

SOME PUBLICATIONS

Personal Recollections of President Abraham Lincoln, General Ulysses S. Grant, and General William T. Sherman. By Major-General GRENVILLE M. DODGE. Council Bluffs: The Monarch Printing Co. 1914. Pp. 237. Portraits. Probably no Iowan now living is better qualified on account of intimate associations, at least with Grant and Sherman, to write a book of recollections such as is here indicated. General Dodge rendered distinguished service to the Nation during the great conflict of the sixties, thereby winning high rank and the entire confidence of President Lincoln and his two greatest generals. In the first thirty pages of the volume he pays a tribute to Lincoln and emphasizes the terrible strain under which the President lived on account of the criticisms heaped upon Grant. The remainder of the volume is divided about equally between recollections of Grant and recollections of Sherman — both of whom on many occasions depended largely upon General Dodge for the success of their plans. Numerous letters and official orders add to the value of these reminiscences which will be of interest and importance to all students of the military history of the Civil War.

Readings in Indiana History. Bloomington: Indiana University. 1914. Pp. 470. Portraits, plates, maps. This excellent volume, which is intended for use as supplementary reading in grammar and high schools, was compiled and edited by a committee of the History Section of the Indiana State Teachers' Association of which Oscar H. Williams was chairman. It contains, for the most part, original or first-hand material relative to Indiana history arranged in such a way as to present a general outline of the history of the State. Care was taken to copy the materials verbatim except where clearness demanded slight changes; and in each case there is a reference to the place where the original of each selection may be

found, together with the date when it was written and the date of the events described.

The contents of the books are grouped under five parts and thirty chapters. The materials in the chapters deal with such subjects as Indiana when the English first came, the conquest of the Old Northwest by George Rogers Clark, Indian border wars, life in the wilderness about 1816, the coming of the settlers, clearing the forests, building the home, pioneer farming, disposal of the public lands, transportation and travel, pioneer society, hunting stories, the religious life of the pioneers, pioneer schools, civic ideals of the pioneers, health of the pioneers, removal of the Indians, internal improvements, banks and banking, political parties, the slavery contest in Indiana, Indiana in the Civil War, camp life of the volunteers, and Indiana and the freedmen. Fully one hundred and fifty selections from official reports, journals, private correspondence, reminiscences, and historical writings are grouped under these headings, and there are numerous, well selected cuts and maps. The book should prove interesting to pupils in the schools, as well as to older persons and should therefore be an important factor in extending a knowledge of Indiana history.

The Winning of the Far West. By ROBERT McNUTT McELROY, Ph. D. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. 1914. Pp. x, 384. Plates, maps. According to the preface, the book under consideration is "a study of such national action and international relations as have resulted in additions, within the continent of North America, to the territory of the United States. It is based upon authoritative, and in part unpublished, sources, and was written, at the instance of the publishers, to constitute a continuation of Colonel Roosevelt's *Winning of the West.*" It is to be feared, however, that readers of the volume will be disappointed at not finding a more adequate fulfillment of the promise implied in the title and the preface, especially in so far as the volume purports to be a continuation of Roosevelt's *Winning of the West.* A mere glance at the table of contents reveals the fact that eleven out of the fourteen chapters deal with the independence and annexation of Texas and the Mexican War. The other three chapters are devoted to the

Oregon question, the organization of the new West, 1848-1853, and the purchase of Russian America. Thus, it may be said that the book covers in a satisfactory manner the military and diplomatic aspects of the winning of the Far West; but it has almost nothing to say regarding exploration, emigration, or settlement—topics which the reader would surely expect to find discussed in a volume entitled *The Winning of the Far West*.

South Dakota Historical Collections, Vol. VII, Pierre, South Dakota: State Publishing Co. 1914. Pp. 603. Portraits, plates, maps. The chief contribution in this volume is a two hundred and twenty page article on *The Verendrye Explorations and Discoveries*, by Charles E. De Land. It is to be regretted that in a study of this character the author did not give the reader the benefit of references to source materials. Along with this article may be found the *Journal of La Verendrye, 1738-39*; the journal kept by Chevalier de la Verendrye on the expedition of 1742-1743; some official correspondence relative to the expeditions; and Parkman's story of the Verendryes. The first three are without editorial notes or annotations.

Following the material relating to the Verendryes there is published, with introduction and notes, Trudeau's *Journal*, containing a record of the activities of Jean Baptiste Trudeau on the Upper Missouri during the years 1794 and 1795. The first part of this journal is a translation of the French version which appeared about a year ago in *The American Historical Review*; while the second part is reprinted from the translation printed several years ago in the *Missouri Historical Society Collections*.

An account of the *South Dakota Department of History: Its Work*; an article on *Colonial Claims and South Dakota*, by Charles E. De Land; and a description of *The Black Hills Expedition*, by A. B. Donaldson, are among the other contributions in this volume, which makes an important addition to the literature of South Dakota history.

Articles dealing with various phases of education for the Indians appear in the July-September number of *The Quarterly Journal of the Society of American Indians*.

The Macmillan Company are the publishers of a volume on *Contemporary American History, 1877-1913*, by Charles A. Beard.

Three articles which appear in *The South Atlantic Quarterly* for October are: *Thomas Jefferson as a Man of Letters*, by Max J. Herzberg; *The Black Code of Alabama*, by George A. Wood; and *Some Fallacies Concerning the History of Public Education in the South*.

In the January number of the *Journal of the United States Cavalry Association* there appears, under the heading of *Forgotten Cavalrymen*, a biographical sketch of Edward Francis Winslow who was Colonel of the Fourth Iowa Cavalry and was prominently connected with railroad building and management in Iowa and in other sections of the country.

A discussion of *The Trust Legislation of 1914*, by E. Dana Durand, is among the articles in the November number of *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

Government Regulation of Water Transportation is the general topic of discussion in the September number of *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. In the November number various phases of the feminist movement, public activities of women, and woman and the suffrage are discussed by a number of writers.

On November 7, 1914, there appeared the first number of a new weekly periodical called *The New Republic: A Journal of Opinion*, the publication office being at 421 West 21st St., New York City.

