

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

PUBLICATIONS

Bulletin No. 1, recently issued by the State Historical Society of North Dakota, contains an illustrated description of the museum and library of the Society at Bismarek.

The Rhode Island Historical Society has published a unique little booklet entitled *Westminster Street, Providence, as it Was About 1824*, and containing a number of cuts from drawings made by Francis Read, which have recently been presented to the Society.

In the September-December number of the *German American Annals* there appear the following articles: *The General Swiss Colonization Society*, by Preston A. Barba; *Kiefer Freundschaftalbum*, by W. W. Florer; and *Deutsche Charakterbilder aus der Brasilianischen Geschichte*, by Friedrich Sommer.

A short article on *Daniel Boone at Limestone, 1786-1787*, by David I. Bushnell, Jr., appears in the January number of *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*.

Bulletin of Information, Nos. 85 and 86, published by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, contain, respectively, a list of the portraits and paintings in the Wisconsin Historical Museum; and a list of the periodicals and newspapers received currently by the Society, corrected to January 1, 1917.

Some *Letters of John Rutledge*, annotated by Joseph W. Barnwell; and another installment of the *Order Book of John Faucheraud Grimké* are among the contents of *The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine* for October, 1916.

The January number of *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* is largely given over to a study of *The Life and Services of Samuel Whitaker Pennypacker*, by Hampton L. Carson.

An appendix contains a bibliography of the writings and addresses of Governor Pennypacker.

In October and January there appeared the first two numbers of a publication entitled *Manuscripts from the Burton Historical Collection*, collected and published by Clarence M. Burton, and edited by M. Agnes Burton. The publications are filled with letters and short documents scattered over the period from 1762 to 1805 and bearing on the history of Michigan and the Old Northwest. There are letters from or to Sir William Johnson, Nathaniel Greene, Guy Carlton, William Henry Harrison, Henry Dearborn, Pierre Chouteau, and many others.

Bulletin No. 8 published by the Michigan Historical Commission contains four prize essays written by pupils of Michigan schools in the local history contest for 1915-16. These essays deal with the early history of Three Rivers, Manistee, Cadillac, and Traverse City.

An interesting volume recently published in the *Indiana Historical Collections* by the Indiana Historical Commission is one of about six hundred pages entitled *Indiana as Seen by Early Travelers*. It contains a collection of reprints from books of travel, letters, and diaries written prior to 1830, selected and edited by Harlow Lindley. Among the travelers from whose writings these selections were made are George Imlay, Thomas Ashe, John Bradbury, Morris Birkbeck, William Darby, John Melish, William Pelham, Timothy Flint, Caleb Atwater, and others.

Charles George Herbermann, by Peter Condon; the concluding installment of *The Sulpicians in the United States*, by Charles G. Herbermann; *Reverend Charles Hyppolite de Luynes, S. J.*, by the same author; and *Edward Maria Wingfield*, by Edward J. McGuire, are articles in volume ten of the *Historical Records and Studies* published by the United States Catholic Historical Society.

Volumes forty-seven and forty-eight of the *Collections of the New York Historical Society* contain muster and pay rolls of the War of the Revolution, 1775-1783. Volume forty-nine "contains the

proceedings of a Board of General Officers of the British Army at New York, appointed by Sir Henry Clinton, August 7, 1781, to consider the expenditure of public money in the different departments established by him when he succeeded to the command of the British Army at New York."

In *The Missouri Historical Review* for October, 1916, appear some *Letters of Carl Schurz, B. Gratz Brown, James S. Rollins, G. G. Vest* and other Missourians, from the private papers and correspondence of Senator James R. Doolittle, of Wisconsin, contributed by Duane Mowry. Then follow the program of the convention of the Missouri Centennial Committee of One Thousand; a list of the members of the committee; an address to the people of Missouri concerning the proposed celebration, by Walter B. Stevens; and an article entitled *Howard County has two Centennial Celebrations*, by Walter Ridgway.

The essay on *The Leveller Movement: A Study in the History and Political Theory of the English Great Civil War*, by Theodore Calvin Pease, which received the Herbert Baxter Adams Prize in European History for 1915, has been published in book form by the American Historical Association. It makes a volume of over four hundred pages.

