

## SOME PUBLICATIONS

*Beyond the Old Frontier.* By GEORGE BIRD GRINNELL. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. 1913. Pp. viii, 374. Plates, maps. Mr. Grinnell's field herein explored is the region west of the Mississippi River and the time covered is that between the years 1809 and 1865. "The . . . . book deals with a number of cognate subjects, with exploration, hunting, the taking of fur, and Indians in peace and war; and in any or all of these there is excitement enough".

But little new material seems to be present in the first two chapters: "An Early Fur Trader" and "Fur Hunters of the Far West". These accounts have been amply set forth by Bancroft, Chittenden, and others. More welcome and fresher is the matter contained in the accounts of "When Beaver Skins were Money", "George Frederick Ruxton, Hunter", and "The Council at Fort Benton". The sketch of Bent's Fort easily holds the reader's attention and interest.

A map shows the route of Captain John Palliser's expedition up the Missouri River from St. Louis to Fort Benton in 1857-1859. Palliser's book on this government exploration is now rather rare and Mr. Grinnell has done a service in condensing from it a readable sketch. Visits to Fort Vermilion, Fort Pierre, and Fort Union are recorded and hunting adventures and Indian scenes are described.

Mr. Grinnell's subject deserves a better style than he has given it. Quotations and extracts are too long and one misses the fine prose of Irving's books on western life and the clear detailed narrative of Chittenden. A good bibliography would have been welcome and the index will be found to be of little use. The volume should, however, stimulate interest, reading, study, and writings in the history of these scenes and adventures in the far West. That, rather than a contribution of knowledge, seems to be the value of *Beyond the Old Frontier*.

*The Westward Movement* (Century Readings in United States History). Edited by CHARLES L. BARSTOW. New York: The Century Co. 1913. Pp. 231. Portraits, plates, maps. A number of articles from the files of *The Century* and the *St. Nicholas* magazines make up the contents of this very readable little volume, which is intended as a supplementary reader for pupils in the upper grammar and first year high school grades. Among the subjects covered in these various articles are the beginnings of the westward movement, the settlement of the West, the pony express, early western steamboating, George Rogers Clark, Boone's Wilderness Road, pioneer farming, the first emigrant train to California, Fremont's expeditions, Kit Carson, the discovery of gold in California, pioneer mining, the Great Northwest, and the desert. In the list of authors are the names of such well known writers as S. E. Forman, Emerson Hough, W. F. Bailey, Archer B. Hulbert, Theodore Roosevelt, and Ray S. Baker, all of whom, in varying degree, have caught and have been able to depict the romance of western American history.

Writings such as these lay no claim to being authoritative monographs; nor, on the other hand, are they fiction. But they render what, perhaps, is a greater service in that they present a picture of the westward movement that is not only truthful but vivid and full of color. Books of this kind, if prepared with sufficient care, can scarcely become too numerous.

*A History of Geographical Discovery in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries.* By EDWARD HEAWOOD. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 1912. Pp. xii, 475. Portraits, plates, maps. In this splendidly illustrated and well indexed book the librarian to the Royal Geographical Society has, within reasonable compass, summarized the results of two centuries of geographical discovery. He introduces the subject by making a brief survey of man's knowledge of the globe at the end of the sixteenth century. Spanish and Portuguese navigators had taken the lead in discovery, and through such men as Columbus and Magellan had opened to men's imagination the vast resources of a big world outside of Europe. But at the beginning of the seventeenth cen-

ture loss of sea power paralyzed the energy and enterprise of the merchants of Spain and Portugal so that their places upon the ocean's highways of commerce fell to Dutch, English, French, and Russian adventurers: these nations completed "the geographical picture of the world in its broad outlines".

From the time of the heroic attempts of the Muscovy Company of English merchants and the efforts of Holland's seamen to open up the much desired routes northeastward and northwestward to China and the East Indies down to the close of the eighteenth century, Mr. Heawood traces the story of discovery in different parts of the world, not chronologically, but by epochs and periods. Of particular interest to Americans are the two chapters on the progress of exploration in North America. The author points out that while Dutch and English merchants had no rivals in the Eastern seas during the seventeenth century, in North America "all the great names that stand out as pioneers in geographical discovery during the same period are those of Frenchmen", like Champlain, La Salle, Joliet, and Marquette, who reached the vast American interior. Westward to the mountains their work was continued by the Vérendryes and, after England wrested Canada from the hands of France in 1763, by the agents of the Hudson's Bay and the Northwest companies, then rivals for the fur trade. While Alexander Mackenzie was on his epoch-making overland journey through the Canadian Rockies to the Pacific, the United States lay practically locked up behind the Allegheny Mountains, but most of its territory east of the Mississippi was brought within the ken of civilization before 1800.

Mr. Heawood makes the striking assertion that exploration was not definitely undertaken with scientific aims until about the middle of the eighteenth century: discoveries by the pioneers had been only incidental to the quest of European merchant princes for commercial advantages. Expeditions for research purposes were extensively inaugurated after the Treaty of Paris in 1763. By the year 1800, the general distribution of sea and land, and the contours of the great land masses within the habitable portion of the globe had become matters of definitely established knowledge, but the vast interior of Asia, Africa, and Australia, and the

North and South Polar regions remained as the special tasks for later explorers.

*The Power of Ideals in American History.* By EPHRAIM DOUGLASS ADAMS. New Haven: Yale University Press. 1913. Pp. xiii, 159. In these days when the economic or materialistic view of history is receiving so much emphasis there is need of a reminder, now and then, that national principles or ideals have played a large part in shaping the course of events. Such a reminder is to be found in the present volume, which is made up of five lectures bearing the following titles: "Nationality — A Faith", "Anti-Slavery — a Crusade", "Manifest Destiny — an Emotion", "Religion — a Service", "Democracy — a Vision". The influence of the ideals expressed in these headings is clearly set forth by the author.

