This brief journal furnishes a glimpse of the work carried on among the freedmen by Miss Walker and those associated with her.

*The Shelby Raid, 1863*, by George S. Grover, is the opening contribution in the *Missouri Historical Review* for April. Other articles are: *The Battle of Lexington as Seen by a Woman*, by Susan A. Arnold McCausland; a brief biographical sketch of *Daniel Boone*, by Thomas Julian Bryant; and *Scenic and Historic Places in Missouri*, by Francis A. Sampson.

The fifth volume of the *Monograph Series* published by the United States Catholic Historical Society consists of volume one of a work entitled *Three-Quarters of a Century (1807-1882) a Retrospect*. The writer is the late August J. Thébaud, and the volume is edited by Charles G. Herbermann. This volume deals with political, social, and ecclesiastical events in France.

The January number of the *Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly* contains volume two of *The Moravian Records*, edited by Archer Butler Hulbert and William Nathaniel Schwarze. The material here printed consists of *The Diaries of Zeisberger Relating to the First Missions in the Ohio Basin*, which present an interesting picture of early life and travel in the West.

Among the contents of *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* for April are: *Residents Received and Refused in Shirley, Mass.*, communicated by Horace Edwin Hildreth; *Records of the Dresden, Me., Congregational Church*, communicated by William Davis Patterson; and *Benjamin Cleaves's Journal of the Expedition to Louisburg, 1745*, copied from the original in the possession of the Society.

A number of interesting papers are to be found in the *Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society* at the annual meeting held in Worcester on October 18, 1911. George Lincoln Burr discusses *New England's Place in the History of Witchcraft*. Adolph

Francis Bandelier is the writer of an extended description of *The Ruins of Tiahuanaco* in Bolivia. *Some Bibliographical Desiderata in American History* are set forth by William MacDonald. *Asia and America* is the subject of a monograph by Johann Georg Kohl, in which the writer discusses the ideas which early geographers had concerning the geographical relation between America and Asia. These ideas, of course, explain the action and aims of the earliest explorers of America.

The opening contribution in *The Quarterly of the Texas State Historical Association* for April is an article on *Diplomatic Relations of Texas and the United States, 1839-1843*, by Thomas Maitland Marshall. The remainder of the *Quarterly* is practically taken up with a second installment of *Correspondence from the British Archives Concerning Texas, 1837-1846*, edited by Ephraim Douglass Adams.

Continuations of *The Baronies of South Carolina*, by Henry A. M. Smith; *Abstracts from the Records of the Court of Ordinary of the Province of South Carolina*, by A. S. Salley, Jr.; *Order Book of John Faucheraud Grimké* from August, 1778, to May, 1780; and *Register of St. Andrews Parish, Berkeley County, South Carolina*, copied and edited by Mabel L. Webber, are to be found in the April number of *The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine*.

The second installment of an *Historical Sketch of the Ewing Presbyterian Church*, by William M. Lanning; *The Erection of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, Together with Some Account of the Beginnings of Organized Presbyterianism in the American Colonies*, by George H. Ingram; and *Memorable Places Within the Bounds of the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Philadelphia*, by James Price, are articles in the June number of the *Journal of the Presbyterian Historical Society*.

After a period of suspension of more than three years *The Washington Historical Quarterly* resumed publication in April. J. N. Bowman, in the opening article discusses *The Pacific Ocean and the Pacific Northwest*. Stella E. Pearce presents a brief survey of

*Suffrage in the Pacific Northwest: Old Oregon and Washington*, which indicates how democratic principles of government have gradually been extended in the State of Washington. *Eastward Expansion of Population from the Pacific Coast* is an interesting subject discussed by Guy Vernon Bennett. The last article is one by Oliver H. Richardson on *Mary Queen of Scots in the Light of Recent Historical Investigations*. Under the heading of *Documents* may be found a number of hitherto unpublished letters, papers, and reports relating to the *Secret Mission of Warre and Vavasour*.

A full account of *The Meeting of the American Historical Association at Buffalo and Ithaca* is to be found in the opening pages of *The American Historical Review* for April. Four articles to be found in this number are: *The Establishment of the Committee of Both Kingdoms*, by Wallace Notestein; *The Quit-Rent System in the American Colonies*, by Beverley W. Bond; *Saxon-American Relations, 1778-1828*, by William E. Lingelbach; and *The Trent Affair*, by Charles F. Adams. Under the heading of documents are to be found *Debates on the Declaratory Act and the Repeal of the Stamp Act, 1766*, contributed by Charles H. Hull and Harold W. V. Temperley.

