

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

PUBLICATIONS

Horace White, by Amelia E. White; and *Frank Dempster Sherman*, by Alexander M. Welch, are brief biographical sketches in *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* for April.

About half of *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* for April is taken up with the *Journal of Samuel Rowland Fisher, of Philadelphia, 1779-1781*, contributed by Anna Wharton Morris. Another contribution is the *Orderly Book of General Edward Hand, Valley Forge, January, 1778*.

The Story of New Amsterdam, by William R. Shepherd, is a very readable narrative of more than one hundred pages, which is to be found in the *Year Book of the Holland Society of New York* for 1917.

A brief memoir of *Frederick Lewis Gay*, by John H. Edmonds, is to be found in the April number of *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*. A supplement contains the proceedings of the New England Historic Genealogical Society at the annual meeting on February 7, 1917.

The January-March number of the *Quarterly Publication of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio* is devoted to some *Letters of Thomas Boylston Adams*.

The Home of the American Catholic Historical Society is briefly described by Jane Campbell in the March number of the *Records of the American Catholic Historical Society*. There is also the concluding installment of the study of *The Capuchins in Acadia and Northern Maine (1632-1653)*, by John Lenhart.

Two short articles on *Medford's Disused Subway* and *Medford Hillside*, both by Moses W. Mann, appear in the January number of *The Medford Historical Register*.

Volumes forty-seven and forty-eight of the *Collections of the New York Historical Society* contain Revolutionary War muster rolls. Volume forty-nine contains the *Proceedings of a Board of General Officers of the British Army at New York, 1781*.

Volume sixteen of the *Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society* is a book of about six hundred pages containing *Correspondence and Documents During Roger Wolcott's Governorship of the Colony of Connecticut, 1750-1754*, with an introduction by Albert C. Bates.

In the *Proceedings of the Seventy-eighth Annual Meeting of the Georgia Historical Society* will be found an address by Alexander C. King on *Georgia's Influence on the Secession Movement*.

The July-September, 1916, number of *The Journal of American Folk-Lore* contains the following articles, among others: *European Tales from the Plains Ojibwa*, by Alanson Skinner; *Plains Cree Tales*, by the same author; and *Ojibwa Tales from the North Shore of Lake Superior*, by William Jones, with notes by Truman Michelson. The October-December number is taken up largely with Spanish-American folk-lore.

A *North Carolina Manual* of four hundred and fifty pages, compiled by R. D. W. Connor, has been published by the North Carolina Historical Commission for the use of the members of the General Assembly.

Bulletin of Information, Nos. 17-20, published by The Arkansas History Commission, have been combined into one number, containing a *Classified Catalogue of Historical Information*. This is a comprehensive list of references, chiefly from newspapers of the last few years, arranged alphabetically by topics.

Mary Wilhelmine Williams is the author of a volume on *Anglo-American Isthmian Diplomacy, 1815-1915*, which has been published by the American Historical Association. This is the essay which was awarded the Justin Winsor Prize in American History for 1914.

A Red Rose — Springfield, 1780 — and After, by William Nelson; *The Reformed Protestant Church in Newark*, by Charles E. Hart; some *Reminiscences of the War of 1812*; and *Jedidiah Swan's Orderly Book* are among the contents of the *Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society* for January.

Volumes fifteen and sixteen of the *Archives of Maryland*, edited by Clayton C. Hall, contain the *Proceedings and Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland*, from 1724 to 1726, and from 1727 to 1729, respectively.

A handsome volume published by the Connecticut Historical Society is entitled *Records of the Connecticut State Society of the Cincinnati*. The records which the volume contains are printed in facsimile reproductions of the originals. A similar volume published by the same Society contains *Papers of the Connecticut State Society of the Cincinnati*.

N. H. Debel is the author of an article on *The Development of the Veto Power of the Governor of Illinois* which occupies first place in the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society* for October. Charles A. Kent is the writer of an address on *Lincoln and Gettysburg after Fifty Years*. An article of particular interest to Iowans is a brief biographical sketch of *Russel Farnham*, by Orrin S. Holt. Besides numerous other articles and documents there are the proceedings at the dedication of the *Jesse W. Fell Memorial Gateway, State Normal University Campus*.

