# SOME PUBLICATIONS

The Life of George Augustus Gates. By Isabel Smith Gates. Boston: The Pilgrim Press. 1915. Pp. xii, 78. Portraits. This little volume will receive a warm welcome from hundreds of the former students and associates of President Gates in the three educational institutions over which he presided. His longest period of service was at Grinnell College, from 1887 to 1900, and it was here that in many respects his greatest work was done. From 1901 to 1909 he was president of Pomona College in California; and from 1909 to 1912 he was at the head of Fisk University in Tennessee. He died in 1912 as the result of a railway accident.

The book opens with a tribute to President Gates, written by Professor Jesse Macy of Grinnell College, who says that "Dr. Gates' utter, self-forgetting devotion to his high calling as preacher of righteousness and herald of the truth — all the truth that had been revealed to him — shows us the dominant note in his life and character." Mrs. Gates then relates in a clear and simple manner the main features of her husband's career as an educator. The chapter on life at Grinnell College is a valuable contribution to the history of education in Iowa, where President Gates exerted a wide and wholesome influence.

The Iowa State Federation of Labor. By Lorin Stuckey, Ph. D. (Studies in the Social Sciences, University of Iowa, Vol. IV, No. 3.) Iowa City: The State University of Iowa. 1916. Pp. 147. Map. This monograph, in a sense, breaks new ground for, as the author states in the preface, "the State has rarely been taken as the unit for the scientific study of the labor movement in America." Moreover, the author has had access to and has made use of original source materials which have enabled him to present an intimate study of the history, purposes, and accomplishments of the Iowa State Federation of Labor.

In an introduction Dr. Stuckey briefly surveys the history of the Knights of Labor, an organization which in Iowa as in the country at large exerted considerable influence in politics during the eighties; and discusses the main features of the history of trade unionism in Iowa down to 1893. Chapter one contains a narrative history of the State Federation of Labor, including its origin, growth, and leaders, among whom may be mentioned Mr. A. E. Holder, Mr. A. L. Urick, and Mr. J. H. Strief. In chapter two may be found a digest of the most important features of the annual convention of the Federation from 1893 to 1914, wherein are clearly reflected the changing methods, policies, and purposes of the organization. The third chapter deals with the structure and government of the Federation under such topics as membership, finances, the officers and their powers, the initiative and referendum, and the relation of the Federation to its constituent elements.

Chapter four treats of the policies of the Federation, both as regards its own internal organization and methods and its attitude toward such problems as convict labor, industrial education, the liquor question, immigration, woman suffrage, and socialism. "Many of the principles advocated by the Federation are now matters of public policy," says Dr. Stuckey in the closing paragraph of this chapter, "and its general attitude of careful, judicious and progressive activity has placed it in the forefront of history-making institutions in the State of Iowa." The fifth chapter reveals the fact that the Federation was an important factor in securing the enactment of the compulsory education, child labor, and workmen's compensation laws, as well as exercising much influence in favor of other legislation in the interests of labor. Special attention should be called to a map of Iowa showing the location of the various labor unions in this State. An appendix contains the constitution of the Iowa State Federation of Labor; and following this there appear the notes and references to the source materials on which the study is based, as well as a classified bibliography, and an index.

Dr. Stuckey has produced a thorough piece of work, which should stimulate investigators to researches into various other phases of the labor movement in this and other Commonwealths.

Recollections of a Long Life, 1829–1915. By Isaac Stephenson. Chicago: Privately printed. 1915. Pp. 264. Portraits, plates. Mr. Stephenson writes truly when he states in his preface that there "are few men living who have had so varied, certainly so long, a career". Students of Mississippi Valley history will be grateful to him for thus leaving a record of his experiences. Accounts of this kind are all too scarce: they present pictures of the life of the people such as are not to be found elsewhere.

Isaac Stephenson was born in 1829 in New Brunswick. There and in Maine his youth was spent in the environment of the great lumber industry of that period. He came to Wisconsin in 1845 and landed at Milwaukee, then little more than a frontier village. In the years that followed he witnessed the growth of "the early settlements along Green Bay and the northern peninsula of Michigan struggling for foothold on the verge of what seemed to be almost illimitable forests", and he worked with the pioneers of that region "exploring the forests, in the logging camps, on the rivers and at the mills, and sailed with them on Lake Michigan as seaman, mate, and master." Not only does Mr. Stephenson write of his busy life as a lumberman, shipper, banker, and of his interest and participation in other lines of business, but he also tells of his political career in Wisconsin, which State, as is well known, he has represented in both houses of Congress. Especially interesting in this connection is his account of his relations with Senator La Follette.

The book is well printed and bound. Unfortunately there is no index — a lack which is particularly to be deplored in a volume which contains so many references to incidents in the careers of persons with whom the author was connected or acquainted.

The National Municipal League has prepared and published a pamphlet entitled A Model City Charter and Municipal Home Rule.

Volume one, number one of the Journal of the National Institute of Social Sciences has appeared. Among the many papers which it contains may be mentioned an Economic and Political Summary of the Generation Just Closing, by William H. Taft.

Fort Duquesne and Fort Pitt is the title of a neat booklet published by the Daughters of the American Revolution of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Sylvanus Griswold Morley is the author of An Introduction to the Study of the Maya Hieroglyphs, which appears as Bulletin 57 of the Bureau of American Ethnology.

The Annual Magazine Subject-Index 1915, edited by Frederick W. Faxon and published by the Boston Book Company, contains among other things references to the materials in the periodical publications of the various historical societies in the United States for the year indicated.

Bulletin 62 published by the Bureau of American Ethnology consists of a study of the Physical Anthropology of the Lenape or Delawares, and of the Eastern Indians in General, by Ales Hrdlicka.

Margaret B. Stillwell is the compiler of a Checklist of Eulogies and Funeral Orations on the Death of George Washington, which appears in the May number of the Bulletin of the New York Public Library.

The Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society, volume fifty-five, number four, contains a Symposium in International Law: Its Origin, Obligation and Future, the participants being John Bassett Moore, Charlemagne Tower, George Grafton Wilson, Philip Marshall Brown, and David Jayne Hill.

In the Journal of the United States Cavalry Association for April there is a brief article on The Beginning of the American Cavalry, by C. D. Rhodes.

In the April number of The South Atlantic Quarterly there may be found, among others, the following contributions: Recent Educational Progress, by Clyde Furst; another installment of Letters of a Virginia Cadet at West Point, 1859–1861, edited by Kate Mason Rowland; a continuation of the study of Reconstruction and Education in Virginia, by Edgar W. Knight; and National Safety of the United States, Past and Future, by George M. Dutcher.

The April number of the Smith College Studies in History contains the concluding chapters of Laura J. Webster's study of The Operation of the Freedmen's Bureau in South Carolina.

A Statute for Promoting Fraud, by Francis M. Burdick; The Sheriff's Return, by Edson R. Sunderland; and the second part of a study of The Doctrine of an Inherent Right of Local Self-Government, by Howard Lee McBain, are articles in the April number of the Columbia Law Review.

