

## SOME PUBLICATIONS

*The Political and Sectional Influence of the Public Lands, 1828-1842.* By RAYNOR G. WELLINGTON, A. M. Cambridge, Mass.: The Riverside Press, 1914. Pp. 131. Maps. The influence of the public lands in the political, social, and economic development of the United States has long been recognized and referred to by historians, but it is only in recent years that this influence has begun to be studied intensively. The present monograph presents a clear and satisfactory view of that phase of the subject which is expressed in the title, the material being drawn largely from the debates in Congress over bills relating to the public lands. The public land policy of such men as John Quincy Adams, Thomas Hart Benton, John C. Calhoun, Henry Clay, S. A. Foot, Robert Y. Hayne, Andrew Jackson, Daniel Webster and others stands out clearly.

There are six chapters, the first of which is an introduction connecting the subject with the earlier history of the land question. Then follow chapters on the public lands, the surplus, and the panic; the public lands and the election of 1840; and the attempt of the Whigs to use the victory of 1840. The last chapter contains conclusions and a summary, and the book closes with a bibliography and an index. The work gives evidence of careful preparation, and there are copious references to materials. A wrong impression might be gained from the map facing p. 102, where the country north of Missouri is indicated as unorganized territory in 1841. The Territory of Iowa, including the country north of Missouri and between the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers, was created in 1838, and this same area had been attached to the Territory of Michigan as early as 1834.

*Kit Carson Days, 1809-1868.* By EDWIN L. SABIN. Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co. 1914. Pp. xv, 669. Portraits, plates, maps. The title of the volume and the well-known writings of this Iowa author



in the field of fiction might lead the reader to expect in the present book an historical novel or at most a merely "popular" work. But such is not the case; for the book is the result of "six years' work covering by correspondence and interview the country from Los Angeles to New York, from Oregon to Florida". Moreover, the author has "drawn liberally upon chronicles long out of date, thus essaying to get back close to the sources of our knowledge." Altogether, it may be said that Mr. Sabin has written the best biography of Kit Carson that has appeared. It is at least no detraction to say that he has succeeded in combining care for accuracy with a style which removes none of the glamor of romance and adventure from the career of this hero of our boyhood days.

Beginning with a brief account of the Carson ancestry, the author starts the boy "Kit" out on his long years of adventure, when as a runaway apprentice lad he joined a caravan and on the back of a mule made the journey over the trail to Santa Fe. Thereafter, in a changing panorama the reader views old Santa Fe and New Mexico, trappers in California and the great Southwest, Bent's Fort, adventures on the desert and in the mountains, the expeditions of Fremont, the Mexican War and the "re-conquest" of California, Indian warfare during the years of strife between the States, and the last years of Carson when he was a trusted adviser of the government on matters of Indian policy. And not only does the author tell of the events in which Carson participated personally, but he devotes whole chapters to various phases of the development of the West, as, for instance, the contest of the fur companies, and the first American emigration to the Oregon country. "The story of Kit Carson", says the author, "is the story of beaver and of Indians; of mountain, canon, valley, desert, and stream ransacked through and through by the fur hunter; of white blood and red blood meeting, striving, and mingling — mingling sometimes in friendly union but far oftener in the struggle of mutual hate; of lonely camp and of boisterous rendezvous; of thirst, starvation and rude plenty; of the trapper followed close by the trader, of both followed by the explorer, of the explorer followed by the emigrant — colonist, gold seeker, settler; of Santa Fe Trail and Oregon Trail and California Trail; of a Bent's Fort, a Fort Laramie, a Fort Bridger".



As has already been suggested the book is written in an interesting style. There are "more than one hundred half-tones, mostly from old and rare sources"; while frequent quotations from contemporary sources add realism to the narrative. The thirty-nine chapters of the book are followed by an appendix containing reports, dispatches, letters, and other original documents bearing upon Carson's career; and the appendix in turn is followed by notes and references to source materials, two hundred and twenty-nine in number. It is to be noted that there is no uniformity in the method of citing sources and that unfortunately the pages are not indicated in the citations. An index occupies the last thirteen pages of the book.

*The Scandinavian Element in the United States* (University of Illinois Studies in the Social Sciences, Vol. III, No. 3). By KENDRIC CHARLES BABCOCK, PH. D. Urbana: University of Illinois. 1914. Pp. 223. No resident of a State like Iowa would question the importance of the part played by the Scandinavian peoples in the development of the Upper Mississippi Valley. Moreover, readers of the JOURNAL will recall the articles by Professor Flom on the history of Scandinavian settlements in Iowa which appeared in these pages several years ago.

The fourteen chapters of Dr. Babcock's monograph deal with such subjects as early Norwegian immigration, Swedish immigration before 1850, the Danish immigration, a half-century of expansion and distribution, 1850-1900, economic forces, the religious and intellectual standpoint, social relations and characteristics, and the Scandinavians in local and State politics. There are also appendices containing statistical tables. In view of the fact that the great majority of the people of Scandinavian descent in the United States have their homes in the seven Commonwealths of Minnesota, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska it is natural to find the emphasis placed quite largely on the various aspects of the subject as revealed in the history of these States. At the same time, in a general work of this character the reader should not expect to find a thorough treatment of the Scandinavian element in any given State.



The conclusion of the author, as expressed in his closing paragraph, is that "the Swedes, Norwegians and Danes are not likely to furnish great leaders, but they will be in the front rank of those who follow with sturdy intelligence and conscience, striving to make the land of their adoption strong and prosperous,—'a blessing to the common man,' according to the original vision of America seen by Sweden's great king Gustavus Adolphus."

*A History of the Western Boundary of the Louisiana Purchase, 1819-1841* (University of California Publications in History, Vol. II). By THOMAS MAITLAND MARSHALL. Berkeley: University of California Press. 1913. Pp. xiii, 266. Maps. The Southwest has of late years been attracting the attention of many historians; and while much has been written on the subject of this volume, it has been largely fragmentary or incidental to the discussion of other topics. Hence there is a place for a monograph of this character. The twelve chapters deal with the Louisiana Purchase, the opening of the boundary question, the treaty of 1819, the negotiation of the treaty of 1828, diplomacy relative to the Mexican boundary and efforts to purchase Texas, 1829-1835, the last year of Butler's mission, the Indians of Texas and the policy of the revolutionary government, Gaines' operations on the frontier until the battle of San Jacinto, the occupation of Nacogdoches, the mission of Gorostika, the treaty of limits between the United States and the Republic of Texas, and the survey of the Texas-Louisiana boundary.

Perhaps the special contributions made by this monograph may best be indicated in the words of the preface where the author states "some of the more important phases of the subject in which he has differed with accepted theory or in which he believes that he has added somewhat to the history of the subject. He finds that Napoleon decided to sell Louisiana several months earlier than the date set by Henry Adams. The conception of the size of Louisiana gradually developed in the mind of Jefferson; the conclusion which he reached became the basis of American diplomacy for half a century; the evolution of this idea and its importance have not been fully appreciated. The sale of Louisiana by France having been consummated, Spain carried out an effective plan for restricting the limits



of the purchase; this has never received adequate treatment. The reason for Wilkinson's betrayal of Burr and for entering into the Neutral Ground Treaty has been the subject of much discussion and various theories have been advanced; the truth of the matter seems to lie in the fact that Wilkinson sold his services to the Spanish government while he was stationed on the western frontier. The activity of Spain in making a boundary investigation, which was carried on even during the Napoleonic occupation, has not previously received adequate notice. Historians have usually accepted the view that the claim to Texas was given up in exchange for Florida. The writer believes that the purchase of Florida was a foregone conclusion from early in 1818, and thereafter Adams yielded the claim to Texas and advanced a claim to the Oregon country; it would perhaps be more correct then to say that Texas was given up in exchange for Spanish claims to the Oregon country."

*Collections of the Nebraska State Historical Society.* Volume XVII. Edited by ALBERT WATKINS. Lincoln: The Nebraska State Historical Society. 1913. Pp. vii, 382. Portraits, plates. Indian history and ethnology, early emigration to and through Nebraska, and early settlements in Nebraska are the general themes of the papers in this volume. Perhaps the articles of the chief interest outside the State of Nebraska are the following: *Nebraska, Mother of States*, by Albert Watkins; *Nebraska Territorial Acquisition*, by the same writer; three addresses on *Life Among the Indian Tribes of the Plains*, *The Indian Woman*, and *Systematic Nebraska Ethnologic Investigation*, by James Mooney; *The Oregon Recruit Expedition*, by Albert Watkins; *Influence of Overland Travel on the Early Settlement of Nebraska*, by H. G. Taylor; *First Steamboat Trial Trip up the Missouri*, by Albert Watkins; *Adventures on the Plains, 1865-67*, by Dennis Farrell; *How Shall the Indian be Treated Historically*, by Harry L. Keefe; *Importance of the Study of Local History*, by James E. Le Rossignol; *The Pathfinders, the Historical Background of Western Civilization*, by Heman C. Smith; and *Memorabilia: Gen. G. M. Dodge*, by Albert Watkins. The volume is handsomely printed on good paper and substantially bound.