Of special interest to Iowans is the lecture on "Religion — a Service" wherein is told (pp. 110-115) the story of the "Iowa Band". The author's father, Ephraim Adams, was a member of this famous group of pioneer preachers, and the author himself was born in Iowa many years before this State had ceased to be a home missionary field. He points out not only the work of the members of the "Iowa Band" in establishing churches, but their services to the cause of education, and their active participation in political affairs. "The story of the Iowa Band is exceptional," says the writer, "because of its romantic inception, and vigorous labors in stirring times. It is, however, but one illustration of the great wave of home missionary energy expended in the new Western states, and I have told the story badly if it has not been made clear that here was a new attitude and a new emphasis in religious expression."

*Indian Slavery in Colonial Times Within the Present Limits of the United States.* By ALMON WHEELER LAUBER, Ph. D. New York: Columbia University. 1913. Pp. 352. This large volume constitutes volume fifty-four, number three of the Columbia University *Studies in History, Economics and Public Law*. The various chapters in the book deal with enslavement by the Indians themselves, enslavement by the Spanish and French, the number

of Indian slaves, the processes of enslavement, property relations, methods of employment, treatment of slaves, and the decline of Indian slavery. The chapters on enslavement by the Indians themselves and by the Spanish and French are of interest from a western standpoint, the remaining two-thirds of the book being devoted to Indian slavery in the English colonies on the Atlantic coast.

In view of the small number of Indians actually enslaved and of the fact that Indian slavery existed among the whites for only a comparatively short period of time, it would seem that the author has said about all there is to say on a subject which is not of great significance. Nevertheless, the study is well worth while and has been carried out in a thoroughly scientific and scholarly manner.

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Volume eight, number one of *The Journal of American History* is called the "Perry's Victory Centennial Number". There are numerous articles on various phases of the battle on Lake Erie, illustrated by a large number of excellent cuts.

*Contributions to Algonquian Grammar*, by Truman Michelson, is the title of a reprint from the *American Anthropologist*.

The articles in the March number of *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* deal with various aspects of *Reform in the Administration of Justice*, a subject which is attracting widespread attention at the present time.

The presidential address by Westel Woodbury Willoughby on *The Individual and the State* appears in the opening pages of *The American Political Science Review* for February. Two other contributions are *The Philosophy of Labor Legislation*, by William F. Willoughby; and *Diplomatic Affairs and International Law, 1913*, by Alfred L. P. Dennis. A supplement to this number contains the proceedings of the tenth annual meeting of the American Political Science Association.

The papers read at the twenty-sixth annual meeting of the American Economic Association and published in the supplement

to the March number of *The American Economic Review* are of a decidedly practical nature. Besides the address on *The Renewed Extension of Government Control of Economic Life*, by David Kinley, president of the Association, the papers and discussions deal with such current problems as the control of public service corporations, railway rate making, rural organization, rent and American agriculture, syndicalism, and recent trust decisions and business.

The first contribution in the January number of *Americana* consists of some *Incidents in the Early History of Manhattan—New Amsterdam, or New York*, related by Josiah C. Pumpelly. Under the title *Wisconsin Would Honor her Neglected Heroes* there appear biographical sketches of four members of the Cushing family, by John Howard Brown. An article on *Early Conditions in the American Colonies*, by Joel Nelson Eno; and a continuation of Brigham H. Roberts's *History of the Mormon Church* complete the contents.

*La Baie Verte et Lac Supérieur, 1665*, by Benjamin Sulte; *Extracts from Lord Selkirk's Diaries in Upper and Lower Canada in the Years 1803 and 1804*, by George Bryce; *A Study of Disaffection in Upper Canada in 1812-15*, by E. A. Cruikshank; *Edward Ermatinger's York Factory Express Journal of journeys between Fort Vancouver and Hudson Bay in 1827 and 1828*, edited by C. O. Ermatinger and James White; and *Fundamental Processes in Historical Science*, by Hervey M. Bowman, are papers in volume six, third series, of the *Proceedings and Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada*.

A brief discussion of *Some Current Problems in Indian Affairs*, by H. B. Peairs; several articles dealing with the situation among the Five Civilized Tribes; *An Historical Review of the Indian Situation*, by Warren K. Moorehead; and a number of papers relative to Indian tribes on the public domain in the Southwest are among the contents of the *Report of the Thirty-first Annual Lake Mohonk Conference of Friends of the Indian and Other Dependent Peoples*.

## WESTERN AMERICANA

*The Life of Preston B. Plumb*, United States Senator from Kansas from 1877 to 1891, written by William E. Connelley, is a recent biography of western interest.

Under the heading *Formerly in the University Faculty* there appear in the March number of *The Graduate Magazine of the University of Kansas* a number of notes relative to former members of the instructional staff of the University of Kansas, prepared by E. Miller.

*Bulletin 53* of the Bureau of American Ethnology consists of volume two of the study of *Chippewa Music*, by Frances Densmore.

*Bulletin 87* of the United States National Museum contains a profusely illustrated study of the *Culture of the Ancient Pueblos of the Upper Gila River Region, New Mexico and Arizona*, by Walter Hough.

*The Oldest American Homes*, by Felix J. Koch; *Fascination of Archaeology*, by Edgar Lucien Larkin; *The White Woman of Genessee*, by Grace Ellis Taft; *The Toledo Museum of Art*, by George W. Stevens; and *The Longfellow Tradition Refuted*, by John O. Viking, are articles in the October-December number of *The American Antiquarian and Oriental Journal*.

A monograph on the *Ethnozoology of the Tewa Indians*, by Junius Henderson and John Peabody Harrington, constitutes *Bulletin 56* of the Bureau of American Ethnology.

*A History of Muhlenberg County, Kentucky*, written by Otto A. Rothert and published by John P. Morton and Company of Louisville, Kentucky, is a good type of county history. The story is told in a clear and interesting manner, there are footnotes containing explanatory or supplementary material, and the arrangement of material is well planned. The volume is illustrated by a large number of good cuts.

Among the papers in the *Proceedings of the First Annual Convention of the League of Minnesota Municipalities* are the follow-

ing: *The Functions of a Municipal Reference Bureau*, by G. A. Gesell; *Advantages of a Policy of State Control of Public Utilities for Minnesota*, by Charles A. Russell; *The Regulation and Control of Public Utilities in Minnesota*, by W. O. Clure; *State vs. Local Control of Public Utilities*, by George C. Mathews; and *The Wisconsin Public Utility Law—Its Operations and Results—the People's Point of View*, by T. C. Richmond.

