## HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

## PUBLICATIONS

The Medford Historical Register for December, 1922, contains an article on Medford Church Anniversaries.

The Wilderness Trail, by George Ives Haight, is a short but interesting paper in the March number of the Chicago Historical Society Bulletin.

The Indiana Historical Commission has recently published the *Proceedings of the Southwestern Indiana Historical Society* as Bulletin No. 16. The meeting was held at Evansville, Indiana, on January 31, 1922.

The First Publishers of Truth, by Ernest E. Taylor, is one of the papers in a recent number of The Journal of the Friends' Historical Society.

Two Seasons' Work in Archaeology in Colorado, by Jean Allard Jeancon, is one of the short articles in the Bulletin of the State Historical and Natural History Society of Colorado for November, 1922.

In addition to the reports of the State Historical Society and local auxiliary societies, the *Proceedings of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin* for 1922 contains a report entitled *The Draper Collection of Manuscripts*, by Joseph Schafer.

The Quarterly Publication of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio for October-December, 1922, contains the annual report of the Society for the year 1922.

Early New England Nomenclature, by Donald Lines Jacobus, is an interesting study in local history in The New England Historical and Genealogical Register for January.

New Jersey Paper Currency, 1709-1786, by William W. Bradbeer, and A Walking and Riding Journey West in 1811-'12, a

The three articles in the January issue of The American Historical Review are European History and American Scholarship, by Charles H. Haskins; The London Mission of Thomas Pinckney, 1792–1796, by Samuel F. Bemis; and Historical Research in Russia during the Revolutionary Crisis, by A. Presniakov.

The True Story of the Virginia and the Monitor, by William Tindall, is an article of general interest in the January number of The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography. There is also a report of the proceedings of the Virginia Historical Society for 1921 and a list of the officers and members of the Society.

The Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society for January contains the first installment of what is known as the "Certificate Book"—the manuscript volume containing the record of the land claims in early Kentucky. The certificates issued on proof of settlement and preëmption rights took the place of deeds. The original is in the possession of the clerk of the Fayette County court.

The Southwestern Historical Quarterly for January contains a paper by Charmion Clair Shelby on St. Denis's Declaration Concerning Texas in 1717. There are also installments of continued articles: Indian Policy of the Republic of Texas, by Anna Mucklerroy; Memoirs of Major George Bernard Erath, by Lucy A. Erath; and The Bryan-Hayes Correspondence, edited by E. W. Winkler.

Three articles in The Georgia Historical Quarterly for December, 1922, are the following: New Light Upon the Founding of Georgia, by W. B. Phillips; The Activities of the Missionaries Among the Cherokees, by L. M. Collins; and Development of Agriculture in Lower Georgia from 1890 to 1920, by R. M. Harper. There is also another installment of the Howell Cobb Papers, edited by R. P. Brooks.

The Indiana Magazine of History for December, 1922, contains five articles: Tecumseh and Pushmataha, by J. Wesley Whicker;

Pioneer Life in Boone County, by Jane Gregory Stevenson; Pioneer Stories of the Calumet, compiled by J. William Lester; Pennville, by Ida Helen McCarty; and Pioneer Homesteads, by Julia Le Clerc Knox.

Volume fifty-five of the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society contains reports on various meetings including the annual meeting in April, 1922. Among the papers and addresses are the following: A Chaplain of the Revolution, by Edward Waldo Emerson; The Seizure of John Hancock's Sloop "Liberty", by George G. Wolkins; and How Massachusetts Raised Her Troops in the Revolution, by Jonathan Smith.

The Nevada Historical Society Papers, 1921-1922, contains the following papers and articles: Historical Sketches and Reminiscences of Dayton, Nevada, by Fanny G. Hazlett; The Truckee River, by Robert L. Fulton; A Brief Survey of the Musical History of Western Nevada, by Gertrude Streeter Vrooman; The Washo Language, by Grace Dangberg; and The Lake of the Deep Blue Waters, by Gilberta Turner.

The January issue of The Washington Historical Quarterly contains the following articles and papers: The Building of the Walla Walla & Columbia River Railroad, by W. W. Baker; The Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railroad Company, by L. C. Gilman; a continuation of Newspapers of Washington Territory, by Edmond S. Meany; Notes on the Life and Historical Services of Thomas W. Prosch, by Charles W. Smith; Professor Channing and the West, by Samuel Flagg Bemis; and an installment of Origin of Washington Geographic Names, by Edmond S. Meany.

