

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

PUBLICATIONS

In the December number of *The Wisconsin Archeologist* there is an illustrated account of the *Indian Remains in Manitowoc County*, by Louis Falge.

The October-December number of *The Quarterly Publication of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio* is devoted to the annual report of the Society for the year ending December 6, 1915.

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin has published a bulletin of information describing and indicating the importance of the *Strong and Woodman Manuscript Collections in the Wisconsin State Historical Library*.

An address by C. J. Hexamer delivered at the unveiling of the General von Steuben Monument at Valley Forge in October, 1915; and a short article on *General Von Steuben and the New Lesson of German Militarism*, by M. D. Learned, may be found in the January-April number of the *German American Annals*.

An excellent article on *Lincoln and Missouri*, by Walter B. Stevens, is to be found in the January number of *The Missouri Historical Review*.

The *Annual Volume of the Onondaga Historical Association* for the year 1915 is taken up with a number of papers relative to *Onondaga's Part in the Civil War*, by Mrs. Sarah Sumner Teall.

The chief item, in addition to genealogical material, in *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* for January is a brief sketch of the career of the late *Charles Francis Adams*, by Worthington C. Ford.

The *Journal of Rev. Joshua Wingate Weeks, Loyalist Rector of St. Michael's Church, Marblehead, 1778-1779*, and the *Journal of a*

Journey from Salem to Philadelphia in 1755 are among the contents of the January number of the *Historical Collections of the Essex Institute*.

The March number of the *Records of the American Catholic Historical Society* contains, among other things, the concluding installment of the *Epistle or Diary of the Reverend Father Marie Joseph Durand*, translated from the French by Ella M. E. Flick.

Two articles in *The Medford Historical Register* for January are an account of *Lafayette's Visit to Medford*, by Eliza M. Gill; and an appreciation of *Reverend Henry C. De Long*, by George M. Butler.

Continuations of *Letters to General Greene and Others*, annotated by Joseph W. Barnwell; and the *Order Book of John Faucheraud Grimké* are printed in the October number of *The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine*.

The Michigan Historical Commission has published in pamphlet form the addresses delivered at the unveiling of a tablet commemorating the discovery and exploration of the Old Northwest by Jean Nicolet. The tablet was unveiled on Mackinac Island on July 12, 1915.

In the January number of the *Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society* may be found a five-page article by Joseph F. Folsom entitled *A Slave Indenture of Colonial Days in New Jersey*; and the concluding section of John L. Rankin's study of *Newark Town Government from 1666-1833*.

Nearly two hundred pages in volume fourteen of the *Proceedings and Collections of the Wyoming Historical and Genealogical Society* of Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, are devoted to the *Reminiscences of Hon. Charles Miner, 1780-1865*, by Charles Francis Richardson. Shorter contributions are: *Buried River Channels of the Northeastern States*, by James F. Kemp; *The Development of Interest in Historical Societies*, by Thomas Lynch Montgomery; and *The "Alfred F. Berlin" Collection of Indian Artifacts*, by Christopher Wren.

La Sépulture d'Etienne Brulé, by Jules Tremblay; *Les Conseillers au Conseil Souverain de la Nouvelle-France*, by Pierre-Georges Roy; *Elba, a Hundred Years After*, by George M. Wrong; and *Some Notes on the First Legislative Assembly of Ontario and its Speaker*, by W. S. Herrington, are among the contributions in the September number of the *Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada*.

The opening pages of the *Maryland Historical Magazine* for December are occupied by the *Journal of the Committee of Observation of the Middle District of Frederick County, Maryland*, from September 12, 1775, to October 24, 1776. Then follow continuations of *Extracts from the Carroll Papers* and of *Uria Brown's Journal*. Bernard C. Steiner is the author of an article on the *Disturbances Concerning the Delaware Boundary*.