Among the articles in *The Yale Review* for April are the following: *President Wilson's Administration*, by Moorfield Storey; *The War and American Democracy*, by Wilbur C. Abbott; *Charles Sumner*, by Gamaliel Bradford; *The Federal Valuation of Railroads*, by Morrell W. Gaines; and *Emerson and his Journals*, by Henry A. Beers.

The Problem of Unemployment Today, by W. M. Leiserson; Single-Tax Movement in Oregon, by James H. Gilbert; Land Tenure Reform and Democracy, by George E. Putnam; The Presidential Primary in Oregon, by James D. Barnett; and Effects of Woman's Suffrage on the Political Situation in the City of Chicago, by Fred W. Eckert, are among the articles in the March number of the Political Science Quarterly.

Among the contributions in The Quarterly Journal of Economics for May are the following: Minimum Wages for Women, by F. W. Taussig; and The Extent of Labor Organization in the United States in 1910, by Leo Wolman, the latter article being supplemented by an appendix containing some statistics of labor organizations in the year indicated.

The following articles are among those published in The History Teacher's Magazine for April: Changing Conceptions in History, by Dana C. Munro; The Civic View of Teaching History, by George W. Eddy; Mutual Opinions of North and South 1851–1854, contributed by Albert H. Sanford; and How to Teach the History of the West in American History, by Howard W. Caldwell. In the May number Ida Carleton Thallon suggests Some Relations between

Archaeology and History; and Isaac J. Cox discusses The European Background for the High School Course in American History. Frank Heywood Hodder writes on The Purchase of Louisiana in the June number.

Beginning with last January the magazine known as Americana is issued quarterly instead of monthly. Among the articles in the January number are: The Example of Washington in New Jersey in the Revolution as a Living Force in our National Life To-day, by Josiah C. Pumpelly; and Tavern Amusements in Eighteenth Century America, by Ruth E. Painter. The following are among the contributions in the April number: Cato's Tavern, by Hopper Striker Mott; The Burr-Hamilton Duel, by William W. Brewton; and The Beaver as a Factor in the Development of New England, by H. L. Babcock.

An interesting book in the series known as The American Books, published by Doubleday, Page and Company and sold at sixty cents a volume, is one by Charles A. Eastman (Ohiyesa), entitled The Indian To-day: The Past and Future of the First American. The high reputation of the author will in itself insure the book a careful reading by all those interested in the American Indian and his problem. The reader can scarcely fail to be impressed with the thorough knowledge, as well as the sanity and broad-mindedness, which Dr. Eastman reveals in this very readable little book. The eleven chapters, all brief and to the point, deal with the Indian as he was, the how and why of Indian wars, the agency system, the new Indian policy, the Indian in school, the Indian at home, the Indian as a citizen, the Indian in college and the professions, the Indian's health problem, native arts and industries, and the Indian's gifts to the nation.

The Military Historian and Economist for April opens with the first installment of a discussion of Lieutenant-General Grant's Campaign of 1864-65, by Willey Howell, who points out the fact that "General Grant's mind was working along the lines of economic strategy—that special strategical view-point which regards the hostile people and their resources as the real enemy and the hostile

armies as mere obstacles in the way of attacking the resources." The article is accompanied by a large map — a copy of the one used by General Grant. There are also several articles dealing with different aspects of the present war in Europe.

The May number of The American Political Science Review is issued in three parts. Part one contains the usual number of articles and the customary notes and bibliographical data. Among the articles are the following: Nationalism in the British Empire, by A. Maurice Low; Judicial Determinations by Administrative Commissions, by Charles W. Needham; "Government Contests" Before the Administrative Tribunals of the Land Department, by Philip P. Wells; The Land Department as an Administrative Tribunal, by Charles R. Pierce; and Standardization of Salaries and Grades in Civil Service, by Robert Moses. The Legislative Notes and Reviews, conducted by John A. Lapp, deal with the initiative and referendum in 1915, administration and supervision of State charities and corrections, mechanical registration of legislative votes, the secret ballot in Argentine, and the city-manager plan. Part two contains the general report of the committee on academic freedom and academic tenure; while in part three may be found a list of the members of the American Political Science Association.

Rural Economy in New England at the Beginning of the Nineteenth Century is the subject of an interesting study by Percy Wells Bidwell, which was published in April in the Transactions of the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences. The inland towns and their village settlements, the coast and river towns, commercial relations of southern New England with the southern States and the West Indies, internal trade and the transportation system, the agricultural industry, and home and community life in the inland town are the phases of the subject discussed in the various chapters.

Beginning with the January-March number, The Journal of American History appears as the official organ of the recently organized National Historical Society, of which Mr. Frank Allaben is the president and editor-in-chief. The articles of incorporation of the Society may be found in the opening pages. The editor also

discusses The National Historical Society and the Splendid Memorial Building to be Erected in Honor of the First President of the United States by the George Washington Memorial Association. There is a lengthy, illustrated article by Henry H. Humphreys on Who Built the First United States Navy? The remainder of the Journal is taken up with lists of the founders of the National Historical Society, and of the members of and contributors to the George Washington Memorial Association, among whom are many Iowans.

Beginning with the January-March number the periodical formerly known as The Quarterly Journal of the Society of American Indians appears under a somewhat more popular name: The American Indian Magazine. Among the contents may be mentioned a discussion of The Functions of the Society of American Indians, by the editor, Arthur C. Parker; The American Indian as a Warrior, by Gawasa Wanneh; The Indian, the Country and the Government: A Plea for an Efficient Indian Service, by Arthur C. Parker; and The Remnants of the Powhatan Tribe, by Philip B. Gordon. A supplement to this number consists of a fine-spirited proclamation of Sherman Coolidge, president of the Society of American Indians, designating the second Saturday in May of each year as "American Indian Day", and calling upon "every person of American Indian ancestry to specially observe this day as one set apart as a memorial to the Red Race of America and to a wise consideration of its future."

Public Administration and Partisan Politics is the general topic of discussion in the March number of The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. The various papers, written by George Haven Putnam, Chester Lloyd Jones, John A. Dunaway, Richard S. Childs, John A. Lapp, Simon N. Patten, Charles A. Beard, and others, are grouped into three parts devoted to the cost of partisan politics in the work of government, movements to free public administration from partisan politics, and public policies in a responsible government. A supplement to this number of the Annals contains an index to that publication since 1890. The May number is devoted to Personnel and Employment Problems.

The place of the human element in industrial management; the functionalized employment department; unnecessary hiring and firing of employes; the securing, selection and assigning of employes; and the employe at work are the topics under which the subject is discussed. A supplement to this number contains a study of the methods of *Steadying Employment*, by Joseph H. Willits.

Series thirty-four, number two of the Johns Hopkins University Studies in Historical and Political Science contains a monograph by Lindsay Rogers on The Postal Power of Congress: A Study in Constitutional Expansion. The seven chapters deal with the antecedents of the power, the power of Congress to establish postoffices, the power of Congress to establish postroads, limitations on the postal power, the power of the States to interfere with the mails, the extension of federal control over postroads, and the extension of federal control through exclusion from the mails.

