

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

PUBLICATIONS

The greater part of *The Georgia Historical Quarterly* for December is taken up with *Official Letters of Governor John Martin, 1782-1783*.

Gottfried Duden's "Report," 1824-1827, translated by William G. Bek; *Missouri and the War*, by Floyd C. Shoemaker; and *Missourians Abroad: George Wylie Paul Hunt*, by Ivan H. Epperson, are contributions in the October number of *The Missouri Historical Review*.

A biographical sketch of *Franklin Benjamin Sanborn, A. B.*, by Victor Channing Sanborn, appears in the October number of *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*.

Among the contributions in the October number of *The Catholic Historical Review* are the following: *Origin of American Aborigines: A Famous Controversy*, by Herbert F. Wright; *The Church in Spanish American History*, by Julius Klein; and *Catholic Church Annals of Kansas City (1800-1859)*, by William Kenenhof.

Among the articles in the *Historical Collections of the Essex Institute* for October is one on *John Rogers: Sculptor of American Subjects*.

Among the contents of the *Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society* at the meeting of April 11, 1917, may be noted a short article on *Types of Prehistoric Southwestern Architecture*, by J. Walter Fewkes; and a continuation of Clarence S. Brigham's *Bibliography of American Newspapers, 1690-1820*.

The Public Document Division of the Wisconsin Historical Library is described by Anna W. Evans in *Bulletin of Information No. 87*, published by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

The combined April-June and July-September numbers of *The Quarterly Publication of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio* are devoted to a reprint of J. H. Daviess' *View of the President's Conduct Concerning the Conspiracy of 1806*, edited by Isaac Joslin Cox and Helen A. Swineford.

A biographical sketch of the late *Professor Marion Dexter Learned*, by Joseph G. Rosengarten, is published in the September-December number of the *German American Annals*.

Two contributions of more than local interest in volume fifteen of the *Proceedings and Collections of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society* of Wilkes-Barré, Pennsylvania, are: a lengthy, illustrated description of "*The Alfred Franklin Berlin Collection*" of *American Indian Artifacts in the Possession of this Society*, by Alfred F. Berlin; and *The Reminiscences of General Isaac Jones Wistar, U. S. A.*, by Charles B. Dougherty.

The Chetek and Rice Lakes, by Charles E. Brown and Robert H. Becker; and a tribute to the memory of the late William H. Ellsworth, are contributions in the October number of *The Wisconsin Archeologist*.

Tract No. 97 of the Western Reserve Historical Society contains, in addition to the annual report and some miscellaneous routine material, a number of important historical source materials, edited by Elbert Jay Benton, and entitled *Side Lights on the Ohio Company of Associates from the John May Papers*. Especially are there numerous letters written by William Rufus Putnam.

Oral Tradition and History is the title of a short article by Robert H. Lowie, in the April-June number of *The Journal of American Folk-lore*.

Four articles appear in *The American Historical Review* for October, namely: *A Case of Witchcraft*, by George L. Kittredge; *The Lords of Trade and Plantations*, by Winfred T. Root; *The Mission as a Frontier Institution in the Spanish-American Colonies*, by Herbert E. Bolton; *The History of German Socialism Reconsidered*, by Carlton J. H. Hayes.

The Manila Galleon and California, by William L. Schurg; *Notes on Early Texas Newspapers, 1819-1836*, by Eugene C. Barker; *The Archivo General de Indias*, by Charles E. Chapman; and *Contemporary Poetry of the Texas Revolution*, by Alex Dienst, are contributions in *The Southwestern Historical Quarterly* for October. There is also another installment of *British Correspondence Concerning Texas*, edited by Ephraim Douglass Adams.

A Record of the San Poil Indians is the subject of an article by R. D. Gwydir, which occupies the opening pages in *The Washington Historical Quarterly* for October. Then follow some *Pioneer Reminiscences*, by Oscar Canfield, who went with his parents from Iowa to Oregon in 1847. *Port Orchard Fifty Years Ago*, by W. B. Seymour; *David Thompson's Journeys in the Spokane Country*, by T. C. Elliott; *Washington Geographic Names*, by Edmond S. Meany; and some letters illustrative of the *Attitude of the Hudson's Bay Company During the Indian War of 1855-1856*, edited by Clarence B. Bagley, are other contributions.

