

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. Studebaker, 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.