The Virginia State Library has published a useful bibliography of *Maps Relating to Virginia in the Virginia State Library and Other Departments of the Commonwealth with the 17th and 18th Century Atlas-Maps in the Library of Congress*. Earl G. Swem is the compiler.

Volume two of the *Guide to the Materials for American History to 1783, in the Public Record Office of Great Britain*, compiled by Charles M. Andrews, has been published by the Carnegie Institution of Washington. The volume contains department and miscellaneous papers.

Among the contributions in the September number of *Americana* is an unsigned article of special interest to students of Iowa history on *The Territorial Supreme Court of Wisconsin and its Judges*. In the October number there are some *Post Bellum Letters from Ohioans* taken from the Doolittle correspondence; and J. C. Pumpelly is the writer of an article on *Enoch Crosby, the Continental Soldier, the Original of Cooper's Harvey Birch, the Patriot Spy*.

Articles which appear in *The American Political Science Review* for November are: *The Parliament of the Republic of China*, by F. J. Goodnow; *The Balkan Question—The Key to a Permanent Peace*, by Arthur W. Spencer; *Our Relations with Japan*, by John Holladay Latané; and *The City Manager Plan, the Latest in American City Government*, by Herman G. James. The *Legislative Notes and Reviews*, conducted by John A. Lapp, deal with such subjects as special municipal corporations, the removal of public officers, the codification and revision of statutes, the constitutional convention commission of New York, the recall of judicial decisions, and special courts.

WESTERN AMERICANA

Bulletin No. 5 issued by the Municipal Division of the Nebraska Legislative Reference Bureau contains a great variety of facts and statistics relative to Nebraska municipalities.

A recent number of the *University of California Publications in American Archaeology and Ethnology* consists of a monograph on *Chilula Texts*, by Pliny Earle Goddard.

Volume fifteen, number twenty-four of *The University of Missouri Bulletin* contains a brief monograph on *The Loan Office Experiment in Missouri, 1821-1836*, by Albert J. McCulloch.

Among the articles in the October number of *The Quarterly Journal of the University of North Dakota* is one by Harvey Ellsworth French on *The Medicine Man and Some of His Modern Successors*.

Persons engaged in research in Mississippi Valley history will find use for a pamphlet by Edward A. Henry on *The Durrett Collection, Now in the Library of the University of Chicago*, containing a check-list of the newspapers in that splendid collection.

A considerable amount of historical data is to be found in a pamphlet on the *Limitation of Armament on the Great Lakes* published by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. It consists of a report made in 1892 by Secretary of State John W. Foster.

J. Walter Fewkes is the writer of a profusely illustrated treatise on the *Archaeology of the Lower Mimbres Valley, New Mexico*, which has been published in the *Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections*.

The Indian Rights Association has published a pamphlet on *The Indians of the Yukon and Tanana Valleys, Alaska*, by Matthew K. Sniffen and Thomas S. Carrington.

Senate Document, No. 522 of the second session of the Sixty-third Congress consists of *A History of Guaranty of Bank Deposits in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, and South Dakota from 1908 to 1914*, by George H. Shibley.

Gerhard A. Gesell is the compiler of a statistical work on *Minnesota Public Utility Rates, Gas-Electric-Water*, which has been published by the University of Minnesota.

Volume five in *Green's Historical Series* prepared and published by C. R. Green of Olathe, Kansas, contains a number of *Tales and Traditions of the Marias des Cygnes Valley*. The same publisher issued in November a pamphlet dealing with the band of Sac and Fox Indians which remained in Kansas for sixteen years after the remainder of the tribe had departed.

Otto A. Rothert is the author of a meritorious little volume containing *A History of Unity Baptist Church, Muhlenberg County, Kentucky*, which has been published by John P. Morton & Company of Louisville. The volume is worthy of study by persons planning to write similar works on local history.

Bank Deposit Guaranty: An Historical and Critical Study is the subject of a monograph by Z. Clark Dickinson which appears as a number of the *Nebraska History and Political Science Series*.

Iowans will be specially interested in volume fourteen, part one of the *Anthropological Papers of the American Museum of Natural History* which contains Vilhjalmur Stefansson's account of *The Stefansson-Anderson Arctic Expedition of the American Museum: Preliminary Ethnological Report*. There are a number of cuts, drawings, and maps; and in addition to the formal report there are about two hundred and forty pages of selections from the journals of the expedition.

The Book of Words of the Pageant and Masque of Saint Louis performed in St. Louis in May, 1914, has been published by the St. Louis Pageant Drama Association. This was without doubt one of the most pretentious and successful enterprises of the kind that has been carried out in the Middle West. The words of the pageant are by Thomas Wood Stevens, while Percy Mackaye is the writer of the words of the masque.

The December number of the *Bulletin of the Indiana State Library* contains brief notes and bibliographies on the following subjects: Indiana in the Civil War, Indiana novelists, the poets of Indiana, the historians of Indiana, Indiana artists, Indiana statesmen, Indiana educators, Indiana business men, Indiana scientists, the natural resources and industries of Indiana, the institutions of Indiana, picturesque spots in Indiana, and Indiana's rank in the Union.

Volume nine, number one of the *Nebraska Academy of Science Publications* consists of a brief study of *The Nebraska Aborigines as they Appeared in the Nineteenth Century*, by Michael A. Shine.

Besides this paper there is an outline of the *University of Nebraska Seminar Studies in Nebraska History, Political Science and Economics*, and a note on *Early Maps of the Nebraska Country*, by C. E. Persinger. There are reproductions of De L'Isle's map of 1722 and the map made by Perrin du Lac in 1802, besides cuts of the Verendrye plate found in South Dakota in 1913.

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In Memoriam is the title of a pamphlet published by the Clayton County Bar Association which contains a biographical sketch of and a tribute to the late Hon. G. H. Schulte, who was born on January 21, 1866, and died on June 17, 1914.

Among the contents of *The American Freemason* for November are some extracts from letters relative to *The War as Viewed by Brothers in the Countries Engaged*.