The *Quarterly Bulletin* is the name of a new periodical, published by the New York Historical Society, which made its appearance in April. It is its purpose to present brief accounts of the work of the Society and of the interesting features of the library and museum. In this number, among other things, there is a short article on *The Spurious Ulster County Gazette of January 4, 1800*.

A detailed account of *The Meeting of the American Historical Association at Cincinnati* occupies the opening pages in *The American Historical Review* for April. Jesse S. Reeves is the author of a paper entitled *Two Conceptions of the Freedom of the Seas*; Arthur

L. Cross discusses *The English Criminal Law and Benefit of the Clergy During the Eighteenth and Early Nineteenth Centuries*; and Ralston Hayden writes on *The States' Rights Doctrine and the Treaty-making Power*. Under the heading of "Documents" will be found *Protocols of Conferences of Representatives of the Allied Powers Respecting Spanish America, 1824-1825*.

The Missouri Historical Review for January opens with some *Letters of Edward Bates and the Blairs* from the private papers of Senator Doolittle, contributed by Duane Mowry. The progress made in the plans for *Missouri's Centennial Celebration* are described at some length; and David W. Eaton contributes the third in his series of articles on *How Missouri Counties, Towns and Streams were Named*.

In *The Georgia Historical Quarterly* for June there are, among others, the following articles: *James Mackay, of Strathy Hall, Comrade in Arms of George Washington*, by William Harden; *Fort Pulaski*, by Charles H. Olmstead; *Historic Spots in Summerville*, by Lawton B. Evans; and a legal opinion on the *Boundary Between Georgia and South Carolina*, by George Hillyer.

The Onondaga Historical Association has published a volume of about two hundred pages containing *Moravian Journals Relating to Central New York 1745-66*, arranged and edited by William M. Beauchamp. Beginning with Bishop A. G. Spangenberg's journal of a journey to Onondaga in 1745, and ending with the journal of the journey of David Zeisberger and Gottlieb Sensemann to Onondaga and Cayuga in 1766, the material here printed makes accessible some very interesting and valuable data relative to Indian affairs. David Zeisberger was a member of each of the parties whose experiences are here recorded.

An interesting article in the *Historical Collections of the Essex Institute* for April is one by Winfield S. Nevins on *Nathaniel Hawthorne's Removal from the Salem Custom House*. There are also continuations of *The Lee Family of Marblehead*, by Thomas Amory Lee; *The Eastern Railroad*, by Francis B. C. Bradley; and *A Gene-*

alogical-Historical Visitation of Andover, Mass., in the Year 1863, by Alfred Poore.

The Southwestern Historical Quarterly for April opens with the first chapters of a monograph on *The Tariff History of the Republic of Texas*, by Asa Kyrus Christian. Then follows the third installment of the study of *Diplomatic Relations Between France and the Republic of Texas*, by Herbert R. Edwards. *Jared Ellison Groce* is the subject of a short sketch by Rosa Groce Bertleth. Some *Recollections of Stephen F. Austin* are presented by George L. Hammelsen. And finally, there is another section of *British Correspondence Concerning Texas*, edited by Ephraim Douglass Adams.

Continuations of the *Journal of the Committee of Observation of the Middle District of Frederick County, Maryland*, and of *Extracts from the Carroll Papers* appear in the March number of the *Maryland Historical Magazine*. There is also an unsigned article on the history of the *Second Regiment, Maryland Volunteer Infantry*.

The Mason Title and Its Relations to New Hampshire and Massachusetts, by Otis Grant Hammond; *The Hornbook and Its Use in America*, by George A. Plimpton; *Historical Notes Relating to the Second Settlement of Worcester*, by Lincoln N. Kinnicutt; and *The Press and Printers of Jamaica Prior to 1820*, by Frank Cundall, are papers in the *Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society* at the annual meeting held on October 18, 1916. Part six of Clarence S. Brigham's *Bibliography of American Newspapers, 1690-1820*, here printed, contains a list of New Jersey newspapers.

