

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

PUBLICATIONS

Bulletin No. 3 issued by the Michigan Historical Commission contains *A Sketch of Historical Societies in Michigan*, prepared by George Newman Fuller.

An index to the collection called the *Kie Oldham Papers* has been issued by the Arkansas History Commission as *Bulletin of Information, No. 5*.

The most recent number in the series of *Original Narratives of Early American History*, reproduced under the auspices of the American Historical Association and published by Charles Scribner's Sons, contains *Narratives of the Witchcraft Cases, 1648-1706*, edited by George Lincoln Burr.

Moses W. Mann writes on *Medford Artillery*, and there is a brief sketch of the *Medford Branch Railroad* in the April number of *The Medford Historical Register*.

The first fifty pages in the April number of the *Historical Collections of the Essex Institute* are occupied with the *Journal Kept in Quebec in 1775* by James Jeffry, annotated by William Smith. Sidney Perley is the writer of an article on *The West Field, Salem, in 1700*.

The *First Annual Report* of the Michigan Historical Commission contains an account of the work of the Commission for the period from May 28, 1913, to December 31, 1913.

Among the contents of *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* for April, in addition to continuations, may be mentioned a *Letter from John Rolfe to Sir Thos. Dale* and a biographical sketch of *Captain John Harris of the Virginia Navy*, by Walter Drew McCaw.

Dunbar Rowland is the editor of *The Official and Statistical Register of the State of Mississippi* for the year 1912, which has been issued by the Department of Archives and History of Mississippi.

The eleventh in the series of articles on *The Baronies of South Carolina*, by Henry A. M. Smith, dealing with the Raphoe Barony, appears in the January number of *The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine*. Here may also be found a paper on *Wilton's Statue of Pitt*, by D. E. Huger Smith; and a continuation of the *Order Book of John Faucheraud Grimké*.

An illustrated account of a *Prehistoric Shell Necklace from Nebraska*, written by Robert F. Gilder, opens the March-April number of the *Records of the Past*. Louise Phelps Kellogg contributes a brief appreciation of the late *Reuben Gold Thwaites*. Other articles are: *Cayuga Indemnity*, by Grace Ellis Taft; *An Onondaga Festival*, by the same writer; and *Man and the Mammoth in America*, by George Frederick Wright.

A Grave in the Wilderness, by Byron R. Long; *The Birthplace of Little Turtle*, by Calvin Young; *Robert Yost His Book*, consisting of a diary of the War of 1812; and *Rev. Paul Henkel's Journal: His Missionary Journey to the State of Ohio in 1806*, edited by Clement L. Martzoff, are contributions in the April number of the *Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly*.

Besides the usual proceedings of meetings and lists of officers and members, the *Year Book of the Holland Society of New York* for 1914 contains an account of *The Founding of Jersey City to and Including the Incorporation of the Village of Bergen*, by Dingman Versteeg; a brief description of *The Peter Stuyvesant Statue at Bergen*; and a list of *Marriages in the Village of Bergen in New Jersey Beginning 1665*.

Herbert E. Bolton is the writer of a carefully prepared monograph on *The Founding of the Missions on the San Gabriel River, 1745-1749*, which is published in the April number of *The Southwestern Historical Quarterly*. William Edward Dunn presents a

scholarly study of *The Apache Mission on the San Saba River; its Founding and Failure*; and there is a tenth installment of *Correspondence from the British Archives Concerning Texas, 1837-1846*, edited by Ephraim Douglass Adams.

An interesting and valuable article on *Fort Orleans, the First French Post on the Missouri*, by M. F. Stipes, opens the *Missouri Historical Review* for April. L. T. Collier relates a few *Recollections of Thomas H. Benton*. There is a second paper by David W. Eaton under the heading *Echoes of Indian Emigration*; and W. O. L. Jewett is the writer of an *Historical Sketch of Shelby County, Missouri*.

The Journal of John Work, June-October, 1825, edited with introduction and notes by T. C. Elliott, occupies the leading position in *The Washington Historical Quarterly* for April. Anna Sloan Walker presents, in brief outline form, the *History of the Liquor Laws of the State of Washington*; while Ralph R. Knapp treats in a similar manner of *Divorce in Washington*. Under the heading of documents there is printed *A New Vancouver Journal*, with introduction and notes by Edmond S. Meany.

Rear Admiral James E. Jouett, a Distinguished Kentuckian and a Heroic Naval Officer, by George Baber; an account of the *Unveiling of a Monument* to commemorate the founding of the city of Louisville, Kentucky, by Ella Hutchinson Ellwanger; and *Coal Mining and its Bearing on Local History*, by Otto A. Rothert, are among the contents of the May number of *The Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society*.

