

SOME PUBLICATIONS

Proceedings of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin at its Sixty-second Annual Meeting. Madison: State Historical Society of Wisconsin. 1915. Pp. 286. Portraits, plates, map. In addition to the usual reports and proceedings this volume contains six important contributions to the history of Wisconsin and the Upper Mississippi Valley. First comes the annual address by Worthington C. Ford on *The Treaty of Ghent, and After*, which is enriched by frequent quotations from the writings and correspondence of John Quincy Adams now being published under Mr. Ford's editorship. A brief sketch of the career of *James Allen Reed: First Permanent Settler in Trempealeau County and Founder of Trempealeau*, by Eben D. Pierce, is of interest to Iowans because the subject spent some time as a trader among the Indians in the Iowa country.

An interesting article of fifty pages, with illustrations, on *The Taverns and Stages of Early Wisconsin*, by J. H. A. Lacher, gives evidence of careful preparation and a thorough search for data. Frederick Merk is the author of a paper on *The Labor Movement in Wisconsin During the Civil War*. Under the title of *A Semi-Historical Account of the War of the Winnebago and the Foxes* Paul Radin presents a legend, both in the Winnebago text and in English translation, concerning the war between the Fox and Winnebago Indians in 1730. Finally, there is *A Narrative of Life on the Old Frontier: Henry Hay's Journal from Detroit to the Miami River*, edited by Milo M. Quaife, which presents a very clear picture of life at the old French trading-post of Miamitown and in the surrounding region in 1790.

The Critical Period 1763-1765. Edited with introduction and notes by CLARENCE WALWORTH ALVORD and CLARENCE EDWIN CARTER. Springfield: Illinois State Historical Library. 1915. Pp. lvii, 597. Portraits, plates. This is volume ten of the *Collections of the Illinois State Historical Library*, and the first volume of the

"British Series", which when completed will contain five or six volumes, with an index in each volume and a general index at the close. Several years have been spent in collecting, from all available sources, the documentary material relative to British Illinois; and in the preface to the volume mention is made of the serious loss occasioned by the destruction of the Sir William Johnson papers in the disastrous fire at Albany.

About ten pages are devoted to a general introduction to the series dealing with British Illinois from 1763 to 1778. Following this there is a special introduction of thirty pages concerning the British occupation of the Illinois country from 1763 to 1765, the period covered by this volume. The documents are arranged under the following eleven chapter headings, which indicate something of the character of the contents: organization of the western territory, banishment of the Jesuits, the proposed colony of Charlotina, the journal of M. Dabbadie, Major Loftus attempts to reach the Illinois, accounts from the Illinois, the regulation of Indian affairs, letters about the Indians, close of the Indian war, British messengers are sent to the Illinois country, and the first British agents reach the Illinois country. An appendix contains some documents relative to early preparations to occupy the Illinois country. A thorough index completes the volume. The value of work such as this can not be overestimated.

Collections of the Minnesota Historical Society, Volume XV. Edited by WARREN UPHAM. St. Paul: The Minnesota Historical Society. 1915. Pp. xv, 872. Portraits, plates, maps. This is the last volume of this series to be published under the editorial supervision of Mr. Warren Upham before retiring from the position of Secretary of the Society. It contains the papers and addresses presented at the meetings of the Society during the past six years. It will be possible in this place to mention only a few of the papers contained in the volume.

The first and most extensive contribution is a monograph on *Railroad Legislation in Minnesota, 1849 to 1875*, by Rasmus S. Saby, in the last half of which considerable attention is paid to the Granger movement in Minnesota. *The Five Million Loan*, an ad-

dress by William W. Folwell, is of general interest. A report of the museum committee of the Society on *The Kensington Rune Stone* contains an elaborate statement of the facts and arguments concerning this much-discussed stone. Among the other articles are: *The Public Lands and School Fund of Minnesota*, by Samuel G. Iverson; *Narratives of the Sioux War*, by Marion P. Satterlee; *Northern Minnesota Boundary Surveys in 1822 to 1826, under the Treaty of Ghent*, by William E. Culkin; *The Sale of Fort Snelling*, by William W. Folwell; *Experiences in Southwestern Minnesota, 1859 to 1867*, by Lorin Cray; and *Reminiscences of Minnesota Politics*, by Henry A. Castle.

Reminiscences. By WILLIAM FLETCHER KING. New York and Cincinnati: The Abingdon Press. 1915. Pp. 716. Portrait. President William F. King of Cornell College publishes this reminiscent volume begun some time ago, at the close of his eighty-second year. The inspiring account conveys to the reader something of the events occurring from early childhood to the close of his service as president, and also an interesting description of his cruise around the world among many world journeys. Each of the thirty-four chapters is full of facts which his colaborers and pupils, to whom he inscribes the volume, should fully appreciate. The general reader likewise must admire the character which is clearly discernible in the story of the man's life.

His account of the early training bestowed upon him reveals the sturdy nature of his family and points to the source of early habits of activity acquired under pioneer conditions in Ohio. These first scenes and their environment are very forcibly described, while the parental instructions and control which the boy came to appreciate in later life are illustrated. Among the first in his rural settlement to fulfill the plans of parents in completing a college course, he was not only summoned from his graduating class to become an instructor in his alma mater, but was soon required to determine concerning his immediate future by making one of three possible decisions, namely, study abroad for which he had planned; enlistment in the army for which he had trained; or the acceptance of the chair of Latin and Greek in Cornell College for which, without his knowl-

edge, he had been recommended. Circumstances combined, it seems, to cause a conclusion favorable to the last of these three and in 1862 the work was begun. After one year events transpired which led to his appointment as president of the institution, an office which he held for forty-five years.

The reminiscences, therefore, dwell upon the principal events of these years, from the trying times of Civil War through the many crises surrounding a growing pioneer College, and the joys and sorrows of family life. There are chapters which show the growing usefulness of the institution and the influence of its president in State and national movements; and others which describe in the sincerest manner, the remarkable results arising from personal investments whereby the College became the beneficiary of thousands of dollars. Again, his travels are described; while in no instance does he forget to mention many of his associates who sacrificed by his side for the good of Cornell. And finally, it may be assumed that the following words from his own pen express the ideal of his later days: "The intelligent octogenarian is likely to be cosmopolitan in his tastes, indulging in alluring excursions in a wide range of subjects." And further: "Associated with leisure is that sweet rest which is characterized by peace within and without. Such is the period of well-rounded old age waiting for its crown. In youth there was restless aspiration, in manhood, laborious toil, and in old age the compensations of rich knowledge, enchanting memories, developed character, and restful peace."