The Mormon Winter Camp on the Niobrara, by Ed A. Fry, and My Recollection of the Early Grange in Nebraska, by T. N. Bobbitt, are two of the short papers in Nebraska History and Record of Pioneer Days for January-March, 1922. In the April-June number Robert Harvey contributes an article on The Paul Brothers of St. Paul.

Rhode Island in 1784, by Paul C. Nicholson, The Wallum Pond Estates, by Harry Lee Barnes, and Rev. George Whitefield's Ac-

count of His Visit to Rhode Island in 1740, are three of the contributions in the January number of the Rhode Island Historical Society Collections.

Wisconsin, by William Ellery Leonard, a second installment of The Yankee and the Teuton in Wisconsin, by Joseph Schafer, The Grand Army of the Republic and the Wisconsin Department, by Hosea W. Rood, Empire: A Wisconsin Town, by W. A. Titus, and Micajah Terrell Williams — A Sketch, by Samuel M. Williams, are the articles in the March number of The Wisconsin Magazine of History. The Diary of a Journey to Wisconsin in 1840 is concluded in this number.

Some Aspects of Pittsburgh's Industrial Contributions to the Civil War, by Louis Vaira, The Archaeology and Early History of the Allegheny River, by Geo. P. Donehoo, Western Pennsylvania and the Election of 1860, The Attitude of the Pittsburgh Newspapers Toward the Kansas-Nebraska Bill, by Don R. Kovar, Application of Veto Power by Abraham Lincoln, by Anna Prenter, and an account of the presentation of a bust of William Pitt to the city of Pittsburgh are articles included in the January number of the Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine.

The Michigan History Magazine for October, 1922, contains a large number of articles and papers, among which are the following: The Indian as an Orator, by R. Clyde Ford; Early Days in the Upper Peninsula, by T. A. Felch; The Michigan Club, by Henry A. Haigh; Chief Pokagon and His Book, by Fred Dustin; Some Place Names of Hillsdale County, by Archie M. Turrell; The Underground Railroad, by Martha D. Aiken; Michigan's First Justice of The Peace, by William W. Potter; The Beginnings of Dutch Immigration to Western Michigan, 1846, by Henry S. Lucas; and A Brief History of the Geological and Biological Survey of Michigan, by R. C. Allen and Helen M. Martin.

Volume nineteen of the Ontario Historical Society Papers and Records contains a large number of papers and articles, among which the following may be noted: Public Life and Services of Robert Nichol, by E. A. Cruikshank; When Jefferson Davis Visited

Niagara, by A. J. Clarks; The Historical Position of the Six Nations, by Asa R. Hill; The Diary of Benjamin Lundy Written During His Journey Through Upper Canada, January, 1832, edited by Fred Landon; and Deep Waterways Movements — Their Origin and Progress in Ontario, by James Mitchell. Volume twenty contains an article on The Exploring Expedition of Dollier and Galinée in 1669-70, by E. A. Cruikshank, and The Ancaster "Bloody Assize" of 1814, by Wm. Renwick Riddell.

State Historical Societies, by A. H. Shearer, is one of the papers in The Quarterly Journal of the New York State Historical Association for October, 1922. The various kinds of historical societies and their special lines of work are described. Other articles are: Caledonia in the Nation's Wars, by Harriet B. Dow; Some Early Dutch Manuscripts, by A. J. F. von Laer; and An Ogdensburg Letter of 1811, by Comfort Williams.

The Missourian, by Walter B. Stevens, A Century of Missouri Music, by Ernst C. Krohn, How Clay County Celebrated Her Centennial, by Ethel Massie Withers, The Five Oldest Family Newspapers in Missouri, by Grace L. Gilmore, a continuation of Shelby's Expedition to Mexico, by John N. Edwards, and Pioneer Life in Southwest Missouri, by Wiley Britton, are the articles in the January issue of The Missouri Historical Review.

The Minnesota History Bulletin for August-November, 1921, contains three articles: Charles Phelps Noyes, by William W. Cutler; Charles Wilberforce Ames, by Arthur Sweeney; and Knute Steenerson's Recollections — The Story of a Pioneer. The issue for February, 1923, is a fur trade number. The two articles are The Fur Trade in Minnesota During the British Regime, by Wayne E. Stevens, and The Story of the Grand Portage, by Solon J. Buck. Among the documents is A Description of Northern Minnesota by a Fur-trader in 1807.