Among the contents of *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* for April are: a biographical sketch of *William Theophilus Rogers Marvin*, by Mrs. Elizabeth E. M. Wood; and some *Records of the Society of Friends at Vassalborough, Me.*, communicated by Henry Sewall Webster. A supplement contains the *Proceedings of the New England Historic Genealogical Society* at the annual meeting on February 4, 1914, together with the exercises at the dedication of the new building of the Society on March 18, 1913.

The Explanatory Element in the Folk-Tales of the North American Indians, by T. T. Waterman, is the subject of a paper which opens the January-March number of *The Journal of American Folk-Lore*. Reed Smith writes on *The Traditional Ballad in the South*. Two other contributions are: *The Crow Sun Dance*, by Robert H. Lowie; and *Some Aspects of the Folk-Lore of the Central Algonkin*, by Alanson Skinner.

An interesting paper on *Andrew Craigie and the Scioto Associates*, by Archer B. Hulbert; an account and list of *The Papers of the Johnson Family of Connecticut*, by Max Farrand; and an extensive and valuable *Bibliography of American Newspapers, 1690-1820*, compiled by Clarence S. Brigham, are contributions in volume twenty-three, part two of the *Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society*.

An extended account of *The Meeting of the American Historical Association at Charleston and Columbia* occupies the opening pages in the April number of *The American Historical Review*. Then follows an article on *The Stages in the Social History of Capitalism*, by Henri Pirenne. *The Children's Crusade* is discussed by Dana C. Munro. Inna Lubimenko describes *The Correspondence of Queen Elizabeth with the Russian Czars*; and Ulrich B. Phillips presents a paper on *A Jamaica Slave Plantation*. Under the head of *Documents* may be found *A New Plan to Govern Virginia, 1623*, contributed by Arthur Percival Newton.

The greater part of volume fourteen of the *Publications of the Mississippi Historical Society*, edited by Franklin L. Riley, is taken up with an extensive monograph on *Mississippi and the Compromise of 1850*, by Cleo Hearon. Two shorter papers are: *Barksdale's Mississippi Brigade at Gettysburg*, by J. S. McNeily; and *County Seats and Early Railroads of Washington County*, by Henry T. Ireys.

Much valuable material is to be found in volume eight of the *Papers of the New Haven Colony Historical Society*. Among the papers are: *Connecticut in Pennsylvania*, by Simeon E. Baldwin; *Eli Whitney Blake, Scientist and Inventor*, by Henry T. Blake;

The Battle of Lake George (Sept. 8, 1755) and the Man Who Won It, by Henry T. Blake; *Robert Treat: Founder, Farmer, Soldier, Statesman, Governor*, by George Hare Ford; *The Fundamental Orders and the Charter*, by Samuel Hart; *British Prisoners of War in Hartford During the Revolution*, by Herbert H. White; *The Fenians of the Long-Ago Sixties*, by Lawrence O'Brien; and *The New Haven of Two Hundred Years Ago*, by Franklin B. Dexter.

An account which could be practically duplicated in most of the western States is furnished by Ernest V. Shockley in an article on *County Seats and County Seat Wars in Indiana*, which appears in the March number of the *Indiana Magazine of History*. Alma Winston Wilson presents a biographical sketch of *An Early Indiana Surveyor—Lazarus B. Wilson*. Under the heading of *Autobiography of a Noted Pioneer* there are related some experiences of E. W. H. Ellis. Mrs. Elinor H. Campbell is the writer of a short article on *The Town of Bethlehem, Clark County, Indiana*.

Among the contents of the July, 1913, number of the *Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society*, may be noted a brief paper on *The Election of Congressmen from New Jersey*, by William Nelson; and a list of *New Jersey Soldiers in the Revolutionary War who later settled in Clermont County, Ohio*, prepared by A. S. Abbott. The October number, which comes out in somewhat more attractive dress, contains among other contributions an account of *Shane's Castle*, by John Clement; and *The School Census for 1832 and 1834 for Egg Harbour Township*, by Emma G. Steelman.

Carlos E. Godfrey tells of the *Organization of the Provisional Army of the United States in the Anticipated War with France, 1798-1800*, in the opening pages of *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* for April. Some *Letters of General John Armstrong to Thomas Wharton, President of Pennsylvania, 1777*; a number of *Excerpts from the Master's Log of His Majesty's Ship "Eagle", Lord Howe's Flagship, 1776-1777*, edited by William M. Mervine; and a letter relating *Some Incidents of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793*, contributed by Miss Etta M. Knight, are among the documentary contributions.