A monograph on *John Stuart: Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Southern District*, by George B. Jackson; and a biographical sketch of *William Ferrell*, by Roscoe Nunn, are printed in the September number of the *Tennessee Historical Magazine*. The documents in this number consist of some correspondence of John Bell and Willie Mangum, and some letters of John Bell to William B. Campbell, edited by St. George L. Sioussat.

Sieur de Vincennes Identified, by Pierre-Georges Roy; and *Morgan's Raid in Indiana*, by Louis B. Ewbank, are monographs which constitute numbers one and two of volume seven of the *Indiana Historical Society Publications*.

Articles which appear in the *Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly* for October are: *Mac-o-chee Valley*, by Keren Jane Gaumer; *Johnson's Island*, by Hewson L. Peeke; *Muskingum River Pilots: Their Duties and Requirements*, by Irven Travis; *Henry Bouquet: his Indian Campaigns*, by J. C. Reeve; and a detailed description of *The Hayes Memorial at Fremont, Ohio*. Here will

also be found the proceedings of the thirty-second annual meeting of the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society.

The belated January, 1917, number of the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society* opens with a paper by Joseph J. Thompson, entitled *Penalties of Patriotism: an Appreciation of the Life, Patriotism and Services of Francis Vigo, Pierre Gibault, George Rogers Clark and Arthur St. Clair, "The Founders of the Northwest"*. Other articles are: *Rev. Colin Dew James, a Pioneer Methodist Preacher of Early Illinois*, by Edmund J. James; *Some Beginnings in Central Cass County, Illinois*, by William Epler; *Early Women Preachers*, by Mrs. Katherine Stahl; and *Times When Lincoln Remembered Albion*, by Walter Colyer.

The opening pages of the *Michigan History Magazine* for October are occupied by *Civil War Letters*, written by Washington Gardner. Among the other numerous contributions are the following: *Government Survey and Charting of the Great Lakes from the Beginning of the Work in 1841 to the Present*, by John Fitzgibbon; *Michigan and the Holland Immigration of 1847*, by Gerrit Van Schelvin; and *Holland Emigration to Michigan: Its Causes and Results*, by Gerrit J. Diekema. There is also a descriptive list of the papers of Governor Austin Blair in the Burton Library at Detroit.

The opening contribution in the *Indiana Magazine of History* for September is a monograph by Charles Zimmerman on *The Origin and Rise of the Republican Party in Indiana from 1854 to 1860*, which is concluded in the December number. A very entertaining paper on *The Pioneer Aristocracy*, by Logan Esarey; and a discussion of *The Underground Railroad in Monroe County*, by Henry Lester Smith, are also to be found in the September number; while an additional contribution in December is an interesting paper on *Lincoln in Indiana*, by J. Edward Murr.

T. C. Elliott discusses the question of *Where is Point Vancouver?* in the opening pages of *The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society* for June. John E. Rees writes on the subject of *Idaho—Its Meaning, Origin and Application*. In the September number there

is an interesting article on *The Pioneer Stimulus of Gold*, by Leslie M. Scott. Installments of the biography of *Hall Jackson Kelley — Prophet of Oregon*, by Fred Wilbur Powell, are to be found in both numbers.

A study of *The Development of Banking in Minnesota*, by Sydney A. Patchin, occupies about sixty pages in the *Minnesota History Bulletin* for August. There are also two short articles: *Historical Activities in War Time*, by Solon J. Buck; and *The Preservation of Newspapers*, by John Talman. The November number is considerably larger than the average issue of the *Bulletin*, over one hundred pages being devoted to *Recollections of Minnesota Experiences*, by Theodore E. Potter. Iowans will be particularly interested in the brief reminiscences of the Spirit Lake massacre and the longer account of the massacre at New Ulm.

Among the articles in the September number of *The History Teachers' Magazine* is one by Evarts B. Greene offering *Suggestions on the Relation of American to European History*. Two papers in the October number are: *English Foundations of American Institutional Life*, by St. George L. Sioussat; and *A Renaissance in Military History*, by E. M. Violette. A brief account of the National Board for Historical Service appears in the November issue, where there is also, among other things, a paper on *The American Revolution and the British Empire*, by Evarts B. Greene. *Democracy and War*, by J. G. Randall; *The Holy Alliance: Its Origins and Influence*, by W. S. Robertson; and *The Importance of the Agricultural Revolution*, by Raymond G. Taylor, are articles in the December number.