James Wickes Taylor: A Biographical Sketch, by Theodore C. Blegen, occupies the *Minnesota History Bulletin* for December, aside from the usual space devoted to book reviews, notes, and comment. In the March number may be found an abstract of an address on *The Social Memory*, by George E. Vincent; a brief tribute to *Lloyd Barber*, by Charles C. Willson; and an interesting paper on the *Genesis of the Typewriter*, by William G. Le Duc.

The Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society for January opens with a brief tribute to *Colonel J. Stoddard Johnston, a Great Kentuckian, Who Was Distinguished as a Soldier, Scholar, Politician and Journalist*, by George Baber. Some *Boone Records* are compiled by J. D. Bryan and James Boone. *Burr and Blennerhassett at Chaumiere* is the title of a short article by Mrs. Alysonia Rennick Todd.

H. M. Wagstaff is the editor of *The Harris Letters* which occupy volume fourteen, number one, of *The James Sprunt Historical Publications* of the North Carolina Historical Society. Numbers one and two of volume fifteen are combined, being devoted to a monograph of over two hundred pages by J. G. de Roulhac Hamilton on *Party Politics in North Carolina, 1835-1860*, which unfortunately is without citations to sources other than a brief bibliography at the close.

The principle article in the *Indiana Magazine of History* for March is one by George R. Wilson on *The First Public Land Surveys in Indiana: Freeman's Lines*. The concluding installment of the study of *The Election of 1852*, by Dale Beeler; a sketch of the life of *Samuel Merrill, Indiana's Second State Treasurer*, from the papers of Catharine Merrill; and an article on the *Settlement of Worthington and Old Point Commerce*, by Robert Weems, are other contributions.

Wilbur H. Siebert is the author of an article on *The Loyalists in West Florida and the Natchez District* which is given first place in *The Mississippi Valley Historical Review* for March. Henry N. Sherwood writes on *Early Negro Deportation Projects*; there is a discussion of the *Pioneer Anti-slavery Press*, by Asa E. Martin; and Walter L. Fleming furnishes a valuable survey of *Recent Historical Activities in the Trans-Mississippi Southwest*. Three short documents concerning the consular service of the United States in Latin America are supplied with introduction and notes by William Spence Robertson.

The *Proceedings of the Sixteenth Annual Session of the State Literary and Historical Association of North Carolina*, compiled by R. D. W. Connor, have been published by the North Carolina Historical Commission. Among the addresses and papers contained in the volume are: *A Western View of Tradition*, by Franklin K. Lane; *Can Democracy be Organized?*, by Edwin A. Alderman; *Social and Economic Legislation in North Carolina During the Civil War*, by E. W. Sikes; *Union Sentiment in North Carolina During the Civil War*, by Mary Shannon Smith; and *The Southern Policy of Andrew Johnson*, by J. G. de Roulhac Hamilton.

Hampton L. Carson is the writer of a short biography of *Hon. James Tyndale Mitchell, LL. D.*, late Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and for nineteen years senior vice president of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, which appears in the January number of *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*. Following this there is *William Penn's Journal of his Second Visit to Ireland*, occupying about forty pages. *The State*

House Yard, and Who Owned it after William Penn, by Charles H. Browning; and *Selections from the Military Papers of Brig. Gen. William Irwine* are also of interest.

The July, 1915, number of the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society* opens with a thirty-page article on the *Life and Labors of Hon. Adlai Ewing Stevenson*, by John W. Cook. The story of *The Lincoln Life-Mask and How it was Made*, by Leonard W. Volk, is reprinted from *The Century Magazine* for 1881, and there are some comments and corrections by Henry B. Rankin. The same writer contributes an article entitled *The First American—Abraham Lincoln*. Other articles are: *The North-West Territory*, by Charles A. Kent; *The Mormon War in Hancock County*, by Herbert Spencer Salisbury; and *David B. Sears, Pioneer in the Development of the Water Power of the Mississippi River*, by David Sears. The last article has a special interest to students of Iowa history, since the activities of David B. Sears were partly carried on in the Iowa country.