An article by Emlin McClain, Dean of the College of Law of the State University of Iowa, on the *Liability in Tort of Carriers of the Mail*, has been reprinted in pamphlet form from the *Columbia Law Review*.

A pamphlet containing a concise discussion of *Workmen's Compensation Laws*, by Henry E. Sampson, has been issued by the Iowa Industrial Commissioner.

The Northwestern Banker for October opens with an article on *War, Bankers and Commerce*, by George Woodruff. Among other things in the December number M. B. Hutchinson tells *How the Currency Law will Help Us*.

An address on *Home Rule for Cities in Iowa*, delivered by Alfred C. Mueller before the Contemporary Club of Davenport, Iowa, has been printed in pamphlet form.

In November there appeared in pamphlet form the *Recommendations of the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform* making certain suggestions relative to the reorganization of State government in Iowa.

In the October number of *The Alumnus of Iowa State College* there is a tribute to W. O. McElroy, by Dean E. W. Stanton.

In the December number of *The Iowa Alumnus* there is an article on *The Early Days of the Alumni Association*, by Alice Remley Glass.

A brief article entitled *Rebuilding the Old National Pike*, by M. A. Berns, which is printed in the November number of *The Road-Maker* contains a small amount of historical data.

The concluding installment of the *Autobiography of Elder Alma Booker* appears in the October number of *Autumn Leaves*. In the November number there is a brief *Autobiography of Apostle C. A. Butterworth*. Two articles in the December number are: *Vocational Education in the United States*, by George N. Briggs; and *Trained Men and Their Relationship to the Modern Social Problem*, by S. A. Burgess.

G. A. Gesell is the writer of a brief outline of *Municipal Ownership in Minnesota* which appears in the November number of *American Municipalities*. Three articles which are to be found in the December number are: *Compensation of Municipal Officers*, by J. D. Glasgow; *Iowa Bureau of Municipal Information*, by O. E. Klingaman; and *Municipal Development and Issues*, by A. E. Sheldon.

The first number of the *Iowa Law Bulletin*, published quarterly by the faculty and students of the College of Law of the State University of Iowa, appeared in January, 1915. This is in reality a new series or a revival of the *Bulletin* of a similar character published regularly from 1891 to 1901. Herbert F. Goodrich is the editor-in-charge. Twenty-five pages of the *Bulletin* are occupied by an article by Emlin McClain containing a survey of the history and contents of *The Iowa Codes*. The remaining pages are taken up with editorials, notes, and digests of recent Iowa cases. The enterprise deserves the hearty support of the legal profession in Iowa.

Besides continuations of biographical and autobiographical material the October number of the *Journal of History*, published at

Lamoni, Iowa, by the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, contains some new material. Under the heading of *Pioneer Days* there appears a biography of Ebenezer Miller, written by Robert Miller. Then follows a transcript of the remarks of Mr. Backenstos in the House of Representatives of Congress in 1845 against a bill repealing the Nauvoo charter. Furthermore, there is printed a *Petition of William Smith, Isaac Sheen, et al*, against the formation of the proposed State of Deseret in 1849.

The Blue Book of Iowa Women: A History of Contemporary Women, compiled by Winona Evans Reeves, represents a new and worthy undertaking in Iowa. It is a volume of three hundred pages containing brief sketches of the lives and activities of about two hundred and twenty-five Iowa women, most of whom are now living, who have attained positions of leadership as writers, educators, civic and charitable workers, club members, and in various other walks of life. Of course any selection of this kind must be more or less arbitrary; and the compiler denies any claim "that all the women deserving recognition" are mentioned in the book. But the work deserves hearty commendation and encouragement.

The October number of *Midland Schools* contains a brief article on *School Administration and Secondary Schools*, by W. A. Jessup; and a discussion of *Ohio's New School Laws*, by Lester S. Ivins. Articles in the November issue are: *Permanency of Farming as a Vocation and its Educational Significance*, by G. M. Wilson; *The Prevailing Occupations of Iowa in Relation to the Problems of Vocational Education*, by E. E. Lewis; and *Early History and Development of the Consolidated School in Iowa*, by J. A. Woodruff. The last article is continued in the December number where may also be found an account of the organization of the ex-presidents of the Iowa State Teachers' Association.

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History of Poor Relief Legislation in Iowa. Iowa City: State Historical Society of Iowa. 1914.

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The Red Mist: A Tale of Civil Strife. Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co. 1914.
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- C. M. Overman, Founder of Irving Institute, October 12, 1914.
- Irving Institute Fifty Years Old, October 18, 1914.
- Clinton, Iowa, Terminus of the First Railway Postoffice in the United States, October 18, 1914.
- Washington Baptist Church Seventy-three Years Old, October 25, 1914.

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- Sketch of the life of Mrs. P. M. Casady, November 14, 1914.
- Iowa Towns' Names Closely Linked with History, November 15, 1914.
- Ten Years' Growth of Iowa Insurance Companies, November 26, 1914.
- Equitable Life a Pioneer Insurance Company in Iowa, November 26, 1914.
- Sketch of the life of General Edward F. Winslow, December 6, 1914.
- Keokuk, the Home of Pioneer Iowa Wholesale Dry Goods House, December 13, 1914.
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- Sketch of the life of George Stroeber, in the *Muscatine Journal*, September 30, 1914.
- Old System of "Binding Out" Recalled by Aged Document, in the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, September 30, 1914.
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- Sketch of the lives of Amos and Ruth A. L. Taylor, in the *Oskaloosa Herald*, October 8, 1914.
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Sketches of the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Binford, in the *Marshalltown Times-Republican*, October 19, 1914.

Kelly's Bluff, Its Ancient Cemetery and Foundation of Proposed but Abandoned Seminary, in the *Dubuque Telegraph-Herald*, October 25, 1914.

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Meaning of the Name "Iowa", by L. F. Andrews, in the *Webster City Freeman-Tribune*, October 27, 1914.

A Pioneer Brighton Family, in the *Brighton Enterprise*, October 28, 1914.

Fundamental Characteristics of the Lives of the Pioneers, by Charles F. Clarke, in the *Adel Record*, October 29, 1914.