*Fremont and '49.* By FREDERICK S. DELLENBAUGH. New York and London: G. P. Putnam's Sons. 1914. Pp. xxiii, 547. Portraits, plates, maps. This volume is primarily a record of explorations in the country between the Mississippi and the Pacific Ocean: only secondarily is it a biography. Out of the twenty chapters not more than five deal with anything else than the events connected with Fremont's five expeditions. One chapter suffices to describe his career before entering upon his first great expedition; while not all of a chapter of thirty-three pages is devoted to the events of his life from 1854 to 1890, including his campaign for the presidency and his military service during the Civil War. The reader, therefore, should not expect to find in the book a complete biography of Fremont. But from the standpoint of explorations and expeditions the author, partly because of his intimate personal acquaintance with the region covered, has made a real contribution to western history.

"The expeditions were, evidently, a part of a great game — the game of California. The question was, 'Who wins California?'" These words at the close of the second chapter afford the keynote to the expeditions of Fremont, according to the author's viewpoint; and so a considerable amount of space will be found devoted to the part played by Fremont in California and to the American occupation of that region. Ostensibly the leader's previous operations were carried out merely for purposes of exploration, but the author adopts the view that in reality they were projected with a view to the ultimate acquisition of California.

The book is written in an interesting style, and there are frequent footnote citations of sources, besides a bibliography at the close of the narrative. The book is well supplied with portraits of Fremont and others, with reproductions of photographs and paintings showing scenes in the West, past and present, and with a series of excellent maps. A good index completes the volume.

*The American Indian in the United States.* By WARREN K. MOOREHEAD, A. M. Andover, Mass.: The Andover Press. 1914. Pp. 440. Portraits, plates, maps. The United States Indian Office in 1913; the Indians of to-day; the Ojibway of Minnesota; the



White Earth controversy; the Sioux and the messiah craze and other subjects connected with the Sioux; Sitting Bull and his death; the Five Civilized Tribes; Indian property in Oklahoma and the leasing system; Red Cloud, "the greatest Indian of modern times"; education; the Apache, Papago, and Pueblo; Geronimo and the Navaho; Indians of the Northwest; the health of the Indians; their religion; the plains Indians fifty years ago and to-day; the Indians of California; farming and stock-raising; official views of Indian conditions; recommendations and suggestions of workers in the field; and the conclusions of the author—these subjects will indicate something of the contents of Mr. Moorehead's volume. "The Indian must ultimately be merged into the body politic," declares the writer, and in order to bring about that result he advocates the creation of a non-political commission to have charge of Indian affairs. His views, as a whole, seem to be in accord with those of most of the persons who have the welfare of the Indians most at heart. His book is a plea for justice to the Indians.

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*Washington and the West: Being George Washington's Diary of September, 1784, and a Commentary Upon the Same*, by Archer B. Hulbert, is a publication of the Arthur H. Clark Company.

A useful publication of the federal Bureau of the Census is a digest of constitutional and statutory provisions relative to the *Taxation and Revenue Systems of State and Local Governments* as they existed in 1912.

Theodore Clarke Smith is the author of a volume on *The Wars Between England and America*, which has been published by Henry Holt and Company.

*The American Indian as Slaveholder and Secessionist* is a unique study by Annie Heloise Abel which is announced for early publication in book form.

*North Carolina's Taxation Problem and its Solution*, by Charles Lee Raper; *The War Revenue Act of 1914*, by Harry Edwin Smith; *Plantation Memories of the Civil War*, by Philip Alexander Bruce;



and *Lord Granville's Line*, by Alfred J. Morrison, are articles in the January number of *The South Atlantic Quarterly*.

In the *Columbia Law Review* for March there is an article on *Contributions and Requisitions in War*, by Charles Noble Gregory, formerly Dean of the College of Law of the State University of Iowa.

*Money and Transportation in Maryland 1720-1765*, by Clarence P. Gould, is a recent number of the *Johns Hopkins University Studies in Historical and Political Science*. The seven chapters deal with coinage, bills of exchange, tobacco currency, barter, paper currency, a general consideration of money, and transportation and communication.

An article on the *Early History of Medicine in New York* is begun in the November number of *Americana* and continued in the issue for December. In the latter number may also be found an interesting paper on *Old Essex as a Factor in the Settlement of the Great Northwest*, by Russell Leigh Jackson. The leading contribution in the January number is an account of the *Rhode Island Settlers on the French Lands in Nova Scotia in 1760 and 1761*, by Arthur W. H. Eaton.

Articles of current interest which appear in *The Yale Review* for January are: *America and the European War*, by Norman Angell; *The Political Teachings of Treitschke*, by Arthur T. Hadley; *German Economics and the War*, by Henry C. Emery; *The Russian Problem*, by P. Vinogradoff; and *World Sanitation and the Panama Canal*, by Richard P. Strong.

Fifteen papers, written by as many different authors, constitute a volume of *Studies in Southern History and Politics*, published by the Columbia University Press. The volume is inscribed to William Archibald Dunning by his former pupils, the authors. The editor is James W. Garner who contributes the preface and the last paper in the book, on *Southern Politics Since the Civil War*. Among the other papers are the following: *The Frontier and Secession*, by Charles W. Ramsdell; *Grant's Southern Policy*, by Edwin C. Wool-



ley; *Negro Suffrage in the South*, by W. Roy Smith; *The Political Philosophy of John C. Calhoun*, by Charles Edward Merriam; and *Southern Political Theories*, by David Y. Thomas.

Volumes twenty-two and twenty-three of the Library of Congress edition of the *Journals of the Continental Congress, 1774-1789*, edited by Gaillard Hunt, cover the transactions of the Congress for the year 1782. The surrender of Cornwallis in October of the previous year and the efforts which were in progress to arrange terms of peace led to the belief that the war was about to close. Consequently, during the year 1782 the Congress found itself confronted with the grave problems of trying to organize a government that would operate in times of peace; while the matter of securing funds for the maintenance of the federal government was becoming more and more embarrassing.

The *Report of the Committee on Marking Historical Sites in Rhode Island*, made to the General Assembly in January, 1913, contains the record of a movement which is deserving of emulation in other States. Among the numerous papers contained in the volume, all of which indicate the character of the work performed by the committee, mention may be made of the following: *Gilbert Stuart*, by William B. Weeden; *The House and Home-lot of Roger Williams*, by Norman M. Isham; *Fort Independence*, by C. S. Brigham; *The Memorial of the Men who Died in the Swamp Fight*, by Norman M. Isham; *The Michael Pierce Fight*, by Edwin C. Pierce; and *Prescott's Headquarters*, by William P. Sheffield.

*Readjustments in Taxation* is the central topic of discussion in the March number of *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. Among the twenty-four papers which the volume contains may be mentioned the following: *Newer Tendencies in American Taxation*, by Edwin R. A. Seligman; *The Underwood Tariff Act as a Producer of Revenue*, by A. J. Peters; *Some Aspects of the Income Tax*, by Mortimer L. Schiff; *The Relation Between Federal and State Taxation*, by James E. Boyle; *The Inheritance Tax*, by John Harrington; *Taxation of Intangible Property*, by A. E. James; *The Extent and Evils of Double Taxation in*



*the United States*, by Frederick N. Judson; *Separation of State and Local Revenues*, by T. S. Adams; *Taxation of Public Utilities*, by Delos F. Wilcox; *The Recent Increase in Land Values*, by Scott Nearing; and *Single Tax*, by W. S. U'Ren.

A number of interesting and timely articles are to be found in the February number of *The American Political Science Review*. The presidential address of John Bassett Moore, delivered before the American Political Science Association at Chicago, on *Law and Organization*, deals chiefly with international law as affected by the present European war. A paper by Edward Raymond Turner on *The Causes of the Great War*, is an addition to an already long list of articles on the same subject. Emlin McClain, Dean of the College of Law of the State University of Iowa, is the writer of a digest of *Decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States on Constitutional Questions, 1911-1914*. A short article entitled *The Essence of Democracy* is written by Wilhelm Hasbach. *The Federal Trade Commission: The Development of the Law which Led to its Establishment*, by James A. Fayne, is a contribution of current interest. Finally, there is a discussion of the subject of *Sub-committees of Congress*, by Burton L. French. The *Review* in the future will be enlarged to about two hundred and twenty pages so as to include some of the papers formerly printed in the *Proceedings of the American Political Science Association*, which publication will be discontinued.

## WESTERN AMERICANA

*The Indian's Right of Occupancy*, by Peleg Sprague, is one of the many articles which appear in the October-December number of *The Quarterly Journal of the Society of American Indians*.