A phase of Civil War history which has received too little attention, namely, the governmental and economic problems of the period especially from the southern viewpoint, is touched upon in an article on *Jefferson Davis and the Confederate Congress*, by Robert G. Cleland, which appears in the January number of *The Southwestern Historical Quarterly*. Along the same line is the second installment of L. R. Garrison's study of the *Administrative Problems of the Confederate Post Office Department*. Thomas Maitland Marshall is the writer of a paper on *St. Vrain's Expedition to the Gila in 1826*; Charles E. Chapman discusses the *Difficulties of Maintaining the Department of San Blas, 1775-1777*; William W. Groce presents a sketch of the life of *Major General John A. Wharton*; Eugene C. Barker contributes a letter furnishing *A Glimpse of the Texas Fur Trade in 1832*; and there is another section of *British Correspondence Concerning Texas*, edited by Ephraim Douglass Adams.

The January number of the *Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly* is given over to papers relating to various phases of the educational history of the Ohio Valley. The following eight papers

make up the contents: *The Higher Education of Women in the Ohio Valley Previous to 1840*, by Jane Sherzer; *European Influence on Early Western Education*, by Willis L. Gard; *Pioneer Schools and School Masters*, by D. C. Shilling; *The Rise of the Denominational College*, by Russell M. Storey; *Land Grants for Education in the Ohio Valley States*, by Clement L. Martzoff; *Samuel Lewis, Progressive Educator in the Early History of Ohio*, by Alston Ellis; *Colonel Dick Johnson's Choctaw Academy: A Forgotten Educational Experiment*, by Shelley D. Rouse; and *Secondary Education in Ohio Previous to the Year 1840*, by W. W. Boyd.

The Last Step in the Formation of a Provisional Government for Oregon in 1845 is the subject discussed by Robert Carlton Clark in *The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society* for December. *John Minto — A Tribute by One Who Loved Him* is written by John Gill. General interest attaches to a brief discussion of *Indian Words in Our Language*, by J. Neilson Barry. *Early Farming in Umatilla County*, by C. A. Barrett; *Captain Joseph R. Walker*, by James O'Meara; and the *Speech of Mr. Eli Thayer on the Admission of Oregon as a State*, are other contributions. The installment of the *Correspondence of the Rev. Ezra Fisher* here printed is especially rich in material concerning the early activities of the Baptist Church in Iowa, with frequent glimpses of general conditions in the Territory in 1844 and 1845. It also contains an account of the preparations for and the main part of the journey of Rev. Fisher from Rock Island to Oregon in the year 1845.

Asa Earl Martin is the writer of an article on *The Anti-Slavery Societies of Tennessee* which is given first place in the December number of the *Tennessee Historical Magazine*. Albert V. Goodpasture presents a brief sketch of the life of *Dr. James White, Pioneer, Politician, Lawyer*; and there is a discussion of *The Development of the Tennessee Constitution*, by Wallace McClure. Under the heading of "Documents" may be found *The Reminiscences of Elleanore (Callaghan) Ratterman*, telling of William Walker's invasion of Nicaragua, and some *Walker-Heisa Papers*, containing additional material concerning the famous filibuster's career in Nicaragua, all of which are edited by William O. Scroggs. Articles

which appear in the March number are *The Public School System of Tennessee, 1834-1860*, by A. P. Whitaker; and *The Topographical Beginnings of Nashville*, by Park Marshall; while St. George L. Sioussat provides introduction and notes for the *Diaries of S. H. Laughlin, of Tennessee, 1840, 1843*.

The American Historical Review for January opens with the presidential address by H. Morse Stephens on *Nationality and History*, read before the American Historical Association at its annual meeting in Washington, D. C., in December, 1915. The first installment of a monograph on *The True Roger Bacon* is written by Lynn Thorndyke. *The Colonial Post-office* is the subject of an interesting article by William Smith. Two other papers are: *American Cotton Trade with Liverpool Under the Embargo and Non-intercourse Acts*, by G. W. Daniels; and *The Governor-General of the Philippines Under Spain and the United States*, by David P. Barrows. Among the "Notes and Suggestions" is a note by C. O. Paullin on the electoral vote for John Quincy Adams in 1820. Under the heading of "Documents" are some letters relative to *The Origin of the Regulation in North Carolina*, with introduction and notes by Archibald Henderson. There is also a list of the doctoral dissertations in history in progress at the chief American universities in December, 1915.