Volume five of the *History and Proceedings of the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association* contains the proceedings of the Association at the annual meetings from 1905 to 1911, inclusive. A large part of the volume is taken up with biographical sketches, but there are a number of other papers among which may be mentioned: *Historic Ideals*, by Thomas Franklin Waters; *Early Hunts-town and Chileab Smith*, by Charles A. Hall; *Samuel Mather, the Pioneer Preacher of Deerfield, and his English Antecedents*, by Richard E. Birks; *Fort Ancient, Ohio — Was it a Fortress*, by George Sheldon; *Life of the Shakers*, by Frederick G. Howes; *The Mohawk Trail*, by John Adams Aiken; and *The Old Fort at Pemaquid*, by G. Spencer Fuller.

*Kasson's Long Fight for the New Capitol*, which finally resulted in the erection of the present State House at Des Moines, is described by Johnson Brigham in an article in the July, 1911, number

of the *Annals of Iowa*, which recently appeared. A biographical sketch of *Amos Noyes Currier*, by Mrs. Virginia J. Berryhill, will be of especial interest to alumni of the State University of Iowa. Colonel George W. Crosley relates *Some Reminiscences of an Iowa Soldier*; while Marcellus Pugsley describes *A Plains Adventure of an Iowa Man*. In the editorial department there is a description of a palmetto flag now in possession of the State Historical Department of Iowa, which was captured by Iowa troops at Columbia, South Carolina, in February, 1865.

Chapters ten, eleven, and twelve of Walter Carleton Woodward's monograph on *The Rise and Early History of Political Parties in Oregon*, devoted respectively to the political revolution of 1860, the events of the year 1860-1861, and the union movement in 1862, may be found in the belated December, 1911, number of *The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society*. Lester Burrell Shippee is the writer of an article entitled *An Echo of the Campaign of Sixty*. Walter H. Abbott points out the importance of the *Preservation of Indian Names*; while T. C. Elliott furnishes editorial notes for a letter from Archibald McKinlay to Elwood Evans in which is related *The Gun Powder Story*, describing a romantic incident in the early history of the Pacific Northwest.

*Illinois* is the subject of an address printed in the April number of the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society* in which Clark E. Carr traces the main events in the history of the State of Illinois. An article on *Cairo in 1841*, by John M. Lansden, centers about incidents connected with Darius B. Holbrook, Charles Dickens, and Alfred Tennyson Dickens; while *The Visit of Alfred Tennyson Dickens to Lebanon, Belleville and East St. Louis, November 22, 1911*, is described by Mrs. Charles P. Johnson. *A Sketch of the Dubois Family, Pioneers of Indiana and Illinois* is furnished by Helen L. Allen. Under the heading of *The Indian War* may be found two lengthy letters concerning the Black Hawk War, written by William Orr to John York Sawyer. *Abraham Lincoln's Substitute in the Civil War* is the title of a three-page sketch by E. S. Walker. Walter Colyer contributes a biographical sketch of *Walter L. Mayo, A Pioneer of Edwards County, Illinois*.

## ACTIVITIES

The Oklahoma Historical Society held its annual meeting at Oklahoma City on June 1, 1912. The officers for the past year were reelected, and among other business a plan for marking the Irving trail was approved.

At the annual meeting of the Virginia Historical Society held on January 27, 1912, the following officers were elected: W. Gordon McCabe, President; Archer Anderson, Edward V. Valentine and Lyon G. Tyler, Vice Presidents; William G. Stanard, Corresponding Secretary and Librarian; David C. Richardson, Recording Secretary; and Robert A. Lancaster, Jr., Treasurer.

The School of American Archaeology founded at Santa Fé, New Mexico by the Archaeological Institute of America has issued announcements of its summer session which will be held at Santa Fé and at the ruins in El Rito de los Frijoles during August. Archaeological explorations and excavations are being made during the present year in Central America, New Mexico, and Utah.