Four articles make up *The Quarterly Journal of the University of North Dakota* for January, namely: *The Work of the North Dakota Tax Commission*, by Luther E. Birdzell; *Statute Law Making with Suggestions to Draftsmen*, by Sveinbjorn Johnson; *Some Prison Problems in North Dakota*, by George R. Davies; and *Insanity in North Dakota*, by John Morris Gillette and other writers.



Louis D. H. Weld is the author of a *Social and Economic Survey of a Community in the Red River Valley* which has been published by the University of Minnesota as the fourth number in the series entitled *Current Problems*.

A rather unique publication is one called the *Moffatana Bulletin*, published occasionally at Lawrence, Kansas, as an organ of the Moffat Clan in America. Five numbers have thus far been issued, and a file has been donated to The State Historical Society of Iowa by Mr. John T. Moffit of Tipton, a Curator of the Society.

Two recent numbers of the *University of California Publications in American Archaeology and Ethnology* are the following: *Serian, Tequislatecan, and Hokan*, by A. L. Kroeber; and *Sarsi Texts*, by Pliny Earle Goddard.

The fourth number of volume three of the *University of Illinois Studies in the Social Sciences* contains a monograph of about two hundred pages on *Church and State in Massachusetts, 1691-1740*, by Susan Martha Reed. Besides the preface, introduction, conclusion, bibliography, and index, there are chapters on the ecclesiastical system of provincial Massachusetts, opposing elements, the system in practice, the Quakers and their allies, and the Church of England.

Volume eleven, part seven of the *Anthropological Papers of the American Museum of Natural History* consists of a monograph on *Pawnee Indian Societies*, by James R. Murie. The Pawnee Indians originally lived along the Platte River in Nebraska and, in common with other tribes of that region, no doubt frequently crossed the Missouri River to hunt in the western Iowa country. Volume fifteen, part one of this same series is devoted to a study of the *Pueblo Ruins of the Galisteo Basin, New Mexico*, by N. C. Nelson. These pueblos were apparently discovered by Coronado on his famous expedition.

The sixth installment of the monograph on *New Mexico Under Mexican Administration*, by Lansing B. Bloom; *Santa Fe as it Appeared During the Winter of the Years 1837 and 1838*, by W. H. H. Allison; *Did Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca Traverse New Mexico?*, by Clement Hightower; a review of Anne E. Hughes' study of *The*



*Beginnings of Spanish Settlement in the El Paso District*, by Charles W. Hackett; and an account of a *Battle between Utes and Comanches*, by William F. Drannan, are among the contents of the October, 1914, number of *Old Santa Fe: A Magazine of History, Archaeology, Genealogy and Biography*, of which Ralph Emerson Twitchell is the editor. There is a continuation of Mr. Bloom's study in the January number, where may also be found the following contributions: *Santa Fe Architecture*, by Sylvanus G. Morley; *Texas Raiders in New Mexico in 1843*, arranged by E. B. Burton; *Adolph F. A. Bandelier, a Tribute and a Reminiscence*, by Will C. Barnes; and *The Navajo Blanket*, by A. F. Spiegelberg.

The *Report of the Efficiency and Economy Committee* created under the authority of the Forty-eighth General Assembly of Illinois contains the result of the survey of the State government and the recommendations for reorganization made by that committee. In addition to this general report the committee has also made the following special reports which have been published in pamphlet form: *A Report on Revenue and Finance Administration*, by John A. Fairlie; *A Report on Public Administration in Relation to Agriculture and Allied Interests*, by James W. Garner; *A Report on the Administration of Labor and Mining Legislation in Illinois*, by W. F. Dodd; *A Report on Educational Administration*, by John M. Mathews; *A Report on Charitable and Correctional Institutions*, by James W. Garner; *A Report on the Accounts of the State of Illinois*, by George E. Frazer; and *A Report on Public Health Administration*, by John M. Mathews.

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*George Douglas Perkins, 1840-1914*, is the title of a book of over one hundred and twenty-five pages containing tributes to the late editor of the *Sioux City Journal*.

A bit of the history of road-building in Iowa is to be found in an article entitled *Three Hundred Miles of Iowa Gravel Road*, by O. A. Hammand, which appears in the March number of *The Road-Maker*.



A biographical sketch of, and tributes to, the late Bruce Crossley are to be found in the February number of *The Alumnus* of Iowa State College. A tribute to Dr. C. E. Bessey, by Dean E. W. Stanton, appears in the March number.

*Our Attitude Toward Social Problems* is a subject discussed by Alberta M. Lake in the January number of *Autumn Leaves*. Two articles in the March number are: *The Cliff Ruins*, by Samuel Twombly; and *Trained Men and Their Relationship to the Modern Social Problems*, by S. A. Burgess.

In *The Grinnell Review* for March there is a brief sketch of the life of Professor James Irving Manatt, one of the most distinguished alumni of Grinnell College.

The March number of the *Iowa Law Bulletin*, published at the State University of Iowa, contains two articles by H. C. Horack, the first on *Specific Performance for the Purchase Price*, and the second on *The Doctrine of Mutuality in Iowa*.

Among the papers in the *Bulletin of Iowa State Institutions* for October, 1914, are the following: *The Need of a Reformatory or Refuge for Women*, by Lucy M. Sickels; *The Paroling of Prisoners*, by David C. Mott; *Some Social Service Suggestions*, by F. J. Sessions; and *The Curing of the Criminal*, by J. H. McConlogue.

Besides continuations of biographical and autobiographical material the January number of the *Journal of History*, published at Lamoni, Iowa, by the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, contains an obituary sketch of *President Joseph Smith*, and an article on the *Progenitors of Joseph Smith*.

A. G. Pitts discusses the *Establishment and Early History of Grand Lodges*; and R. J. Lemert points out the *Causes of the Crusade* in the January number of *The American Freemason*, and both articles are continued in the February number. In March there is an article on *Masons and Mexican Affairs*, by Joseph E. Morcombe.

The *Proceedings of the Iowa Academy of Science for 1914* include, among a large number of papers of scientific interest bearing



chiefly on Iowa, a *Memorial Note on Seth Eugene Meek*, by Charles Keyes; and an illustrated article on *Indian Pottery of the Oneota or Upper Iowa River Valley in Northeastern Iowa*, by Ellison Orr.

*Some Aspects of Vocational Education*, by David Snedden; *A Re-interpretation of Liberal Education*, by Henry Suzzallo; *America's Greatest Achievement in the Light of Europe's Colossal Failure*, by J. H. Macdonald; *Vocational Guidance for Farmers' Boys*, by Walter A. Jessup; and *The Social Purpose of Education in Theory and Practice*, by George D. Strayer, are among the papers to be found in the *Proceedings of the Sixtieth Annual Session of the Iowa State Teachers Association*, held at Des Moines on November 5-7, 1914.

Two articles in the *Northwestern Banker* for January are: *Cash Reserves and Farm Loans*, by Charles Slade; and *Facts About the Chicago Reserve Bank*, by E. L. Johnson. In the March number there is an article by Judge William Logan, the object of which is to prove the *Bank Guarantee System Unjust*. J. M. Dinwiddie writes on *The Savings Bank, an Educator and Servant of the Public*; and there is a list of the banking measures introduced in the present General Assembly of Iowa.

Among the articles which have appeared in *American Municipalities* during the past few months are the following: *Powers of Mayor and Council*, by George A. McIntyre; *The Public and Clean Streets*, by Joseph J. Norton; *Report on Municipal Accounting*, by R. L. De Gon (January); *Cleveland's Financial Condition; Iowa Municipal Bonds*, by Harry Stanberry (February); *Municipal Home Rule for Iowa*, by A. R. Hatton; *Street Improvements and Taxation*, by Charles P. Chase; and *Paving Problems*, by George W. Bates.

The January number of *The Iowa Alumnus* contains a sketch of the life of Mr. Gardner Cowles, who was recently appointed a member of the State Board of Education; while the career of Mr. Paul E. Stillman, another new member of the Board, is discussed in the March number, where there is also an outline of *The Activities of the Extension Division*, by O. E. Klingaman. In the February number may be found an article on *The Fundamental Causes of the*



*European Conflict*, by J. E. Conner; a sketch of *S. U. I. Thirty-Odd Years Ago*; an account of *The Beginning of the Y. M. C. A. Building Campaign*, by A. E. Myrick; and a short biographical sketch of Judge Smith McPherson.