Quenby and the eastern branch of Cooper River are the subjects discussed in chapter sixteen of Henry A. M. Smith's study of *The Baronies of South Carolina* in the January number of *The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine*. There is another installment of the *Letters of John Rutledge*, annotated by Joseph W. Barnwell.

The Hoskins of Kentucky, by Eliza A. Herring; *The Alleged Secession of Kentucky*, by A. C. Quisenberry; *Lincoln, Jefferson Davis*

and *Francis Preston Blair*, by Gist Blair; *Israel Donalson, Maysville's First School Teacher*, by A. F. Curran; and *History of Education in Kentucky*, by Martha Stephenson, are articles in the May number of *The Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society*.

Memphis as a Gateway to the West: A Study in the Beginnings of Railway Transportation in the Old Southwest is the title of a valuable paper by St. George L. Sioussat, which is the opening contribution in the March number of the *Tennessee Historical Magazine*. There is also the first installment of a study of *Lardner Clark, Nashville's First Merchant and Foremost Citizen*, by W. A. Provine. The documents in this number consist of some *Letters of James K. Polk to Andrew J. Donelson, 1843-1848*, with introduction and notes by St. George L. Sioussat.

Rosati's Election to the Coadjutorship of New Orleans, by Charles L. Souvay; *Chronology of the Catholic Hierarchy in the United States*, by Owen B. Corrigan, dealing with the Provinces of Philadelphia, Milwaukee, and Santa Fe; *Negro Catholics in the United States*, by Joseph Butsch; and *Early Irish Schoolmasters in New England*, by Michael J. O'Brien, are articles in the April number of *The Catholic Historical Review*. A number of interesting documents appear under the heading, *A Bishop for the Indians in 1790*.

Two articles in the March number of the *Indiana Magazine of History* which deal with the local history of that State are: *Universalism in Indiana*, by Elmer Arnold Robinson; and *Old Corydon*, by Charles Moores. Some *Reminiscences of the Civil War: Escape from Fort Tyler Prison* are presented by Horace B. Little. Of more general interest are: *The Wilderness Road*, by Frances Higgins; *Memories of the National Road*, by Harriet McIntyre Foster; and *Tecumseh's Confederacy*, by Elmore Barce.

Thomas B. Beall is the contributor of some *Pioneer Reminiscences*, which occupy the opening pages of *The Washington University Quarterly* for April. Under the heading of *Washington's War Governor* there is a letter written by William Pickering in 1862.

Chief Sluskin's True Narrative is presented by Lucullus V. McWhorter. An interesting paper by O. B. Sperlin deals with Washington's *Forts of the Fur Trade Regime*. Edmond S. Meany contributes a brief discussion of the *Early Records of the University*. Finally, there is the concluding installment of the *Diary of Colonel and Mrs. I. N. Ebey*, edited by Victor J. Farrar.

Among the articles in the January-March number of the *American Anthropologist* are the following: *Ceremonial Friendship at Zuni*, by Elsie Clews Parsons; *Game Totems Among the Northeastern Algonkians*, by Frank G. Speck; *The Place of Coiled Ware in Southwestern Pottery*, by Earl H. Morris; *Evidence of Circular Kivas in Western Utah Ruins*, by Neil M. Judd; *Similarities in Culture*, by W. D. Wallis; and *De Soto's Route from Cofitachequi, in Georgia, to Cosa, in Alabama*, by Daniel M. Andrews. This number also contains the constitutions of the American Anthropological Association and the American Ethnological Society, and the proceedings of the latter organization at the meetings from February, 1915, to January, 1917.

A monograph of over seventy pages on *Ohio in the Presidential Election of 1824*, by Eugene H. Roseboom, is the opening contribution in the April number of the *Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly*. An illustrated account of the *Explorations of the Westenhaver Mound* is presented by William C. Mills. *The Mound Builder and the Indian According to the Book of Mormon* is the subject discussed by C. W. Clark. Among the editorials are notes on the history of Fort Laurens; on the Campus Martius within the limits of the city of Marietta, Ohio; on the life and services of Stephen D. Peet; and on the first court in Ohio.