Volume one of the *Annual Report of the American Historical Association for the Year 1911* contains the following papers, among others: *American-Japanese Intercourse Prior to the Advent of Perry*, by Inazo Nitobé; *Colonial Society in America*, by Bernard Moses; *French Diplomacy and American Politics, 1794-1795*, by James Alton James; *The Tariff and the Public Lands from 1828 to 1833*, by Raynor G. Wellington; *The "Bargain of 1844" as the Origin of the Wilmot Proviso*, by Clark E. Persinger; *Monroe and the Early Mexican Revolutionary Agents*, by Isaac Joslin Cox; *Public Opinion in Texas Preceding the Revolution*, by Eugene C. Barker; and *The Genesis of the Confederation of Canada*, by Cephas D. Allin. This volume also contains the bibliography of *Writings on American History, 1911*, prepared by Grace Gardner Griffin. Volume two is devoted to *The Correspondence of Robert Toombs, Alexander H. Stephens, and Howell Cobb*, edited by Ulrich B. Phillips.

Volume thirteen of the *Proceedings and Collections of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society*, published at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, contains some excellent papers and monographs. *Some Features of the Quaternary Deposits in the Wyoming Valley Region* are presented at considerable length by Nelson Horatio Darton. William Griffith furnishes *The Proof That Pennsylvania Anthracite Coal was First Shipped from Wyoming Valley*. John L. Stewart sets forth *Some Modern Views of the Federal Constitution*; Oscar Jewell Harvey describes *The Beginnings of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania*; and a brief paper entitled *Echoes of the Massacre of Wyoming* is written by Horace Edwin Hayden. The remaining contribution, ninety pages in length, is *A Study of North Appalachian Indian Pottery*, by Christopher Wren.

Volume ten, parts one and two of the *Annual Publications of the Historical Society of Southern California* has recently appeared. The volume opens with a brief sketch of the history and activities of the Society, by S. H. Hall. The Society has been in existence more than thirty years. Among the many interesting contributions in the volume are: *Juan Flaco's Ride: An Incident in the Conquest of California*, by J. M. Guinn; *The Events Leading to the Chinese*

Exclusion Acts, by Mildred Wellborn; *Some Recent Observations in Mexico*, by Leslie F. Gay, Jr.; *A California Calendar of Pioneer Princes*, by Rockwell D. Hunt; *Drake on the Pacific Coast*, by James Main Dixon; *Anti-Japanese Legislation in California, and the Naturalization of the Japanese*, by Ray Malcolm; *The Attitude of California to the Civil War*, by Imogene Spaulding; and *Arizona's Admission to Statehood*, by Archa Malcom Farlow.

THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL REVIEW

Volume one, number one of *The Mississippi Valley Historical Review* appeared in June. The new quarterly is of the size usually followed in publications of this character, contains one hundred and sixty-four pages in addition to a few pages of advertising, and is printed in good clear type on a medium quality of book paper. The board of editors of the *Review* consists of the following persons: Benjamin F. Shambaugh, Frederick L. Paxson, Archer B. Hurlbert, Walter L. Fleming, James A. James, Orin G. Libby, Eugene C. Barker, and Claude H. Van Tyne; while the Managing Editor is Clarence W. Alvord. The subscription price of the *Review* will be two dollars to members of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, of which the periodical is an organ, and three dollars to non-members. The printing is done by The Torch Press of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and the magazine will be mailed out from that place.

The opening contribution in the June number is an article on *The United States and Mexico, 1835-1837*, by Eugene C. Barker. An extended *Review of McMaster's History of the People of the United States* is written by Carl Russell Fish. *Louisiana as a Factor in American Diplomacy* is the subject of a paper by James Alton James. *Historical Activities in the Old Northwest and Eastern Canada, 1913-1914*, are discussed by Solon J. Buck. In the succeeding numbers of the *Review* historical activities in other sections of the Mississippi Valley will be similarly treated by different writers. Under the head of *Notes and Documents* will be found notes on the lost Burr papers and the newly discovered George Rogers Clark material, a letter from George Washington to his

brother Charles, and some letters from the correspondence of Lyman Trumbull. Then follow book reviews which occupy nearly fifty pages, and finally there is a section devoted to *News and Comments*.

ACTIVITIES

Under the auspices of the Jefferson County Historical Society a patriotic entertainment was given at Fairfield on May 8th to secure funds for the improvement of the Old Settlers' Park.

The recently organized Scott County Archaeological Society plans to explore and excavate the mounds of southeastern Iowa.