Ainsworth and Company of Chicago are the publishers of a series of supplementary historical readers for the grades which they call *The Great Lake Series*. The four books which have thus far appeared deal with Lake Huron and the country of the Algonquins, the Mohawk Valley and Lake Ontario, Lake Erie and the story of Commodore Perry, and Lake Michigan and the French explorers. The basis of these stories, all of which are written by Edward Payson Morton, is an imaginary summer vacation trip and the history of various points of interest is narrated by a member of the party. This method will no doubt be effective in impressing upon the minds of the children the main features of local geography and history in the region covered.

There has been reprinted from *The American Historical Review* for January the *Journal of Jean Baptiste Truteau on the Upper Missouri, "Premiere Partie", June 7, 1794—March 26, 1795*. This valuable document, in the French language, was recently found in Archives of the Indies at Seville by Mr. Roscoe R. Hill. Part two of the same journal, covering the period from May 24 to July 20, 1795, has long been known in this country, having been preserved in the Department of State at Washington, and a translation was printed two years ago in the *Missouri Historical Society Collections*. There is still a gap of two months for which the journal will perhaps sometime be discovered. Truteau, or Trudeau as the name is sometimes spelled, was sent out by a St. Louis association known as the Commercial Company for the Discovery of the Nations of the Upper Missouri. His journal is a very important addition to the source material relative to the early exploration and Indian tribes of the Missouri River.



## IOWANA

A number of events in the history of Cedar County are described in an address delivered at Rochester, Iowa, on July 4, 1913, by J. W. Reeder, which has been printed in pamphlet form.

An address on the subject of *Increasing the Efficiency of Our Schools*, by J. H. Beveridge, appears in the February number of *Midland Schools*.

L. F. Andrews is the writer of a sketch of *The First Law Graduates* which appears in the February number of *The Iowa Alumnus*.

*The Library Problem and the Trustees' Responsibility*, by Mrs. C. C. Loomis; and *The Public Library and the Rural School*, by Leslie I. Reed, are papers in the October-December number of the *Iowa Library Quarterly*.

The *Proceedings of Crocker's Iowa Brigade* at the fifteenth and sixteenth biennial reunions have been issued in a volume of one hundred and seventy-two pages.

An account of *Travels*, by Heman C. Smith, opens the January number of the *Journal of History* published at Lamoni, Iowa, by the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The remainder of the number is taken up with continuations of biographical and autobiographical material.

*The Attitude of the State to Society and its Citizens* is the subject of a brief paper by George Cosson which appears in the October *Bulletin of Iowa State Institutions*.

*A Visit to Lexington and Concord*, by G. Wellington Robley; and *Criminology and Prison Reform*, by Frederick M. Smith, are articles in the February number of *Autumn Leaves*. The latter article is continued in the March number.

The *Proceedings of the Davenport Academy of Sciences* issued in February contains two papers: *The Nazca Pottery of Ancient Peru*, by Max Uhle; and *The Davenport Collection of Nazca and Other Peruvian Pottery*, by Edward K. Putnam. Both papers are profusely illustrated.

A digest of *The Federal Income Tax* is printed in the January and February numbers of *Iowa Factories*, and in the January issue there is a brief outline of subjects which will confront *The 36th General Assembly*.

*A Better System of Farm Credits*, a subject of vital interest in the West, is discussed by D. P. Hogan in *The Northwestern Banker* for January. *A Digest of the Federal Reserve Act*, by F. W. Ellsworth, appears in the February number. In March G. E. Stebbins presents *A Banker's View of the Reserve Act*.

Louise Lamprey writes on *The Romance of Old Roads; How Some of the Great Highways of the World Were Developed* in the January number of *The Road-Maker*. There is also an article on *Bond Issues for Road Improvement*, by S. E. Bradt.

*A Sinister Power in the World* and *the Meaning of Medieval Masonry* are the titles of two unsigned articles in the January number of *The American Freemason*. In the February number, among other things, there is a discussion of *Continental Freemasonry Before A. D. 1723*, by Oliver D. Street. A continuation of the history of the *Planting of Masonry in Montana*, by Joseph E. Morcombe, appears in the March number.

The *Essentials of a Good Road Law* are pointed out by John E. Brindley in the December number of *The Iowa Engineer*. In the February number R. B. Dale discusses *The Decline of Navigation on the Inland Waterways of the United States*; and E. A. Sayre writes briefly on *The Coal Industry in Iowa*.

Some data favorable to the *City Manager Plan* is to be found in the January number of *American Municipalities*. Three articles in the February number are: *Public Service Regulation*, by William F. Stipe; *Public Utilities and Public Service Commissions*, by J. F. Ford; and *Iowa University Bureau of Municipal Information*, by O. E. Klingaman. *Municipal Franchises* are discussed by B. P. Holst in the March number.

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- When the French Fought the Indians on the Townsite of Des Moines, January 11, 1914.
- The Prospective Cities of Iowa in 1836, January 18, 1914.
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- Story of Cardiff Giant, January 25, 1914.
- School Building Given to Clermont by Mrs. William Larrabee, January 31, 1914.
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- The Spirit Lake Massacre, by Abbie Gardner Sharp, running in the *Spirit Lake Herald*, January-March, 1914.
- How Mitchell County Received its Name, in the *Osage Press*, January 14, 1914.
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- Sketch of the life of John M. Harlow, in the *Boone News-Republican*, January 17, 1914.
- Pioneering in the Sixties, and a thrilling Ride in an Indian Dugout, in the *Waterloo Times-Tribune*, January 18, 1914.
- When the French Met the Indians in Iowa, in the *Dubuque Telegraph-Herald*, January 19, 1914.
- Iowa Blizzard of 1855, in the *Iowa Falls Sentinel*, January 20, 1914.
- Sketch of the life of Carlton Corbett, in the *Cherokee Democrat*, January 20, 1914.
- Thirty Years Ago—The New Capitol, in the *Nevada Representative*, January 23, 1914.
- Stories of Early Days, by Semira A. Phillips, running in the *Oskaloosa Globe*, January-March, 1914.
- Prospective Iowa Cities in the Year 1836, in the *Dubuque Telegraph-Herald*, January 25, 1914.
- Red Pioneers of O'Brien County, in the *Sheldon Mail*, January 27, 1914.
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- Marking of Historic Sites, in the *Keokuk Constitution-Democrat*, January 29, 1914.
- Pioneer Preachers of Cedar County, by Homer A. Curtis, in the *Tipton Advertiser*, January 30, 1914.
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- Sketch of the life of W. W. Wormood, in the *Dubuque Times-Journal*, February 1, 1914.