At the annual meeting of the Texas State Historical Association held on March 2nd it was voted that the name of *The Quarterly of the Texas Historical Association* be changed to *The Southwestern Historical Quarterly*. While the magazine will contain as much Texas material as in the past it is planned to enlarge its scope to include the entire Southwest of the United States. The officers elected at this meeting were: A. W. Terrell, President; Miss Katie Daffan, Beauregard Bryan, M. J. Bliem, and Mrs. A. B. Looscan, Vice Presidents; Charles W. Ramsdell, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer; and Z. T. Fulmore and Mrs. D. F. Arthur, members of the Executive Council.

In accordance with an act of the General Assembly of Illinois, approved on May 26, 1911, the commission appointed to draw up plans and make arrangements for a State Historical and Library Building has held several meetings and much progress has been made. A praiseworthy feature of the plans as they have progressed thus far is the fact that ample provision will be made for

the safe-keeping of the archives of the State. Mr. Waldo G. Leland, Secretary of the American Historical Association and an expert archivist, spent some time in Illinois at the request of the commission and made investigations relative to the archives situation. It is hoped by the commission, of which Governor Deneen is the chairman and Dean Evarts B. Greene is secretary, and by the State Historical Society of Illinois that the centennial of the State may be fittingly celebrated in 1918 by the dedication of the proposed building.

#### THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

The fifth annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association was held at Bloomington, Indiana, May 23-25, 1912. The sessions were held in various buildings of Indiana University, and there were joint meetings with the History Section of the Indiana State Teachers' Association. Among the many interesting papers which were read are the following: *The Quakers in the Old Northwest*, by Harlow Lindley; *The Western Reserve in the Anti-Slavery Movement, 1840-1860*, by Karl F. Geiser; *The Supreme Court and Unconstitutional Legislation—Historical Origins*, by Andrew C. McLaughlin, President of the Association; *Our New Northwest*, by Orin Grant Libby; *De Soto's Line of March from the Viewpoint of an Ethnologist*, by John R. Swanton; *The Disintegration and Organization of Political Parties in Iowa, 1852-1860*, by Louis Pelzer; and *The Truth About the Battle of Lake Erie*, by Paul Leland Haworth. All of these papers will be published in the *Proceedings* which will be issued during the winter.

At the business meeting on the evening of May 24th the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Reuben Gold Thwaites, President; James Alton James, First Vice President; Isaac Joslin Cox, Second Vice President; and Clarence E. Carter and Miss Idress Head, members of the Executive Committee. The Secretary reported that the total membership of the Association now numbers eight hundred and five, which indicates a steady growth since the last meeting. Various committees made reports, and a resolution was adopted recommending that members of the

Association, and especially members of the teachers' section, give their support to *The History Teachers' Magazine*.

The social side of the meeting was well provided for. At the close of the evening session on May 23rd a reception was tendered to the visiting members of the Association in the Student Building. At noon on May 24th a buffet luncheon was given to the visitors by the faculty of Indiana University. In the afternoon automobiles were provided for a ride around the city and surrounding country. Following the evening session there was a reception for women and a smoker for men in the rooms of the Student Building.

#### THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

Mr. Clarence Ray Aurner, Research Associate in the Society, received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the State University of Iowa in June.

Mr. Thomas Julian Bryant of Griswold, Iowa, a member of the Society, is the writer of a brief article on *Daniel Boone*, which has been reprinted from the April number of the *Missouri Historical Review*.

The Superintendent, Dr. Benj. F. Shambaugh, and the Assistant Editor, Dr. Dan E. Clark, represented the Society at the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association at Bloomington, Indiana, May 23rd to 25th. Dr. Louis Pelzer read a paper before the Association at that time.

Hon. C. J. Fulton of Fairfield, Iowa, a member of the Society, is engaged in compiling a history of Jefferson County. Mr. Fulton is making a thorough search for materials and it is anticipated that the volume will bring to light many interesting and hitherto unrecorded events in early Iowa history.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership: Mr. H. H. Coggeshall, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. John T. Hamilton, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. D. V. Jackson, Muscatine, Iowa; Mr. O. E. Klingaman, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. E. E. Pinney, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. W. W. Ripper, Indianola, Iowa; Mr. Thurlow T. Taft,