Four bulletins issued by the Indiana Historical Commission in November and December contain an outline of the church history of Indiana; suggestions for the organization of county and local historical societies; the report of the Commission from its organization in April, 1915, to December 1, 1916; and the proceedings of the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of Indiana into the Union held at the State House in Indianapolis on December 11, 1916.

The *Twentieth Biennial Report* of the Board of Directors of the Kansas State Historical Society, for the period from July 1, 1914, to June 30, 1916, contains, in addition to the report, the proceedings of the annual meetings of the Society in 1915 and 1916, and a comprehensive *History of Kansas Newspapers*, compiled by William E. Connelley.

The Indiana Historical Commission has published and distributed a handsome little volume entitled *The Indiana Medal Commemorating the Completion of a Century of Statehood 1816-1916*. First there is the story of the medal, which was made by Janet Scudder. Then there are brief chapters dealing with the beginnings of the State, milestones of the century, the Indiana centennial, and the growth of Indiana. Finally, there is a bronze replica of the medal itself, imbedded in a sheet of heavy cardboard.

Grant County Indian Remains are described by Charles E. Brown and Albert O. Barton in the December number of *The Wisconsin Archeologist*. Other articles are: *Cassville Mounds and Sites*, by Charles E. Brown and Leopold E. Drexel; *A Copper Banner Stone*, by W. A. Titus; and *The Koshkonong Pilgrimage*, by Charles E. Brown.

The *Historical Collections of the Essex Institute* for January opens with another installment of Francis B. C. Bradlee's article on *The Eastern Railroad: A Historical Account of Early Railroad-ing in Eastern New England*. Other contributions are a continuation of Alfred Poore's description of *A Genealogical-Historical Visitation of Andover, Mass., in the Year 1863*; and a short account of *The Chase of the Frigate Constitution*, by Nathaniel Silsbee.

Tract No. 96, published by the Western Reserve Historical Society is a volume of over two hundred and thirty pages, about one-fourth of which is taken up with the annual report of the Society for 1915-1916. The remainder of the volume is devoted to a monograph on *The Connecticut Land Company: A Study in the Beginnings of Colonization of the Western Reserve*, by Claude L. Shepard, together with a large number of accompanying documents.

The Annual Publications of the Historical Society of Southern California for 1915-1916 is a book of one hundred and thirty pages, containing numerous short papers and addresses. Among those of the most general interest are: *Aspects of the Study of History*, by Rockwell D. Hunt; *Thirty-three Years of History Activities*, by N. M. Guinn; *The Passing of the Rancho*, by J. M. Guinn; *The Great Los Angeles Real Estate Boom of 1887*, by Joseph Netz;

California's First American School and its Teacher, by Mary M. Bowman; and *John Bidwell's Arrival in California*, by Robert G. Cleland.

Among the papers in number twenty-five of the *Publications of the American Jewish Historical Society* are the following: *David L. Yules, Florida's First Senator*, by Leon Hühner; *An Unfamiliar Aspect of Anglo-Jewish History*, by Frank I. Schechter; and *Unequal Religious Rights in Maryland Since 1776*, by Benjamin H. Hartogenesis.

Three articles appear in the *Tennessee Historical Magazine* for December, namely: *Fort Prudhomme: Was it the First Settlement in Tennessee?*, by J. P. Young; *Tennessee: A Discussion on the Sources of its Population and the Lines of Immigration*, by Stephen B. Weeks; and *John Bell's Revolt, and his Vauxhall Garden Speech*, by Albert V. Goodpasture. The documents printed in this issue include some *Letters of General John Coffee to His Wife, 1813-1815*, with introduction and notes by John H. De Witt; and the *Roll of Tennessee Cavalrymen in the Natchez Expedition*.