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- The Town of Red Rock, in the *Monroe Mirror*, February 12, 1914.
- More Indian History, in the *Sidney Herald*, February 13, 1914.
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Sketch of life of Henry Clay Caldwell, in the *Ottumwa Courier*, March 24, 1914.

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Winter of 1846, in the *Creston Advertiser-Gazette*, March 25, 1914.

The Old Buffalo Mill, by W. S. Wilkinson, in the *Winterset Madisonian*, March 25, 1914.

Iowa's First Governor, in the *Mason City Times*, March 30, 1914.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

### PUBLICATIONS

The September-December number of the *Records of the Past* contains a table of contents and an index of volumes one to twelve, inclusive.

*A Plea for Indian Place Names* is made in the January number of *Historia* published by the Oklahoma Historical Society.

In November, 1913, there appeared the first number of *El Palacio*, a monthly periodical published at Santa Fé by the Archaeological Society of New Mexico.

*Bulletin No. 2* issued by the Michigan Historical Commission is devoted to *Suggestions for Local Historical Societies and Writers in Michigan*, prepared by George Newman Fuller.

The October-December, 1913, number of *The Quarterly Publication of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio* contains the annual report of the Society for the year ending December 15, 1913.

A biographical sketch of *Henry Fitzgilbert Waters, A. M.*, by James Kendall Hosmer, appears in the January number of *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*.

*Safeguards of American Democracy* is the title of an address delivered by Charles Alexander Richmond in November, 1913, before the New York Historical Society. The address has been published in pamphlet form.

The January number of *The Washington Historical Quarterly* opens with a sketch of the life of *George Wilkes*, a reprint of whose history of Oregon has been running in the *Quarterly*. Clarence B. Bagley is the writer of the sketch. *The Present Status and Probable Future of the Indians of Puget Sound* is the subject of a brief

but interesting article by Lewis H. St. John. Thomas W. Prosch presents some biographical data relative to *The Pioneer Dead of 1913*; and there is a discussion of *American and British Treatment of the Indians in the Pacific Northwest*, by W. J. Trimble.

The installments of Isaac Joslin Cox's monograph on *The Louisiana-Texas Frontier* which appeared in the July and October, 1913, numbers of *The Southwestern Historical Quarterly* have been reprinted in pamphlet form.

The *Manual of the New Hampshire Historical Society, 1913*, contains the charter and by-laws of the Society, an historical account of the Society, a description of the splendid new building, and lists of officers and members.

The September-December number of the *German American Annals* is largely taken up with *The Graffenried Manuscripts*, with an introduction by Albert B. Faust. An article on *Cooper in Germany*, by Preston A. Barba, occupies the January-February number.

Volume thirty-three of the *Archives of Maryland*, published by the Maryland Historical Society, contains the *Proceedings and Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, May, 1717-April, 1720*, edited by Clayton Colman Hall.

Among the articles in *The Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society* for January are: *Kentucky Regulars in the War of 1812*, by A. C. Quisenberry; *Old Graham Springs*, by Miss Martha Stephenson; and *The Three Woolleys*, by George Baber.

An article on *Some Forgotten Towns in Lower South Carolina*, by Henry A. M. Smith; and a continuation of the *Order Book of John Faucheraud Grimké*, are to be found in the October, 1913, number of *The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine*.

*Texas and the Boundary Issue, 1822-1829*, is the subject discussed by William R. Manning in the January number of *The Southwestern Historical Quarterly*. James E. Winston writes on *Pennsylvania and the Independence of Texas*. The experiences of a minister in Texas in the early days, edited by William S. Red, appear

under the heading of *Allen's Reminiscences of Texas, 1838-1842*. In conclusion, there is the ninth installment of *Correspondence from the British Archives Concerning Texas, 1837-1846*, edited by Ephraim Douglass Adams.

Volume thirteen, number one of *The James Sprunt Historical Publications*, published under the direction of the North Carolina Historical Society, contains two articles: *The North Carolina Colonial Bar*, by Ernest H. Alderman; and *The Granville District*, by E. Merton Coulter.

Among the continuations in the *Historical Collections of the Essex Institute* for January are the following: *Youthful Recollections of Salem*, by Benjamin F. Browne; *A Genealogical-Historical Visitation of Andover, Mass., in the Year 1863*, by Alfred Poore; and *Northfields, Salem, in 1700*, by Sidney Perley.

Two contributions of interest in the *Maryland Historical Magazine* for December are: *Taney's Correspondence with Van Buren*, by Bernard C. Steiner; and *An Historical Identification: John Wilkes Booth—What Became of Him?*, by William M. Pegram

In a *Guide to Materials for the History of the United States in the Principal Archives of Mexico*, compiled by Herbert E. Bolton, and published by the Carnegie Institution of Washington, there are listed a large number of documents which bear upon the history of the Spanish period in the lower Mississippi Valley.

*The Value and the Sale of the Missouri Slave* is the subject of an interesting article by Harrison A. Tresler which opens the January number of the *Missouri Historical Review*. Other brief contributions are: *The Old Town of Elizabeth*, by Ovid Bell; *Early Missouri Roads*, by G. C. Broadhead; and *Echoes of Indian Emigration*, by David W. Eaton.

Number fourteen of the *Publications of the North Carolina Historical Commission* contains a brief article on *The North Carolina State Flag*, by W. R. Edmonds. Number fifteen is devoted to the *Proceedings and Addresses of the Fourteenth Annual Session of the State Literary and Historical Association of North Carolina*.

Among the papers and addresses are: *A New Method of Historical Investigation*, by Herman H. Horne; *Relations Between the Confederate States Government and the Government of North Carolina*, by Walter A. Montgomery; and *Rochambeau and the French in America: Why They Came and What They Did*, by J. J. Jusserand.