Frontier Sketches, in the *Burlington Post*, November 7, 1914.

Review of Early History of Dubuque County and the Dubuque County Bar Association, by Oliver P. Shiras, in the *Dubuque Times-Journal*, November 8, 1914.

Settlement of Amherst Township, in the *Cherokee Times*, November 9, 1914.

John Ruble Writes of a Visit with Neighbors of the Early Seventies, in the *Le Mars Sentinel*, November 13, 1914.

Love Affair of Julien Dubuque; Romance of Little White Cloud, in the *Dubuque Telegraph-Herald*, November 15, 1914.

Old Marion County, in the *Knoxville Express*, December 30, 1914.

- Robert J. Burdette — Recollections by Those who Knew Him, in the *Burlington Hawk-Eye*, November 21, 1914.
- Early Work of Robert J. Burdette on the Burlington Hawk-Eye, in the *Burlington Hawk-Eye*, November 22, 1914.
- Clinton Will Soon be Sixty, in the *Clinton Herald*, December 4, 1914.
- Late Fort Dodge Physician's Story, in the *Fort Dodge Chronicle*, December 4, 1914.
- Recollections of a Pioneer Bride, in the *Algona Advance*, December 16, 1914.
- A Pioneer Boy's Story, by Albert Reed, in the *Algona Advance*, December 16, 1914.
- Jacob P. Alfrey, a Pioneer of Southern Iowa, in the *Keokuk Constitution-Democrat*, December 19, 1914.
- Memoirs of Quaker Divide, by D. B. Cook, running in the *Dexter Sentinel*.
- Death Roll of Pioneers of Kossuth County, in the *Algona Republican*, December 23, 1914.
- Sketch of the lives of Mr. and Mrs. John Quist, in the *Council Bluffs Nonpareil*, December 27, 1914.
- Sketch of the life of A. F. Bond, Oldest Resident of Denison, in the *Denison Review*, December 30, 1914.
- John Melrose, a Pioneer of Black Hawk County, in the *Waterloo Courier*, December 3, 1914.
- William Sturgis, Black Hawk County's First Settler, a Life Long Pioneer, in the *Waterloo Courier*, December 31, 1914.
- Reminiscences of Waterloo by a Pioneer Attorney, in the *Waterloo Courier*, December 31, 1914.

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

PUBLICATIONS

The New Hampshire Historical Society has published a booklet containing the proceedings of the *Dedication of a Memorial to Reverend John Tucke, 1702-1773*. In the booklet there is also an address on *Captain John Smith*, by Justin H. Smith.

An Old Medford School Boy's Reminiscences, by Thomas M. Stetson; and *Medford Steamboat Days*, by Moses W. Mann, are articles in the October number of *The Medford Historical Register*.

A memoir of *William Sanford Hills*, by Thomas B. Hitchcock; and an account of *Some Recent Investigations Concerning the Ancestry of Capt. Myles Standish*, by Thomas C. Porteus, are among the contents of *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* for October.

The *Proceedings* of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Bangor (Maine) Historical Society on April 8, 1914, have been published by the Society.

Tract No. 94 of the Western Reserve Historical Society contains the annual report of the Society for the year 1913-1914, and the *Journals of Seth Pease to and from New Connecticut, 1796-98*, with an introduction by Elbert Jay Benton.

Part two of *A Study of Military Operations on the Frontier of Lower Canada in 1812 and 1813*, by E. A. Cruikshank, is to be found in the June, 1914, number of the *Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada*, which now appears as a quarterly publication.

Volume three, number three of the *Publications of the Academy of Pacific Coast History*, issued in December, 1914, is taken up with the *Diary of Nelson Kingsley, a California Argonaut of 1849*, edited by Frederick J. Teggart.

The October number of *Historia*, published by the Oklahoma Historical Society, contains the charter and constitution of the Society.

Catalogue No. 4 of the Kentucky State Historical Society, compiled by the Librarian, Miss Sally Jackson, has recently been published by the Society.

An address on *The Treaty of Ghent*, delivered before the New York Historical Society on its one hundred and tenth anniversary by William M. Sloane, has been printed in neat pamphlet form by the Society.

The December number of the *Journal of the Presbyterian Historical Society* is taken up with a continuation of the *Letters and Reports of the Rev. John Philip Boehm*, translated and edited by William J. Hinke; and an article on the *Church Records in the Presbytery of New Castle*, by Joseph Brown Turner.

The journal of *T. Turnbull's Travels from the United States Across the Plains to California*, edited by Frederic L. Paxson, has been reprinted from the *Proceedings of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin*.

The July-September number of the *Quarterly Publication of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio* contains a second installment of *Selections from the Follett Papers*, edited by L. Belle Hamlin. The papers here printed consist entirely of letters which passed between Thomas Corwin and Oran Follett through the years from 1842 to 1851.

The *Maryland Historical Magazine* for December opens with a biographical sketch of Governor Richard Bennett, by Mary N. Browne. The remainder of the Magazine is taken up largely with continuations.

Volume thirteen, number two of *The James Sprunt Historical Publications*, published under the direction of the North Carolina Historical Society, contains some letters from the collection of General Henry W. Harrington, a prominent Revolutionary soldier, edited with introduction and notes by Henry M. Wagstaff.

The chief contribution in the November-December number of the *German American Annals* is an interesting article on *Emigration to America Reflected in German Fiction*, by Preston A. Barba.

An address on *The Lincoln and Douglas Debates* delivered before the Chicago Historical Society by Horace White has been handsomely printed by the Society. Mr. White heard these debates in the capacity of a newspaper reporter.

The *Youthful Recollections of Salem*, by Benjamin F. Browne, are continued in the *Historical Collections of the Essex Institute* for October, where may also be found an article on *Brooksby, Salem, in 1700*, by Sidney Perley.

Contributions in volume twenty-four, part one of the *Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society* are the following: *Notes on the Calendar and the Almanac*, by George E. Littlefield; *The Early Migrations of the Indians of New England and the Maritime Provinces*, by Roland Burrage Dixon; *Poinsett's Career in Mexico*, by Justin H. Smith; a *Check List of Connecticut Almanacs, 1709-1850*, by Albert Carlos Bates.