A discussion of Professional Standards and Professional Ethics in the New Profession of City Manager, with Richard S. Childs as the leader, appears in the opening pages of the National Municipal Review for April. Other long articles are: Mayor Baker's Administration in Cleveland, by C. C. Arbuthnot; The Progress of Municipal Home Rule in Ohio, by Mayo Fesler; and Proportional Representation: A Fundamental or a Fad?, by Herman G. James. Among the shorter articles may be mentioned: What is Civic Education?, by Edward A. Fitzpatrick; Civics: The Art of Citizenship, by E. Mabel Skinner; Educating the Rural Legislator, by William C. Culkins; and Growth of Urban Population in the United States as Compared with Other Lands, by Murray Gross.

#### WESTERN AMERICANA

Davy Crockett is a book by W. C. Sprague, published by the Macmillan Company in its series of True Stories of Great Americans.

The March number of the Bulletin of the Indiana State Library contains brief biographical data concerning The Governors of Indiana, prepared by Harlow Lindley.

Dr. F. H. Garver is the writer of two articles on *Historical Sites* of *Montana* which appeared in the February and April numbers of *The Inter-Mountain Educator*.

Volume nine of the Publications of the American Ethnological Society contains a number of Kickapoo Tales, collected by William Jones and translated by Truman Michelson.

Fred L. Holmes is the author of a volume on the Regulation of Railroads and Public Utilities in Wisconsin which has been brought out by D. Appleton and Company.

The Board of State Charities of Indiana has issued an illustrated volume of about one hundred pages by Amos W. Butler entitled A Century of Progress: A Study of the Development of Public Charities and Correction, 1790-1915.

R. D. O'Leary is the writer of a tribute to Professor George Edward Patrick which is printed in The Graduate Magazine of the University of Kansas for May. Lucius E. Sayre contributes a brief review of Thirty Years of Changes. In the June number there is an address on The Mississippi Valley and Civilization, by Stuart Henry.

The Indiana State Board of Forestry has published an Arbor and Bird Day Manual, compiled by E. A. Gladden, in which special attention is paid to the Indiana centennial which is being celebrated this year.

Of special interest in the Fifth Annual Report of the Board of Curators of the Louisiana State Museum is the summary of the progress made by the Department of Louisiana History and Archives during the past year.

Special Libraries for June contains a bibliography of Direct Labor Versus Contract System in Municipal Work, compiled by Harry A. Rider.

Volume nine, number three of the Nebraska Academy of Sciences Publications is devoted to Folk-Songs of Nebraska and the Central West: a Syllabus, by Louise Pond.

Edward A. Fitzpatrick is the editor of a new periodical called *The Public Servant*, which is issued monthly, except in July and August, at Madison, Wisconsin, as the official organ of the Society for the Promotion of Training for Public Service.

Albert Ernest Jenks is the author of *Indian-White Amalgama-tion: An Anthropometric Study*, which constitutes number six of the *Studies in the Social Sciences* published by the University of Minnesota.

Two recent numbers of the University of California Publications in American Archaeology and Ethnology consist of a monograph on The Delineation of the Day-signs in the Aztec Manuscripts, by T. T. Waterman; and a briefer study of California Place Names of Indian Origin, by A. L. Kroeber.

The Need of a Constitutional Convention in Minnesota is pointed out by William A. Schaper in the April number of Minnesota Municipalities.

Among the many publications called forth by the centennial anniversary which is being celebrated this summer in all parts of Indiana is An Invitation to You and your Folks from Jim and some More of the Home Folks, compiled by George Ade for the Indiana Historical Commission and published by the Bobbs-Merrill Company.

The January number of *The Ohio Bulletin of Charities and Correction* is devoted entirely to a compendium of the laws of Ohio relating to benevolent and correctional institutions, boards and officers, and to kindred subjects.

Old Santa Fe for April opens with another installment of Charles Wilson Hackett's study of Otermin's Attempt to Reconquer New Mexico, 1681-1682. Other contributions are: The Story of the Santa Rita Copper Mine, by John M. Sully; and The Proposed "National Park of the Cliff Cities", by Edgar L. Hewett.

A brief sketch of the unique career of Johnny Appleseed: A Pioneer Orchardist has been written and published in pamphlet form

by E. R. Smith, president of the Indiana Apple Show Commission. "Johnny Appleseed brought us the apple tree", says the writer, "and taught our forefathers how to grow and develop it. The retelling of the story of his work is a simple tribute to his memory, the placing of a flower on his grave, as it were, by those who are now trying to extend the work he began a hundred years ago."

Volume five, number one of the University of Illinois Studies in the Social Sciences, published in March, consists of a monograph on The Enforcement of International Law Through Municipal Law in the United States, by Philip Quincy Wright. The work is divided into four parts, devoted to obligations in time of peace, obligations as a neutral toward belligerents, obligations as a belligerent toward neutrals, and obligations as a belligerent toward enemies.

An excellent address on The Library and the Modern University, by Jay William Judson, appears in The University of Missouri Bulletin for May. The importance of the historical viewpoint is one of the ideas emphasized in the address. "Let us hope", says Dr. Judson, "that the new and widespread study of the great problems thru their geneses will mean a new historic consciousness which will give us that logic of history fundamentally required by democracy's tasks."

The Commonwealth Review of the University of Oregon, edited by F. G. Young, is a new and promising periodical which made its appearance in January. Among the articles in this number are the following: A Proposed School of Commonwealth Service, by Edwin Clyde Robbins; The Reorganization of the State Administration of Oregon, by James D. Barnett; Reorganization of County Administration for Economy and Efficiency, by Rufus C. Holman; and Salient Principles of a Modern City Charter, by Benjamin C. Sheldon.

Inefficiency of Municipal Ownership, by W. J. Grambs; Efficiency of Municipal Ownership, by J. D. Ross; Public Ownership and Operation of Water and Rail Terminal Facilities, by Robert Bridges; and Work of a Public Utilities Department, by A. L. Valentine, are articles in the April number of Washington Municipali-

ties, published at Seattle by the University of Washington Extension Division.

An important source for the early history of the Southwest has been made generally accessible by the private publication in Chicago recently of The Memorial of Fray Alonso de Benavides 1630, translated by Mrs. Edward E. Ayer and annotated by Frederick W. Hodge and Charles F. Lummis. This memorial was first printed in 1630 and one of the few original copies in existence is in the private library of Mr. Erward E. Ayer of Chicago. "Benavides was an eye-witness and a part of the history-making era he records", says Mr. Lummis in an introduction. "He was an honest chronicler, though an enthusiastic one — a religious promoter, as it were." In addition to the translation the volume contains a facsimile reproduction of the Spanish text of the memorial. The book is beautifully illustrated and is a handsome product of the printer's art.