*Tract No. 92* published by The Western Reserve Historical Society of Cleveland, Ohio, is largely taken up with a number of letters and papers relative to *Northern Ohio During the War of 1812*, with an introduction by Elbert Jay Benton. The effect of General Hull's surrender upon the people of the West is especially well brought out in these letters.

The March number of the *Journal of the Presbyterian Historical Society* contains, among other things, *The Annual Report of the Executive Council of the Presbyterian Historical Society*; an account of the annual meeting of the Society, January 8 and 15, 1914; and the fifth installment of the *History of the Presbytery of New Brunswick*, by George H. Ingram.

The *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society* for October, 1913, opens with an article on *The Illinois Constitutional Convention of 1818*, followed by the journal of the convention; Josephine E. Burns is the writer of a biographical sketch of *Daniel P. Cook*; and a list of *Soldiers of the American Revolution Buried in Illinois* is presented by Mrs. Edwin S. Walker.

Volume five, number three of the *Indiana Historical Society Publications* contains an article on *The Sultana Disaster*, by Joseph Taylor Elliott. It is estimated that over two thousand men who had just been released from southern prisons lost their lives in this steamboat explosion; but since the disaster occurred in war times it failed to make a very profound impression.

*Truth in History* is the title of the presidential address delivered before the last annual meeting of the American Historical Association by William A. Dunning. The address occupies the opening pages of *The American Historical Review* for January. *The Early History of Caste*, by A. A. Macdonell; *The Effects of Norman Rule*

*in Ireland, 1169-1333*, by Goddard H. Orpen; *Historical Investigation and the Commercial History of the Napoleonic Era*, by W. E. Lingelbach; and *Some Economic Origins of Jeffersonian Democracy*, by Charles A. Beard, are other articles. Under the heading of *Documents* is to be found the *Journal of Jean Baptiste Truteau on the Upper Missouri, "Premiere Partie", June 7, 1794-March 26, 1795*.

*Remarks on the Fletcher and Related Stones of Yarmouth, N. S.*, by Harry Piers; *The Militia of Nova Scotia, 1749-1867*, by Joseph P. Edwards; *Early Reminiscences of Halifax*, by Peter Lynch; and a *Statement Relative to the Introduction and History of Responsible Government in Nova Scotia*, by E. M. Saunders, are among the contributions in volume seventeen of the *Collections of the Nova Scotia Historical Society*.

The Department of Historical Research of the Carnegie Institution of Washington has published a *Guide to the Materials for United States History in Canadian Archives*, prepared by David W. Parker. The student of Mississippi Valley history will find listed in this volume many documents relating to explorations, fur trade, and missionary enterprises in this region as carried on by the French and the British.

Some *Personal Reminiscences of a Winnebago Indian*, prepared and edited by Paul Radin, which appear in the October-December, 1913, number of *The Journal of American Folk-Lore*, are of interest to the students of the Indian history of Iowa since the Winnebagoes once lived in the Neutral Ground in northeastern Iowa. Other contributions pertinent to the folk-lore of the Middle West are *No-Tongue, a Mandan Tale*, by George F. Will; and *Traditional Ballads in Nebraska*, by Louise Pound.

The October number of the *Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly* opens with a brief article on the *Rise of Medical Colleges in the Ohio Valley*, by Otto Juettner. Several manuscripts from the Draper collection describe Andrew Poe's encounter with the Indians, Bowman's campaign of 1779, and Logan's campaign of 1786. A biographical sketch of *Major George Adams*, by George A. Katz-

enberger; and some *Letters of Senator H. B. Payne of Ohio*, contributed by Duane Mowry, complete the contents. The January number is given over to descriptions of the centennial celebrations of Croghan's victory at Fort Stephenson, of the siege of Fort Mies, and of Perry's victory on Lake Erie.

*The Development Under the Constitution of the President's Power*, by Edward Stanwood; an installment of *Bright-Summer Letters, 1861-1872*; *The Civil War*, by John Davis Long; *The American Navy, 1775-1815*, by French Ensor Chadwick; *Sectional Feeling in 1861*, by Charles Francis Adams; and *The Indebtedness of John Marshall to Alexander Hamilton*, by William MacDonald, are among the contributions in volume forty-six of the *Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society*.

The June issue of *The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society* is a memorial number in honor of the late Harvey W. Scott, who for more than forty years was the editor of the *Portland Oregonian*. The September number opens with a *Letter by Daniel H. Lowndale to Samuel R. Thurston, First Territorial Delegate from Oregon to Congress*, with an introduction by Clarence B. Bagley. Following this there is the *Journal of E. Willard Smith while with the Fur Traders, Vasquez and Sublette, 1839-1840*, contributed by J. Neilson Barry. Another documentary contribution consists of the second half of the *Journal of John Work's Snake Country Expedition of 1830-31*, with editorial notes by T. C. Elliott.

The opening pages of the combined July and October, 1913, numbers of the *Annals of Iowa* contain an article on *Jefferson County at the Beginning of the Civil War*, by Charles J. Fulton, which presents an excellent view of local politics and feeling in Iowa at the time indicated. The *Proposed Improvement of the Iowa State Capitol Grounds* is clearly described in a paper by Edgar R. Harlan. Over fifty pages are occupied with a reprint of Albert M. Lea's little book entitled *Notes on Wisconsin Territory*, originally published in 1836. Copies of this book are very scarce, hence the reprint will make much more accessible a very important source on the early history of Iowa. Among the other articles in this number



is one on *The Case of Archie P. Webb, a Free Negro*, by Nathan E. Coffin. In the January number Alonzo Abernethy presents a useful discussion of *Early Iowa Indian Treaties and Boundaries*; Paul Walton Black writes on *Attempted Lynchings in Iowa*, and Francis E. Judd tells of the *Establishment of the Diocese of Iowa, Protestant Episcopal Church of America*.