Collections of the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Volume IV. Edited by ORIN G. LIBBY. Fargo: State Printer. 1913. Pp. 944. Portraits, plates, maps. This volume, which was just recently distributed, contains many important contributions to the early history of that State and surrounding country. Among the longest and most carefully prepared articles is a study of *The Hudson's Bay Company and the Red River Trade*, by Hattie Listenfelt. Over two hundred pages are devoted to another valuable contribution throwing much light on the operations of this famous trading company, namely, *The Minutes of the Council of the Northern Department of Rupert's Land, 1830 to 1843*, with an intro-

duction by Isaac Cowie, who was formerly a "wintering partner" in the Hudson's Bay Company. Furthermore, there is reprinted a *Summary of Evidence in the Controversy between the Hudson's Bay Company and the North-West Company*. Other articles which should be mentioned are: *History of the Early Presbyterian Church in North Dakota*, by Jas. P. Schell; and *The Location and Survey of the Northern International Boundary Line*, by Ethel J. May.

Victor Hugo Paltsits is the author of a description of *The Manuscript Division of the New York Public Library* which has been printed in pamphlet form.

Western North Carolina: A History, covering the period from 1730 to 1913, is the title of a volume by John Preston Arthur, printed at Raleigh, North Carolina, by the Edwards and Broughton Printing Company.

The Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics, 1869-1915: A Sketch of its History, Organization and Functions, by Charles F. Gettemy, is a booklet of over one hundred pages.

The *Bulletin of the New York Public Library* for May contains *A List of Works on County Government*, compiled by Rollin A. Sawyer, Jr.

Promotion as the Cause of Crises, by Minnie Throop England; and *The British Taxes on Land Values in Practice*, by Rufus S. Tucker, are among the articles in the August number of *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

George M. Wrong of the University of Toronto is the author of a volume on *The Fall of Canada: a Chapter in the History of the Seven Years' War*.

Letters of a Virginia Cadet at West Point, 1859-1861, with an introduction by Kate Mason Rowland; and an article on *Socialist Participation in the World War*, by Harvey E. Wildes, are among the contributions in the July number of *The South Atlantic Quarterly*.

A "Fort Sumter Memorial" volume, handsomely printed in a limited edition, has been distributed by Mrs. James M. Lawton of New York City. A contemporary sketch of *The Fall of Fort Sumter*; an account of the ceremony of *Replacing the Flag upon Sumter*, by an eyewitness, William A. Spicer; and a biographical sketch of *General Robert Anderson*, by Edward S. Cornell, make up the contents of the volume.

Volume fourteen of the annual *Review of Historical Publications Relating to Canada* has been issued by the University of Toronto. Publications of the year 1914 are reviewed in this volume which, like its predecessors, will be of much value to the student.

The April number of the *Bulletin of the New York Public Library* contains Mrs. Lodisa Frizzell's journal of a journey *Across the Plains to California in 1852*, from the Little Wabash River in Illinois to Pacific Springs in Wyoming, edited by Victor Hugo Paltsits. In the July number there is a supplemental *Checklist of Newspapers and Official Gazettes in the New York Public Library*, compiled by Daniel C. Haskell.

The issue of *The Nation* for July 8, 1915, is a semi-centennial number, commemorating the completion of fifty years of the magazine's existence. Among the numerous articles is one on *Historical Writing: Its Trend During the Years 1865-1915 and the Opportunities which the Present Holds Forth*, by William Roscoe Thayer.

America's Interests After the European War is the general topic of discussion in the September number of *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. The numerous articles are grouped under four main headings, namely: America's industries as affected by the European War, stability and development in America's international trade, American industrial supremacy through efficiency in business organization, and industrial conservation through world peace.

How the Commission-Manager Plan is Getting Along, by Richard S. Childs; *Recent City Plan Reports*, by Charles M. Robinson; *Unemployment in American Cities: the Record for 1914-1915*, by Frances A. Kellor; and *Are Women a Force for Good Government?*,

by Edith Abbott, are among the articles in the *National Municipal Review* for July.

The first in a series of *Chapters in the History of Halifax, Nova Scotia*, by Arthur Wentworth Hamilton Eaton, appears in the April number of *Americana*. In this and the succeeding (May) number there are continuations of the following studies: *For Conscience Sake*, by Cornelia Mitchell Parsons; and *History of the Mormon Church*, by Brigham H. Roberts.

The meeting of the constitutional convention in New York has been the occasion for much activity in the way of governmental surveys in that State. The New York Bureau of Municipal Research, in coöperation with other agencies, has prepared two large volumes: one devoted to the *Government of the State of New York*, and the other to the *Government of the City of New York*. In both cases the organization and functions of the government in all branches are set forth in great detail. Furthermore, in the May number of its monthly publication called *Municipal Research* the Bureau has published a more critical and condensed discussion of *The Constitution and Government of the State of New York*.

The July-September, 1914, number of *The Journal of American History* is a "Latin-American Number". Among the articles are the following: *Historic Relations Between the United States and Latin America*, by Mabel T. R. Washburn; *The Emancipation of South America*, by Henry Clay; *Henry Clay's Advocacy of the Cause of Latin-American Independence*, by Daniel Mallory; and *The Deeper Union of the Americas*, by Woodrow Wilson. The October-December number is also devoted to material of a similar character. Among the contents may be mentioned the following: *The Bones of Columbus*, by Frank Allaben; *Spanish-America in 1810*, from a contemporary account; *Venezuela's Declaration of Independence*; *The Entry of San Martin into Lima*, from the diary of Captain B. Hall; and *Theodore Roosevelt's Outlook on the Monroe Doctrine*.

Eight articles and papers are to be found in *The American Political Science Review* for August, namely: *Education for the Bar in*

the United States, by Simeon E. Baldwin; *The Bicameral System in State Legislation*, by James D. Barnett; *The Presidential Preference Primary*, by Francis W. Dickey; *Scientific Management of the Public Business*, by Morris L. Cooke; *City Manager Plan in Ohio*, by L. D. Upson; *Some Reflections on the City Manager Plan of Government*, by Herman G. James; *Court Organization for a Metropolitan District*, by Herbert Harley; and *Repeal of the Judiciary Act of 1801*, by William S. Carpenter. The *Legislative Notes and Reviews*, conducted by John A. Lapp, contain valuable information on such subjects as present tendencies in judicial reform, legislative reference for Congress, civil service legislation, the administration of mothers' pension laws, the initiative and referendum, commission and city manager government, and the regulation of the jitney bus.

WESTERN AMERICANA

The September number of the *Bulletin of the Indiana State Library* contains a select bibliography of Indiana historical material in the Indiana State Library.

Two numbers of the *Anthropological Papers of the American Museum of Natural History* recently issued are as follows: *Prehistoric Bronze in South America*, by Charles W. Mead; and *The Sun Dance of the Crow Indians*, by Robert H. Lowie.

Bulletin 46 issued by the Bureau of American Ethnology of the Smithsonian Institution contains *A Dictionary of the Choctaw Language*, prepared by Cyrus Byington, who spent about fifty years among those Indians as a missionary. The volume is edited by John R. Swanton and Henry S. Halbert.

Volume four, number two of the *University of Illinois Studies in the Social Sciences* consists of a monograph by William A. Oldfather and Howard V. Canter on *The Defeat of Varus and the German Frontier Policy of Augustus*.

A small volume entitled *The Illinois-Wabash Land Manuscript*, with an introduction by Clarence W. Alvord, has been privately printed by Cyrus H. McCormick of Chicago. The four documents involved are reproduced in facsimile.