A Critical Discussion of the Site of Camp Washington, by M. Orion Monroe, which appears in the January number of *The Washington Historical Quarterly*, would seem to indicate that a tablet supposed to mark the site where Isaac I. Stevens and George B. McClellan and their surveying parties camped late in October, 1853, which was erected several years ago was placed on the wrong spot. *Marine Disasters of the Alaska Route* are discussed by C. L. Andrews, and there are valuable lists of the ships lost or damaged since 1848. John Edwin Ayer is the writer of a short sketch of the life of *George Bush, the Voyageur*, who was born in about 1791 in what is now Missouri and was for a time engaged in the fur trade on the Upper Missouri. Victor J. Farrar furnishes the annual survey of the activities of the *Pioneer and Historical Societies of the State of Washington*. In a list of *The Pioneer Dead of 1915*, compiled by

Edith G. Prosch, are the names of several persons who emigrated from Iowa to the Pacific Coast before 1860. There is a continuation of the *Journal of Occurrences at Nisqually House, 1833*, edited by Clarence B. Bagley.

A short biography of *Josephus Nelson Larned*, by John B. Olmsted, in volume nineteen of the *Publications of the Buffalo Historical Society*, is followed by some selected papers and addresses by Mr. Larned on various subjects in the fields of history, education, political science, and sociology, together with a chronological list of his writings. A tribute to *Henry A. Richmond* is written by Henry R. Howland. Then come three reminiscent articles concerning early newspapers in Buffalo, and a bibliography, which is surprisingly long, of *The Periodical Press of Buffalo, 1811-1915*, compiled by Frank H. Severance. There are also portraits of a number of pioneer printers and representative editors and publishers of early Buffalo. Finally, the volume contains some interesting editorial notes by Frank H. Severance, and the proceedings of the annual meeting of the Buffalo Historical Society in January, 1915.

Volume forty-eight of the *Proceedings* of the Massachusetts Historical Society contains, among others, the following papers and documentary contributions: *Again "The Tissue of History"*, by Charles Francis Adams; some hitherto unpublished instructions and despatches of the British Ghent Commission, contributed by Worthington C. Ford; *The British Proclamation of May, 1861*, by Charles Francis Adams; *Development of the Popular Churches After the Revolution*, by John Spencer Bassett; *General Garfield at Chickamauga*, by Theodore C. Smith; *Fiction as Historical Material*, by Gamaliel Bradford; some documents relative to *The Massachusetts Embassy to Washington, 1815*, by Samuel E. Morison; a number of tributes to the late Charles Francis Adams; *Extracts from the Diary of Benjamin Moran, 1860-1868*, by Worthington C. Ford; and *An Episode of the War of 1812*, by Thomas F. Waters.

ACTIVITIES

Mr. Hiram Heaton of Glendale, Secretary of the Jefferson County Historical Society, is the subject of a sketch in *The Fairfield Tribune* for March 24, 1916.

The ninth annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association will be held at Nashville, Tennessee, on April 27-29, 1916.

At the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Historical Society held on January 13, 1916, Dr. Henry Van Dyke was reëlected president for the ensuing year.

The Indiana Historical Commission has plans well under way for the celebration later this year of the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of Indiana into the Union.

During October there was effected a consolidation of the Tennessee Historical Society and the Tennessee Woman's Historical Society.

At the seventeenth annual meeting of the Oregon Historical Society held at Portland on December 18, 1915, the principal address was one by O. B. Sperlin, on *The Indians of the Northwest as Revealed in the Journals of the Earliest Fur Traders and Explorers*.