The S. J. Clarke Publishing Company is issuing histories of Iowa counties at such a rapid rate that before long there will not be a county in the State without a new history. These histories conform to one general plan, consisting in each case of two volumes, the first containing a history of the county and its people, institutions and political divisions, and the second being devoted to biographies of citizens of the county. On the whole it may be said that some of these new histories are decided improvements over previous volumes on the same counties; while others are not up to the standard of their predecessors. A defect that detracts greatly from the usefulness of the volumes is the almost universal lack of an index. Among the best of the histories published during the last few months is the one on Boone County, of which N. E. Goldthwait is the supervising editor and a considerable portion of which was written by C. L. Lucas of Madrid. Both of these men have long been engaged in newspaper work in Boone County and have always taken an interest in the preservation of the history of the county. In the *Story of Lee County, Iowa*, on the other hand, it would seem that the supervising editors, Nelson C. Roberts and S. W. Moorhead, have missed an opportunity, since Lee County is undoubtedly one of the richest counties in Iowa historically. Other county histories which have recently been added to the library of The State Historical Society of Iowa are: Wapello County, by Harrison L. Waterman; Marion County, by John W. Wright and W. A. Young; Buchanan County, by Harry C. and Katharyn J. Chappell; Black Hawk County, by John C. Hartman; and Delaware County, by John F. Merry.

SOME RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY IOWA AUTHORS

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- Ames, Edward Scribner,  
*The Higher Individualism.* Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co.  
1915.
- Aurner, Clarence Ray,  
*An Introduction to the History and Government of Iowa.*  
Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co. 1914.
- Briggs, John E.,  
*History of Social Legislation in Iowa.* Iowa City: The State  
Historical Society of Iowa. 1915.  
*Social Legislation in Iowa* (Iowa Applied History Series).  
Iowa City: The State Historical Society of Iowa. 1914.
- Burdette, Robert J.,  
*The Drums of the 47th.* Indianapolis: The Bobbs-Merrill Co.  
1914.
- Butterworth, Julian E.,  
*Evaluation of Methods for Providing Free High School Tuition*  
(School Review, February, 1915).
- Clark, Dan Elbert,  
*The Government of Iowa.* Boston: Silver, Burdett & Co. 1915.
- Devine, Edward Thomas,  
*America and Peace* (Survey, January 2, 1915); *Education and  
Social Economy* (National Education Association Proceed-  
ings and Addresses, 1914).
- Dodge, Grenville M.,  
*Personal Recollections of Abraham Lincoln, General Ulysses  
S. Grant and General William T. Sherman.* Council Bluffs:  
Monarch Printing Co. 1914.
- Elliott, Francis Perry,  
*Pals First.* New York: Harper & Bros. 1915.
- Ficke, Arthur Davison,  
*Metrical Freedom and the Contemporary Poet* (Dial, January  
1, 1915).
- Fitch, George,  
*Homeburg Memories.* Boston: Little, Brown & Co. 1915.  
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1915); *Homeburg's Worst Enemy* (American Magazine,  
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Franklin, William Suddards,

*Advanced Theory of Electricity and Magnetism.* New York: The Macmillan Co. 1915.

Haynes, Fred E.,

*Child Labor Legislation in Iowa.* Iowa City: The State Historical Society of Iowa. 1914.

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Horack, Frank Edward,

*Reorganization of State Government in Iowa.* Iowa City: The State Historical Society of Iowa. 1914.

*Equal Suffrage in Iowa.* Iowa City: The State Historical Society of Iowa. 1914.

Hughes, Rupert (Joint author),

*American Composers* (revised edition). Boston: The Page Co. 1915.

Hutchinson, Woods,

*Keep Away from Infections* (Good Housekeeping, January, 1915); *Bending the Twig Toward Health* (Good Housekeeping, February, 1915); *Girl and Her Headaches* (Good Housekeeping, March, 1915).

Jessup, Walter Albert,

*Economy of Time in Arithmetic* (National Education Association Proceedings and Addresses, 1914).

Jones, Eliot,

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- Recollections of a Half Century in Kossuth County, by B. F. Reed, in the *Algona Republican*, January 6, 1915.
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- The Winter of Eighteen Fifty-six, in the *Des Moines Plain Talk*, January 7, 1915.
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- Pioneer River Steamboats, in the *Clinton Advertiser*, February 6, 1915.
- Sketch of the life of Ezra Meeker, in the *Burlington Post*, February 6, 1915.
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- S. M. Weaver Recalls Exciting Scenes in Dry Fight in House in 1884, in the *Des Moines Tribune*, February 12, 1915.
- Charles M. Young, Who Heard Lincoln's Gettysburg Speech, in the *Des Moines Tribune*, February 12, 1915.
- O. P. Brown of Dawson Heard Lincoln-Douglas Debate at Ottawa, in the *Perry Advertiser*, February 14, 1915.
- Waterloo Woman Has Letter Describing Assassination of Lincoln, in the *Waterloo Times-Tribune*, February 14, 1915.
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- Sketch of the life of Charles Burns, Pioneer of Plymouth County, in the *Le Mars Sentinel*, February 16, 1915.
- Pioneer Days in Howard County, in the *Cresco Times*, February 16, 1915.



- Henry Hutsonpiller, Veteran of Mexican War, in the *Des Moines Tribune*, February 18, 1915.
- Editors of Early Iowa, in the *Burlington Post*, February 20, 1915.
- The Old Boats, in the *Burlington Post*, February 20, 1915.
- Sketch of the life of Alonzo Abernethy, in the *Osage Press*, February 24, 1915.
- Some Early Reminiscences of Trapping in Northwestern Iowa, in the *Spirit Lake Beacon*, February 25, 1915.
- The Quakers in Iowa, in the *Mt. Pleasant Free Press*, February 25, 1915.
- Sketches of the lives of William Rutherford and H. B. M. Daniels, in the *Williamsburg Journal-Tribune*, February 25, 1915.
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- Frontier Sketches, in the *Burlington Post*, February 27, March 13, 20, 1915.
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- Lead Mining in Dubuque in the Early Days, in the *Dubuque Telegraph-Herald*, March 7, 1915.
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- Early Days on the Des Moines River, in the *Keosauqua Republican*, March 25, 1915.
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## HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

### PUBLICATIONS

The *Annual Report* of the Chicago Historical Society for the year ending October 31, 1914, presents a detailed account of the work of the Society during the period indicated.

*The Battle of New Orleans*, by A. C. Quisenberry; and *The Panama Canal*, by M. H. Thatcher, are two illustrated articles of considerable length which appear in the January number of *The Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society*.

The opening contribution in the January number of *The Wisconsin Archeologist* is an illustrated account of *Indian Remains on Washington Island*, by George R. Fox. Charles E. Brown is the writer of a short article on *Ceremonial Knives*; and Mr. Fox contributes a note on A "Lost" Effigy Group.

Some *Letters of Thomas Adams, 1768-1775*, which are printed in the January number of *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, throw light on the condition of commerce in Virginia immediately preceding the Revolutionary War.

*The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine* for October, 1914, contains the fifteenth article in the series by Henry A. M. Smith on *The Baronies of South Carolina*, this article dealing with Landgrave Ketelby's Barony; a continuation of the *Order Book of John Faucheraud Grimké, August, 1778 to May, 1780*; and some *Broughton Letters*, edited by D. E. Huger Smith.

A pamphlet entitled *Rhode Island Imprints, 1727-1800*, which has been published by the Rhode Island Historical Society contains a list of books, pamphlets, newspapers, and broadsides printed at Newport, Providence, and Warren, Rhode Island, between the years indicated.



The Minnesota Historical Society has launched a new publication known as the *Minnesota History Bulletin*, the first number of which appeared in February and contains an address by Clarence W. Alvord on *The Relation of the State to Historical Work*.

The January number of the *Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly* is devoted entirely to a monograph on the *History of the Democratic Party Organization in the Northwest, 1824-1840*, by Homer J. Webster.

Among the articles in the *Records of the American Catholic Historical Society* for March are the following: *Origin of the Name of Peterborough, New Hampshire*, by James F. Brennan; *Old-time Reading Books*, by Philip R. McDevitt; *Archbishop Riordan of San Francisco*, by Thomas J. Brennan; and *Monsignor Robert Hugh Benson*, by Joseph H. McMahon.

*The Governor of New Providence, West Indies, in 1702*, by G. Andrews Moriarty, Jr.; and *Cedar Pond Region, Salem, in 1700*, by Sidney Perley, are two articles which appear in the January number of the *Historical Collections of the Essex Institute*.

Two volumes of the *Publications of the North Carolina Historical Commission* published in 1914 contain *The Papers of Archibald D. Murphey*, edited by William Henry Hoyt. Murphey was a prominent legislator and judge, and a strong advocate of internal improvements in North Carolina during the early part of the nineteenth century.

A brief biographical sketch of *Abner Cheney Goodell, M. A.*, by Elizabeth T. Thornton; and some quaintly worded *Extracts from the Diary of James Parker of Shirley, Mass.*, for the years 1770-1772, are among the contents of the January number of *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*.

The third installment of Robert Glass Cleland's monograph on *The Early Sentiment for the Annexation of California*; chapter two of the history of *Harris County, 1822-1845*, by Adele B. Looscan; the second section of *Allen's Reminiscences of Texas, 1838-1842*,



edited by William S. Red; and another selection from the *British Correspondence Concerning Texas*, edited by Ephraim Douglass Adams, make up the contents of the January number of *The Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, published by the Texas State Historical Association.