Published in November, 1915, in the University of Illinois Studies in the Social Sciences is a monograph on the History of the Illinois Central Railroad to 1870, by Howard Gray Brownson. The seven chapters deal with Illinois in 1850, the land grant and charter, the construction of the charter lines, construction and development from 1857 to 1870, traffic from 1857 to 1870, finances of construction and operation from 1851 to 1870, and conclusion. While primarily concerned with Illinois, this work is also a contribution to Iowa history, and no one interested in the early railroads in this State can afford to overlook it.

George Bird Grinnell is the author of a volume of over four hundred pages on *The Fighting Cheyennes*, which has been published by Charles Scribner's Sons. One feature of the book which is especially noteworthy is the fact that the author's long and intimate acquaintance with the Cheyennes enabled him to write from their point of view. Thus he has corrected many of the errors and misrepresentations which have appeared in the accounts written by white men who were as a rule their enemies. At the same time, Mr. Grinnell has written without partisanship. Some idea of the contents of the book may be gained from the following partial list of the topics discussed in the thirty-one chapters: the Cheyennes, the

ways of warriors, a Crow battle, wars with the Kiowas and Comanches, the peace with the Kiowas, wars with the Pawnees, the Sumner campaign of 1857, gold in Colorado, the Sand Creek massacre, the Powder River expedition, Fort Phil Kearny, the Medicine Lodge treaty, the battle of the Washita, the fight at Adobe Walls, the Custer battle, the Fort Robinson outbreak, and scouting for the soldiers. There are several maps, frequent footnotes and references to sources, and an index.

#### IOWANA

J. W. Jarnagin contributes a brief but interesting sketch of Threshing Grain in the Olden Time to The Iowa Farmer for June 15th.

In the May number of The Iowa Alumnus there is an Historical Sketch of Dentistry at Iowa.

The Cornell College Bulletin published in December, 1915, contains the addresses at The Inauguration of President Flint on November 19, 1915, among which may be mentioned one on The College of the Pioneer, by Thomas H. Macbride.

The Bulletin of the Iowa State Board of Health, edited by Guilford H. Sumner, is a new quarterly publication which recently made its appearance.

A brief sketch of the life of the late John F. Lacey appears in The Alumnus of Iowa State College for April. The May number contains an article entitled Carrie Chapman Catt — Convocation Speaker; and a biographical sketch of Prof. Geo. E. Patrick.

The New Nationalism is the subject of an address by J. Edward Kirbye, which is printed in the April number of The Old Continental.

The Financial Growth of Waterloo is the subject of the opening article in The Northwestern Banker for June. There is a sketch of the history of the South Dakota Bankers' Association, and Leroy M. Gibbs discusses the Growth and Development of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The Diamond Jubilee of St. Joseph's Church, Fort Madison, Iowa, 1840–1915, is the title of a book of about one hundred and fifty pages, by Arthur J. Zaiser, which is a valuable contribution to the early church history of Lee County and southeastern Iowa.

A series of articles on Masonic High Lights of the Struggle for Mexican Independence, by John L. McLeish, is published in The American Freemason for April, May, and June.

Chapter two of Lula M. Sandy's article on *Immigration* is to be found in the April number of *Autumn Leaves*. In May there is an account of a *Visit to the Birthplace of Joseph Smith*, the Martyr, by C. B. Keck. The Mountain of the Arrow-head is described in the June number. In all three issues there are chapters of Leaves from Church History.

Volume five, number one of the Studies in the Social Sciences, published by the State University of Iowa, consists of a monograph on Some Aspects of British Rule in India, by Sudhindra Bose. While the author is "fully aware and duly appreciative of the many solid advantages of English rule", his point of view in this monograph is expressed in the statement that he has considered it "important just now to point out certain evils and suggest constructive reforms."

The April number of the Journal of History published at Lamoni, Iowa, is filled with interesting material. Among the contents are the following contributions: A Visit to Adam-ondi-Ahman, by Heman C. Smith; Reminiscences of Missouri, by Heman C. Smith; The Prisoners of Missouri, by the same writer; Press Comments on Missouri Troubles; and The Unwritten Story of the Exodus from Missouri, by Vida E. Smith.

Clifford Powell, who for several years was a member of the staff of The State Historical Society of Iowa, is the editor of the Company Orders of the Dodge Light Guards, Company L., 3rd Iowa Infantry, 1894–1916, which have been printed in pamphlet form. This Council Bluffs Company, according to Mr. Powell who is now its Captain, is "said to be the oldest military organization in the state, having

been organized by the late Major General Grenville M. Dodge in 1854 or 1855." The pamphlet also contains a letter from General Dodge telling of the organization and early history of the company.

City Planning for Small Cities, by John L. Hershey, is an article in the April issue of American Municipalities. In May, among other things, there is an unsigned article on The Failure of Public Regulation. Three articles in the June number are: Municipal Efficiency, by A. C. Mueller; State Legislation for Municipalities, by D. E. Stuart; and Probable Results of Legal Regulation, by R. B. Howell.

Roustabout's History of Mahaska County is the title of an exceedingly interesting little volume of about one hundred pages, written by Phil Hoffman, editor of the Oskaloosa Herald and a member of The State Historical Society of Iowa. There are nineteen short chapters devoted to such topics as the beginning, the Indians, Chief Mahaska, county seat, railroads, inventions, good roads, industries, base ball, banks, the making of soft soap, highways, factories, floods, supplies, the press, courts, the stage, and the finish. The book is a welcome departure from the ordinary county history. It is written in a breezy, semi-humorous style which makes it very entertaining reading, while at the same time it conveys to the reader a good idea of many phases of the history of the county.

The Life of W J McGee, written by his sister, Emma R. McGee, is a volume which has been privately printed at Farley, Iowa. Dr. McGee was one of Iowa's best known scientists, especially in the fields of geology, ethnology, and anthropology; and his part in the movement for the conservation of natural resources was no small one. Less than eighty pages of the book are devoted to the life of Dr. McGee, and for this reason many readers will doubtless be somewhat disappointed: one would gladly know more of the incidents in his career. One hundred and fifty pages are taken up with extracts from his writings on the following subjects: the desert, the conservation of natural resources, the Seri Indians, the world's supply of fuel, desert thirst as a disease, the cult of conservation, the fivefold functions of government, flood plains of rivers, and the symp-

tomatic development of cancer. At the close of the book there is a bibliography of Dr. McGee's writings. The book will be welcomed among the many friends of the eminent scientist, who died on September 5, 1912.

### SOME RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY IOWA AUTHORS

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From Moccasin to Motor-car (Harper's Monthly Magazine, June, 1916).

Arnold, John Henry,

The Debater's Guide. Cedar Falls: Published by the author. 1916.

Beard, James Thom,

Mine Gases and Ventilation. New York: McGraw-Hill. 1916. Bowman, James Cloyd,

The Promise of Country Life. Boston: D. C. Heath and Co. 1916.

Brindley, John Edwin,

Five Mill Tax on Moneys and Credits in Iowa (Quarterly Journal of Economics, May, 1916).

Brown, Charles Reynolds,

The Healing Power of Suggestion. New York: Thomas Y. Crowell Co. 1916.