The Nebraska Legislative Reference Bureau has published, under authority granted by an act of the Nebraska legislature in 1913, *The Nebraska Blue Book and Historical Register 1915*, edited by Addison E. Sheldon. The volume contains the material usually found in such works, which are very useful for reference purposes.

Edward Van Dyke Robinson is the author of a comprehensive study of *Early Economic Conditions and the Development of Agriculture in Minnesota* which appears as number three of the *Studies in the Social Sciences* published by the University of Minnesota. The six chapters, each divided into numerous sections, deal with physical features and climate; early travel, trade, and exploration; settlement, and the development of pioneer agriculture; the period of specialized wheat farming, 1860-1880; the development of diversified farming, 1880-1890; and recent tendencies in agriculture. The work is profusely illustrated by maps, tables, and diagrams; and there is an appendix containing statistical material. There is no index.

An address on *The Evolution of America*, by Frank L. McVey, delivered at the University of Christiana, occupies the opening pages of *The Quarterly Journal of the University of North Dakota* for July. After an introduction the address deals with the period of colonial adjustments, the period of national formation, the rise of the West, the conflict of sections, railroad and industrial development, the period of consolidation and monopoly, and the era of political reform and social awakening. Other articles in this number of the *Quarterly* are: *Law versus Prerogative: A Sketch of British Democracy*, by Chester Martin; *Some Debt Histories of North Dakota Cities*, by James E. Boyle; and *Some Facts Concerning the Germans of North Dakota*, by William Godfrey Bek.

Number two of the *Studies in the Social Sciences* published by University of Minnesota consists of a monograph on *Federal Land Grants to the States with Special Reference to Minnesota*, by Matthias Nordberg Orfield. Part one, dealing with colonial precedents, contains brief discussions of land grants for the support of common schools, the ministry, and seminaries and colleges; for mili-

tary purposes; and for the promotion of industries and undertakings of public interest. The second part, devoted to land grants to the States and Territories, is made up of eleven chapters which have to do with the following subjects: the origin of the public domain, federal land grants for the support of schools, universities, and agricultural colleges, the salt spring land grants, the public building lands, the five percent fund, the conditions of the federal land grants, federal land grants for internal improvements, the swamp land grants, and the authority of the federal government over the public domain. Part three, comprising nearly half of the volume, is devoted to the administration of the public lands in Minnesota. Students of history will find the volume very useful.

IOWANA

The First Annual Report of the Iowa State Highway Commission, covering the period from April 9, 1913, to December 1, 1914, has appeared.

The First Half of the Wilson Administration is the title of a paper read by Albert F. Dawson before the Contemporary Club of Davenport which has been printed by the Club.

An article containing a brief history of the *Iowa State Teachers' Association*, by Homer H. Seerley; and a discussion of *The Aims of Vocational Guidance*, by E. E. Lewis, are among the contents of *Midland Schools* for September.

An Appreciation of Richard C. Barrett, by F. F. Faville; and a biographical sketch of Abner E. Hitchcock, are to be found in the July number of *The Alumnus of Iowa State College*.

Masonry in War-time, by William C. Shelley, is an article in the August number of *The American Freemason*, in which may be found a brief discussion of the situation in that organization during the Civil War in this country.

Jeannette M. Drake tells *How to Increase your Tax Levy* for library purposes in the April-June number of the *Iowa Library Quarterly*.

Parts two and three of an article on *Industrial Coöperation: Its Value and Meaning*, by John W. Rushton, are printed in the July and August numbers of *Autumn Leaves*. The July number also contains an account of *The Battle of Vera Cruz*, by B. L. Maynard, who was a member of the American landing party. In the September number the *Last Hunt of the Pawnees* is described by J. F. Bixby.

Under the heading of *The Situation* in the July number of the *Journal of History*, published at Lamoni by the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Heman C. Smith briefly traces the history of the First Presidency of the church. Following this there is an account of the *Great Western Move*, copied from a Nauvoo newspaper of the year 1845. There are also continuations of the *Autobiography of Charles Derry*; of the *Biography of Joseph F. Burton*, by Emma B. Burton; and of the *History of the Presidents of the Seventy*, by James F. Mintun.

The Iowa Legislature is the heading of an article in the July number of *American Municipalities* in which George F. Tucker briefly discusses the municipal legislation of the Thirty-sixth General Assembly. Here also may be found several *New Iowa Municipal Laws*. Two articles in the August number are: *Local Self-government for Municipalities*, by F. F. Dawley; and *Taxation of Public Utilities*, by Delos F. Wilcox. In the September number there is printed a decision of the Supreme Court of Minnesota declaring *Preferential Voting Unconstitutional*.

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- Hillis, Newell Dwight,
Studies of the Great War: What Each Nation has at Stake. New York and Chicago: Fleming H. Revell Co. 1915.
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- Kegley, Howard C.,
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- Keyes, Charles Rollin,
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- Kracher, Francis W.,
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- Lees, James H.,
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- Norton, Roy,
The Man of Peace. New York: [Oxford University]. 1915.
- Pammel, Louis H.,
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- Richardson, Anna Steese,
Mrs. Larry's Adventures in Thrift (Woman's Home Companion, April-August, 1915); *Safeguarding American Motherhood* (McClure's Magazine, July, 1915).
- Roberts, George E.,
Economic Effects of the War. New York: National City Bank of New York. 1915.
- Shimek, Bohumil,
The Plant Geography of the Lake Okoboji Region. Iowa City: The State University of Iowa. 1915.
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Past and Present of Calhoun County, Iowa. Chicago: The Pioneer Publishing Co. 1915.

SOME RECENT HISTORICAL ITEMS IN IOWA NEWSPAPERS

The Des Moines Register and Leader

- Sketch of the life of Lorenzo F. Andrews, July 9, 1915.
- General Weaver's Homestead Becomes a Public Park for Bloomfield, July 11, 1915.

- The Bedford Murder, July 10, 1915.
- Sketch of the life of Enos D. Hunt, July 15, 1915.
- Sketch of the life of G. B. Brackett, August 6, 1915.
- T. B. Perry of Albia Recalls Public Men of Early Days, August 8, 1915.
- Iowa Great State Fair — A Contrast Between 1887 and 1915, August 15, 1915.
- Tomahawk Island — the Graveyard of an Ancient Civilization, August 15, 1915.
- Mechanic Arts and the Morrill Act, by R. A. Pearson, August 16, 1915.
- When George A. Jewett Walked into Town, August 18, 1915.
- An Appreciation of Gen. James B. Weaver, by Harry C. Evans, August 18, 1915.
- Herbert C. Hoover, Unofficial Diplomat, August 19, 1915.
- Little Lenox College Sends out Big Man — Charles E. Merriam, August 29, 1915.
- Des Moines Woman Claims Relationship with Daniel Boone, August 29, 1915.
- First Bicycle in Iowa, August 29, 1915.
- Oldest Traveling Man in America, James Fenlon of Des Moines, August 29, 1915.
- Horse Trading as a Fine Art in Northern Iowa a Half Century Ago, August 29, 1915.
- Log Cabin Homes of the Pioneers, August 29, 1915.
- Reminiscences of Carrie McCrary Walker, Daughter of Iowa's Secretary of War in President Hayes' Cabinet, September 5, 1915.
- Greenbackers, the Grange and Grasshoppers in Iowa, September 5, 1915.
- Union Leaders Under Whom Crocker's Iowa Brigade Distinguished Itself, September 12, 1915.
- Civil War Stories Told by Veterans, September 17, 1915.
- Grand Review of the Grand Army After Fifty Years, September 26, 1915.
- Frank O. Lowden — Iowa Man Likely to be Governor of Illinois, September 26, 1915.