The Department of Historical Research in the Carnegie Institution of Washington announces that Miss Elizabeth Donnan has begun the compilation of a volume of original materials relating to the early history of the slave trade.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the State Historical Society of Missouri was held in the rooms of the Society in the new University library building at Columbia on December 10, 1915. The membership of the Society now numbers over one thousand and the total number of titles in the library is approximately 44,000. A committee has been appointed to begin the making of plans for the proper celebration of the centennial of the admission of Missouri into the Union.

The Webster County Historical Society, of which Mr. H. M. Pratt is Curator, is making a special effort to collect papers, letters, manuscripts, photographs, and other material bearing upon the history of Webster County and of Iowa in general. A large display cabinet has been placed in the city library at Fort Dodge for the

purpose of preserving relics of various kinds where they may be seen by visitors. Among the possessions of the Society is a fine collection of Indian relics donated by Mrs. George W. Marsh.

In the *Bedford Times-Republican* for January 20, 1916, there was an editorial strongly urging the formation of an historical society in Taylor County, and the collection and preservation of the records and other materials relating to the history of the county.

The principal topic of discussion at the meeting of the Jefferson County Historical Society on March 1st was the plan, thus far unsuccessful, to secure funds for the erection of a monument on the site in Fairfield where the first State Fair was held in Iowa. Some attention was also given to the proposed union of the various associations of an historical character in Jefferson County. The election of officers resulted in the choice of those who served during the past year. Before the meeting closed Professor P. C. Hildreth of Parsons College, a member of The State Historical Society of Iowa, delivered an address.

The Historical Department of Iowa at Des Moines has received substantial additions to the collection of materials donated several years ago by the late Grenville M. Dodge. Included in this collection are a large number of war relics. Another recent accession is the collection of Civil War papers and relics belonging to Captain V. P. Twombly. Miss Ida M. Huntington, Assistant Curator of the Department, and Miss Lavinia Steele of the State Library, have compiled a list of Iowans who have become known for their accomplishments in the field of art. This list was published in *The Register and Leader* of March 12, 1916.

The Minnesota Historical Society held its annual meeting on the evening of January 10, 1916, at which time President George E. Vincent of the University of Minnesota delivered an address on *The Social Memory*. Resolutions were adopted urging the members of the Minnesota delegation in Congress to support the movement for a national archives building at Washington, D. C. The membership list of the Society at that time contained four hundred and thirty-five names. The total number of accessions in the library reached

nearly seventy-nine thousand, an increase of about two and a quarter thousands during 1915, and it is estimated that there is sufficient unaccessioned material, mostly pamphlets, in the library to bring the number up to one hundred and twenty thousand. Mr. Warren Upham, now archaeologist for the Society, is compiling a work on *Minnesota Geographic Names*.

At the meeting of the Allamakee County Historical and Archaeological Society on January 11, 1916, there was some discussion of the question of preserving the government survey post on the State line at New Albin. An article by A. M. May on *Allamakee County a Vast Beauty Spot* was approved for publication. Mr. Ellison Orr read a paper on *The New Albin Inscribed Tablet*. On March 15th the Society held its first annual meeting, at which time the persons chosen as officers on the occasion of the organization of the Society on November 30, 1915, were reelected to serve for the ensuing year. Progress was reported in the matter of the boundary line post at New Albin and the prospect is that the sum of one hundred dollars appropriated by the General Assembly for the purpose of its preservation will soon be applied to the use for which it was intended.

PAGE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In the January number of THE IOWA JOURNAL OF HISTORY AND POLITICS attention was called to the fact that a movement was on foot to organize a county historical society in Page County. That movement has been successful. The Page County Historical Society has been organized, with twenty-five charter members, and a constitution and by-laws have been adopted. In the words of the constitution, the society is organized "for the purpose of collecting and preserving books, papers and records, writings and relics, legal, military and other materials, relating to the history of Page County, Iowa, but may include such material as is illustrative of the history of the State and nation; and the publication of such historical and biographical matter as the society may authorize." The membership fee is fifty cents and the annual dues are fifty cents. The headquarters of the Society will be at Clarinda.