The Origin of the Iroquois as Suggested by their Archaeology, by Arthur C. Parker; *The Characteristics of Iroquoian Village Sites of Western New York*, by Frederick Houghton; *Animal Figures on Prehistoric Pottery from Mimbres Valley, New Mexico*, by J. Walter Fewkes; and *Indian Trap Pits along the Missouri*, by A. Hrdlicka, are articles in the October-December number of the *American Anthropologist*. There are also brief biographical sketches of Matilda Coxe Stevenson and James Stevenson, by W. H. Holmes.

Southern Railroads and Western Trade, 1840-1850, by R. S. Cotterill, is the opening contribution in *The Mississippi Valley Historical Review* for March. Roy Gittinger is the author of a paper on *The Separation of Nebraska and Kansas from the Indian Territory*. A discussion of *The Indian Policy of Spain in the Southwest 1783-1795* is presented by Jane M. Berry. A survey of *Recent Historical Activities in the South and Trans-Mississippi Southwest* is the work of Donald L. McMurry. Brief notes concerning the first council of the American city of Baton Rouge, and the state of af-

fairs at Post St. Vincent in the summer of 1786 are contributed by Archibald Henderson.

In March there appeared the first number of a new periodical known as *The Georgia Historical Quarterly*, published by the Georgia Historical Society at Savannah. The aims and purposes of the magazine are set forth in a brief introduction by Joseph B. Cumming. Among the articles in this number are: *The Georgia Historical Society*, by William Harden; *Telfair Academy of Arts*, by Alexander R. Lawton; *Basil Cowper's Remarkable Career in Georgia*, by William Harden; and *Wilkes County, its Place in Georgia History*, by Otis Ashmore. Of interest, also, are some newspaper extracts relating to *The Beginning of Cotton Cultivation in Georgia*.

A lengthy article on *Joseph Badger, the First Missionary to the Western Reserve*, by Byron R. Long, is given first place in the January number of the *Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly*. Next comes a *Memoir of Antoine Laforge*, translated from the French by Laurence J. Kenny. Other contributions are: *The Coon-skin Library*, by Sarah J. Cutler; *Flat Boating on the Ohio River*, by Isaac F. King; *Silver Mines of Ohio Indians*, by R. S. King; and *Birth Places of Three Ohio Presidents*, by Felix J. Koch. This number also contains the reports and proceedings of the thirty-first annual meeting of the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society, and the proceedings at the unveiling of the Cresap tablet in Logan Elm Park in October, 1916.

The Southwestern Historical Quarterly for January opens with the first installment of a study of the *Diplomatic Relations Between France and the Republic of Texas, 1836-1845*, by Herbert Rook Edwards. The two chapters here printed deal with the negotiations for recognition and for a commercial treaty, and loan negotiations. Thomas Maitland Marshall is the writer of a paper on *Commercial Aspects of the Texan Santa Fe Expedition*. Two brief biographical sketches of *Governor George Thomas Wood* are written by S. H. German and Louella Styles Vincent. Finally, there is another installment of *British Correspondence Concerning Texas*, edited by Ephraim Douglass Adams.

An address on *Abraham Lincoln*, by Edward F. Dunne, appears in the opening pages of the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society* for April, 1916. *A Modern Knight Errant — Edward Dickinson Baker*, by James H. Matheny; and *A Journey from Urbana, Illinois, to Cooke County, Texas, in the Spring of 1846*, by William R. Strong, are other contributions. Among the articles in the July number are the following: *Slavery or Involuntary Servitude in Illinois Prior to and after its Admission as a State*, by O. W. Aldrich; *Early Presbyterianism in East Central Illinois*, by Ira W. Allen; *The Two Michael Joneses*, by Frances H. Relf; *Mary Spears*, contributed by James B. Beekman; and *Old Trails of Hancock County*, by Herbert S. Salisbury.

Constitution Making in Indiana: A Source Book of Constitutional Documents, with historical introduction and critical notes by Charles Kettleborough, is a two-volume work published by the Indiana Historical Commission. The historical introduction occupies about two hundred and forty pages of the first volume. The documentary material which fills the remainder of the book is divided into four parts devoted, respectively, to the cession of the Northwest Territory and the organization and development of Territorial government, the organization and development of a constitutional government, the amendment of the Constitution of 1816, and the constitutional convention of 1850. Part five, occupying the whole of the second volume, contains material bearing on the amendment of the Constitution of 1851. The two volumes contain in all five hundred and thirty-nine documents.