Humboldt, Iowa; Mr. J. O. Watson, Indianola, Iowa; Mr. Reuben W. Anderson, Pulaski, Iowa; Mr. Samuel Bailey, Mount Ayr, Iowa; Mr. John T. Clarkson, Albia, Iowa; Mr. George C. Davies, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Mr. Frederic L. Diserens, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Paul Houghton, Hedrick, Iowa; Mr. Francis A. Heald, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Thomas A. Kingland, Lake Mills, Iowa; Mr. R. A. Lenocker, Dexter, Iowa; Mr. David Meredith, Lynnville, Iowa; Mr. J. B. McHose, Boone, Iowa; Mr. W. S. Reiley, Red Oak, Iowa; Mr. J. W. Reeder, Tipton, Iowa; Mr. Ben R. Reichard, Marion, Iowa; Mr. Horace Warren, Missouri Valley, Iowa; Mr. Omar P. Wyland, Harlan, Iowa; Mr. J. D. Wardle, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. James M. Wilson, Centerville, Iowa; Mr. Jno. F. D. Aué, Alton, Iowa; Mrs. A. E. Chesley, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. John Towner Frederick, Corning, Iowa; Mr. Cassius M. Greene, Greene, Iowa; Mr. George E. Hilsinger, Sabula, Iowa; Mr. O. H. Seifert, Eddyville, Iowa; Mr. Carl Stanley, Corning, Iowa; Mr. Benjamin A. Wallace, Rockford, Iowa; Mr. H. L. Waterman, Ottumwa, Iowa; and Dr. Charles S. Grant, Iowa City, Iowa.

#### RESEARCH WORK IN THE SOCIETY

Following the plan adopted last year the rooms of The State Historical Society of Iowa are once more the scene of great activity during the present summer months. Research work along many lines is being carried on under the direction of the Superintendent by men from a number of schools and colleges in Iowa and other States. Six Research Associates have been appointed and will spend the greater part of the summer in residence at Iowa City. Professor E. H. Downey of Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, is completing his study of the history of employers' liability and workingmen's compensation in Iowa, and is also investigating the subject of the control of public utilities in Iowa. Dr. John E. Brindley of Iowa State College at Ames, and Secretary of the Iowa Tax Commission, has nearly completed a monograph on the history of road legislation in Iowa. Mr. Jacob Van der Zee, having completed his volume on *The Hollanders of Iowa*, is making investigations along various lines in early Iowa history. A study of the problem of poor relief in Iowa is being made by Professor J. L.

Gillin, who has recently accepted an associate professorship in the University of Wisconsin. Dr. Clarence Ray Aurner has completed his *History of Township Government in Iowa* and has begun work on a comprehensive history of education in Iowa to which he will probably devote his time for at least two years. Dr. Louis Pelzer of the State University of Iowa is engaged in several lines of research into the early history of the Mississippi Valley, which of course includes the history of Iowa.

Seven Research Assistants have also been appointed and are carrying on research work for the Society. Professor F. H. Garver of the Montana State Normal College at Dillon, Montana, will complete his history of county government in Iowa. Work on the history of congressional elections in Iowa is being carried on by Professor L. B. Schmidt of the Iowa State College at Ames. Mr. Louis T. Jones of Penn College is continuing his study of the Quakers in Iowa. A monograph dealing with the famous extradition case of Barclay Coppoc has practically been completed by Mr. Thomas Teakle of Pocatello, Idaho. Later in the summer Professor Olynthus B. Clark of Drake University will come to Iowa City to devote several weeks to the history of Iowa politics during the period of the Civil War and Reconstruction. Mr. Henry J. Peterson of the Iowa State Teachers College at Cedar Falls will continue his work on the subject of corrupt practice legislation in Iowa. Professor F. E. Haynes of Morningside College will also come to Iowa City in August and devote some time to research work for the Society.

In addition to these lines of research the subject of the history of municipal government in Iowa is being investigated by Dr. Frank E. Horack, the Secretary of the Society. Mr. Clifford Powell, the General Assistant in the Society, is continuing his *History of the Codes of Iowa Law*. A history of the settlement of Iowa has been begun by Dr. Dan E. Clark, the Assistant Editor.

The results of all this research work will eventually be published by the Society, thereby not only adding to the literature and knowledge of Iowa history, but, it is believed, furnishing information which may be applied to the solution of present-day problems.