Among the contents of *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* for October are some *Letters of Richard Adams to Thomas Adams*, scattered through the years from 1771 to 1778; a legal argument of the year 1718 involving the subject of *Church Patronage in Virginia*; and an original paper bearing the title *Animadversions on a Paper Entituled Virginia Addresses, Printed in Philadelphia*.

The Origin of the Feudal Land Tenure in Japan, by K. Asakawa; *The Government of Normandy Under Henry II*, by Charles H. Haskins; *Colonial Commerce*, by Charles M. Andrews; *The Anglican Outlook on the American Colonies in the Early Eighteenth Century*, by Evarts B. Greene; and *The Creative Forces in Westward Expansion: Henderson and Boone*, by Archibald Henderson, are articles in the October number of *The American Historical Review*. Under the heading of *Documents* may be found some *Letters Relating to the Negotiations at Ghent, 1812-1814*.

Among the articles which are to be found in *The Journal of American Folk-Lore* for July-September are the following: *Negro Folk-Lore in South Carolina*, by Henry C. Davis; *Some Negro Folk-Songs from Tennessee*, by Anna Kranz Odum; *The Play-Party in Northeast Missouri*, by Goldy M. Hamilton; and *Folk-Lore from Schoharie County, New York*, by Emelyn E. Gardner.

Three excellent articles are to be found in the *Missouri Historical Review* for October, namely: *A Sketch of Missouri Constitutional History During the Territorial Period*, by Floyd C. Shoemaker; *Travel into Missouri in October, 1838*, by Edward Zimmerman; and *Indian Mode of Life in Missouri and Kansas*, described by George Sibley in a letter written in 1820.

The addresses delivered at the unveiling of the memorial to the North Carolina women of the Confederacy, presented to the State by the late Ashley Horne, have been printed by the North Carolina Historical Commission as *Bulletin No. 16*. The principal address was one on *The Women of the Confederacy*, by Daniel Harvey Hill.

The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine for July opens with *Six Letters of Peter Manigault*. There is also another installment of the *Order Book of John Faucheraud Grimké, August, 1778, to May, 1780*; and some extracts from the *Parish Register of St. James Santee, 1758-1788*, copied by Mabel L. Weber.

The Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly for October opens with an illustrated account of the *Dedication of the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society Museum and Library Building* on May 30, 1914. Among the addresses delivered on this occasion was one by Isaac J. Cox on *Ohio and Western Sectionalism*. In this number of the *Quarterly* there is also to be found a reproduction of the archaeological map of Ohio which has been made with great care under the direction of the Society.

Continuations of *The Early Sentiment for the Annexation of California*, by Robert Glass Cleland; *The First Session of the Secession Conventions of Texas*, by Anna Irene Sandbo; and *British*

Correspondence Concerning Texas, edited by Ephraim Douglass Adams, appear in *The Southwestern Historical Quarterly* for October. There is also an article on *Harris County, 1822-1845*, by Adele B. Looscan; and *A Letter from Vera Cruz in 1847*, contributed by Robert A. Law.

The opening contribution in the *Records of the American Catholic Historical Society* for September is an article on *The First Three Catholic Churches of Zanesville, Ohio*, by Robert J. J. Harkins. In the December number some documentary material is published under the heading, *An Echo of the Old Order of Church and State in Louisiana*; and there is a biographical sketch of *The Rev. Theodore Brouwers, Missionary in the West Indies, and Pioneer Priest in Western Pennsylvania*, by Felix Fellner.

Under the heading *Penn versus Baltimore* in the October number of *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* there is printed the journal of John Watson, assistant surveyor to the commissioners of the Province of Pennsylvania in 1750, edited by John W. Jordan. Following this there is an article by John E. Potter on *The Pennsylvania and Virginia Boundary Controversy*. Under the heading *A Local Incident of Early Colonial Days, 1722-1723*, there are presented some documents dealing with early land policy.

The commencement address delivered in June at the University of Washington by Frederick Jackson Turner, on *The West and American Ideals*, occupies the opening pages in *The Washington Historical Quarterly* for October. Then follows the concluding installment of the *Journal of John Work, Dec. 15th, 1825, to June 12th, 1826*, with introduction and annotations by T. C. Elliott. Edwin Eels is the writer of a brief article entitled *Eliza and the Nez Perce Indians*; and there is a continuation of *A New Vancouver Journal*, with introduction and notes by Edmond S. Meany.

The Mississippi Valley Historical Review for December opens with an article on *Richard Henderson and the Occupation of Kentucky, 1775*, by Archibald Henderson. *Some Aspects of British Administration in West Florida* are discussed by Clarence E. Carter. Arthur C. Cole writes on *The South and the Right of Se-*

cession in the Early Fifties. The third paper in the series of surveys of historical activities in the Mississippi Valley is presented by St. George L. Sioussat who discusses *Historical Activities in the Old Southwest.* Under the head of "Notes and Documents" will be found *William Clark's Journal of General Wayne's Campaign,* edited by R. C. McGrane.

Among the contributions in the *Missouri Historical Society Collections*, volume four, number three, are the following: *The Removal of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Missouri, in 1865,* by Thomas K. Skinker; *Founding and Location of William Jewell College,* by L. M. Lawson; *Instructions of Jacques Toutant Beaugard to his Son Concerning a Voyage to the Illinois,* translated by Nettie Harney Beaugard; and a continuation of the *Recollections of an Old Actor,* by Charles A. Krone. Two communications deal with *The Two Forts at Sandusky Bay,* and the question, *Has the Site of Fort Orleans Been Discovered?*

A *Memorial Address Commemorating the Life, Character and Services of Francis Xavier Matthieu,* by Charles B. Moores, occupies the opening pages of *The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society* for June. Then follows a discussion of *First Things Pertaining to Presbyterianism on the Pacific Coast,* by Robert H. Blossom. The concluding installment of the *Journal of David Thompson,* edited by T. C. Elliott, contains the record of Thompson's activity in the Columbia valley from July 16 to August 13, 1811. Finally, under the title *A Tragedy on the Stickeen in '42,* Mr. C. O. Erma-tinger contributes a letter from John McLaughlin in 1843 telling of the murder of his son by an employer of the Hudson's Bay Company.