A brief sketch of the life of *Bass Otis, America's First Lithographer*, by Joseph Jackson, appears in the opening pages of *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* for October, 1913. *James Kenney's "Journal to Ye Westward," 1758-59*, edited by John W. Jordan, is an interesting document of the period of the French and Indian War. Among the other contributions is a *Letter of Rev. Jeremiah Belknap to Rev. Menasseh Cutler, 1785*. The January number opens with an illustrated monograph on the *Brad-dock Road*, by John Kennedy Lacock. Following this are *The Letters of Judge Henry Wynkoop, Representative from Pennsylvania to the First Congress of the United States*, edited, with introduction and notes, by Joseph M. Beatty, Jr.

James Albert Woodburn presents a very interesting picture of *Local Life and Color in the New Purchase* in the December number of the *Indiana Magazine of History*. The "New Purchase" in this case comprised the central part of Indiana. An article on *The Criminal Code of the Northwest Territory*, by David D. Banta, will appeal to a wide circle of readers. In the fourth of a series of *Sketches of Early Indiana Senators* Nina Kathleen Reid writes of the career of John Tipton, who on many occasions defended the interests of the people of Iowa on the floor of the United States Senate. Under the heading of *Flatboating on the Wabash* there is a brief diary of a river trip from Pittsburg, Indiana, to New Orleans in 1847. An article on *The Campaign of 1876 in Indiana*, by O. B. Carmichael; and an appreciation of the late *Reuben Gold Thwaites*, by James A. Woodburn, complete the contents of this excellent number of the *Magazine*.

## ACTIVITIES

Over fourteen hundred titles were added to the collections of the Oklahoma Historical Society during the year 1913.

The Linn County Historical Society is making an effort to secure old documents, relics, and other articles of an historical character for preservation in its collection in the Cedar Rapids Public Library building.

At the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Historical Society on January 15, 1914, Henry Van Dyke was elected president of the Society.

Among the recent accessions of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin is a collection of books on Ireland. The Society now has in press a memorial volume in honor of the late Dr. Reuben Gold Thwaites.

Mr. Edgar R. Harlan, Curator of the Historical Department of Iowa, has been giving a series of lectures on early Iowa history at the social center meetings held in the West High School building in Des Moines.

The thirty-seventh annual meeting of the Nebraska State Historical Society, the twenty-second annual meeting of the Nebraska Territorial Pioneers' Association, and the third annual meeting of the Nebraska Memorial Association were held jointly at Lincoln, January 20-22, 1914.

At the meeting of the Historical Society of Marshall County on Wednesday evening, March 18th, Mr. Edgar R. Harlan delivered an address entitled *From the Ox to the Auto*. The relics in the possession of the Society have recently been carefully catalogued.

The Madison County Historical Society held its tenth annual meeting at Winterset on March 17, 1914. *The History of Buffalo Mill*, by W. S. Wilkinson; and *The Poetry of Douglas Township*, by W. H. Lewis, were two papers read at the meeting; and Mr. Johnson Brigham, State Librarian, delivered an address on *Frontier Life in Iowa in the Forties*.

On Tuesday evening, February 17th, Mr. Horace White of New York delivered an address before the Chicago Historical Society on *The Lincoln and Douglas Debates*. Mr. White was connected with the *Chicago Tribune* from 1856 to 1874, and he was assigned the task of following Lincoln and Douglas on their tour and of furnishing the *Tribune* with accounts of the debates.

The annual meeting of the Missouri Historical Society (St. Louis) was held on January 16th, and at that time an address on *Old Ballad Days in Western Missouri* was delivered by D. C. Allen. *The Removal of the Judges in 1865*, by Thomas K. Skinker; and *Why Missouri Did Not Secede in 1861*, by Roland G. Usher, are addresses delivered at the February and March meetings, respectively.

The Jefferson County Historical Society held a meeting at Fairfield on February 28, 1914. Plans for the marking of the site in Fairfield where the first State Fair was held were discussed, and Mr. Hiram Heaton read some recollections of William Fulke, who taught school in the county in 1854. An adjourned meeting of the Society was held on March 19th, at which time an illustrated lecture was given by Professor P. C. Hildreth of Parsons College.

The Department of Historical Research of the Carnegie Institution of Washington has recently issued guides to materials for United States history in the archives of Canada and Mexico, compiled by David W. Parker and Herbert E. Bolton, respectively. Among the activities now being carried on are preparations for the publication of a series of volumes containing the proceedings and debates in Parliament relative to North America, a work which will be of great value.

The first number of a new historical quarterly to be called the *Mississippi Valley Historical Review* will appear in June. The new periodical will be published by the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, the subscription price being two dollars to members and three dollars to non-members. Articles on various phases of Mississippi Valley history, book reviews, and notes on historical activities will make up the contents of the *Review*. Professor Clarence W. Alvord of the University of Illinois will be the Managing Editor.

Mr. George W. Martin, who for fourteen years has been the Secretary of the Kansas State Historical Society, resigned on February 16, 1914, because of ill health and advanced years. To Mr. Martin, more than to any other one man, is the Society indebted for its growth and prosperity during the past decade. He is a man of strong personality — enthusiastic, energetic, and persevering; and not only has he given his time and labor unsparingly to the cause of history in his State, but he has always been ready to do his share in promoting historical activities in the Mississippi Valley as a whole. Mr. William E. Connelly, a man whose name is well known through his numerous writings, has succeeded Mr. Martin as Secretary.

#### THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

The volume on *The Quakers of Iowa*, by Dr. Louis T. Jones, has been distributed to members.

A volume of nearly three hundred pages on the *History of Township Government in Iowa*, written by Dr. Clarence R. Aurner, Research Associate in the Society, has been put to press.

Mr. C. J. Fulton of Fairfield, Iowa, a member of the Society, is engaged in writing a history of Jefferson County.

Mr. Jacob Van der Zee, Research Associate in the Society, has nearly completed a series of articles covering the history of eastern Iowa before the year 1833. These articles will appear in *The Iowa Journal of History and Politics* during the coming year.

Mr. Hugh L. Cooper, a member of the Society, having completed the water power development of the Mississippi River Power Company at Keokuk, has opened offices in New York City where he will engage in the practice of general hydraulic engineering.

The Rev. John F. Kempker, a member of the Society, has been appointed Assistant in the St. Patrick's Church at Dubuque. A large part of his time will be devoted to the writing of a comprehensive history of the Catholic Church in Iowa, a task for which he is well fitted. He has been intimately connected with that

church in this State for nearly half a century, and he has already written and published many pages of Iowa history.