Ficke, Arthur Davison,

Japanese Prints (Scribner's Magazine, April, 1916).

Franklin, William Suddards,

Some Phenomena of Fluid Motion and the Curved Flight of a Base Ball (Scientific Monthly, February, 1916).

Frudden, William Elmer,

Farm Buildings: How to Build Them. Charles City, Iowa: Published by the author. 1916.

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Hall, James Norman,

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My Experience with Spies in the Great European War. Boone, Iowa: Holst Publishing Co. 1916.

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Miller, Albert Arthur,

Circleometry. Des Moines: Homestead Co. 1916.

Parish, John Carl,

Simancas: An Historical Town of Old Spain (Travel, December, 1915).

Powell, Clifford,

Company Orders of the Dodge Light Guards. Council Bluffs: Morehouse and Co. 1916.

Richardson, Anna Steese,

Adventures in Thrift. Indianapolis: The Bobbs-Merrill Co. 1916.

Easy Alimony (McClure's Magazine, March, 1916); Woman-made Season (McClure's Magazine, April, 1916); Am I My Husband's Keeper (McClure's Magazine, May, 1916).

Robbins, Edwin Clyde,

Lumber Decline in the Northwest (Review of Reviews, May, 1916).

Ross, Edward Alsworth,

Principle of Anticipation (American Journal of Sociology, March, 1916); Conscience of the Expert (School and Society, April 8, 1916).

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Robert Dickson Sole Survivor of Organizers of Carroll County, in the Carroll Herald, June 21, 1916.

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Remarkable Exhibit of Relics of Davenport's Early Days, in the Davenport Democrat, June 25, 1916.

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# HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

#### PUBLICATIONS

A detailed description of *The Minnesota Historical Society Building* as it will appear when completed, written by Stirling Horner, is to be found in the May number of the *Minnesota History Bulletin*.

An illustrated article on Outagamie County Antiquities, by George R. Fox, is to be found in The Wisconsin Archeologist for March.

Benjamin Franklin — An Appreciation, by Marshall Putnam Thompson, is the title of a paper published in the Proceedings of the Bostonian Society at the annual meeting held on January 18, 1916. A Boy's Memories of the Civil War and the Assassination of Abraham Lincoln are related by Charles F. Read.

The Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Governors has issued a handsome volume of over three hundred pages containing biographical sketches of several Governors of the various American colonies.

Bulletin No. 5 published by the Michigan Historical Commission contains a list of Names of Places of Interest on Mackinac Island, Michigan, with descriptive and explanatory notes by Frank A. O'Brien. There is also a map of Mackinac Island.

Early Opposition to Thomas Hart Benton, by C. H. McClure; and How Missouri Counties, Towns and Streams were Named, by David W. Eaton, are two articles in the April number of The Missouri Historical Review.

Volume fourteen, number two of The James Sprunt Historical Publications, published under the direction of the North Carolina Historical Society, is taken up with a monograph by Francis Hodges Cooper, on Some Colonial Aspects of Beaufort County, North Carolina.

In The Journal of American Folk-Lore for July-September, 1915, may be found Some Play-Party Games of the Middle West, including a number from Iowa, compiled by Edwin F. Piper.

Some Errors in Medford's Histories are pointed out by John H. Hooper in the April number of The Medford Historical Register.

The June number of the Indiana Magazine of History contains the following five articles: The Socialist Party in Illinois Since 1896, by Ora E. Cox; Who was our Sieur de Vincennes?, by Jacob P. Dunn; Some Features of the History of Parke County, by Maurice Murphy; The Terre Haute Company, by A. R. Markle; and Tecumseh's Confederacy, by Elmore Barce.

The Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society for January contain, among other things, an article by Joseph F. Folsom entitled Manuscript Light on Chaplain James Caldwell's Death.

Part two of the Report of the Journey of Francis Louis Michel from Berne, Switzerland, to Virginia, in 1701–1702, translated and edited by William J. Hinke; and the fifth section of the study of The Virginia Frontier in History, by David J. Bushnell, Jr., dealing in this case with the Treaty of Fort Pitt, are among the contents of The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography for April.

Among the contents of The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine for January are continuations of Letters to General Greene and Others, annotated by Joseph W. Barnwell; and the Order Book of John Faucheraud Grimké.

The fourth installment of Selections from the Follett Papers, edited by L. B. Hamlin, may be found in the January-March issue of The Quarterly Publication of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio.

Father Peter De Smet — Mighty Sower 1801–1873, by Joseph M. Corrigan, is an article in the June number of the Records of the American Catholic Historical Society which has a bearing on the early history of western Iowa. It is evidently a review of the recent biography of De Smet, written by E. Laveille. A similar article by

Joseph J. Murphy reviews the main events in the career of Reverend Charles Nerinckx, a pioneer missionary of Kentucky, as related in a recent biography.

A biographical sketch of Nathaniel Cushing Nash, by Nathaniel C. Nash, Jr.; and a continuation of the Reminiscences of John Davidson, a Maine Pioneer, are among the contents of The New England Historical and Genealogical Register for April.

Among the articles in the January-March number of the American Anthropologist are the following: On the Variety of Lines of Descent Represented in a Population, by Franz Boas; The Question of the Zodiac in America, by Herbert J. Spinden; and Notes on Explorations of Martha's Vineyard, by S. J. Guernsey.

Where Roger Williams Lived in Salem is the subject discussed by Sidney Perley in the opening pages of the Historical Collections of the Essex Institute for April. The same writer contributes another article entitled Part of Salem Village in 1700.

A forty-page article on Indian Treaties Affecting Lands in the Present State of Illinois, by Frank R. Grover, is the opening contribution in the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society for October. Many of these treaties also have a bearing on Iowa history. General Grant, Judge William H. Green and N. B. Thistlewood, of Cairo, Illinois is the title of an article by John M. Lansden. Among the remaining contributions is one by W. T. Norton, on Forgotten Statesmen of Illinois: Hon. Robert Smith.

Lawrence C. Wroth is the writer of a monograph on The First Sixty Years of the Church of England in Maryland, 1632–1692, which is given first place in the March number of the Maryland Historical Magazine. There are continuations of Uria Brown's Journal; of the Journal of the Committee of Observation of the Middle District of Frederick County, Maryland; and of Extracts from the Carroll Papers.

Redfield Proctor, His Public Life and Services, by Frank C. Partridge; Otter Creek in History, by Henry W. Hill; and a compilation of data concerning prominent men born in Vermont, by Dorman B.

E. Kent, under the heading One Thousand Men, are among the contents of the Proceedings of the Vermont Historical Society for the Years 1913–1914. In Mr. Kent's list may be found the names of Lucien W. Berry, Henry T. Reed, Austin Adams, John A. Kasson, Leslie M. Shaw, Martin J. Wade, Josiah B. Grinnell, George Augustus Gates, Ansel Briggs, and others who have been prominent in Iowa.

The Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society for May opens with a Biographical Sketch of Major Henry T. Stanton, Poet and Journalist, of Kentucky, by J. Stoddard Johnston. Other articles are: A Sketch of the Life and Times of General Benjamin Logan, by Bessie T. Conkwright; The Census of Woodford County, Ky., 1800, by A. C. Quisenberry; and Jared De Mint, an Indian Episode in the Early History of Franklin County, by Leonna Jett Shryock.

New light upon a much discussed subject is furnished by William Edward Dunn in an article on The Spanish Search for La Salle's Colony, 1685–1689, which is published in the April number of The Southwestern Historical Quarterly. Clara M. Love is the writer of a History of the Cattle Industry in the Southwest, a portion of which appears in this number. A brief article on The Beginnings of Mission Nuestra Senora del Refugio is contributed by Herbert E. Bolton. Finally, there is the eighteenth installment of British Correspondence Concerning Texas, edited by Ephraim Douglass Adams.

Among the contributions in volume fifteen of the Jahrbuch der Deutsch-Amerikanischen Historischen Gesellschaft von Illinois, edited by Julius Goebel, are the following: Francis Lieber: A Study of a Man and an Ideal, by Ernest Bruncken; Aus der Frühzeit der deutschen Bewegung, consisting of two speeches on German Day, 1891, at New York and Fort Madison, by Carl Schurz and Franz Sigel, respectively; Karl Heinzen, Reformer, Poet and Literary Critic, by Paul O. Schinnerer; The Premises and Significance of Abraham Lincoln's Letter to Theodore Canisius, by F. I. Herriott; and Recollections of a Forty-eighter, by Major Frederick Behlendorff.

A timely article on Franklin and the Rule of Free Ships, Free Goods, by Simeon E. Baldwin, appears in the Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society at the annual meeting held on October 20, 1915. Virginia's Contribution to Science is the subject of an interesting article by Lyon G. Tyler. The Indian Myths of the Northwest, meaning the Pacific Northwest, are discussed by William D. Lyman. The remaining one hundred pages are taken up with part four of Clarence S. Brigham's Bibliography of American Newspapers, 1690–1820, this installment being devoted to the newspapers of Massachusetts, except those of Boston.

Joseph Jackson is the contributor of an entertaining discussion of The Shakespeare Tradition in Philadelphia which appears in the April number of The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography. Other items of interest among the contents are some Autobiographical Letters of Peter S. Duponceau; Fanny Saltar's Reminiscences of Colonial Days in Philadelphia, contributed by Mrs. E. B. Hoskins; and Letters of Thomas Penn to Richard Hockley, 1746-1748.

The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society opens with an interesting paper on The Indian of the Northwest as Revealed by the Earliest Journals, by O. B. Sperlin. A Tribute to John Minto is written by William Galloway. Harrison C. Dale contributes a brief discussion of the question, Did the Returning Astorians Use the South Pass?, together with a letter bearing on that subject written in 1856 by Ramsay Crooks. A Hudson's Bay Company Contract of the year 1850, and another section of the Correspondence of the Reverend Ezra Fisher complete the contents.

A lengthy, illustrated article on Les médailles décernées aux Indiens d'Amerique, by Vietor Morin, which appears in the Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada for December, is a valuable contribution to the history of the relations between the Indians and the various civilized nations that have had dealings with them. Other articles are The Social Organization of the West Coast Tribes, by E. Sapir; and the fifth paper on An Organization of the Scientific Investigation of the Indian Place Nomenclature of the Maritime

Provinces of Canada, by W. F. Ganong. In the March number, among other things, there is a long discussion of the Fundamental Processes in Historical Science, by Hervey M. Bowman.

Under the heading of Work of Indexing Louisiana "Black Boxes", in volume eight of the Publications of the Louisiana Historical Society, William Price tells of the valuable service which he has performed in indexing the early archives of Louisiana. The Black Code, by James J. McLoughlin; Bienville's Difficulties in the Founding of New Orleans, by Mrs. S. B. Elder; Noblesse Oblige, by Gilbert Pemberton, in which the writer tells of the storm at New Orleans in 1722 and the disastrous fire of 1788; Original Contributions of Louisiana to Medical Science, by Edmond Souchon; and A Statue Due Sieur de Bienville, by Mrs. S. B. Elder, are other papers.

The American Historical Review for April opens with a detailed account of The Meeting of the American Historical Association at Washington. Lynn Thorndike's study of The True Roger Bacon is concluded in this number. The Political Theories of Calvinists before the Puritan Exodus to America are discussed by Herbert Darling Foster; Slavery and Conversion in the American Colonies is the title of an article by Marcus W. Jernegan; and the Influences which Determined the French Government to Make the Treaty with America, 1778, are pointed out by Claude H. Van Tyne. The documents contained in this number have to do with the Relations between the Vermont Separatists and Great Britain, 1789–1791, and are edited by S. F. Bemis.

An unsigned article on Ohio History and National History occupies the opening pages in the Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly for April. Then follow the proceedings of the ninth annual meeting of the Ohio Valley Historical Association, including the following papers: Woman's Suffrage in the Constitutional Convention of Ohio, by D. C. Shilling; Early Religious Movements in Pittsburgh, by Homer J. Webster; Early Religious Movements in the Muskingum Valley, by C. L. Martzolff; Early Newspapers in the Virginias, by Henry S. Green; Influences of Early Religious Liter-

ature in the Ohio Valley from 1815 to 1850, by Mrs. Irene D. Cornwell; Location of Site of Ohio Capitol, by E. O. Randall; and The Centennial Churches of the Miami Valley, by J. E. Bradford. Finally, Felix J. Koch contributes a brief note entitled This Monument is Older than the Great Pyramids.

An exceedingly valuable contribution to the source materials for the study of Indian affairs is to be found in the Letters of Benjamin Hawkins 1796-1806 which have recently been published in volume nine of the Collections of the Georgia Historical Society. Benjamin Hawkins was for a time a member of Washington's staff during the Revolutionary War, he served in the legislature of North Carolina, was a Delegate to the Continental Congress, and one of the first United States Senators from North Carolina. But he rendered his greatest service as "agent of the United States among the Creeks and general superintendent of all the tribes south of the Ohio River" during the two decades following his appointment in 1796. The record of his labors in this capacity is partly to be found in the letters now published. It is said in a biographical introduction that he "was far above the average Indian agent of that day and of this in general culture and grasp of affairs. Further, he was a man of approved honesty, and his life, as seen in his published letters, shows clearly that he was devoted to the material upbuilding of the Indians under his care and to their intellectual advancement."

The Proceedings of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin at the sixty-third annual meeting held on October 21, 1915, have been issued in a form more attractive than that of preceding volumes. Especially is the improvement noticeable in the type and printing. The principal address at the meeting was one by Gaillard Hunt on The President of the United States. Other papers are: The Settlement of the Town of Lebanon, Dodge County, by W. F. Whyte; Remains of a French Post Near Trempealeau, by Eben D. Pierce, George H. Squier, and Louise Phelps Kellogg; Chicago's First Great Lawsuit, by Eugene E. Prussing; A Forgotten Community: A Record of Rock Island, the Threshold of Wisconsin, by Hjalmar R. Holand; and British Policy on the Canadian Frontier, 1782–92: Mediation and an Indian Barrier State, by Orpha E. Leavitt.