Constitution Making in Early Indiana: An Historical Survey, by James A. Woodburn; *Jackson County Prior to 1850,* by John C. Lazenby; *Indiana History in the Schools,* by Oscar H. Williams; and the concluding chapters of the study of *Home Life in Early Indiana,* by William F. Vogel, are contributions in the September number of the *Indiana Magazine of History.* The chapters of the last named article here printed deal with sickness and physicians,

churches and preachers, teachers and schools, and social life. The December number of the *Magazine* likewise contains four excellent articles, namely: *The Academies of Indiana*, by John Hardin Thomas; *Early Methodist Circuits in Indiana*, by William W. Sweet; *Indiana's Growth 1812-1820*, by Waldo F. Mitchell; and *The Old Chicago Road*, by Jesse S. Birch.

The *Acts and Proceedings* of the ninth annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies, held at Harrisburg on January 15, 1914, have been published in a book of over one hundred pages. A perusal of the report will reveal the possibilities of coöperation between the historical agencies of any Commonwealth. An especially noteworthy feature of the report is a table showing the names of the various societies, clubs, and associations forming the Federation; the names of officers and the number of members of each organization; and a statement of the publications issued, papers read, and work accomplished during the year ending January 15, 1914. This table presents an excellent and complete view of historical activities in the State of Pennsylvania during the year indicated.

The installment of *The Writings of Judge George G. Wright*, which is printed in the October number of the *Annals of Iowa* contains brief sketches of the life and character of Henry Clay Dean and Daniel Lane. An interesting article on *John J. Blair and his Associates in Railway Building in Iowa* is written by B. L. Wick. Charles Keyes discusses the *Life and Work of Charles Abiathar White*; some incidents in connection with *The Engagement at Jenkin's Ferry* are described in an extract from the diary of William L. Nicholson; and there is an installment of a list of *Iowa Authors and their Works*, compiled by Alice Marple. In the editorial department may be found notes on the discovery of coal in America, and chiefly in the Mississippi Valley, by the French; the naming of the city of Le Mars; the organization of Wapello and Monroe counties, and the discovery and interment of the remains of Joel Howe, a victim of the Spirit Lake Massacre.

ACTIVITIES

During the year 1914 the Missouri Historical Society at St. Louis added about ninety names to its membership roll.

At the annual meeting of the Minnesota Historical Society on January 18, 1915, the principal address was delivered by Professor Clarence W. Alvord on *The Relation of the State to Historical Work*.

William H. Gilstrap, Curator of the Ferry Museum and Secretary of the Washington State Historical Society, died at his home in Tacoma on August 2, 1914.

The formation of an historical society is being advocated in Mahaska County and it is to be hoped that the movement will be successful. Every county in the State has a history that is interesting and well worth a determined effort to record.

On November 11, 1914, in response to an invitation from Mayor A. R. Biddle a large number of old residents of Storm Lake, Iowa, met and formed a definite organization. The following officers were elected: J. M. Russell, president; J. W. Gilbert, secretary; A. C. Smith, A. R. Biddle, and E. E. Mack, board of directors.

Miss Ethel B. Virtue of the Historical Department of Iowa read a paper on the *Principles of Classification of Archives* before the Conference of Archivists of the American Historical Association in Chicago during the holidays. Her paper presented an excellent outline of the plans followed in Iowa for the preservation and classification of the State archives.

At a meeting of the Historical Society of Marshall County on the evening of November 16, 1914, Mr. Johnson Brigham, State Librarian of Iowa, delivered an address on "Pioneering in Iowa". Memorial addresses on George F. Kirby and Mrs. A. Janney, both of whom were charter members of the Society, were presented by Mr. Thaddeus Binford and Mrs. R. E. Sears, respectively. Several interesting additions have recently been made to the collections of the Society.

The *Fifth Biennial Report of the North Carolina Historical Commission*, covering the two years from December 1, 1912, to November 30, 1914, reveals progress in all lines of activity. The work of the Commission has been greatly facilitated since the removal, in January, 1914, of the collections from the rooms formerly occupied in the capitol building to much more commodious quarters in the new State Administration Building.

In March, 1906, a county historical society was organized in Hardin County, officers were elected, and membership fees were collected; but nothing further was ever done. Recently the treasurer called the attention of the members of the society to the fact that the fees collected still remained in his possession; and at a called meeting it was decided that the money should be used in purchasing some historical work for the Eldora public library. It is to be regretted that the society was not revived and aroused to activity.

The Kossuth County Historical Society held its annual meeting at Algona on December 8, 1914. Among the papers read at the meeting were "A Pioneer Boy's Story", by Albert Reed; and "Recollections of a Pioneer Bride", by Mrs. Joseph Thompson. The officers who served during the past year were reelected. President B. F. Reed presented a list of the pioneers of Kossuth County who died since the preceding annual meeting, giving the year in which each individual came to the county. The list shows four who came in the fifties, fourteen in the sixties, eighteen in the seventies, eighteen in the eighties, and six in the nineties.

The Pioneer Club of Des Moines, an organization of pioneer business men of that city, held its twenty-first annual meeting on January 2, 1915. A resolution urging the General Assembly to make provision for the proper marking of the grave of William Alexander Scott, who donated to the State a part of the land included in the present grounds and personally built and paid for the first State house at Des Moines. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: C. A. Dudley, president; William Lowry, vice president; Craig Wright, secretary and treasurer; C. L. Gilbert, E. E. Clark, and J. B. Weaver, members of the executive committee.

The sixty-second annual meeting of the Wisconsin Historical Society was held on October 22, 1914. The annual address was delivered by Dr. Worthington C. Ford on *The Treaty of Ghent and After*. The report submitted by the Superintendent, Dr. Milo M. Quaife, reveals progress during the preceding year. The capacity of the library, which now contains over 375,000 titles, has been greatly increased by the completion of a new book-stack wing. The historical museum has also been given additional room in which to expand. Bequests amounting to \$25,000 have been received by the Society. The letters and papers pertaining to the Civil War which have hitherto been preserved in the Governor's office have recently been turned over to the Society.