A new and enlarged edition of the *Iowa Program for Study Clubs* has recently been issued by The State Historical Society of Iowa under the new title of *One Hundred Topics in Iowa History*. The compiler is Dan Elbert Clark, Assistant Editor in the Society.

Mr. F. L. Vandegrift, a member of the Society, is the writer of a sketch of *Kretzinger, the School Teacher*, which appeared in the *Keokuk Gate City* of November 30, 1913. Mr. Vandegrift is the editor of a periodical known as *The Earth*, published in Chicago.

Four members of The State Historical Society of Iowa died during the past quarter, namely: Mr. C. C. Redfield of Blair, Nebraska; Mr. A. H. Wallace of Washington, Iowa; Hon. George D. Perkins of Sioux City, Iowa; and Dr. J. L. Pickard of Cupertino, California.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. L. D. Daily, Milford, Iowa; Hon. W. P. Hepburn, Washington, D. C.; Mr. Seth E. Shenton, Indianola, Iowa; Mr. John E. Briggs, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Seine B. De Pree, Sioux Center, Iowa; Mr. J. L. Myers, South Bend, Washington; Mr. Glenn N. Merry, Iowa City, Iowa; Miss Franc Moon, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Bernard Murphy, Vinton, Iowa; Mr. O. K. Patton, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Jacob Sachs, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Leigh H. Wallace, Washington, Iowa; Mr. Charles F. Wennerstrum, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Redmond S. Cole, Pawnee, Oklahoma; Mr. H. M. Eicher, Washington, Iowa; Miss Ruth Fall, Albia, Iowa; Mr. W. W. Felkner, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. C. S. Macy, Adel, Iowa; Mr. H. H. Sturges, Charter Oak, Iowa; Mr. Arthur A. Zimmerman, Ackley, Iowa.

#### MEETING OF THE SOCIETY ON FEBRUARY 24, 1914

A meeting of The State Historical Society of Iowa was held in the rooms of the Society on Saturday, February 21, 1914. In the afternoon there was a Conference-Seminar on methods of his-

torical research and writing, the discussion being led by Dr. John C. Parish of Denver, Colorado, who for many years was actively connected with the work of the Society. Those who participated in the Conference-Seminar, in addition to the regular staff of the Society and members of the faculty of the State University, were: Dr. Milo M. Quaife, Superintendent of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin; Mr. Johnson Brigham, State Librarian of Iowa; Professor F. E. Haynes of Morningside College, Sioux City; Professors Louis B. Schmidt and John E. Brindley of the Iowa State College at Ames; and Professor Olynthus B. Clark of Drake University, Des Moines. The conference was held under the joint auspices of the Society and of the Department of History of the State University of Iowa.

In the evening Laenas Gifford Weld, formerly a Curator of the Society and now President of Pullman Institute in Chicago, delivered an entertaining and scholarly address on *Some Decisive Episodes in Western History*.

## NOTES AND COMMENT

The Hamilton County Bar Association held a memorial meeting early in March in honor of the late Percival Knowles.

Citizens of Fairfield, Iowa, have asked the State Fair Association to appropriate money for the marking of the site in Fairfield where the first State Fair was held in 1854.

Mr. Charles Grilk has been elected president of the Davenport Academy of Sciences to succeed Mr. Edward K. Putnam.

Millard F. LeRoy, member of the lower house of the General Assembly of Iowa from Delaware County, died on February 21, 1914.

On March 2, 1914, occurred the death of Luman H. Weller, who from 1883 to 1885 was the Representative in Congress from the Fourth Congressional District of Iowa.

The city manager plan of municipal government has now been in successful operation for some time in Clarinda, Iowa, a city which in 1910 had a population of 3,832.

Funds have been raised for the erection of a granite boulder on the spot where the first election in Dallas County, Iowa, was held.

A memorial service was held in the town of Farley, Iowa, on January 16, 1914, in honor of the late Dr. W J McGee, who was born on a farm two miles north of that place.

The Old Trails Association is an organization with headquarters at Kansas City which has among its objects the preservation and improvement of the principal roads of pioneer days.

A special meeting of the League of Iowa Municipalities was held at Des Moines on February 11th for the purpose of considering the question of home rule for cities. Resolutions were adopted favor-

ing legislation giving to cities and towns greater powers in the management of local affairs.

The Woman Teachers' Club of Dubuque is taking a great interest in local history and has asked the people of the city to contribute to a collection of historical material relating to Dubuque and vicinity.

Hereafter the small admittance fee which has been charged by the Davenport Academy of Sciences on certain days of the week will be discarded, and the institution will be open to the public, without charge, throughout the entire week.

A petition has recently been circulated and signed by many prominent Iowa people asking Congress to take favorable action on a bill for the erection of a suitable memorial to General Nathaniel Lyon.

A movement is on foot among the Swedish people of the State to raise money for the erection of a monument on the new capitol grounds at Des Moines to John Ericsson, the designer of the federal gun-boat, the Monitor.

Philo M. Jewell of Decorah, died on January 8, 1914. Mr. Jewell was a member of the House of Representatives in the Thirty-second and Thirty-third General Assemblies of Iowa and a State Senator during the two succeeding sessions.

A movement has been inaugurated among the newspaper men of the State to secure funds for the erection of a memorial to the late George D. Perkins on the capitol grounds at Des Moines.

A conference on child welfare, arranged by the Department of Economics and Sociology, was held at the State University of Iowa on March 31st, the principal speaker being Owen R. Lovejoy, General Secretary of the National Child Labor Committee.

A valuable discovery was recently made when the original journal kept by Sergeant John Ordway from May 14, 1804, to September 30, 1805, while on the Lewis and Clark Expedition, was found among the Nicholas Biddle papers. The journal is now in the



possession of the American Philosophical Society. When the journal of Sergeant Pryor is found, if one is in existence, the record kept by the principal officers on this expedition will be complete.

Mr. Charles R. Green of Olathe, Kansas, deserves much credit for his series of books relating to the early days in Kansas. For several years he has been publishing these books at a loss to himself, since the sales have not as a rule been sufficient to pay the cost of publication.