Frederic L. Paxson's entertaining address on *The Rise of Sport* is the opening contribution in the September number of *The Mississippi Valley Historical Review*. Of special interest to Iowans is an article by B. H. Schockel on the *Settlement and Development of the Lead and Zinc Mining Region of the Driftless Area with Special Emphasis upon Jo Daviess County, Illinois*. James A. James is the writer of a valuable paper on *Spanish Influence in the West During the American Revolution*. Lawrence J. Burpee presents a

survey of *Historical Activities in Canada, 1916-1917*. The following articles appear in the December number: *Howell Cobb and the Crisis of 1850*, by R. P. Brooks; *A Larger View of the Yellowstone Expedition, 1819-1820*, by Cardinal Goodwin; *The Beginnings of British West Florida*, by Clarence E. Carter; and *Historical Activities in the Trans-Mississippi Northwest, 1916-1917*, by Dan E. Clark. In the "Notes and Documents" there is an extract from the *Journal of John Sutherland*, edited by Ella Lonn.

The latest addition to the list of quarterly periodicals published by State historical societies is *The Wisconsin Magazine of History*, published by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin under the editorship of Milo M. Quaife, the first issue appearing in September. The first contribution in this number is an article by Milo M. Quaife on *Increase Allen Lapham, First Scholar of Wisconsin*. John L. Bracklin describes *A Forest Fire in Northern Wisconsin*; and Louise P. Kellogg discusses *Bankers' Aid in 1861-62*. Under the heading of "Documents" there is a contribution of particular interest to Iowans, namely, *The Diary of Harvey Reid: Kept at Madison in the Spring of 1861*, with introduction and notes by Milo M. Quaife. Mr. Reid, whose portrait accompanies the diary, was a resident of Jackson County, Iowa, from 1865 to the time of his death in 1910, and he was the author of a biography of Thomas Cox, published by The State Historical Society of Iowa. In a department called "Historical Fragments", among other things, there is a note on the spelling of the name Jolliet. One of the editorials has to do with the Nelson Dewey Park and the first capitol of Wisconsin Territory at Belmont. There are also departments entitled "Question Box" and "Survey of Historical Activities". The new periodical is attractive in appearance, and should prove a very popular and valuable feature of the work of the Society.

ACTIVITIES

The next annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association will be held in May at Minneapolis.

The thirty-third annual meeting of the American Historical As-

sociation was held in Philadelphia on December 27-29, 1917, in connection with the annual meetings of several allied associations.

At the last session of the legislature of California an appropriation of \$12,500 was made for the support of the California Historical Survey Commission, which was created by law in 1915. The commission has already made a thorough survey of materials in county archives and has discovered valuable papers and documents in private collections.

The Madrid Historical Society is rapidly acquiring a large collection of relics illustrating pioneer life, judging from the reports of the president and curator, Mr. C. L. Lucas.

The Allamakee County Historical and Genealogical Society continues to perform a valuable service by inducing early settlers to write their recollections for publication in the newspapers. For instance, some interesting *Reminiscences of Pioneer Days*, written by Mrs. Jennie Leui from memoranda of conversations with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Orr, appeared in the *Waukon Republican*, November 14, 1917.

A movement is on foot in Montana to reorganize the state historical society which has been practically inactive for several years. Furthermore, the chancellor of the university has appointed a "University commission on Montana history" consisting of F. H. Garver, chairman, A. L. Stone, M. L. Wilson, H. H. Swain, and P. C. Phillips. The main object of the commission is to publish a quarterly series of monographs relative to the history of the state, the first number of which it is hoped will appear early in 1918.

Among the recent acquisitions of the Historical Department of Iowa at Des Moines are some account books of John D. Baker, an early merchant at the old town of Iowaville on the Des Moines River. They shed much light on the cost of living in Iowa sixty-five years ago. The Department has also received a large and interesting collection of Civil War relics, donated by Rev. H. H. Green of Decorah. The activities of the Department during the past few months include the preparation of a monument to mark the Mor-

mon Trail at Lewis in Cass County, and the plans for the making of a directory of Iowa men in military service during the present war.