Volume thirty-four of the *Archives of Maryland*, published by the Maryland Historical Society, contains the *Proceedings and Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, October, 1720–October, 1723*, edited by Clayton Colman Hall. During this period Charles Calvert, a relative of Lord Baltimore, was the Governor of the colony, and the relations between him and the General Assembly were of a cordial nature.

The first of two volumes of correspondence relating to the *Commerce of Rhode Island, 1726–1800*, constitutes volume nine, seventh series of the *Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society*. This correspondence is "the first important contribution in print to the history of the commerce of a British American colony." Four generations of a Newport mercantile house are represented in these letters, the historical value of which is apparent even after a very cursory examination. Routes, markets, prices, credit, methods of doing business — all these and various other aspects of commercial activity in America during the period covered are clearly shown in this correspondence.

In the *Collections of the New York Historical Society for the Year 1913* may be found copies of a number of original manuscripts in the archives of the Society. In the first place, there is the *Book of New York Deeds, January 1, 1673, to October 19, 1675*, which deeds are not recorded in the Register's office. Then follow miscellaneous documents relating to the City of New York and Long Island between 1642 and 1696. And finally, there are some *Melyn Papers, 1640–1699*, which relate mainly to Staten Island.

A brief biography of *Garland Carr Broadhead* and a bibliography of his publications, prepared by Darling K. Greger, occupy the opening pages of the *Missouri Historical Review* for January.



Sketches of the lives of *The Cabell Descendants in Missouri* are presented by Joseph A. Mudd. *Books of Early Travel in Missouri* is the title of a short article by F. A. Sampson, in which is discussed the account of Stephen H. Long's expedition of 1819-1820 as told by Edwin James. A note on *Harmony Mission and Methodist Missions*, by G. C. Broadhead; and a list of marriages copied from the *Carroll County Marriage Record*, by Mary G. Brown, are the remaining contributions. Among the notes may be found a list of *Missouri River Boats in 1841*, with the names of their captains.

Volume seventy-one of the *Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society* is devoted to the *Letters and Papers of John Singleton Copley and Henry Pelham, 1739-1776*. "The correspondence concerns Massachusetts before the date of Independence, and throws valuable light upon Copley and his early paintings. Mention is made of a number of his portraits, hitherto unknown, and his impressions of the work of other painters and methods of painting are detailed in his letters from France and Italy. The papers are thus both historical and technical."

*Penn versus Baltimore: Journal of John Watson, Assistant Surveyor to the Commissioners of the Province of Pennsylvania, December 13-March 18, 1750-51*, with an introduction by John W. Jordan, is the leading contribution in the January number of *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*. Louis Richards is the writer of a sketch of the life of *Hon. Jacob Rush, of the Pennsylvania Judiciary*; there is an unsigned account of the unveiling of the *Delaware Memorial at Valley Forge*; Mrs. Lindsay Patterson discusses *The Old Patterson Mansion, the Master and his Guests*; and the *Story of the Ship "Good Friends"* is compiled from letters.

The *Proceedings of the Ninth Annual Conference of Historical Societies*, reported by Waldo G. Leland, have been reprinted in pamphlet form from the *Annual Report of the American Historical Association*. The contents include the report of the committee having charge of the work of calendaring the French archives relating to the Mississippi Valley; an interesting paper on *Genealogy and History*, by Charles K. Bolton, in which the author makes a plea for



more of the so-called "human interest" in history and genealogical writings; and an article on *The Massachusetts Historical Society*, by Worthington C. Ford, which is worth the perusal of all persons interested in historical organizations.

Volume forty-seven of the *Proceedings* of the Massachusetts Historical Society is a book of over five hundred and fifty pages containing addresses, papers, and documentary material. Mention may be made of the following: *Wolseley and the Confederate Army*, by Charles Francis Adams; *Washington and Parties, 1789-1797*, by Edward Channing; *Walker and John Brown, 1858*, by Leverett W. Spring; *The Trials of a Governor in the Revolution*, by Andrew M. Davis; *Trade Reciprocity with Canada*, by Edward Stanwood; *Boston and New York after the Revolution*, by Franklin B. Sanborn; *Memoir of Thomas Wentworth Higginson*, by Edward Channing; *Memoir of Gamaliel Bradford*, by Edward H. Clement; *A Crisis in Downing Street (in 1862)*, by Charles Francis Adams; and *Great Britain and our War of 1846-1848*, by Justin H. Smith.

The *Indiana Magazine of History* for March opens with a brief account of *The Flow of Colonists to and from Indiana Before the Civil War*, by William O. Lynch. It is interesting to note that between 1850 and 1860 more than 37,000 natives of Indiana came to Iowa. The concluding installment of John Hardin Thomas's study of *The Academies of Indiana* deals with the academies of various denominations and with pioneer educators and early education. Ralph Walden Van Valer is the writer of an article on *The Indiana State Federation of Labor*. Then follows a paper on *Research in State History in State Universities* which was read before the American Historical Association in Chicago by James A. Woodburn. Other contributions are: *French Settlements in Floyd County*, by Alice L. Green; and *Judge Daniel Wait Howe and the "Political History of Secession"*, by James A. Woodburn.

The October number of the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society* opens with an article on *The Methodist Episcopal Church and Reconstruction*, by William W. Sweet. An account of *The County Seat Battles of Cass County, Illinois*, is written by J. N.



Gridley; Felicie Cottet Snider presents *A Short Sketch of the Life of Jules Leon Cottet, A Former Member of the Icarian Community*; and William H. Gay relates some *Reminiscences of Abraham Lincoln, Quincy and the Civil War*. The career of Colonel A. F. Rodgers is described by W. T. Norton under the title *The Hero of the "Wreck of the Independence"*; while the heading *A Revolutionary Soldier and Some of his Family* is given to an article by G. Frank Long relative to Moses Long and a number of his children, among whom were Stephen H. Long, the explorer, and Enoch Long whose last home was at Sabula, Iowa. There is also an account of the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the battles of Campbell's Island and Credit Island in the Mississippi River.

The *Annual Report of the American Historical Association for the Year 1912* has been distributed. Among the papers contained in the volume are the following: *The New Columbus*, by Henry P. Biggar; *The Charter of Connecticut*, by Clarence W. Bowen; *The Enforcement of the Alien and Sedition Laws*, by Frank Maloy Anderson; *The Reviewing of Historical Books*, by Carl Becker; *The International Character of Commercial History*, by Abbott P. Usher; and *Historical Research in the Far West*, by Katharine Coman. There are the proceedings of a conference on military history, the proceedings of the ninth annual conference of historical societies, and the thirteenth annual report of the public archives commission. The last half of the volume is occupied with *Letters of William Vans Murray to John Quincy Adams, 1797-1803*, edited by Worthington C. Ford. Murray during the years indicated was Minister of the United States to the "Batavian Republic", and later Envoy Extraordinary to France.

C. C. Stiles is the writer of an excellent article, illustrated by a number of cuts, on *The Great Seals of Iowa*, which appears in the January number of the *Annals of Iowa*. Then follows a brief memoir of *John F. Lacey*, by William T. Hornaday. Under the heading of *Lutherans in Iowa* a number of writers present short sketches of the history of the various Lutheran denominations in Iowa. Another installment of *The Writings of Judge George G.*



*Wright* consists of a two-page autobiography and some notes relative to Van Buren County's famous men. Another section of the list of *Iowa Authors and their Works*, compiled by Alice Marple, is also to be found in this number. In the editorial department there is a letter from Grenville M. Dodge relative to the size of herds of buffalo seen on the plains; and some correspondence identifying the "Jeffreon" River of the Sac and Fox treaty of November 3, 1804, as the North River.

Extracts from old letters connected by the required explanatory statements form an interesting account of *Seafaring in Time of War, 1756-1763*, by Helen West Ridgely, which is given first place in the *Maryland Historical Magazine* for March. Then follow a brief article by Bernard C. Steiner entitled *Taney's Letters to Van Buren in 1860*; another installment of the *Letters of Rev. Jonathan Boucher* between 1777 and 1780; and the story of *The Cruise of the Clarence-Tacony-Archer*, by E. H. Browne. Under the heading of *Gastronomic Accounts* are some bills incurred by the legislature of Maryland for wines and edibles consumed in the entertainment of General Washington and in the celebration of the news of the making of peace in 1783. These bills are an evidence of the fact that public money was sometimes used in the "good old days" for purposes which would cause a storm of protest to-day.