Finally, there are some valuable and interesting Extracts from Capt. McKay's Journal—and Others concerning the early exploration of the upper Missouri River, edited with introduction and notes by Milo M. Quaife.

Verner W. Crane is the writer of an article on The Tennessee River as the Road to Carolina: The Beginnings of Exploration and Trade which is printed in the June number of The Mississippi Valley Historical Review. The article furnishes some new light on certain Indian tribes, early French explorations, and on the struggle between the French and the English for the control of the Mississippi Valley. In a paper entitled Virginia and the West: An Interpretation Clarence W. Alvord sets forth a new viewpoint for the study of the forces which culminated in the acquisition of the Old Northwest by the United States. The Economic History of American Agriculture as a Field for Study is the title of an interesting and suggestive paper read by Louis B. Schmidt before the American Historical Association last winter. Arthur C. Cole presents a survey of Historical Activities in the Old Northwest during the past year. Under the heading of "Notes and Documents" there is a brief discussion of the well-known facts concerning The Iowa-Missouri Disputed Boundary, by Claude S. Larzelere. A letter supposed to have been written by William Henry Harrison in 1802 is contributed by Harlow Lindley; while Bernard C. Steiner contributes two letters written in 1800 by Uriah Tracy discussing conditions in the Old Northwest.

### ACTIVITIES

There appears to be a movement in Mahaska County in favor of the organization of a county historical society — a movement which, it is hoped, will meet with success in the near future.

The Allamakee County Historical and Archaeological Society has been holding monthly meetings, and the reports indicate a growing interest in the history of the county. Several papers on various phases of Allamakee County history have been prepared and presented to the Society.

Among the recent acquisitions of the Chicago Historical Society is a collection of about three thousand papers of the Law family of Green Bay. The papers relate chiefly to the fur trade in the Old Northwest.

The Jefferson County Historical Society held a meeting at Fairfield on June 7th. The principal paper was one by Mr. J. W. Mc-Lean on the methods of threshing grain in the early days. The Society voted to abandon its efforts to secure a marker for the old State fair grounds in Fairfield.

At the annual meeting of the Maryland Historical Society held on February 14th, Mr. Edwin Warfield was reëlected president. The membership of the Society at that time numbered six hundred and eighty-three.

Mr. Clarence S. Paine, secretary of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association and of the Nebraska State Historical Society, died on June 14, 1916. Mr. Paine was one of the most enthusiastic and effective workers in the cause of history in the Middle West; and to him more than to anyone else was due the credit for organizing the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. The loss of his services will be keenly felt.

The Page County Historical Society held a meeting at Clarinda on June 15th. Short talks on the importance and functions of a local historical society were made by Dr. Dan E. Clark of The State Historical Society of Iowa and Mr. Edgar R. Harlan of the Historical Department of Iowa. There were also reminiscences by a number of pioneers. The purpose of the meeting, which was well attended, was to arouse enthusiasm in the county historical society.

Professor Melvin R. Gilmore, formerly curator of the State Historical Museum at Lincoln, Nebraska, has been appointed curator of the library and museum of the North Dakota Historical Society at Bismarck, to succeed Mr. Herbert C. Fish.

A committee of five has been appointed by the president of The State Historical Society of Missouri to formulate plans for the proper celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of

Missouri into the Union. A committee of one thousand, consisting of citizens representing all sections and interests of the State will also be appointed.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Madison County Historical Society was held at Winterset on April 25, 1916. Blair Wolf read a poem on The Pioneers; E. R. Zeller presented a biographical sketch of Alfred D. Jones, an early surveyor; and Olynthus B. Clark delivered an address entitled Advertising Iowa. The election of officers resulted as follows: H. A. Mueller, president; W. W. Gentry, vice president; E. R. Zeller, secretary; and Blair Wolf, M. C. Leinard, John Anderson, and Laura J. Miller, directors.

Mrs. Adéle B. Looscan was chosen president, and Professor Charles W. Ramsdell secretary-treasurer, of the Texas State Historical Association at the annual meeting held on March 2, 1916. The Association will give its support to the plan for the celebration of the bi-centennial of the founding of San Antonio.

The Historical Department of Iowa, under the direction of Curator Edgar R. Harlan, has recently begun to use the moving-picture machine for the purpose of recording current events which will be of historical interest in future years. Among the activities of the Department along this line has been the taking of moving pictures of the Iowa troops at Camp Dodge. Curator Harlan has also been very active in promoting interest in the marking of historic sites in various parts of the State. The spot at Red Rock where George Harrison began to survey the boundary line of 1843 will be suitably marked when the exact location has been determined. The Department was given a small appropriation by the last General Assembly with which to aid local organizations in marking historic sites. The portrait galleries in the historical building have been redecorated and many additions have been made to the art collection.

The ninth annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association was held at Nashville, Tennessee, on April 27–29, 1916. There were also joint sessions with the Tennessee Historical Society, the Ohio Valley Historical Association, and the Tennessee History

Teachers' Association. Southern history received special emphasis in the papers read at this meeting, while more than the usual amount of attention was also paid to military history. Professor Frederic L. Paxson of the University of Wisconsin was elected president for the coming year, and Mr. Clarence S. Paine was reëlected as secretary-treasurer. The membership dues were raised to three dollars. It was also voted to place the publication of the *Proceedings* of the Association in the hands of the board of editors which now has charge of *The Mississippi Valley Historical Review*. This will probably mean that many of the papers read at the meetings of the Association will hereafter be published in the *Review*.

### THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

Mr. John Pfiffner has been added to the research staff of the Society for the present summer.

Professor Louis B. Schmidt of the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts has been made a member of the non-resident research staff of the Society. His work will be along the line of the agricultural history of Iowa.

Mr. Odis K. Patton, Mr. John E. Briggs, and Mr. Ivan L. Pollock, all of whom are members of the research staff of the Society, received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the State University of Iowa in June.

At the monthly meeting of the Board of Curators on July 5, 1916, Mr. Euclid Sanders was reëlected president of the Society, and Mr. Paul A. Korab was reëlected treasurer.

Professor Benj. F. Shambaugh, the Superintendent of the Society, spoke at Ames on May 8th under the auspices of the Applied Social Science Club on the subject of *The Commission-Manager Plan of Municipal Government*.

The Board of Curators at the monthly meeting on July 5th changed the title of the position held by Dr. Dan E. Clark to that of Associate Editor; while Miss Ruth A. Gallaher was promoted to the position of Library Research Associate.

Dr. Louis Pelzer of the State University of Iowa, a member of the Society and the author of a number of its publications, read a paper on Activities and Scenes at Old Fort Leavenworth before the Mississippi Valley Historical Association at Nashville in April.

Dr. John C. Parish of Colorado Springs is spending the summer in Iowa City as a member of the research staff of the Society. At present Dr. Parish is a professor of history in Colorado College.