A symposium on the *Field and Method of the Elementary College Course* is to be found in the April number of *The History Teacher's Magazine*. Among the articles in the May number are the following: *The War and History Teaching in Europe*, by Albert E. McKinley; and *The Minnesota History Teachers' Syllabus*, contributed by C. B. Kuhlmann. The June number contains, among others, the following contributions: *The Great War: From Spec-*

tator to Participant, by Andrew C. McLaughlin; *How Far Should the Teaching of History and Civics be Used as a Means of Encouraging Patriotism?*, by Herman V. Ames; *The Passing of Splendid Isolation*, by Arthur P. Scott; and *The National Board for Historical Service*, by James T. Shotwell.

Volumes twenty and twenty-one of the *Buffalo Historical Society Publications* consist of a two-volume work by Frank H. Severance, entitled *An Old Frontier of France: The Niagara Region and Adjacent Lakes Under French Control*. The first volume tells of the coming of the first white men to the region, of the adventures of La Salle, of the expeditions of La Barre and Denonville, of the activities of the elder Joncaire and his sons, and of the development of the fur trade. Volume two deals with the history of the region during the final struggle between the French and the English and its acquisition by the latter. The narrative, which is written in a very interesting style, is well supplied with notes and references, and there are numerous maps and illustrations.

A brief discussion of *The Klamath Exploring Expedition, 1850*, by Socrates Scholfield, is the opening contribution in *The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society* for December, 1916. Some *Reminiscences of Mrs. Frank Collins, nee Martha Elizabeth Gilliam*, are presented by Fred Lockley. Mrs. Collins was born in Missouri, and her father took part in the Black Hawk War. The *Last Will and Testament of John Day*, who was a member of Astorian expedition of 1811-12, is prefaced by an introduction by T. C. Elliott. Six letters from Elihu Wright to his brother, Samuel Wright, with an editorial note by George H. Himes; the third installment of the *Diary of Reverend Jason Lee*; and another portion of the *Correspondence of the Reverend Ezra Fisher*, complete the contents.

The *Proceedings of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association for 1915-1916*, edited by Solon J. Buck, appeared in April as a supplement to *The Mississippi Valley Historical Review*. This is the first volume of the *Proceedings* to come out under the new plan of issuing all the publications of the Association under the direction of the Board of Editors. Among the papers contained in this vol-

ume are the following: *The Mississippi Valley in American History*, by Dunbar Rowland; *Religion as a Factor in the Early Development of Ohio*, by Margaret J. Mitchell; *New Light on Early Kentucky*, by James R. Robertson; *Internal Improvement Projects in Texas in the Fifties*, by Charles W. Ramsdell; *The Dutch Element in Early Kentucky*, by Percy Scott Flippin; *The Early Life of Jefferson Davis*, by Walter L. Fleming; and *The Veto Power in Ohio*, by Reginald C. McGrane. A large number of the papers read before the Association have been or will be printed in the *Review* or elsewhere. The lack of an index in the volume is to be regretted.

The *Minnesota History Bulletin* for November is taken up with *Captain Potter's Recollections of Minnesota Experiences*, written by Theodore E. Potter, who came to Minnesota in 1856 when a young man about twenty-four years of age, after having made a journey to California and having been a member of Walker's filibustering expedition to Nicaragua. Iowans will find interest in the brief discussion of the Spirit Lake massacre, and later of the massacre at New Ulm. The February number of the *Bulletin* contains two biographical sketches, namely: *Captain Henry A. Castle*, by Gideon S. Ives; and *Return Ira Holcombe*, by Warren Upham. Among the "Notes and Documents" is a letter written by Charles C. Willson of Rochester, Minnesota, stating a lawyer's view of the Kensington Rune Stone; and a note on the genesis of the Republican party in Minnesota. A supplement to this number contains the *Nineteenth Biennial Report* of the Society for the years 1915 and 1916.

ACTIVITIES

The State Pioneer and Historical Society of Michigan held its forty-third annual meeting at Lansing on May 9th and 10th.

The annual meeting of the Maryland Historical Society was held on February 12, 1917. The report of the committee on membership revealed the fact that one hundred and forty new members were added during the year 1916, making a total of seven hundred and sixty-eight.