Orin G. Libby is the writer of a *Review of Schouler's History of the United States* which occupies the opening pages in *The Mississippi Valley Historical Review* for March. An article on *The Methods and Operations of the Scioto Group of Speculators*, by Archer B. Hulbert, is to be continued. An interesting paper on the *Diplomacy Concerning the Santa Fe Road* is written by William R. Manning. Under the heading of *A Neglected Critic of Our Civil War*, Louis Martin Sears discusses the writings and opinions of Eugene Forcade, editor of the well-known French periodical *La Revue des Deux Mondes*. The last article is one by William W. Sweet on *Methodist Church Influence in Southern Politics*. The "Notes and Documents" include some letters relative to the



Fort Dearborn massacre and a newspaper item of about the year 1810 relative to Thomas Ashe's travels, all of which are contributed and edited by Milo M. Quaife; and a Ku Klux document with an introduction by Walter L. Fleming.

T. C. Elliott is the writer of an interesting sketch of *The Fur Trade in the Columbia River Basin Prior to 1811* which appears in the opening pages of *The Washington Historical Quarterly* for January. Then follows a list of *The Pioneer Dead of 1914*, compiled by Thomas W. Prosch. Brief sketches of the various *Pioneer and Historical Societies of the State of Washington*, prepared by Victor J. Farrar, shows very clearly what is being done in an organized manner to preserve the history of that State. *The Journal of John Work, July 5-September 15, 1826*, edited by T. C. Elliott, is a continuation of this journal which constitutes an important source for the history of northeastern Washington. This particular installment of the journal tells of a journey up the Columbia River from the original Fort Vancouver to Fort Colville in company with several men well known in the annals of the Hudson's Bay Company's operations in the Pacific Northwest. Finally, this number of the *Quarterly* contains the concluding section of *A New Vancouver Journal*, edited by Edmond S. Meany, in which "the author gives his observations of the natives of Nootka Sound and the adjacent coasts".

The presidential address of Andrew C. McLaughlin on *American History and American Democracy* appears in the January number of *The American Historical Review*. Then follows the second section of *The Government of Normandy Under Henry II*, by Charles H. Haskins; *The Fame of Sir Edward Stafford*, by Conyers Read; and *A Portrait of General George Gordon Meade*, by Gamaliel Bradford. In this number of the *Review* there appears a new heading, "Notes and Suggestions", under which "it is proposed to print . . . hereafter, three or four or five brief contributions in which historical investigators may communicate new discoveries, new criticism of sources, new arguments, new conclusions, or suggestions for further research or thought." Notes on the Kentucky



Resolutions of 1798 and on slave crime in Virginia are to be found in this issue. Under the heading of "Documents" there is an installment of *Letters from Lafayette to Luzerne, 1780-1782*, edited by Waldo G. Leland and Edmund C. Burnett. There is also a list of doctoral dissertations in history now in progress at the chief American universities.

The opening contribution in *The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society* for September, 1914, is a paper on *The "Bargain of 1844" as the Origin of the Wilmot Proviso*, by Clark E. Persinger. Over fifty pages are devoted to the *Diary of Samuel Royal Thurston*, with introduction and notes by George H. Himes. Thurston, who was the first Delegate to Congress from Oregon Territory, is another of the many connecting links between the early history of Iowa and the early history of Oregon Territory. He came to Burlington, Iowa, in 1845, and remained there two years, practicing law and editing a newspaper; and then in 1847, with his wife and one child made the long overland journey to Oregon City. In June, 1849, he was elected Delegate to Congress, and it is of his activities in this capacity until the last of August, 1850, that he wrote in his diary. Occasional references to Senator A. C. Dodge of Iowa are to be found. Among other contributions in this number of the *Quarterly* may be mentioned a *Letter of Quincy Adams Brooks*, telling of a journey across the plains to Oregon in 1851; and a table containing data relative to the members of the Oregon constitutional convention of 1857, among whom were ten men who emigrated from Iowa to Oregon between and 1844 and 1853.

#### ACTIVITIES

A meeting of the Missouri Historical Society was held at the Jefferson Memorial building in St. Louis on March 26, 1915. An address on *Indian Character and Life as Influenced by Geology* was delivered by Mr. Gerard Fowke.

The American Historical Association offers a prize of two hundred dollars for the best unpublished monograph on some phase of American military history. The competition closes on September 1, 1915.



Correspondence should be addressed to Captain A. L. Conger, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

A portrait of the late General Edward F. Winslow, together with some papers and other historical materials collected by him, has been presented to the Historical Department of Iowa by Mrs. Winslow.

Among the papers read at the monthly meetings of the Wisconsin Archeological Society at Milwaukee between October and January are: *The Ships of the Great Lakes*, by Eugene Hermann; and *Household Industries of the Pueblo Indians*, by Louis Lotz.

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Indiana Historical Society on December 31, 1914: President, Daniel Wait Howe; Vice Presidents, Charles W. Moores, William E. English, and James A. Woodburn; Corresponding Secretary, C. B. Coleman; Recording Secretary, Jacob P. Dunn. About forty-five members were added to the Society during the preceding year.

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Oregon Historical Society at Portland on December 19, 1914: President, Frederick V. Holman; Vice President, Leslie M. Scott; Secretary, F. G. Young; Treasurer, Edward Cookingham; Directors, Leslie M. Scott and Charles B. Moores. An address on *The Indian Wars of Washington Territory* was delivered by Thomas W. Prosch.

The Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association held its eleventh annual meeting in San Francisco on November 27 and 28, 1914. Among the papers and addresses were: *Japanese Naturalization and the California Anti-Alien Land Law*, by Roy Malcolm; *The Anglo-Saxon Sheriff*, by William A. Morris; *The Name of the American War of 1861-65*, which was the presidential address by Edmond S. Meany; and *The Components of History*, by Frederick J. Teggart. Professor Herbert E. Bolton of the University of California was elected president for the year 1915.

The eighth annual meeting of the Ohio Valley Historical Association was held at Charleston, West Virginia, on November 27 and 28, 1914. Among the papers read were: *John Floyd and Oregon*, by



C. H. Ambler; *General Wilkinson's First Break with the Spaniards*, by Isaac J. Cox; *Early Land Grants in Southeastern Ohio*, by H. W. Elson; and *Some Observations as to the Population of the Ohio Valley During the Eighteenth Century*, by J. E. Bradford.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Madison County Historical Society was held at Winterset on Tuesday, March 16th. The principal paper was one by C. C. Stiles, Superintendent of the Public Archives of Iowa. E. R. Zeller read a sketch of the life of W. S. Wilkinson, who was one of the organizers of the Society and who had collected considerable material relative to the history of the county. William Brinson, who came to Madison County in 1849, related some reminiscences. Herman A. Mueller was reelected president, Henry Hawk was chosen as vice president, and E. R. Zeller as secretary-treasurer.

The eighth annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association will be held in New Orleans on April 21-23, 1915. The *Proceedings* of the Association containing the papers read at the midwinter meeting at Charleston and at the annual meeting at Grand Forks, North Dakota, will soon be ready for distribution.

The Historical Department of Iowa is making a special effort to compile a list of Iowa authors and their publications, and has already printed a preliminary list, compiled by Miss Alice Marple. While considerable work has already been done along this line by various agencies, nothing like a complete list has ever been published. The task is a large one and well worth the doing.

Papers read before the Maryland Historical Society at the monthly meetings in December and January, respectively, were: *The Braddock Trail*, by Mrs. Frank Pelham Stone; and *The Preservation of Records*, by Mrs. Charles W. Bassett. At the annual meeting on February 8th Mr. Edwin Warfield was reelected president of the Society. The membership of the Society now numbers over six hundred and forty, the increase during the year 1914 being thirty. The rooms of the Society have been completely renovated and repaired at an expense of over twelve hundred dollars.



President John A. Earl of Des Moines College addressed the Historical Society of Marshall County on January 29th, his subject being *The West in American History*. On the evening of February 23rd a patriotic program was given under the auspices of the Society, at which time the following papers were read by pupils in the high school: *The Pioneer and Pioneer Life in Iowa*, by Edna Robb; *Road Legislation in Iowa*, by Francis Wilcox; and *State Historical Society of Iowa*, by Hazel Gordon. At the annual meeting on March 16th the following officers were elected: Robert W. Stevens, president; Mrs. May F. Montgomery, vice president; Miss Minnie Russell, secretary; Mrs. H. J. Howe, treasurer; Mrs. Emma Weatherly, curator; and Mrs. G. A. Tewksbury, Aaron Palmer, C. F. Schmidt, and C. C. Trine, directors. The Society now has one hundred and fifteen members.

At the annual meeting of the Minnesota Historical Society on January 18, 1915, the former members of the council were reelected; and a committee was appointed to revise and consolidate the by-laws of the Society and of the executive council. An address was also delivered at this time by Professor Clarence W. Alvord on *The Relation of the State to Historical Work*. Charles P. Noyes was chosen president of the executive council for the triennium 1915-1918, at a meeting of the council held on February 8th. At an open meeting on April 12th Herbert A. Kellar read a paper on *The Minnesota State Archives, their Character, Condition, and Historical Value*. The new quarterly publication of the Society, known as the *Minnesota History Bulletin*, appeared in February. It will contain papers read before the Society, "reviews of books pertinent to Minnesota history, notes on the activities of the society, perhaps occasional documents or reprints, and miscellaneous matter of various sorts." The *Collections* in the future will be devoted chiefly to documentary material, the volumes being arranged in series dealing with various phases and periods of Minnesota history. Plans for the proposed building for the Society have not been definitely formulated.