A Board of Directors, of which Mr. A. F. Galloway is chairman,

has been selected to manage the affairs of the Society until the first election of officers which will occur on May 8th. A special program is being planned for that time and a campaign for members has been launched.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

Owing to the death of her father, Miss Eliza L. Johnson, who since 1905 has had charge of the library of the Society, has upon her own request been relieved of her work; and Miss Ruth A. Gallaher has been placed in charge of the library.

The Society is in receipt of a handsome medallion commemorative of the three hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Dutch settlement on Manhattan Island in 1613, and of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Board of Aldermen in 1665. The medallion was presented by the Holland Society of New York.

Volumes three and four of Dr. Clarence Ray Aurner's *History of Education in Iowa* have been distributed to members. Volume three is devoted to secondary education, including academies, private normal schools, business colleges, and especially the history of the public high school in Iowa. Volume four contains general historical accounts of the State University of Iowa, the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, and the State Teachers' College.

By action of the Board of Curators, Library Membership in The State Historical Society of Iowa was abolished from and after January 1, 1916, and in lieu thereof certain public and college libraries within the State together with a limited list of libraries and institutions outside the State were designated as official depositories for the publications of the Society. The list of depositories within the State includes 153 public and college libraries, while the depositories outside the State number about sixty. These official depositories will receive all of the publications of the Society as issued without the payment of any fee or dues whatsoever. In this way The State Historical Society of Iowa will continue to make its publi-

cations accessible to the greatest possible number of persons interested in the history of Iowa.

Captain A. L. Conger of the Military Service Schools at Fort Leavenworth was the speaker at a conference-seminar held in the rooms of the Society on February 14th, his subject being "The Importance of the Study of Military History". One week later Professor William E. Dodd of the University of Chicago addressed a seminar on "The Southern Background of the Declaration of Independence". Both of these seminars were arranged by Dr. Louis Pelzer, Assistant Professor of American History in the State University of Iowa.

The State Historical Society of Iowa is coöperating with the historical agencies in the States of Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, and the Historical Department of Iowa at Des Moines, in an enterprise which promises to be productive of much benefit to students of the history of this region. Under the joint patronage of these societies and departments, Dr. N. D. Mereness is preparing a calendar of the many papers in the archives of the Department of State at Washington which relate to the early history of these six States. A copy of this calendar will be secured by each one of the coöperating agencies and arrangements have been made whereby photostatic copies of any of the material listed in this calendar may be secured for the collections of the societies participating in the plan. In this way much valuable material hitherto virtually inaccessible to the research student will be made available at a comparatively small expense of labor and money.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. A. W. Brown, Davenport, Iowa; Dr. W. W. Carson, Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. J. C. Collier, Dubuque, Iowa; Miss Edith Eicher, Jefferson, Iowa; Miss Nellie E. Gardner, New Hampton, Iowa; Mrs. Ruth Irish Preston, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. C. H. Northup, Ollie, Iowa; Mr. Geo. E. Allen, Onawa, Iowa; Mr. Lewis H. Andrews, Clearfield, Iowa; Mr. Martin Ausland, Emmetsburg, Iowa; Mr. G. G. Benjamin, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. R. H. Croft, Winterset, Iowa; Mr. Chas. E. Davis, Tama, Iowa; Mr. C. E. Dean,

Glenwood, Iowa; Mr. J. S. Dewell, Missouri Valley, Iowa; Mr. L. F. Heiden, Garrison, Iowa; Miss Daisy Hixson, Winfield, Iowa; Mr. F. C. Huber, Larrabee, Iowa; Mr. J. Sidney Johnson, Marshalltown, Iowa; Miss Joanna Kyle, Washington, Iowa; Mr. J. Dee London, College Springs, Iowa; Mr. Wm. T. Rigby, Vicksburg, Mississippi; Mr. L. M. Swindler, Yale, Iowa; Mr. Edwin H. Talbott, Brooklyn, Iowa; Mr. O. L. von Krog, Emmetsburg, Iowa; and Mr. Frank L. Wilson, Mechanicsville, Iowa.