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- Oldest Settler of Warren County, in the *Milo Motor*, July 1, 1915.
- Weather Conditions in Early Days in this State, in the *Corning Free Press*, July 2, 1915.
- Ox Team in Council Bluffs over Half a Century Ago, in the *Council Bluffs Nonpareil*, July 4, 1915.
- Lead Mining in Iowa, in the *Shenandoah Sentinel-Post*, July 6, 1915.
- Sketch of the life of Robert S. Scott of Hedrick, in the *Ottumwa Courier*, July 7, 1915.
- Sketch of the life of John Dundas, Pioneer of Emmet County, in the *Estherville Republican*, July 7, 1915.
- Sketch of the life of Jasper N. Barr, in the *Independence Conservative*, July 7, 1915.
- Old Marion County, running in the *Knoxville Express*.
- Alex Duncan — Seventy Years in Taylor County, in the *New Market Herald*, July 8, 1915.
- Sketch of the life of George Martin Stoughton, Pioneer of Mitchell County, in the *Osage News*, July 8, 1915.
- Sketch of the life of Judge N. W. Rowell, in the *Leon Journal*, July 8, 1915.
- The Frontier Sketches, running in the *Burlington Post*.
- Sketch of Early Iowa, in the *Osage Press*, July 14, 21, 1915.
- Sketch of the life of John Myers, in the *Sioux City Tribune*, July 14, 1915.
- Legend of Lover's Leap near Colfax, in the *Colfax Tribune*, July 15, 1915.
- Old Diary Shows no Summer in 1816, in the *Dubuque Times-Journal*, July 17, 1915.
- French Settlers of Early Dubuque, in the *Dubuque Telegraph-Herald*, July 17, 1915.
- Sketch of the life of George W. Ball, in the *Iowa City Press*, July 19, 1915.

- Experiences of the Pioneers in 1851, in the *Logan Observer*, July 22, 1915.
- James Crawford Brown, a Pioneer of Southeastern Iowa, in the *Morning Sun Herald*, July 22, 1915.
- Early Day Bandits of Iowa and Missouri and their Crimes, running in the *Farmington Democrat*.
- Sketch of the life of William McClain, in the *Iowa City Press*, July 28, 1915.
- Number of Indians in Iowa, in the *Altoona Herald*, July 29, 1915.
- First Pioneer Church in Fort Des Moines, in the *Des Moines Plain Talk*, July 29, 1915.
- More of Dubuque's French Settlers, in the *Dubuque Telegraph-Herald*, July 29, 1915.
- The First Telegram, in the *Eldon Forum*, July 29, 1915.
- Keokuk's Farewell Speech, in the *Boone Democrat*, July 29, 1915.
- Majestic Pike's Peak near McGregor, Iowa, in the *McGregor Times*, July 29, 1915.
- Pioneer Lawyers and Judges of Iowa, in the *Burlington Hawk-Eye*, August 1, 1915.
- Interesting Incidents of the Pioneer Days, by Frank Shinn, in the *Council Bluffs Nonpareil*, August 1, 1915.
- The Summer of 1859 in Iowa, in the *Shell Rock News*, August 5, 1915.
- Memory of Early Days around Farley, in the *Farley Advertiser*, August 5, 1915.
- Sixty Years in Iowa, by W. P. Nutting, in the *Indianola Herald*, August 5, 1915.
- Vinton's Oldest Citizen — John F. Pyne, in the *Vinton Eagle*, August 6, 1915.
- Reminiscences of Early Centerville, in the *Centerville Iowegian*, August 6, 1915.
- When Indians Lived on the Banks of the Mississippi, in the *Dubuque Telegraph-Herald*, August 8, 1915.
- How an Iowan led the Grand Review in 1866, in the *Clinton Advertiser*, August 10, 1915.
- Tribute to Thomas S. Martin, in the *Sioux City Tribune*, August 11, 1915.

- Early Iowa History, in the *Milton Herald*, August 4, 1915.
- Sketch of the life of Richard Horswell, in the *Estherville Enterprise*, August 11, 1915.
- Sketch of the life of J. S. Ely, who was born in Keosauqua in 1836, in the *Oskaloosa Herald*, August 12, 1915.
- Grasshopper Days, in the *Le Mars Sentinel*, August 13, 1915.
- Early Waterloo Settler Finds Site of Old Log Cabin, in the *Waterloo Courier*, August 14, 1915.
- Semi-centennial of Early Settlers' Association of Dubuque County, in the *Dubuque Telegraph-Herald*, August 15, 1915.
- Sketch of the life of A. M. Garrett, in the *Muscatine News-Tribune*, August 16, 1915.
- Some Early History of Madison County, in the *Winterset Madisonian*, August 25, 1915.
- The Three Greatest Iowans, in the *Cedar Rapids Times*, August 30, 1915.
- Early History of Marion County, in the *Pleasantville News*, September 2, 9, 16, 1915.
- Across the Plains to Salt Lake in 1858, by William Clark, running in the *Ogden Reporter* in August and September, 1915.
- Sketch of the life of James Carr, in the *Nevada Representative*, September 3, 1915.
- Iowa History in Early Fifties, in the *Ames Times*, September 3, 1915.
- William T. Whitney Tells of Some Old Timers in Waterloo, in the *Waterloo Courier*, September 4, 1915.
- Sketch of the life of L. L. Treat, in the *Webster City Freeman Tribune*, September 7, 1915.
- Sketch of the life of Reuben Eshelman, in the *Mt. Pleasant News*, September 8, 1915.
- Early History of Union Township, Hardin County, in the *Eldora Herald*, September 9, 1915.
- Lincoln's Only Farm, in Iowa, in the *Germania Record*, September 9, 1915.
- Pioneer Days in Pottawattamie, Mills, and Fremont Counties, by C. H. Babbitt, in the *Council Bluffs Nonpareil*, September 12, 1915.