The Michigan Historical Commission, in its *Second Annual Report*, urges the need of a building for the proper preservation of the



archives and historical records of that State. The thirty-ninth volume of the *Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collections* is in press. Research work now in progress includes the preparation of a bibliography of Michigan publications of all kinds, the revision of the volume of *Michigan Biographies* compiled many years ago by Stephen D. Brigham, the compilation of a list of maps of Michigan, and the gathering of information relative to existing files of Michigan newspapers. Special mention should be made of the fact that the Commission has in its possession a translation of the revised and corrected Margry Papers, a collection the value of which is well known to the student of early Mississippi Valley history but which has never been published in English. An effort is being made to work out a plan whereby the Commission will cooperate with other historical organizations in the systematic publication of these and other manuscripts of the French period in America.

#### THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

Mr. Joseph W. Rich, a Curator of the Society, is spending the summer in southern California.

Mr. Jacob Van der Zee, Research Associate in the Society, delivered an address on *Fur Traders Among the Indians of the Iowa Country* before the Historical Society of Marshall County on April 2, 1915.

The Superintendent, Dr. Benj. F. Shambaugh, spoke before the Contemporary Club of Davenport on February 25th on the work of The State Historical Society of Iowa.

Two text-books on the government of Iowa, written by Clarence R. Aurner, Research Associate in the Society, and Dan E. Clark, Assistant Editor in the Society, have recently been published by the Houghton Mifflin Company and Silver, Burdett and Company, respectively.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. F. M. Foster, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. G. F. Kay, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Edwin J. Stason, Sioux City, Iowa; Mr.



Ernest C. Hamilton, Winterset, Iowa; Mr. C. J. Knickerbocker, Fairfax, Iowa; Mr. C. H. Stuebaker, Jefferson, Iowa; Mr. F. M. Abbott, Osceola, Iowa; Mr. H. B. Allfree, Newton, Iowa; Mr. W. E. Beck, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Nathaniel K. Beechley, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Jas. C. Gillespie, Le Mars, Iowa; Mr. J. B. Hungerford, Carroll, Iowa; Mr. George A. Ide, Creston, Iowa; Mr. Jno. S. McGavren, Missouri Valley, Iowa; Mr. H. A. Orchard, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. John G. Regan, Adel, Iowa; Mr. W. R. Williams, Eldora, Iowa; and Mr. Chas. Wright, Des Moines, Iowa.

A four hundred and forty page volume on the *History of Social Legislation in Iowa*, written by Mr. John E. Briggs, will be distributed to members of the Society in a short time. Since the social point of view in law-making has received its greatest emphasis in recent years, fully two-thirds of the book is devoted to social legislation in Iowa since the adoption of the *Code of 1897*. The volume will enable the student of any sociological subject to trace without difficulty the legislative history of that subject in this State.



## NOTES AND COMMENT

Cyrus Bussey, one of Iowa's best known soldiers during the Civil War, died in Washington, D. C., on March 2, 1915.

The orderly-books of Colonel Isaac Shelby for the period of the Detroit campaign in the War of 1812 have recently been added to the Burton Historical Collection of the Detroit Public Library.

Histories of Des Moines, Iowa, Calhoun, and Wright counties are reported in preparation.

Mr. William P. Coast, one of the first students who entered the State University of Iowa, and a long-time resident and business man of Iowa City, died on March 21st.

Justice Horace E. Deemer of the Supreme Court of Iowa gave a series of lectures before the students of the College of Law of the State University of Iowa during the week of April 12-17, 1915.

On January 21, 1915, at Plankinton, South Dakota, occurred the death of Samuel H. Bakewell, who was born near Lansing, Iowa, in 1855, and who in later life attained a prominent position in the legal profession in South Dakota.

There is a movement in Buchanan County to erect a log cabin on the fair grounds as a meeting-place for old settlers and as a reminder of pioneer days in the county.

The Bancroft History Assembly of Creston held its annual banquet on February 2, 1915.

Rear-Admiral Alfred T. Mahan, recognized throughout the world as one of the greatest naval historians, died at Washington, D. C., on December 1, 1914.

It has been suggested that the State should purchase the cabin and the surrounding premises on the site of the Spirit Lake Mas-



sacre and convert the spot into a State park. The statement has been made that the Minnesota Historical Society has offered to purchase the cabin, which is now occupied by Mrs. Abbie Gardner Sharpe, and move it across the line into Minnesota.

The Iowa Pioneer Lawmakers' Association held its fifteenth meeting at Des Moines on March 11 and 12, 1915, with about forty members in attendance. E. H. Gillette was elected president of the association for the coming year; W. H. Fleming, secretary; V. P. Twombly, treasurer; and N. E. Coffin, chairman of the executive committee. Vice presidents representing all of the congressional districts of the State were also chosen.

On January 17, 1915, occurred the death of L. S. Coffin at his home near Fort Dodge. Mr. Coffin is best known for his activities in securing the adoption of safety appliances for the protection of the employees of railroads, and for his labors in support of the temperance cause. He was ninety-three years of age at the time of his death.

Hon. N. S. Ketchum, who had been a member of the Board of Railroad Commissioners since January 1, 1905, died at his home in Marshalltown on January 16, 1915. Mr. Ketchum was born in New Jersey in 1839, and he came to Iowa eighteen years later as a member of the corps of engineers then engaged in constructing the railroad between Clinton and Marshalltown.

There seems to be a widespread interest throughout the State in the erection of monuments to veterans of the Civil War under the terms of the law authorizing counties to provide for such memorials. Contracts have recently been let for soldiers' monuments in the cemeteries at McGregor in Clayton County and at Le Mars in Plymouth County. The monument at the latter place will cost \$1625.

The city council of Sioux City has made provision for the removal to Stone Park of one of the oldest houses in the city — namely, a house built in 1856 by George W. F. Sherwin. It was subsequently used as a bank, real estate office, church, and school-



house. In fact, it is said to have been the first building owned by the school district. It is very appropriate, therefore, that a building about which cluster so many memories of the early days in Sioux City should be preserved.

The Committee on Education of the German Alliance of Indiana has offered a first prize of seventy dollars and a second prize of thirty dollars for the best essays on "The Influence of German Civilization on the State of Indiana". The competition closes on January 1, 1916, and is restricted to students in the universities and colleges of Indiana. The occasion for the offering of the prizes is the approaching centennial of the admission of Indiana into the Union.

During the summer of 1914 Miss Elizabeth H. West, Archivist of the State Library of Texas, copied a number of documents found in the Archivo Nacional de Cuba relating to Spanish colonial and Indian trade policy during the latter part of the eighteenth and the early part of the nineteenth centuries. Especially to be mentioned are the letter-books of Bernardo de Galvez, Governor of Louisiana, from 1778 to 1781.

The annual meeting of the Swedish-American Society of Iowa was held at Des Moines on March 9th, on the anniversary of the battle between the Monitor and the Merrimac. The object of the Society is to secure the erection of a monument to the inventor of the Monitor, John Ericsson, on the capitol grounds at Des Moines. The raising of funds for this purpose has been in progress during the past year, and the leaders in the movement feel confident of success. In the evening a banquet was tendered by the Oden Club of Des Moines, an organization of Swedish business men.

#### ALONZO ABERNETHY

On February 20, 1915, occurred the death of Col. Alonzo Abernethy, one of the best known citizens of this State. He was born on April 14, 1836, at Sandusky, Ohio, and it was in the spring of 1854 that he came to Iowa, settling in Fayette County. After teaching school for some time he entered the Baptist school known as Bur-



lington University, and from there in turn, after three years, he went to Chicago University. In his senior year there came the President's call to arms, and young Abernethy responded by enlisting in Company F, Ninth Iowa Infantry. Except for short periods of enforced rest caused by wounds and illness he was in active service throughout the four years of the war, taking part in some of the most important battles and campaigns from Pea Ridge on the west to Atlanta on the east; and he rose in the ranks from private to Lieutenant Colonel.

Immediately after his return to Iowa at the close of the war Mr. Abernethy was elected a member of the lower house of the Eleventh General Assembly. Subsequently he occupied a number of important educational positions, such as principal of Des Moines College for one year, State Superintendent of Public Instruction for six years ending in 1876, president of Chicago University from 1876 to 1878, president of the Cedar Valley Seminary at Osage for many years, and member of the Board of Regents of the State University of Iowa from 1890 to 1909. Mr. Abernethy was a member of The State Historical Society of Iowa and took an active interest in the history of this State, as is shown by his writings on such subjects as the history of the Baptist schools of Iowa, the Louisiana Purchase, and the Indians and Indian treaties.