Dorothy Hull is the author of an interesting article on *The Movement in Oregon for the Establishment of a Pacific Coast Republic*, which occupies the opening pages in *The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society* for September. While this movement had the support of only a small minority it forms an interesting chapter in the history of secessionist proposals in the United States. Another article of general interest is one by Leslie M. Scott on *Oregon's Nomination of Lincoln*. The remaining pages of the *Quarterly* are taken up with documentary material. First, there is a letter from *Doctor John McLoughlin to Sir George Simpson, March 20, 1844*,

with an introductory note by Katharine B. Judson; and afterwards there appear installments of the *Diary of Reverend Jason Lee*, and of the *Correspondence of the Reverend Ezra Fisher*.

The American Historical Review for January opens with the very readable presidential address on *The Freedom of History* delivered by George L. Burr at the Cincinnati meeting of the American Historical Association in December. *The West India Trade Before the American Revolution* is the subject discussed by Herbert C. Bell. An article on *Censorship and Literature under Napoleon I* is contributed by Victor Coffin. The last article is one by Carl Russell Fish dealing with *Social Relief in the Northwest during the Civil War*. The "Notes and Suggestions" include brief notes on the following topics: the Oxford Meeting of 1213, by Albert Beebe White; ciphers of the Revolutionary period, by Edmund C. Burnett; and the Earl of Carlisle and the Board of Trade, 1779, by Arthur H. Basye. Under the heading of "Documents" appear excerpts from the Senate debate on the Breckenridge Bill for the government of Louisiana in 1804, with introduction and notes by Everett S. Brown. This number of the *Review* also contains a list of doctoral dissertations in progress at the chief American universities in December, 1916.

The January number of *The Washington Historical Quarterly* is intended as a tribute to the pioneers of that State, and the articles which it contains were selected and written with that object in view. In the opening pages Edmond S. Meany presents a brief discussion of *The Pioneer Association of the State of Washington*. Next comes a survey of the *Pioneer and Historical Societies of the State of Washington*, prepared by Victor J. Farrar. Some interesting *Reminiscences of a Pioneer Woman* are contributed by Elizabeth Ann Coonc. The experiences of the *First Immigrants to Cross the Cascades* are described by David Longmire, who was a member of the party. Grace Raymond Hebard contributes a short article on *The First White Women in Wyoming*; and finally, there is a list of *The Pioneer Dead of 1916*, compiled by Edith G. Prosch. There is also a continuation of the *Diary of Colonel and Mrs. I. N. Ebey*, edited by Victor J. Farrar.

Volume one of the *Annual Report of the American Historical Association for the Year 1914* contains the following papers on subjects in American history: *Cabinet Meetings under President Polk*, by Henry Barrett Learned; *Tennessee and National Political Parties, 1850-1860*, by St. George L. Sioussat; *The Genesis of the Kansas-Nebraska Act*, by P. Orman Ray; *Asiatic Trade and the American Occupation of the Pacific Coast*, by Robert G. Cleland. Papers which appear in the proceedings of the eleventh annual conference of historical societies are as follows: *The Chicago Historical Society*, by Otto L. Schmidt; *Research in State History at State Universities*, by James A. Woodburn; and *Restrictions on the Use of Historical Materials*, by Lawrence J. Burpee. Two papers presented before the sixth conference of archivists are: *Legislation for Archives*, by Charles H. Rammelkamp; and *Principles of Classification for Archives*, by Ethel B. Virtue; while Herbert A. Kellar is the compiler of *A Preliminary Survey of the More Important Archives of the Territory and State of Minnesota*.

ACTIVITIES

At a meeting of the Chicago Historical Society on the evening of April 13th, Professor Olynthus B. Clark of Drake University delivered an address on *The Lincoln Poor White Legend*. A special exhibit of Lincoln relics was shown at this time.

The annual meeting of the Historical Society of Marshall County was held on March 20th. The following officers were elected: J. L. Carney, president; C. F. Schmidt, vice president; Miss Minnie Russell, secretary; Mrs. H. J. Howe, treasurer; and Mrs. May F. Weatherly, curator.

The annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association will be held in Chicago on April 26th to 28th. Part of the session will be held in the Chicago Historical Society building and part in the Newberry Library.

The Jefferson County Historical Society held its regular quarterly meeting at the public library in Fairfield on March 21st. Professor P. C. Hildreth presented an address on the autobiogra-

phy of Black Hawk; Mr. W. G. Ross told of some incidents concerning the massacre of some Iowa Indians by Sacs and Foxes under the leadership of Black Hawk; and Dr. T. L. James discussed the insurrection in Cuba. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: T. L. James, president; Ralph Lamson, vice president; Hiram Heaton, secretary; and C. W. Gage, treasurer.

The Linn County Historical Society, which was organized several years ago, has been inactive in recent years. Interest has lately been revived, however, and the annual meeting was held on March 20th. The opportunities of such an organization in Linn County are large, and it is to be hoped that the Society will go forward energetically and receive the support it deserves.

In January a historical society was organized at Lockridge in the eastern part of Jefferson County. It is understood that this society is not intended to conflict in any way with the county organization which has been so long established and has done such commendable work. It is a purely local society, with Lockridge and vicinity as its particular field. At the organization W. C. Rauscher was chosen president; William Bankhead, vice president; Thomas Doogan, secretary; and Gus Schillerstrom, treasurer. Monthly meetings were held in February and March, at which time interesting and valuable papers were read.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

Professor Benj. F. Shambaugh, the Superintendent of the Society, was elected first vice president of the American Political Science Association at the annual meeting in December.

The permanent annual support of The State Historical Society of Iowa has been increased four thousand dollars by an act of the Thirty-seventh General Assembly. This increase will enable the Society to continue its work along the lines hitherto established, without curtailment on account of the great rise in the prices of supplies and of the materials used in printing and binding.

Mr. D. G. Edmundson of Des Moines, a member of the Society,

died in Los Angeles, California, on December 31, 1916, at the age of sixty-nine.

Dr. Daniel Sickler of Ogden, Iowa, a member of the Society, has recently made some important additions to his already large collection of Indian relics.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. Edward A. Adams, Algona, Iowa; Mr. Harold K. Bowen, Fort Dodge, Iowa; Dr. D. C. Brockman, Ottumwa, Iowa; Mr. Robt. N. Carson, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Edward A. Lang, Waverly, Iowa; Mr. Ellis D. Robb, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. John E. Williams, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. A. L. Broxam, Maquoketa, Iowa; Miss Myrtle A. Dungan, Chariton, Iowa; Mr. Fred Durbin, Malvern, Iowa; Mr. G. B. Jennings, Shenandoah, Iowa; Mr. H. N. Lawrence, Magnolia, Iowa; Mr. E. A. McIlree, West Union, Iowa; Mr. Fred S. Risser, Chariton, Iowa; Mr. W. G. Ross, Fairfield, Iowa; Mr. John F. Webber, Ottumwa, Iowa; Mr. W. S. Cooper, Winterset, Iowa; and Mr. M. L. Gordon, Brooklyn, Iowa.

A Senate concurrent resolution of the Thirty-seventh General Assembly of Iowa, bearing the date of February 8th, provided for the compilation and publication of an *Iowa Manual of Legislative Procedure* under the direction of the Superintendent of The State Historical Society of Iowa. The manual compiled in accordance with this resolution is a book of two hundred and twenty-three pages, of convenient size for slipping into the coat pocket. Two hundred and fifty copies were bound in flexible leather and one thousand copies in paper covers. Over one-half of the book is taken up with a discussion of *Legislative Procedure and Practice in Iowa*, by O. K. Patton, which is an abridgment of his article which appeared in the volume on *Statute Law-making in Iowa*, recently published by the Society. Then come the rules of the Senate and House and the joint rules, compiled by Thomas Watters, Jr., Secretary of the Senate, and W. C. Ramsay, Chief Clerk of the House. An index of about twenty pages was prepared by Dan E. Clark.