- Blackberrying in Early Days, in the *Shenandoah World*, September 14, 1915.
- A. B. Dowell, a Resident of Iowa for Eighty Years, in the *Waterloo Courier*, September 14, 1915.
- Sketches of the History of Des Moines County, running in the Sunday issues of the *Burlington Hawk-Eye* for September.
- Jefferson County Historical Notes, by H. Heaton, in the *Fairfield Journal*, September 14, 1915.
- How they Bound Grain in Early Days, by Cyrenus Cole, in the *Vinton Eagle*, September 14, 1915.
- An Early Indian Plot to Sack Fort Madison, in the *Fort Madison Democrat*, September 16, 1915.
- Early Day Schools in Iowa, in the *Spirit Lake Beacon*, September 16, 1915.
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- Address by Ross Calhoun at Old Settlers' Reunion of Van Buren County, in the *Keosauqua Republican*, September 16, 1915.
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- Early History of Polk County, in the *Altoona Herald*, September 22, 1915.
- Sketch of the life of E. A. Harris, in the *Red Oak Express*, September 24, 1915.
- Glimpses of Pioneer Life, in the *Waterloo Courier*, September 25, 1915.
- When Iowa Was First Mentioned — Book by Albert M. Lea, in the *Keokuk Constitution-Democrat*, September 25, 1915.
- Early Days on the Mississippi, in the *Keokuk Constitution-Democrat*, September 25, 1915.
- The Early Pioneers, in the *Washington Press*, September 29, 1915.

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- A Few of the Old Settlers who are now Residents of Washington, in the *Washington Press*, September 29, 1915.

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PUBLICATIONS

The principal address in the *Proceedings of the Bunker Hill Monument Association* for 1915 is one by Worthington C. Ford on *The Language of War*.

The July number of the *Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly* is devoted entirely to a monograph of about three hundred pages, entitled *A History of Banking and Currency in Ohio Before the Civil War*, by C. C. Huntington.

Bulletin No. 3 issued by the Indiana Historical Commission contains suggestions relative to the proposed observance of the Indiana centennial in 1916.

Volume fifteen of the *Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society* consists of the third and concluding volume of the *Correspondence and Documents During Jonathan Law's Governorship of the Colony of Connecticut*. The material in this volume covers the period from January, 1747, to October, 1750.

The American Historical Association has published the essay on *Henry Bennet, Earl of Arlington, Secretary of State to Charles II*, by Violet Barbour, which was awarded the Herbert Baxter Adams Prize in European History for 1913.

The Medford Historical Register for July contains two articles, namely: *The Withington Bakery*, by Moses W. Mann; and *Turell Tufts and his Family Connections*.

The monograph on *The Germans in the Gubernatorial Campaign of Iowa in 1859*, by F. I. Herriott, which was noted in the July number of the JOURNAL, has been reprinted from the *Jahrbuch der Deutsch-Amerikanischen Historischen Gesellschaft von Illinois*, volume fourteen.

The Story of the Pinna and the Syrian Lamb, by Berthold Laufer; and *Songs and Rhymes from the South*, by E. C. Perrow, are among the contents of the April-June number of *The Journal of American Folk-Lore*.

Two articles which appear in the *Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society* for January are: *Newark Town Government from 1666 to 1833*, by John L. Rankin; and *Newark Settled by a Congregational Church*, by T. A. Moffat.

The May-August number of the *German-American Annals* is occupied with continuations of the following articles: *The German Drama in English on the Philadelphia Stage*, by Charles F. Brede; and *The German Drama in English on the New York Stage to 1830*, by Louis Charles Baker.

A study of *The Lac Court Oreilles Region*, by Charles E. Brown; and a short article on *Our Indebtedness to the American Indian*, by Leo J. Frachtenberg, are contributions in the July number of *The Wisconsin Archeologist*.

An interesting and valuable piece of source material is the *Journal of Francis Collins, an Artillery Officer in the Mexican War*, edited by Maria Clinton Collins, and published in the combined April and July numbers of the *Quarterly Publication of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio*.

Continuations of Henry A. M. Smith's monograph on *Old Charles Town and its Vicinity*, and of the *Order Book of John Faucheraud Grimké* are the principal items in the April number of *The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine*.

Volumes seventeen to twenty of the *Collections of the Maine Historical Society*, published in 1913 and 1914, contain further installments of *The Baxter Manuscripts*, edited by James Phinney Baxter.

The *Nineteenth Biennial Report of the Board of Directors of the Kansas State Historical Society* contains, besides reports and the proceedings of annual meetings, *A Roster of Kansas for Sixty Years*, which consists of a list of all the Territorial and State officials in Kansas since 1854.

Among the articles in the *Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada* for March are the following: *Les Indiens du Canada depuis la découverte*, by C. M. Barbeau; *The Loyalist Settlements on the Gaspé Peninsula*, by Wilbur H. Siebert; and *The Temporary Settlement of Loyalists at Machiche, P. Q.*, by the same author.

Browsing Around Among Old Books, by Daniel Wait Howe; *An English Colony in Floyd County*, by John Poucher; *Vevay and Switzerland County*, by Julia Leclerc Knox; *Indiana Methodism 1816-1832*, by Ruth Price; *The Centennial Pageant for Indiana; Suggestions for its Performance*, by George McReynolds; and *The Era of Tassements or Stockaded Trading Posts*, by Hubert M. Skinner, are articles in the September number of the *Indiana Magazine of History*.

Prentice Statue Unveiled in Louisville the Second Time, by Ella Hutchinson Ellwanger; *Report of Boone Day, June 7, 1915*, by Mrs. Jennie C. Morton; *Streets of the Capital of Kentucky*, by Mrs. Jennie C. Morton; *Conservation of Our Resources*, by Miss Cora Benedict; and "Heads of Families" in Franklin County, Census of 1810, by A. C. Quisenberry, are among the contents of *The Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society* for September.

Volume eleven of the *Collections of the New Hampshire Historical Society*, edited by Otis Grant Hammond, contains a monograph on *The Indian Stream Republic and Luther Parker*, by Grant Showerman. About half of the volume is taken up with a biographical and historical account, while the remaining half is devoted to documentary material, including Ellen Parker's journal from 1852 to 1856. Luther Parker was a pioneer of New Hampshire, and later was the first permanent settler in Muskego Township, Waukesha County, Wisconsin.

Abner Cheney Goodell, A. M., by George G. Putnam; *James Lesslie of Topsfield, Mass. and Some of his Descendants*, by M. V. B. Perley; "Groton", Salem in 1700, by Sidney Perley; and a *Fragment of a Diary Kept by Rev. Samuel Fiske of Salem, 1719-1721*, are among the contents of the *Historical Collections of the Essex Institute* for July.

Among the papers to be found in volume eighteen of the *Collections of the Nova Scotia Historical Society* are the following: *Wolfe's Men and Nova Scotia*, by Beckles Willson; *Jonathan Belcher, First Chief Justice of Nova Scotia*, by Charles J. Townshend; *Dockyard Reminiscences: An Account of the Action Between the "Chesapeake" and the "Shannon"*, by Charles Roche; and *Early Scottish Settlers in Cape Breton*, by Mrs. Charles Archibald.

An interesting paper entitled *Six Periods of Missouri History*, by Floyd C. Shoemaker, occupies the opening pages of *The Missouri Historical Review* for July. In another article the same writer suggests some "Missouri Day" Programs for Missouri Club Women. With this number the *Review* appears in a new and more attractive dress, under the editorship of Floyd C. Shoemaker.