The Mississippi Valley Historical Association held a joint meeting with the American Historical Association in Chicago on December 28-31, 1914. On the evening of December 28th there was a dinner at the Fort Dearborn Hotel, after which preliminary reports were presented by the various committees of the Association. On the afternoon of December 31st the following papers were read at a joint program: *English Relations in the Northwest, 1789-1794*, by Royal B. Way; and *The Agrarian History of the United States as a Subject for Research*, by William J. Trimble; and there was an extended discussion of *The Genesis of the Kansas-Nebraska Act*, based on a paper by that title by Frank H. Hodder.

The Historical Department of Iowa is making a special effort to build up its collection of books by Iowa authors, as well as to compile a complete bibliography of such publications. On October 7th, in connection with the home-coming of Iowa authors, a meeting of pioneer editors of the State was held in the rooms of the Department. Among the speakers were John P. Irish, Harvey Ingham, Henry Wallace, Lafayette Young, William H. Fleming, Alex Miller, and C. M. Junkin. Recent additions to the collections of the Department include a file of the minutes of the Iowa Conference of the Methodist Church from 1855 to 1900; a set of catalogues of Iowa Wesleyan University from 1854 to 1901; and a number of Civil War relics donated by Mrs. Georgia Wade McClellan of Denison. The Department will cooperate in the plans for the proper repre-

sentation of the State of Iowa at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco.

The thirtieth annual meeting of the American Historical Association was held at the Auditorium Hotel in Chicago on December 29-31, 1914. Among the papers which were read on subjects in American history were: *One Hundred Years Ago*, by Max Farrand; *Tennessee and National Political Parties, 1850-1860*, by St. George L. Sioussat; *Cabinet Meetings Under Polk*, by Henry Barrett Learned; the presidential address on *American History and American Democracy*, by Andrew C. McLaughlin; and *The Significance of Sectionalism in American History*, by Frederick J. Turner. At the Conference of Historical Societies Otto L. Schmidt outlined the history of the Chicago Historical Society; Dunbar Rowland presented the report of the committee on the coöperation of historical departments and societies, and there were discussions of the subjects of research in State history in State Universities, and restrictions on the use of historical materials. Legislation for archives, principles of classification for archives, and the cataloguing of archives were topics discussed at the Conference of Archivists.

On November 10, 1914, Dr. Solon J. Buck was elected Superintendent and Secretary of the Minnesota Historical Society. Mr. Warren Upham who has for many years occupied the position of Secretary has assumed the position of Archaeologist for the Society, a line of work which he especially enjoys and for which he is well qualified. The new Superintendent, Dr. Buck, was graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1904; and he later pursued graduate work at that institution and at Harvard University. After teaching for two years at Indiana University, in 1910 he accepted a research position on the faculty of the University of Illinois. He remained in this work for four years, being engaged in research in Illinois history and especially in the preparation of a *Centennial History of Illinois*. In 1914 he was called to the University of Minnesota to teach American history, and he will continue to give courses in that institution, along with his new work. Dr. Buck is well qualified, both by training and ability, to guide the activities of the Society of which he has been elected Superintendent.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

Miss Ethyl E. Martin, after spending a year in New York City, has resumed her former position on the staff of the Society as Secretary to the Superintendent.

Dr. Fred E. Haynes of Morningside College has a leave of absence and is spending the year in Iowa City pursuing researches along the line of the third party movements in Iowa history. The results of his investigations will be published by the Society.

Mrs. W. P. Coast of Iowa City, a member of the Society, died on December 14, 1914.

Two volumes of Dr. Clarence R. Aurner's *History of Education in Iowa* have been distributed to members. The third volume is about ready to be put to press.

On January 17, 1915, Judge Smith McPherson, for many years a member of the Society, died at his home in Red Oak, Iowa.

Dr. Frank E. Horack, Secretary of the Society, read a paper relative to the proposed *Reorganization of State Government in Iowa* before the American Political Science Association in Chicago during the holidays. He also presided over a conference on the teaching of American government.

The first volume in the *Iowa Social History Series*, namely, a four hundred page *History of Poor Relief Legislation in Iowa*, by Dr. John L. Gillin, has been received from the binders and will be distributed in the near future. A *History of Social Legislation in Iowa*, by Mr. John E. Briggs, which will also appear in this series, is now in press.

Dr. John C. Parish, who is well known to readers of the Society's publications, is the writer of an address on *The Need of Mutual Understanding* which appears in the January-March (1914) number of *The Quarterly Journal of the Society of American Indians*. In an article entitled *A Seventeenth Century Council* which is published in *The Southern Workman* he tells of a great Indian council at Quebec in 1678.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. George E. Farmer, Mason City, Iowa; Mrs. G. E. Anderson, Red Oak, Iowa; Mr. J. E. Holden, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Addison G. Kissel, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. E. E. Lewis, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Hugh H. Shepard, Mason City, Iowa; Mr. Louis M. Marks, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. C. Ellis Williams, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. W. H. Kegley, Osage, Iowa; Dr. Irving King, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. H. Y. Moffett, Osage, Iowa; Mr. Frank Reyburn, Pocahontas, Iowa.

The Society will soon distribute to members the second volume in the *Iowa Applied History Series*, a book of about seven hundred pages. Besides the editor's introduction by Benjamin F. Shambaugh, devoted chiefly to the subject of *Scientific Law-making*, the volume contains the following papers: *Reorganization of State Government in Iowa*, by Frank E. Horack; *Home Rule in Iowa*, by O. K. Patton; *Direct Legislation in Iowa*, by Jacob Van der Zee; *Equal Suffrage in Iowa*, by Frank E. Horack; *Selection of Public Officials in Iowa*, by Henry J. Peterson; *Removal of Public Officials in Iowa*, by O. K. Patton; *The Merit System: Its Application to State Government in Iowa*, by Jacob Van der Zee; *Social Legislation in Iowa*, by John E. Briggs; *Child Labor Legislation in Iowa*, by Fred E. Haynes; and *Poor Relief Legislation in Iowa*, by John L. Gillin.