Early Scientist of Philadelphia, by Edgar Fahs Smith, a continuation of George Croghan and the Westward Movement (1741-1782), by A. T. Volwiler, The Washington Pedigree, by G. Andrews Moriarity, another installment of The Second Troop Philadelphia

City Cavalry, and a Diary of Wm. F. Highee of a Trip Made to Western Pennsylvania in 1816-17, contributed by Wm. H. Woodwell, are the articles and papers in the January issue of The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography. The article by Mr. Volwiler and The Second Troop Philadelphia Cavalry are continued in the April number, which contains in addition a biographical sketch of Philander Chase Knox, by Albert J. Beveridge.

Volume twenty of the Publications of the Nebraska State Historical Society is a collection of newspaper items chiefly relating to the fur trade operations and the traffic along the highways to Oregon and California. Much of this material was taken from the Missouri Republican and the Missouri Intelligencer. The items are given chronologically, the index providing the means by which material concerning special places, persons, and events may be collected. Since newspapers are unusually valuable in presenting the contemporary view point, this compilation is decidedly worth while. The reader is confused, however, by the lack of distinction between direct quotations and summaries and between quoted paragraphs set in smaller type and notes in the same type which are inserted as explanations in the text instead of in the foot-notes.

In addition to the records of the annual meeting of the Society the Transactions of the Illinois State Historical Society for 1921 contains the following papers read at the meeting: The Making of Abraham Lincoln and the Influence of Illinois in His Development, by William E. Barton; Art in Historic Communities, by R. E. Hieronymus; The Industrial Development of Illinois, by John M. Glenn; Some Governmental Problems in the Northwest Territory, 1787–1803, by Chester J. Attig; Indian Trails Centering at Black Hawk's Village, by John H. Hauberg; The Union League: Its Origin and Achievements in the Civil War, by E. Bently Hamilton; and Peter Cartwright in Illinois History, by William W. Sweet. There are also two articles by Luelja Zearing Gross—The Zearings, Earliest Settlers of the Name in Illinois, and A Sketch of the Life of Major James Roberts Zearing, M. D. A collection of letters from Major Zearing is included.

The Oregon Question, 1818–1828, by Verne Blue, and Education in the Oregon Constitutional Convention of 1857, by Ira W. Lewis, are the two articles in The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society for September, 1922. Among the Documents are the following: The Mission Record Book of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Willamette Station, Oregon Territory, North America, with an introduction by Charles Henry Carey; Letter of Abraham Lincoln to James T. Thornton, and Letter of John Ordway, of Lewis and Clark Expedition, to His Parents. The number for December, 1922, contains an article by F. W. Howay on John Kendrick and His Sons. In addition there are two documents: Methodist Annual Reports Relating to the Willamette Mission, edited by Charles Henry Carey, and Letters of Dr. John McLoughlin to Edward Ermatinger, with an introduction by T. C. Elliott.

The Louisiana Historical Quarterly for July, 1921, contains four papers relating to the judiciary. Three of these, Courts and Law in Colonial Louisiana, Servinien's Case - 1752, and an installment of Cabildo Archives, are edited by Henry Plauché Dart. The Records of the Superior Council of Louisiana are continued and A. B. Booth has an article on Louisiana Confederate Military Records. Rights of Women in Louisiana, by W. O. Hart, Gayarre's Report on the Louisiana Archives in Spain, edited by Henry Plauché Dart, and a further installment of Records of the Superior Council of Louisiana, make up the number for October, 1921. In the issue for January, 1922, are the following papers: Remy's Lost History of Louisiana, by Henry Plauché Dart; a review of The Commerce of Louisiana During the French Regime, 1699-1763, by N. M. Miller Surrey, written by Grace King; William Johnson's Journal; Henry Vignaud: A Person Sketch, by Edward Alexander Parsons; and more Records of the Superior Council of Louisiana.

The three articles in The Mississippi Valley Historical Review for December, 1922, are the following: Nativism in the Forties and Fifties with Special Reference to the Mississippi Valley, by George M. Stephenson; The Origin and Early History of the Farmers' Alliance in Minnesota, by John D. Hicks; and The Development of

Industries in Louisiana During the French Regime, 1673-1763, by Mrs. N. M. Miller Surrey. The March number contains three articles: Old Franklin: A Frontier Town of the Twenties, by Jonas Viles; Kentucky Neutrality in 1861, by Wilson Porter Shortridge; and Celoron de Blainville and French Expansion in the Westward Journeys of John Filson, 1785, is a contribution under the heading Notes and Documents. The extra number for February, which is the Proceedings of The Mississippi Valley Historical Association, 1920-1921, contains the report of the officers of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association and a large number of papers and addresses among which are the following: State and Local History, by Clarence H. McClure; Popularizing State History, by Floyd C. Shoemaker; The Mohegan Indians East and West, by George A. Wood; The Character and Leadership of Stephen A. Douglas, by William O. Lynch; Ohio's German Language Press in the Campaign of 1920, by Carl Wittke; The Attempt of New Orleans to Meet the Crisis in Her Trade with the West, by Erastus Paul Puckett; and History in the State Normal Schools, by Walter P. Davison.