Some Material for a Biography of Mrs. Elizabeth Fergusson, née Graeme, by Simon Gratz, is the opening contribution in the July number of *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*. Then follow some *Extracts from the Diary of Thomas Franklin Pleasants, 1814*. Clarence Edward Macartney discusses *The Passing of the Harmonites*; there is some interesting data under the heading *Six Months on the Frontier of Northampton County, Penna., During the Indian War, October, 1755-June, 1756*; and there is a *Letter of John Morton to Anthony Wayne, 1776*.

Nelson C. Titus is the writer of an article on *The Last Stand of the Nez Percés* which occupies first place in the July number of *The Washington Historical Quarterly*. Oshima Shoichi presents some *Japanese Views of the Monroe Doctrine*. George H. Himes is the compiler of some data relative to the *Organizers of the First Government in Oregon*. Under the heading of "Documents" there is printed a *Journal of Occurrences at Nisqually House, 1833*, edited by Clarence B. Bagley.

Continuations of *Texas versus White*, by William W. Pierson, Jr.; *Harris County, 1822-1845*, by Adele B. Looscan; and *British Correspondence Concerning Texas*, edited by Ephraim Douglass Adams; and an article on *Local Government in the Spanish Colonies as Provided by the Recopilacion de Leyes de los Reynos de las*

Indias, by O. Garfield Jones, make up the contents of *The Southwestern Historical Quarterly* for July.

The opening pages of *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* for July are occupied with *Acts, Orders and Resolutions of the General Assembly of Virginia at Sessions of March, 1643-1646*. Another installment of the study of *The Virginia Frontier in History — 1778*, by David I. Bushnell, Jr., is devoted to incidents connected with the military operations of General Lachlan McIntosh.

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin has initiated a new series of publications known as the "Calendar Series". The first volume contains a calendar of *The Preston and Virginia Papers of the Draper Collection of Manuscripts* in the library of the Society, with a prefatory note by Milo M. Quaife. The papers of William Preston cover the period from about 1730 to 1790; while the Virginia manuscripts bear dates ranging from 1651 to 1901. A thorough index makes the contents of the volume readily accessible.

An Unpublished Chapter in the Early History of Chicago, by Jesse W. Weik, is the opening contribution in the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society* for January. Then follows an address on *Credit Island, 1814-1914*, delivered by William A. Meese at the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the battle. *The County Records of Illinois* are briefly discussed by Theodore Calvin Pease. Charles M. Thompson presents a brief study of *Elections and Election Machinery in Illinois, 1818-1848*; while Wayne E. Stevens is the writer of an article on *The Shaw-Hansen Election Contest*.

The September number of the *Maryland Historical Magazine* opens with a paper on *The Discovery of Maryland or Verrezzano's Visit to the Eastern Shore*, by Harvey Franklin Covington. There is another installment of *Extracts from the Carroll Papers*, consisting of letters from the correspondence of Charles Carroll from 1758 to 1760. Bernard C. Steiner is the writer of a brief sketch of *Noah Webster in Maryland*; while the closing contribution consists of *Uriah Brown's Journal* of a journey in 1816 from Baltimore through parts of Pennsylvania, Virginia, Ohio, and Maryland.

Among the contributions in *The History Teacher's Magazine* during the past few months are the following: *By What Standards Shall we Judge the Value of Civic Education?*, by Arthur W. Dunn; and a list of *Historical Text-Books Published before 1861*, compiled by W. T. Russell (April); *The Agrarian History of the United States as a Subject for Research*, by William J. Trimble; *The New York Constitutional Convention*, by Edgar Dawson; and the *Report of the Committee of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association on the Certification of High School Teachers of History* (May); *The Study of State History*, by Claude S. Larzalere; and *Extracts from the Letters of a Nantucket Forty-Niner*, by B. H. Nye (September).

The volume of *Transactions of the Illinois State Historical Society for the Year 1913* contains, among others, the following papers: *Benjamin Lundy: A Pioneer of Freedom*, by George A. Lawrence; *The Disciples of Christ in Illinois and their Attitude Toward Slavery*, by N. S. Haynes; *The History of Presbyterianism in Illinois*, by H. D. Jenkins; *Anti-Slavery Struggle in Illinois as it Affected the Methodist Episcopal Church*, by John H. Ryan; *Stephen A. Douglas, the Expansionist*, by Frank E. Stevens; *Colonie du Sieur de la Salle*, by John F. Steward; and *The Tragedy of Starved Rock*, by William A. Jones.

In the June number of the *Journal of the Presbyterian Historical Society* there appear some *Biographies of Pastors and Stated Supplies of the Presbyterian Church of Shrewsbury, New Jersey, 1734-1914*, by Thomas Little. A short article on *Presbyteries Organized in Philadelphia*, by William P. White; and a continuation of the *Letters and Reports of the Rev. John Philip Boehm*, edited by William J. Hinke, are other contributions. In the September number, besides another installment of the letters just mentioned, there is another section of *The Diaries of the Rev. Seth Williston, D. D.*, edited by Rev. John Quincy Adams.

Two articles of special interest to students of the early exploration of the Mississippi Valley are to be found in *The Mississippi Valley Historical Review* for September. Herbert E. Bolton dis-

cusses *The Location of La Salle's Colony on the Gulf of Mexico*; and Susan M. Reed writes on *British Cartography of the Mississippi Valley in the Eighteenth Century*. An article on *The First Legations of the United States in Latin America*, by William S. Robertson; and a survey of *Historical Activities in Canada, 1914-1915*, by Lawrence J. Burpee, are other contributions. Under the heading of *A Journey through the Indian Country beyond the Ohio, 1785*, there is printed the journal of Samuel Montgomery, with introduction and notes by David I. Bushnell, Jr.

In the *Eighth Annual Report of the Ohio Valley Historical Association* there may be found the following papers: *The West Virginia Department of Archives and History*, by H. S. Green; *Incidents in the Pioneer, Colonial and Revolutionary History of the West Virginia Area*, by J. T. McAllister; *Early Pioneer Experiences at North Bend*, by Miss Jean Howell; *The Tories of the Upper Ohio*, by Wilbur H. Siebert; *Wilkinson's First Break with the Spaniards*, by Isaac Joslin Cox; *Land Grants in Southeastern Ohio*, by H. W. Elson; *Social Conditions in the Mountain Counties of Eastern Kentucky and West Virginia*, by J. R. Robertson; *Early Development of Transportation on the Monongahela River*, by W. Espey Albig; *The Relations of American Sectionalism to Transportation Routes*, by Archer B. Hulbert; and *Ohio River Improvements*, by Wm. M. Hall.

Herbert A. Kellar presents a discussion of *The Minnesota State Archives, their Character, Condition, and Historical Value* in the May number of the *Minnesota History Bulletin*. The documents here printed include a letter relative to the Sioux massacre in Minnesota in 1862, and data relative to conscription in England during the Napoleonic War, and funeral expenses in England a century ago. In the August number of the *Bulletin* there are two contributions, namely: *Tribal Dance of the Ojibway Indians*, by William E. Culkin; and *Recent Activities of the Wisconsin Historical Society*, by Solon J. Buck. The documents in this number consist of selections from the papers of William Pitt Murray in the possession of the Society. Both numbers contain book reviews and notes relative to historical activities and publications in Minnesota and other States.