The Historical Society of Marshall County held a memorial meeting early in November in honor of the deceased members of the Society. Among others, there were tributes to T. P. Marsh and J. L. Carney, the latter of whom was formerly the president of the Society. At a meeting on November 27th the principal paper was one by Aaron Palmer on *The Marking of Historic Places*. Late in December the Society let the contract for a granite monument to mark the burial-place of "Johnny Green", the Pottawattamie Indian chief who befriended the early settlers and protected them against unfriendly Indians. The example set by the Society in this movement is worthy of emulation by other local historical societies in Iowa.

The semicentennial of admission into the union was properly celebrated by Nebraska. The exact date of the anniversary, March 1, was observed by the legislature and the public schools. At the Aksarben festival in Omaha in October there was presented a pageant of Nebraska history, under the direction of Mr. John L. Webster, at that time president of the Nebraska state historical society. President and Mrs. Wilson were guests of Omaha on this occasion. The main feature of the celebration occurred at Lincoln on June 12-14 under the direction of the state historical society, the state university, and the Lincoln commercial club. The historical society arranged an historical exhibit in the city auditorium which was visited by thousands of people. Moving pictures and lantern slides depicting episodes in Nebraska history were shown. Lectures were given afternoon and evening by the superintendent of the society, Mr. A. E. Sheldon. The most interesting phase of the three days' celebration was a pageant entitled "Nebraska: a semicentennial masque".

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

A volume on the Spirit Lake Massacre, written by Mr. Thomas Teakle, will probably be put to press within a few weeks.

Two volumes have been distributed by the Society since October, namely, a biography of Samuel Jordan Kirkwood, Governor of Iowa during the Civil War, by Dan E. Clark; and a volume dealing with *Marches of the Dragoons in the Mississippi Valley*, by Louis Pelzer.

Three pamphlets in the series entitled *Iowa and War* have been issued since November, as follows: *Iowa and War*, being a brief summary of the part played by Iowa in various wars, by Cyril B. Upham; *Sanitary Fairs — a Method of Raising Funds for Relief Work in Iowa During the Civil War*, by Earl S. Fullbrook; and *Old Fort Madison: Early Wars on the Eastern Border of the Iowa Country*, by Jacob Van der Zee.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. Mitchell Pirie Briggs, Fresno, California; Mr. Earl S. Fullbrook, Iowa City, Iowa; Miss Althea R. Sherman, McGregor, Iowa; Hon. John T. Adams, Dubuque, Iowa; Hon. W. S. Allen, Des Moines, Iowa; Professor B. T. Baldwin, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. Clara Cooley Becker, Dubuque, Iowa; Mrs. Cora E. Chapin, Union, Iowa; Hon. Herbert A. Huff, Eldora, Iowa; Mr. W. O. Payne, Des Moines, Iowa; Hon. Truman A. Potter, Mason City, Iowa; Dean Wm. F. Russell, Iowa City, Iowa; Hon. W. C. Stuckslager, Lisbon, Iowa; Mr. A. L. Urick, Des Moines, Iowa; Hon. H. M. Havner, Des Moines, Iowa; Dr. E. B. Howell, Ottumwa, Iowa; Hon. Harry E. Hull, Williamsburg, Iowa; Adj. Gen. Guy E. Logan, Des Moines, Iowa; Miss Hettie W. Seifert, Muscatine, Iowa; Mr. Jay J. Sherman, Luverne, Iowa; and Hon. Burton E. Sweet, Waverly, Iowa.

On Thursday evening, November 8th, at the time of the conference of the Association of American Universities at Iowa City, the Political Science Club of the State University held a meeting in the rooms of the Society. Brief addresses were given by Dean Charles H. Haskins of Harvard University; Dean Herman V. Ames of Pennsylvania University; Dr. George H. Barnett of Johns Hopkins University; Dean Albion W. Small of Chicago University; Dean

F. W. Blackmar of the University of Kansas; Dr. William J. Kerby of the Catholic University at Washington, D. C.; Professor Henry R. Spencer of Ohio State University; Dean Isidor Loeb of the University of Missouri; Dean Kendric C. Babcock of the University of Illinois; and Mr. D. D. Murphy, President of the Iowa State Board of Education.

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