Professor Edward C. Page has built up an excellent historical museum at the Northern Illinois State Normal School at DeKalb, Illinois, an enterprise which is worthy of imitation, especially in the public schools where the visualization of history is an important end to be gained.

#### THE GENERAL N. B. BAKER LIBRARY

The General N. B. Baker Library of Sutherland, O'Brien County, Iowa, has an interesting history. It is the pioneer library of northwestern Iowa, having been established by William Huston Woods in 1874 in a cabin out on the prairie far from any town. During the early years the library was maintained by subscriptions, and the settlers of the region responded to such an extent that for the first year there were thirty-nine subscribers. A number of the leading magazines were secured and books were acquired as funds permitted. On one occasion General Duane Wilson donated to the library eighty books and nearly six hundred magazines. The library was named in honor of Nathaniel B. Baker, Adjutant General of Iowa during the Civil War.

William Huston Woods was a pioneer of Iowa City, where he lived from 1839 to 1862; and later he moved to northwestern Iowa when that region was still a sparsely settled frontier.

Mrs. Roma Wheeler-Woods, wife of the founder of the library, has been the corresponding secretary since its establishment. The library, which is in constant use by the people of Sutherland, is still kept in the Woods home, but plans are being made for the erection of a building in which the library may be suitably housed in the future.

## CONTRIBUTORS

JACOB VAN DER ZEE, Research Associate in The State Historical Society of Iowa, and Instructor in Political Science in the State University of Iowa. (See THE IOWA JOURNAL OF HISTORY AND POLITICS for January, 1913, p. 142.)

THOMAS TEAKLE, Instructor in History in the North Des Moines High School. Member of The State Historical Society of Iowa. Author of *The Rendition of Barclay Coppoc*. (See THE IOWA JOURNAL OF HISTORY AND POLITICS for October, 1912, p. 593.)

LOUIS THOMAS JONES, Member of The State Historical Society of Iowa. Born in 1884 in Buffalo, New York. Graduated in 1906 from Wilmington College. Received the degree of M. A. in 1911 from the University of Kansas, and the degree of Ph. D. in 1914 from the State University of Iowa. Instructor in History at Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa, 1909-1912. Research Assistant in The State Historical Society of Iowa, 1912-1913. Removed in 1913 to Orlando, Florida. Author of *The Quakers of Iowa*.

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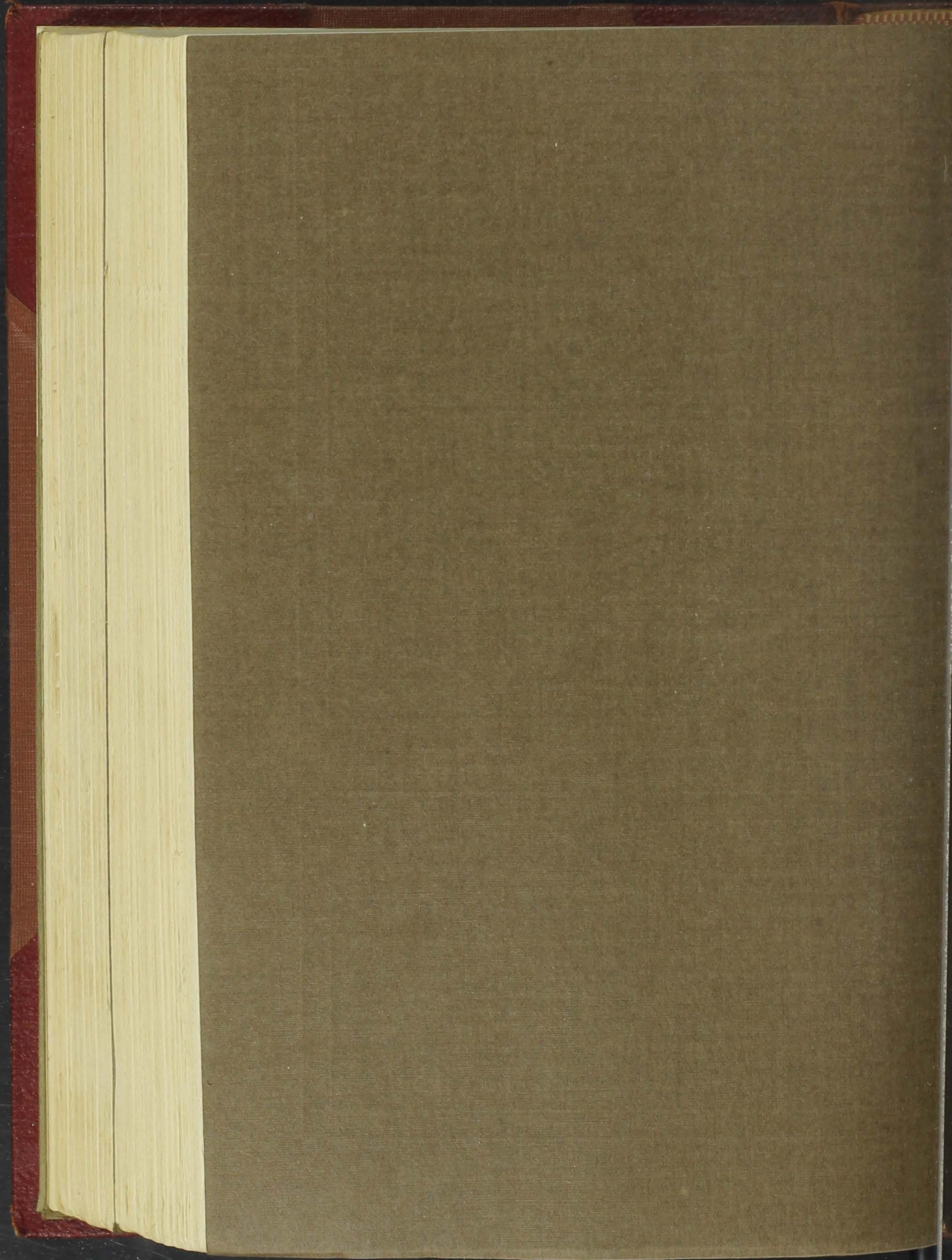
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