In the April number of *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* there may be found, among other things, a short sketch of the life of *Lucas Brodhead*, by Aitcheson A. Bowman; some *Washington County, N. Y., Quaker Records*, copied by Butler Hoag; and a description of *The New Site of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society*, by Clarence W. Bowen. The contents of the July number include a biographical sketch of *James Congdell Fargo*, one of three brothers who were prominently connected with the development of the express business in the West, by William C. Fargo; a brief biography of *General Edward Francis Winslow*, who was an early railroad builder in this State and entered the Civil War as Captain of the Fourth Iowa Cavalry, by William Forse Scott, formerly Adjutant of the same cavalry company; and an article on *The Earliest "Bouweries" in Brooklyn, and their Owners*, by Joel N. Eno.

W. L. Westermann is the writer of an article on *The Economic Basis of the Decline of Ancient Culture* which appears in the opening pages of *The American Historical Review* for July. George Burton Adams discusses *Magna Carta and the Responsible Ministry*. A study of *Anglo-French Commercial Rivalry, 1700-1750: the Western Phase*, by Charles M. Andrews, is devoted largely to the rivalry in the sugar trade. Two other articles are *The United States and Spain in 1822*, by William Spence Robertson; and *The Russian Fleet and the Civil War*, by F. A. Golder. Under the heading of "Notes and Suggestions" George L. Burr tells *How the Middle Ages got Their Name*; while the documents printed in this number include some official observations relative to the plan proposed by the British in 1764 for the management of Indian affairs, and a letter written to the Hudson's Bay Company by officials of the Mormon Church at Salt Lake City in 1847.

The March number of *The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society* opens with an address by the late Thomas W. Prosch on *The Indian War in Washington Territory*. Mrs. R. S. Shackelford discusses *The Methodist Mission Claim to the Dalles Town Site*. There are some *Reminiscences of William H. Packwood*, by Fred Lockley; and J. Neilson Barry is the writer of a brief article on *Spanish and*

French Relics in America. Finally, the last forty pages are taken up with the *Correspondence of the Reverend Ezra Fisher*, a pioneer missionary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society in Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, and Oregon. Rev. Fisher was a circuit rider in southeastern Iowa during the early forties. In some of the letters he refers to Rev. Hezekiah Johnson, who lived in Iowa from 1838 to 1845 and then went to Oregon. The June number of the *Quarterly* is given up to papers and addresses concerned with the Columbia and Willamette rivers and their opening to navigation.

In an article entitled *The Story of an Emigrant Train*, which appears in the opening pages of the *Annals of Iowa* for July, J. W. Cheney presents an interesting account of the ill-fated expedition from Iowa to California in 1858, led by L. J. Rose. The *Evolution of the General Rock Scheme in Iowa* is described by Charles Keyes. Isabella Powers writes on the subject of "*The Little Brown Church in the Vale*": *Its Author and its Inspiration*. This well-known song was inspired by and first sung in the Congregational church at Bradford in Chickasaw County, Iowa, and its author was William Savage Pitts. The fifth installment of *The Writings of Judge George G. Wright*, here printed, consists of brief notes concerning his associates in the legislature, among whom were Francis Springer, John J. Selman, Enos Lowe, John P. Cook, Warner Lewis, John T. Morton, Evan Jay, George Hepner, and Milton D. Browning. Finally, there is another installment of the list of *Iowa Authors and their Work*, by Alice Marple. Among the editorials is one on *Motion Picture Films as Historical Material*.

Volume eighteen of the *Buffalo Historical Society Publications*, edited by Frank H. Severance, contains material appropriate to the centennial anniversary of peace between England and the United States. It bears the title *Peace Episodes on the Niagara*, and the first five articles, all by the editor of the volume, relate definitely to the subject indicated by the title. These five articles deal in a very interesting manner with the peace conference at Niagara Falls in 1914, the peace conference at the same place in 1864, Niagara's consecration to peace, the Niagara peace mission of Ephraim Douglass in 1783, and the centenary of peace in relation to the

region of the Niagara and the Great Lakes. Other contributions in the volume are: *The Quaker Mission Among the Indians of New York State*, by Joseph Elkinton; *Notes on the Literature of the War of 1812*, by Frank H. Severance; *The Case of Brig. Gen. Alexander Smyth*, by the same writer; and a translation, by H. F. De Puy, of an immigrant guide-book of the year 1803 entitled *Le Pour et le Contre*.

ACTIVITIES

"Boone Day" was observed on June 7, 1915, in the rooms of the Kentucky State Historical Society at Frankfort.

The Madrid (Iowa) Historical Society has recently added a number of interesting historical relics to its collection — among them being a stone axe in an excellent state of preservation.

Among the recent acquisitions of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania is a large collection of the papers of the late Jay Cooke.

An effort is being made to secure provision for the collection and safe preservation of prehistoric relics through the agency of the Harrison County Historical Society. Many such relics have been found in that county in recent years.

A gun once owned by Daniel Boone has recently been donated to the Historical Department of Iowa by Harry H. Polk of Des Moines.

The Michigan Historical Commission has completed the translation of the Pierre Margry papers. Since some time will doubtless elapse before the translation, which is now in the Burton Historical Collection in the Detroit Public Library, will be printed, provision has been made whereby copies of particular portions of the manuscript can be furnished to those who so desire.

In accordance with action taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Nebraska State Historical Society on May 3, 1915, a committee consisting of over one hundred and fifty citizens of that State was appointed to devise plans for the proper observance of the semi-centennial of the admission of Nebraska into the Union in 1917.

In May, 1915, Mr. F. A. Sampson, who for many years has been Secretary and Librarian of The State Historical Society of Missouri, resigned. His successor in these positions and as editor of the *Review* published by the Society is Mr. Floyd C. Shoemaker, formerly Assistant Librarian of the Society. Mr. Sampson hereafter will devote his time to collecting historical material and compiling bibliographies for the Society. It is expected that the Society will soon be settled in the new fireproof library building of the University of Missouri, now practically completed.

The Thirty-sixth General Assembly of Iowa made two small appropriations to enable the Historical Department of Iowa to encourage the preservation and marking of historic sites in this State. Miss Alice Marple of the Department is devoting much time to the enlargement and completion of the list of publications by Iowa authors which will eventually be published in book form. Students of Iowa history will also be interested to know that the Department has acquired the correspondence of the late John F. Lacey, which is now being arranged and classified for preservation.

The Minnesota Historical Society has been devoting considerable attention during the last year to the cleaning, classifying, and arranging of the manuscripts in the possession of the Society. This work has revealed the fact that the valuable collection of Ignatius Donnelly papers, first estimated at about thirty thousand in number, really contains nearly fifty thousand separate items. Furthermore, there was discovered a trunk full of the papers of James W. Taylor, who was prominent in political and business circles first in Ohio and later in Minnesota and Canada. A special effort is also being made to collect material relative to the history of the Scandinavian element in the population of the United States.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

The third and fourth volumes of Dr. C. R. Aurner's *History of Education in Iowa*, dealing with secondary education and the three State educational institutions, are now in press.