NOTES AND COMMENT

The annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools was held in Chicago during the holidays.

New histories of Lee, Buchanan, and Jefferson counties have recently appeared; and histories of Madison and Clarke counties are being prepared.

On October 21, 1914, at Dubuque occurred the death of Alexander Simplot, who was born in Dubuque on January 5, 1837.

The Pioneers of Van Buren County held their annual meeting late in September, 1914. Nearly ninety old settlers were registered, many of whom came to the county during the forties.

The Iowa survivors of the battle of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, celebrated the fifty-second anniversary of the battle on December 7, 1914, at Columbus Junction.

The thirty-sixth annual reunion of the Old Settlers' Association of Jefferson County was held at Fairfield on October 1, 1914.

At the Butler County Fair last fall a reunion of old settlers was held, and there were registered twenty-five persons who have lived in the county for more than fifty years.

Mr. Alonzo C. Parker, a prominent Iowa attorney, died at his home in Des Moines on November 7, 1914.

The Grinnell chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has installed a bronze tablet on the site of the first house in that city.

The European war was the cause of the postponement of the meeting of the Nineteenth International Congress of Americanists which was to have been held at Washington, D. C., in October.

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Iowa Library Association was held at Marshalltown on October 20-22, 1914.

The recent finding of a Spanish coin, bearing the date 1787, near McGregor, Iowa, recalls the fact that this region was a Spanish possession from 1762 until 1800; and that one Basil Giard for several years occupied a Spanish land grant covering the present site of McGregor.

Mr. E. E. Johnson, residing near Homer, Iowa, has discovered on his land an Indian mound containing a number of relics, among which is an Indian pipe, made not of pipestone, but of slate and having a short mouthpiece instead of merely an opening for the insertion of a reed stem, as is the case with most of the Indian pipes found in this region.

The American Political Science Association held its annual meeting in Chicago on December 29-31, 1914. Papers on constitutional guarantees, the reorganization of State government, and the city-manager plan, and a conference on the teaching of American government were among the features of the meeting.

Early in December there was installed in the rooms of the Davenport Academy of Sciences a collection of relics and other material illustrative of the history and customs of the Fox Indians. The collection was made by Dr. Truman Michelson of the American Bureau of Ethnology.

Interest in the marking of historic spots and highways in Iowa is being promoted by the various chapters of Daughters of the American Revolution in this State. Special attention has been given to the Mormon Trail across the southern part of the State, the marking of which was begun in October, 1913, by the erection of a tablet in the city of Keokuk.

A newspaper item reports that early in October the ferry between Dubuque and East Dubuque was discontinued because there is no further demand for it. This was one of the earliest ferries across the Mississippi between Iowa and Illinois and has been in operation for nearly eighty years. Its discontinuance marks the passing of another reminder of pioneer days.

Students of Mississippi Valley history will be interested to know that after much investigation Professor Herbert E. Bolton has located the site of La Salle's settlement on the Gulf coast after his disastrous expedition to found a colony at the mouth of the Mississippi River. Professor Bolton places the settlement on the Garcitas River about five miles from its mouth; and he has proved that La Salle was murdered at a place near the present town of Navasota, Texas, instead of on the Trinity or Neches River, as is usually stated.

On October 22, 1914, at Canandaigua, New York, occurred the death of Edward F. Winslow, who was the colonel of the Fourth Iowa Cavalry until promoted to a higher rank and who was one of the most prominent and successful officers in the western army. After the war he was for many years prominently engaged in the building and management of railroads in this country, his last position being the presidency of the Frisco Railway system. General Winslow was born in Maine on September 28, 1837, and in 1856 he came to Iowa and engaged in mercantile business at Mt. Pleasant.

SMITH MCPHERSON

Judge Smith McPherson was born at Mooresville, Morgan County, Indiana, on February 14, 1848. In June, 1870, he was graduated from the Law Department of the State University of Iowa, and soon thereafter began the practice of law at Red Oak, which has been his home down to the time of his death. Many official honors came to Judge McPherson as is indicated by the following list of positions which he held: District Attorney of the third judicial district of Iowa, 1874-1880; Attorney General of Iowa, 1880-1885; Representative from the Ninth Congressional District of Iowa, 1899-1900; United States Judge for the southern district of Iowa, 1900 to the time of his death. During the period of his service in the latter position he rendered many decisions of far-reaching importance. Judge McPherson died at his home in Red Oak on January 17, 1915.

WORK OF REV. DOUGLASS IN CHURCH HISTORY

A monumental work on the history of the Congregational Church in Iowa is being written by the Rev. Truman O. Douglass of Grinnell, who has spent many years in the service of that church in this State and who is the author of several books and articles dealing with various phases of Congregational history. At present he is engaged in writing biographical sketches of Congregational ministers in Iowa from pioneer days down to comparatively recent times. He has already completed eight manuscript volumes, each containing from three hundred and fifty to six hundred pages and it is expected that there will be three more volumes.

The first volume is entitled "The Patriarchs and Their Associates". The "patriarchs" are Asa Turner, Reuben Gaylord, Julius A. Reed, Oliver Emerson, and John C. Holbrook; and among the "associates" are William P. Apthorp, the first Congregational minister in Iowa, Zeria K. Hawley, Thomas P. Emerson, Allen B. Hitchcock, Charles Burnham, Aaron Dutton, Charles Granger, Israel Holmes, and Thomas Dutton.

Volume two is devoted to the lives of the members of the famous "Iowa Band"; and the succeeding volumes deal with the men who built and served the Congregational churches in Iowa from 1840 down to the eighties; after which the writer proposes to "leave the younger men to some other hand." "My principal reason for writing these sketches", says Rev. Douglass, "is to put into shape a great mass of material which is lying around loose, and which is likely to be lost unless I gather it up." It is not possible to commend too highly a work such as that in which Rev. Douglass is engaged.

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