Mr. J. A. Swisher, General Assistant in the Society, was the winner this year of the third of the Norman Wait Harris Prizes offered by Mr. N. W. Harris of Chicago for the best essays in the field of political science written by undergraduate students in any college or university in six States of the Middle West. Mr. Swisher's subject was The Reorganization of the Executive Department of the State Government of Iowa.

Governor Clarke has appointed the following persons as non-resident Curators of The State Historical Society of Iowa for the coming two years: Mr. Marsh W. Bailey of Washington, Mr. J. P. Cruikshank of Fort Madison, Mr. M. F. Edwards of Parkersburg, Mr. J. J. McConnell of Cedar Rapids, Mr. John T. Moffit of Tipton, Mr. Byron W. Newberry of Strawberry Point, Dean E. W. Stanton of Ames, Judge W. H. Tedford of Corydon, and Mr. J. B. Weaver of Des Moines.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mrs. E. L. Bower, Guthrie Center, Iowa; Mrs. B. G. Davies, Castana, Iowa; Mr. O. A. Garretson, Salem, Iowa; Mrs. E. M. Golding, Glidden, Iowa; Mr. C. E. Greef, Eldora, Iowa; Mrs. B. N. Hendricks, Riceville, Iowa; Mr. H. W. Raymond, Chariton, Iowa; Mr. C. L. Robinson, Norwalk, Iowa; Dr. Daniel Sickler, Ogden, Iowa; Mr. W. Schmedika, Radcliffe, Iowa; Mrs. Ida Kendall Simonds, Onawa, Iowa; Mr. Walter W. White, Spirit Lake, Iowa; Mr. William D. Boies, Sheldon, Iowa; Mr. Ralph G. Grassfield, Newton, Iowa; Mr. D. Sands Wright, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mrs. Dixie C. Gebhardt, Knoxville, Iowa; and Mr. Le Roy A. Rader, Alta, Iowa. Mr. W. F. Moore of Guthrie Center, Iowa, has been elected to life membership in the Society.

## NOTES AND COMMENT

An unusually large collection of Indian arrow-heads and other relics is in the possession of Mr. E. R. Ballard of West Union, Iowa.

William B. Martin, who was Secretary of State of Iowa from 1901 to 1907, died in Des Moines on June 11, 1916. Mr. Martin was also a Representative in the Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth General Assemblies of Iowa.

Availing themselves of the provisions of the law, the supervisors of Crawford County have voted to erect a soldiers' monument on the courthouse square, to cost not more than ten thousand dollars.

State Superintendent A. M. Deyoe has sent out a request that October 20th be observed as Iowa Day in all the public schools of the State. It is planned that on that day special attention will be given to the history, people, resources, and industries of Iowa.

The class in anthropology at the State University of Iowa, under the direction of Dr. Lorin Stuckey, made an investigation this spring of the Indian mounds along the Iowa River in Johnson County.

Professor Carl L. Becker of the University of Kansas has accepted a position as professor of history in the University of Minnesota.

Mr. Henry Field of Shenandoah has purchased a five-acre tract of land which was once the site of a Mormon village known as Manti, established in 1847. A graveyard and an old house are the only reminders of the old village. Mr. Field will make his summer home on the land which he has purchased.

Colonel Charles Cummins Horton, Commandant of the Iowa Soldiers' Home at Marshalltown from 1897 to March of the present year, died on April 21, 1916. Colonel Horton was born in New

York in 1839, and came to Iowa with his parents in 1848, settling at Muscatine. During the Civil War he rose from the rank of private to that of lieutenant colonel of the Second Iowa Cavalry.

The Fort Dodge chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will preserve and restore to its original appearance the log cabin in Oleson Park in that city, which was a part of the old fort and which is doubtless the oldest building in that city.

The University of Texas, the University of California, the Library of Congress, and the Texas State Library are coöperating in financing the transcription of documents in the archives of Seville, Spain, bearing on the history of Texas and the Southwest. The work is being done by Mr. William E. Dunn of the University of Texas.

A newspaper item states that the Allison memorial on the capitol grounds at Des Moines will not be completed as soon as expected, owing to the increase in the cost of materials and the lack of skilled workers.

Benjamin P. Birdsall was born in Wisconsin in 1858. His education was received in the common schools of Iowa and in the law department of the State University of Iowa. He was District Judge of the eleventh district from 1893 to 1900, and in 1903 he succeeded David B. Henderson as Representative in Congress from the Third Congressional District, a position which he held until 1909. Judge Birdsall died at his home in Clarion on May 16, 1916.

The city council of Oskaloosa has given to the city of Council Bluffs permission to erect a replica of the statue of Chief Mahaska which stands in the city park at Oskaloosa. Permission has also been granted by the donor and sculptor of the original statue. Mr. Edgar R. Harlan, Curator of the Historical Department of Iowa, conducted the negotiations which resulted in this agreement. It is the plan to erect the replica monument in Council Bluffs to mark the western end of the Mormon Trail across Iowa.

A fine oil portrait of Theodore Sutton Parvin has been presented to the State University of Iowa by his former pupils and friends.

Mr. Parvin, who died in 1901, was one of Iowa's best known citizens. He was private secretary to Robert Lucas, the first Territorial Governor of Iowa; and during the following half-century he witnessed the upbuilding of a State from a few frontier settlements. For nine years he was professor of natural history in the State University. He was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity in Iowa; and was for many years the secretary of the State Historical Society of Iowa. It may be said that no other man of his period was so actively interested in the preservation and recording of the pioneer history of Iowa.

For nearly ten years there has been in operation in Cedar Rapids a business known as the Torch Press Book Shop, conducted by Mr. William H. Miner. This was the first and only enterprise of the kind in Iowa, and during the years since its establishment it has met the success which it has deserved. It has been the means of reclaiming and rendering accessible to collectors and public libraries thousands of rare and valuable books; and its name has become known throughout the country. Now there comes the announcement that there has been established at 3518–3522 Franklin Avenue, St. Louis, a bookselling business known as "The William Harvey Miner Company, Inc., Antiquarian Booksellers and Importers", with the intention of "continuing the work and upholding the ideals of the Torch Press Book Shop". Mr. Miner is the president of the new company, and Mr. Luther A. Brewer the vice president.

The one hundredth anniversary of the founding of Fort Armstrong was fittingly observed on Rock Island and in the cities of Rock Island, Moline, and Davenport during the week of June 18th to 24th. The movement for the celebration was originated by the Rock Island County Historical Society and the Historical Section of the Davenport Academy of Sciences, and it was under the direction of these organizations that the exercises were conducted. Beginning with sermons in the various churches, there were addresses, picnics, parades, fireworks, and pageants (both in the daytime and at night), including an illuminated river pageant. One of the chief points of interest during the celebration was the old blockhouse on Rock Island. The presence of a descendant of Black

Hawk, the great Indian leader, added to the interest of the occasion. A fine collection of relics of the early days was on display in the rooms of the Davenport Academy of Sciences. Altogether, the celebration was a decided success and attracted a large number of people.

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