MRS. JOSEPH W. RICH

Ellen A. Moore was born in Vermont on May 6, 1843. In 1860 she came to Iowa and two years later entered the State University of Iowa, graduating from the normal department in 1864 with the degree of B. S. One year later she was granted the degree of B. A. and in 1868 the degree of M. A. Beginning before her graduation and continuing until the close of the school year in 1871 she was an instructor in the University. In 1868 she was married to Mr. Joseph W. Rich, who for many years has been a Curator of The State Historical Society of Iowa.

In 1871 Mr. and Mrs. Rich moved to Vinton, Iowa, where, in publishing and editing the *Vinton Eagle*, Mrs. Rich was an able assistant to her husband. At the same time she continued to take a lively



interest in educational affairs, was frequently called upon to teach in county normal institutes, and in 1882 was chosen a member of the State Board of Examiners. After returning to Iowa City in 1892 Mrs. Rich took an active part in various women's clubs and organizations, and won for herself a warm place in the affections of all who knew her. She died at her home in Iowa City on March 10, 1915.

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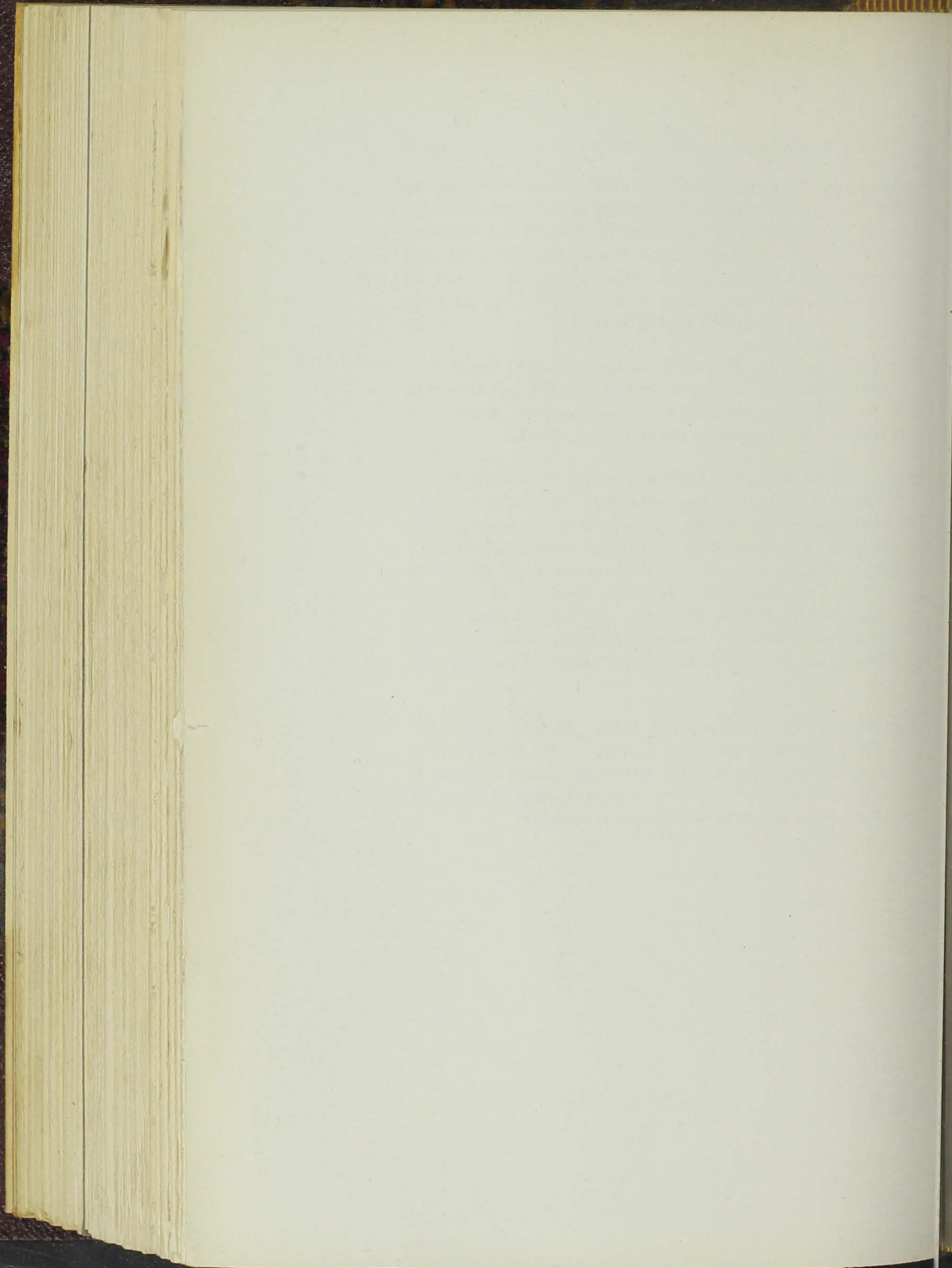
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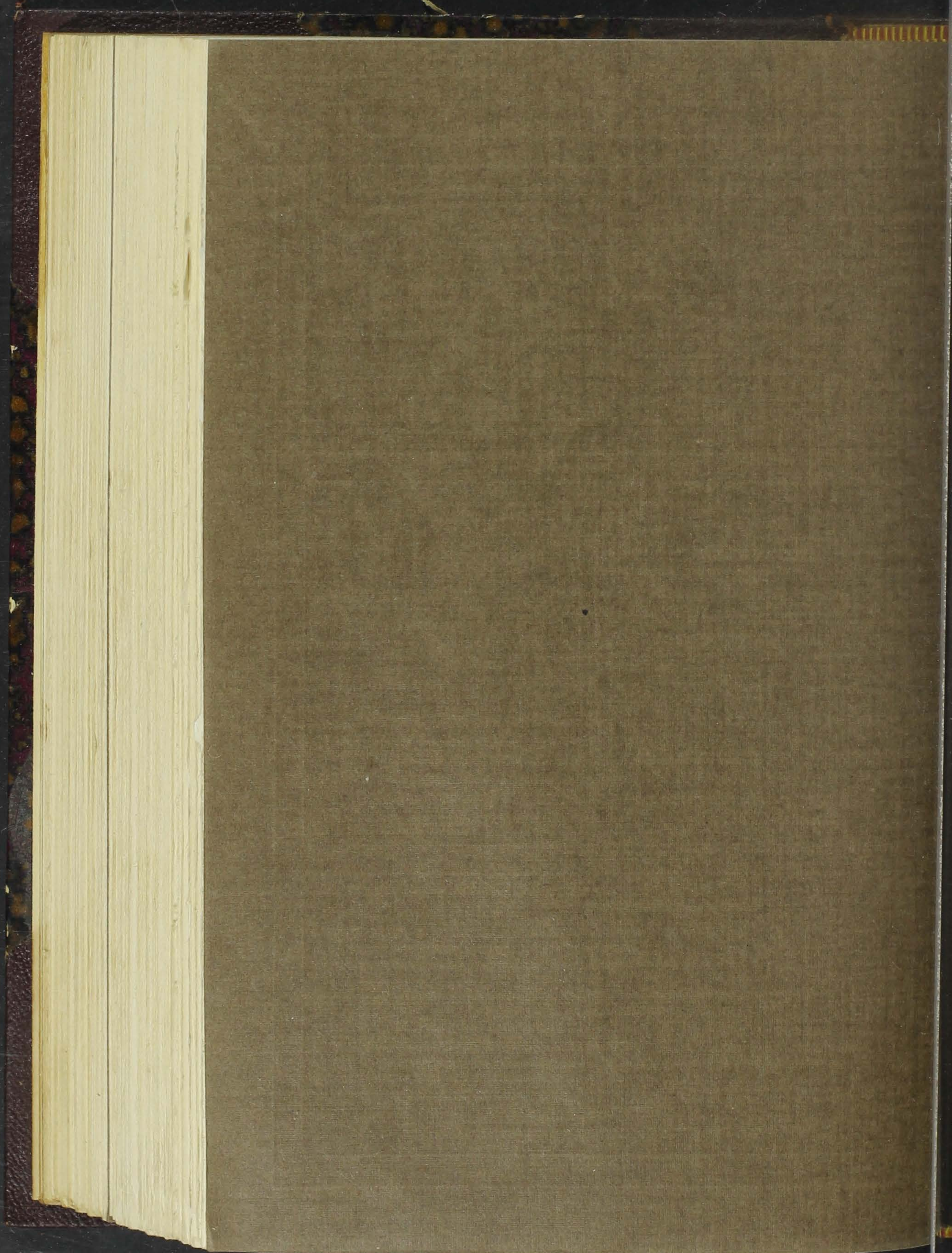
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