At the annual business meeting of the Texas State Historical Association on March 2, 1914, Z. T. Fulmore was elected president; Charles W. Ramsdell, corresponding secretary and treasurer; and Eugene C. Barker, recording secretary and librarian.

At a meeting of the Missouri Historical Society (St. Louis), on April 23, 1914, Hon. Frederick W. Lehmann delivered an address on *The Missouri Compromise: A Line in American History*.

The Oklahoma Historical Society has secured the records of the opening of the Kiowa-Comanche reservation in 1901. These records will be of great value to future writers of Oklahoma history.

A portrait of Martin Luther, presented by the Lutherans of Iowa, has been installed in the portrait gallery of the Historical Department of Iowa at Des Moines.

A collection of letters and papers of Sidney Breese, United States Senator from Illinois from 1843 to 1849 and later Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State, is among the recent accessions of the Illinois State Historical Library.

At the twenty-fourth annual meeting of the American Folk-Lore Society held in New York City on December 31, 1913, Pliny Earle Goddard was elected president; G. L. Kittredge, first vice president; J. Walter Fewkes, second vice president; and Franz Boas, editor of the *Journal* of the Society.

The New England Historic Genealogical Society is now located in its magnificent new building at No. 9 Ashburton Place, Boston. At the seventieth annual meeting of the Society on February 4, 1914, Mr. James Phinney Baxter was reelected president.

Rear-Admiral Alfred T. Mahan will serve for several months as a Research Associate of the Department of Historical Research in the Carnegie Institution of Washington. A guide to the materials for American history to be found in the archives at St. Petersburg and Moscow is being prepared by Professor Frank A. Golder of Washington State College.

The *Annual Report* of the American Historical Association for the year 1912, which has not yet appeared, will contain, among other things, reports on the archives of Louisiana and Montana. A branch of the Association has been established in London and plans are on foot for the establishment of another in Paris for the purpose of aiding American historical workers in those cities.

The Minnesota Historical Society is making plans for a fine new building, which will house not only the collections of the Society, but the Supreme Court of the State and the State law library. As soon as a site for the building is definitely determined on it is expected that work will begin and it is hoped that the building will be completed in 1916.

The Wisconsin Historical Society has recently acquired thirty-six volumes of the *London Gazette* which make its file of this paper practically complete from 1768 to 1840. Among the manuscript accessions is a collection which is of especial interest to Iowans, namely, the correspondence of the late Luman H. Weller of Nashua, Iowa, who was known several years ago as "Calamity Weller". His correspondence and papers are valuable for any study of political history. The Society has just occupied a new wing of its magnificent building.

At the semi-annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society on April 8, 1914, the following were among the papers read: *Early Indian Migrations in New England*, by Roland Burrage Dixon; and

Poinsett's Career in Mexico, by Justin Harvey Smith. The Society has recently acquired a large collection of tradesmen's currency of the Civil War period.

The American Anthropological Association and the American Folk-Lore Society held a joint annual meeting in New York City, December 29-31, 1913. Among the papers and addresses presented at this time were: *The Horse and the Plains Culture*, by Clark Wissler; *The Cultural Position of the Plains Ojibway*, by Alanson Skinner; *Notes on the Social Organization of the Fox Indians*, by Truman Michelson; *The Relation of Winnebago to Plains Culture*, by Paul Radin; *The Crow Sun Dance*, by Robert H. Lowie; and *Notes on the Folk-Lore and Mythology of the Fox Indians*, by Truman Michelson.

THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

The seventh annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Association was held at Grand Forks, North Dakota, on May 26, 27, and 28, 1914; and there were joint sessions with the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Among the papers read at the general sessions were *Explorations and Surveys of the Minnesota and Red Rivers*, by Warren Upham; *The Soldier, the Advance Guard of Civilization*, by Henry Hale; *Montana as a Field for Historical Research*, by F. H. Garver; *Stephen A. Douglas, and the Split in the Democratic Party*, by Oliver M. Dickerson; *The Westward Movement in the Upper Mississippi Valley During the Fifties*, by Dan E. Clark; *The Hudson's Bay Company Fur Trade Monopoly in the Red River Settlement, 1821-1850*, by Chester V. Martin; *Contemporary Opinions Regarding the Mississippi Valley During the American Revolution*, by Paul C. Phillips; and *German Migration to the Mississippi and Missouri*, by Marion D. Learned.

Two sessions of the teachers' section were held, the principal topics of discussion being the use of supplementary reading in the teaching of history, and the training of teachers. On Tuesday afternoon there was a session at which papers on sociological subjects were read, among the most interesting being the one by R. W. Craig of Winnipeg on *Some Legal Aspects of Correctional Work*.