The new building of the Minnesota Historical Society is rapidly nearing completion and it is hoped that it will be ready for occupancy by the first of October. The total number of books and pamphlets in the library of the Society on December 31, 1916, was estimated at 124,239, of which 81,239 have been accessioned.

A movement looking toward the establishment of a State Department of Archives and History has been inaugurated by the Georgia Historical Society.

The annual meeting of the Texas State Historical Association was held on March 2nd. The following officers, among others, were chosen: Mrs. A. B. Looscan, president; and Charles W. Ramsdell, corresponding secretary and treasurer. Forty new members were also elected at this time.

The Madrid Historical Society has recently come into possession of the plat of the old town of Elk Rapids in Boone County, which was laid out in April, 1851.

Among the recent acquisitions of the Historical Society of Marshall County is the first government land patent issued for land in Marshall County. It was issued on June 7, 1848, to John Long of Illinois as a bounty for service in the Mexican War. He assigned the warrant to Joseph Cooper, by whose son it has now been donated to the Historical Society.

The eighteenth annual meeting of the Illinois State Historical Association was held in the Supreme Court building at Springfield on May 10th and 11th. The annual address was delivered by Dr. Jenkin Lloyd Jones of Chicago. Among the papers were: *The Population of Illinois, 1870-1910*, by E. L. Bogart; *The Public Land Policy and Early Illinois Politics*, by Theodore C. Pease; and *The Presidential Election of 1864*, by Arthur C. Cole.

The Madison County Historical Society held its annual meeting at the court house in Winterset on Tuesday, April 24th. The program consisted of a letter from Mrs. Richard Dabney of Portland, Oregon, telling of early days in Madison County; an address by

B. B. Burton on the importance of the study of history; and a paper by W. H. Lewis on the swamp lands of Madison County. The following officers were elected: H. A. Mueller, president; W. W. Gentry, vice president; and E. R. Zeller, secretary-treasurer. The Society has recently been given a room in the court house for the storage and display of its relics and collections.

The tenth annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association was held in Chicago on April 26-28, 1917. The sessions were held in the building of the Chicago Historical Society, in the Newberry Library building, and in the Congress Hotel. Besides the presidential address on *The Rise of Sports, 1876-1893*, by Frederic L. Paxson, the following are among the papers read: *The Value of the Memoir of George Rogers Clark*, by James A. James; *Glimpses of Some Old Mississippi River Posts*, by Louis Pelzer; *The Military-Indian Frontier, 1830-1835*, by Ruth A. Gallaher; *The Pioneer Aristocracy*, by Logan Esarey; *Latin-American History as a Field of Study for Mississippi Valley Students*, by Paul F. Peck; and *The Influence of the West on the Rise and Decline of Political Parties*, by Homer C. Hockett. At the business meeting St. George L. Sioussat was elected president; Mrs. Clarence S. Paine, secretary-treasurer; Orin G. Libby, Arthur H. Sanford, and Homer C. Hockett, members of the executive committee; and Isaac J. Cox, Milo M. Quaife, and Dan E. Clark, members of the board of editors.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

During the summer the Society will install a number of new steel bookstacks to meet the need for more shelf-room for the growing library. Additional steel vaults for the preservation of manuscripts will also be installed.

Dr. Fred E. Haynes, author of the volume on *Third Party Movements Since the Civil War with Special Reference to Iowa*, is preparing a biography of James B. Weaver for publication by the Society.

A volume on the *Marches of the First United States Dragoons*, by Dr. Louis Pelzer; and a volume on *Old Fort Snelling*, by Mr. Marcus Lee Hansen, are nearing completion and will be put to press during the summer or early fall.

A biography of Samuel J. Kirkwood, who was Governor of Iowa during the Civil War and later United States Senator and Secretary of the Interior, is now in press. The Associate Editor, Dan E. Clark, is the author.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Dr. Henry Young, Manson, Iowa; Mr. Norris A. Brisco, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Walter Canaday, Des Moines, Iowa; Miss Ruth A. Gallaher, Iowa City, Iowa; Miss Helen Otto, Iowa City, Iowa; and Mr. Henry E. Sampson, Des Moines, Iowa.