Mr. Ivan L. Pollock, who is pursuing graduate work in the State

University of Iowa, has been appointed Research Assistant in the Society. He is preparing a monograph on the history of economic legislation in Iowa.

An oil portrait of William McClain, who for a long period of time was prominent in Iowa as an educator, has been presented to The State Historical Society of Iowa by Mrs. Emlin McClain.

Dr. Fred E. Haynes, formerly of Morningside College, who has for several years been pursuing researches for the Society, has been appointed as instructor in the Department of Political Economy and Sociology at the State University of Iowa.

The Pilgrim Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Iowa City has presented to the Society a handsome memorial tablet made of metal recovered from the battleship "Maine".

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Curators of the Society on September 1st, Mr. George E. Grier was elected resident Curator to fill the vacancy on the Board occasioned by the death of Mr. George W. Ball. Mr. Grier is cashier of the Citizens Savings and Trust Company of Iowa City. He has been a member of the Society for many years.

Dr. Frank E. Horack, who for many years has been the Secretary and Custodian of the Society, has been appointed to a full professorship in the Department of Political Science in the State University of Iowa. Moreover, Mr. Jacob Van der Zee, Research Associate in the Society for many years, has been appointed assistant professor in the same department. Both Mr. Horack and Mr. Van der Zee have therefore severed their official connection with the Society.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. Pierre McDermid, Fontanelle, Iowa; Mr. Frank T. Nash, Oskaloosa, Iowa; Mr. Conger Reynolds, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Jacob Sims, Denison, Iowa; Mr. G. M. Curtis, Clinton, Iowa; Miss Helen B. Loos, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Wiley S. Rankin, Mason City, Iowa; Mr. S. M. Stouffer, Sac City, Iowa; Mr. John Mahin, Chicago, Illinois; Mr. Geo. F. Robeson, Iowa City, Iowa; and Mr. Cyril B. Upham, Iowa City, Iowa.

NOTES AND COMMENT

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Iowa Library Association was held at Colfax on October 12-14, 1915.

August 11th was the date of the thirty-first annual reunion of the old settlers of Madison and Warren counties at St. Charles. Joseph H. Allen was the principal speaker.

The eighteenth biennial reunion of Crocker's Iowa Brigade was held at Des Moines on September 15 and 16, 1915.

A log cabin has been erected on the county fair grounds in Buchanan County for use as a meeting-place for the old settlers of the county. The cabin was formally dedicated on August 18th.

An address by Ross Calhoun was the main feature of the Old Settlers' Reunion in Van Buren County on September 8, 1915.

A newspaper item states that an effort will be made to induce the General Assembly to purchase and set aside as a State park the spot on the Mississippi River, a short distance south of McGregor, which Zebulon M. Pike in 1805 recommended as the site for a government fort.

The annual reunion of the Pioneer Society of Pottawattamie, Mills, and Fremont Counties was held at Malvern on September 9th. The principal address was one by C. H. Babbitt of Washington, D. C.

On August 18, 1915, the Dubuque County Early Settlers' Association celebrated the semi-centennial of its organization.

W. L. Carpenter, who was for years the secretary of the State Grange in Iowa and who served as mayor of Des Moines in 1888 and for the four succeeding years as custodian of the capitol building, died at his home in Des Moines on September 26, 1915.

Former Congressman S. F. Prouty delivered the principal address at the annual reunion of the Polk County Early Settlers' Association at Mitchelville on September 15th.

Craig L. Wright, formerly of Sioux City and one of the most prominent lawyers in northern Iowa, died in California on August 6th. He was born at Keosauqua on December 5, 1846, and was the son of Judge George G. Wright.

Congressman H. M. Towner was the principal speaker at the dedication of Harvey Park in Leon, Iowa, on September 9th. This park was presented to the city by Mrs. E. E. Harvey as a memorial to the late John W. Harvey, who was district judge in the third judicial district from 1883 to 1890.

The legislature of Indiana has appropriated the sum of \$25,000 to defray the expenses of a fitting celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of that State into the Union — the exact day being December 11, 1916. A permanent, non-partisan historical commission, created by the same act, will have charge of the plans for the celebration.

On August 18, 1915, occurred the dedication of the homestead and estate of the late Gen. James B. Weaver at Bloomfield, Iowa, to public use. The house will become a community house, serving various purposes as needs arise; while the four acres of ground will be known as "Weaver Park", and here in the future the sessions of Davis County Chautauqua will be held. Addresses were delivered at the time of the dedication by William Jennings Bryan, who was an intimate friend of General Weaver, and by James B. Weaver, Jr. of Des Moines.

Former public officials of Iowa who have recently died are the following: George H. Purdy, State Representative from Floyd County in the Thirty-sixth General Assembly, who died on April 23rd; A. M. Garrett of Letts, State Senator in the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth General Assemblies, who died on August 15th; Melvin H. Byers, Adjutant General of Iowa from 1898 to 1905, and Chief Oil Inspector since 1909, who died on July 27th; Christopher Jones of Des Moines, Clerk of the Supreme Court from 1895 to

1903, who died on September 16th; and Thomas D. Foster of Ottumwa, a member of the State Board of Education for a short time, who died on July 20th.

GEORGE W. BALL

George Washington Ball was born on June 7, 1847, near Fairfield, Iowa. His early life was spent on his father's farm, his education being received in the common schools, in a private school at Fairfield, and in the Iowa Wesleyan University at Mt. Pleasant. Entering the Law Department of the State University of Iowa in 1868, he was graduated two years later, and that same winter (December, 1870) he began the practice of law. In 1874 he located at Iowa City and entered into partnership with Charles Baker, a relationship which was continued until the death of Mr. Baker in 1910.

Mr. Ball held many official positions. He was a member of the city council of Iowa City from 1881 to 1883, and mayor of the city from 1905 to 1909. As the Representative from Johnson County he served in the Twenty-first General Assembly of Iowa, and he was later State Senator in the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth General Assemblies. Moreover, he was for many years a member of the Board of Curators of The State Historical Society of Iowa. At a meeting of that Board shortly after Mr. Ball's death the following resolution was adopted and spread on the minutes:

"Be it resolved by the Board of Curators of the State Historical Society of Iowa that in the death of our colleague, Mr. George W. Ball, we recognize not only a great personal loss but also the passing of one upon whose advice and judgment we have been accustomed to depend in all matters connected with the conduct and welfare of the Society. Mr. Ball was a member of this Board for twenty-six years, having been first elected on June 24, 1889; and throughout those years, when health permitted, he was faithful and punctual in his attendance at the monthly meetings of the Board. His untiring interest and wise counsel contributed largely to the growth and development of the Society."

CONTRIBUTORS

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JACOB VAN DER ZEE, Assistant Professor of Political Science in the State University of Iowa. (See THE IOWA JOURNAL OF HISTORY AND POLITICS for January, 1913, p. 142.)

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