On account of illness the president of the Association, Professor James Alton James of Northwestern University, was unable to attend the meeting, and so Dr. Benj. F. Shambaugh was chosen to preside at the meetings. And in place of the presidential address on Tuesday evening Professor Marion D. Learned of the University of Pennsylvania delivered an address on the subject of *European Immigration to the United States*.

The election of officers resulted in the choice of Professor Isaac J. Cox as president; Professors Guy S. Ford and Frederic L. Paxson as first and second vice presidents, respectively; Mr. Clarence S. Paine as secretary-treasurer; and Dr. Milo M. Quaife and Mr. William E. Connelley as members of the executive committee.

Three very pleasant social occasions were provided for the entertainment of the visitors. On Tuesday evening a reception was tendered by President and Mrs. McVey of the State University. A banquet was given on the following evening by the Commercial Club at the University Commons, at which place the guests were also entertained at supper on Thursday evening. But perhaps the most interesting feature of the entire meeting was the historical pageant of the Northwest presented in the open air on Thursday evening by the University Sock and Buskin Society. Events in the careers of Radisson, La Salle, the Vérendryes, and in the Lewis and Clark Expedition (the principal figure in the latter being Sacajawea, the Bird Woman) were depicted in an admirable manner.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

At the annual meeting of the Society on June 22, 1914, the nine resident Curators who have served during the past year were re-elected.

A history of Shelby County, Iowa, is being prepared by Mr. E. S. White of Harlan, a member of the Society. Mr. White spent several days at Iowa City in June gathering data in the library of the Society.

The first volume of a comprehensive *History of Education in Iowa*, written by Dr. Clarence R. Aurner, is now in press. It is ex-

pected that three volumes of this work will be published during the coming year.

Dr. John C. Parish of Denver, Colorado, formerly Assistant Editor in the Society, has been appointed professor and head of the department of history in Colorado College.

Mr. John Wilson Townsend of Lexington, Kentucky, a member of the Society, is the author of a volume on *Kentucky in American Letters, 1784-1912*, printed by The Torch Press of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. There is an introduction by the novelist, James Lane Allen.

Dr. Henry Albert, a Curator of the Society, is joint author with Dr. Mildred E. Scheetz of a description of a *Model Laboratory for the General Practitioner* which has been reprinted from the May number of the *Journal of the Iowa State Medical Society*.

The Society is indebted to the Rev. James L. Hill of Salem, Massachusetts, for a number of booklets and articles dealing with the history of the Congregational Church in Iowa, including especially the Iowa Band and Grinnell College. Mr. Hill was born at Garnavillo, Iowa, and his father gave the first dollar to found Grinnell College.

Mrs. Bernhardine Wachsmuth of Burlington, a member of the Society, died on January 19, 1914. She was the widow of the late Charles Wachsmuth, a distinguished geologist and an authority on the subject of fossils.

Mr. T. J. Fitzpatrick of Bethany, Nebraska, a member of the Society and who formerly occupied the position of Collector, has recently acquired an excellent copy of Albert Miller Lea's rare little volume entitled *Notes on Wisconsin Territory*, in which there is the inscription: "Hon. Geo. W. Jones, Sinsinawa Mound from the author".

At the regular June meeting of the Board of Curators provision for research work during the summer months was made by the appointment of the following persons as Research Associates: Dr. F. E. Haynes of Morningside College; Dr. F. H. Garver of the

Montana State Normal at Dillon, Montana; Dr. Henry J. Peterson of the Iowa State Teachers' College; and Mr. O. K. Patton of the State University of Iowa. Furthermore, Mr. John E. Briggs was appointed Research Assistant, and Miss Ruth Gallaher as Library Research Assistant for the coming year.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mrs. F. M. Bagley, Anamosa, Iowa; Dr. W. L. Bywater, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. John A. Cavanagh, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. J. Robert Cornell, Winterset, Iowa; Mr. Charles D. Huston, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. O. D. Peterson, Stratford, Iowa; Hon. George E. Roberts, Washington, D. C.; Mr. John Boeynik, Sioux Center, Iowa; Mr. Royal H. Holbrook, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Lee Shillinglaw, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

The State Historical Society of Iowa was represented at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association at Grand Forks, North Dakota, during the last week in May by the Superintendent, Benj. F. Shambaugh, and the Assistant Editor, Dan E. Clark. In the absence of the president of the Association the former was chosen to preside at the meetings as president *pro tempore*; while the latter read a paper on *The Westward Movement in the Upper Mississippi Valley During the Fifties*. Dr. F. H. Garver, Research Associate in the Society during the present summer, also appeared on the program with a paper on *Montana as a Field for Historical Research*.