## ACTIVITIES

The Nevada Historical Society has recently issued its eighth biennial report for the years 1921-1922.

A meeting of the Historical Society of Marshall County was held at Marshalltown on January 16, 1923. Professor Glenn N. Merry gave an address on Abraham Lincoln.

On the 21st of February, 1923, a meeting was held at Ida Grove for the purpose of organizing a county historical society. G. C. Morehead of Ida Grove was elected president of the new organization and Miss Sophia Edmundson, also of Ida Grove, was chosen secretary. A vice president was chosen from each township.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Ohio Valley Historical Association was held in the building of the Ohio Archaeological and Historical Society at Columbus, Ohio, on November 24 and 25, 1922. Clarence E. Carter, president of the Association, delivered

an address on "The State and Historical Work". W. E. Dodd gave addresses on "Lee and the Confederacy" and "The New Foreign Policy of the United States". W. W. Sweet read a paper on "Circuit-Rider Days in Ohio, 1812–1826" and E. M. Coulter discussed "The Downfall of the Whig Party in Kentucky".

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association was held at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on March 29 to 31, 1923. The program was followed with only a few changes. Among the papers were three by Iowa representatives: "The Economic Basis of the Populist Movement in Iowa", by H. C. Nixon; "The Genesis of the American Steel Navy, 1880-1890", by W. I. Brandt; and "The Mercenary Factor in the Creation of the Union Army, 1861-1865", by Fred A. Shannon. At the session of State and local historical societies, Benj. F. Shambaugh read a paper on "Publication Activities of a State Historical Society". The presidential address was delivered by Solon J. Buck following the dinner given by the Oklahoma Historical Society. The attendance was large considering the location of the meeting which was more distant than usual from the geographical center of the Association membership and the spirit was cordial and optimistic. At the annual business meeting held on Friday, March 30th, Eugene C. Barker was elected president and Mrs. Clara S. Paine was reëlected secretary-treasurer. Theodore C. Pease, Roy Gittinger, and Wilson P. Shortridge were chosen as the new members of the executive committee and Lester B. Shippee, Herbert A. Keller, and Louise P. Kellogg were added to the board of editors. Thomas P. Martin was appointed chairman of the teachers section and Bessie L. Pierce secretary. Lester B. Shippee was elected to the newly created office of assistant managing editor. The meeting in 1924 will be held at Louisville, Kentucky.

## THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

The United States Food Administration for Iowa, by Ivan L. Pollock, is now in press. This work will appear in two volumes and will constitute a part of the Iowa Chronicles of the World War.

Benj. F. Shambaugh, the Superintendent, and Bruce E. Mahan represented the State Historical Society of Iowa at the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on March 29 to 31, 1923.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. Reed Babcock, Sheldon, Iowa; Mr. R. S. Beall, Mount Ayr, Iowa; Mr. J. W. Beard, St. Joseph, Missouri; Mrs. J. A. W. Burgess, Iowa Falls, Iowa; Mr. George C. Carpenter, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. C. V. Cave, Greene, Iowa; Mrs. Ada Porter Dahl, Storm Lake, Iowa; Mrs. Jeannette Geelhoed, Pella, Iowa; Mr. Paul M. Godehn, Chicago, Illinois; Mr. Ewald A. Heiden, Sheldon, Iowa; Mr. Frank D. Hicks, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. H. C. Houghton, Jr., Red Oak, Iowa; Miss Blanche B. Johns, Le Mars, Iowa; Mrs. Claude H. Koon, Iowa Falls, Iowa; Mrs. William Larrabee, Clermont, Iowa; Mr. A. W. Lewis, Odebolt, Iowa; Mr. E. H. Rickman, Battle Creek, Iowa; Mr. Jno. A. Senneff, Mason City, Iowa; Miss Bessie J. Sperring, Thompson, Iowa; Mr. Walter S. Stillman, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Miss Laura Belle Walker, Forest Grove, Oregon; Mr. Lynn J. Watts, Hedrick, Iowa; Mr. Ernest L. Weaver, Clarinda, Iowa; Mr. Frank F. Wilson, Mount Ayr, Iowa; Mr. Raymond Wilson, Sac City, Iowa; Mr. C. J. Ahmann, Remsen, Iowa; Mr. J. W. Bonnell, Miles, Iowa; Mr. M. M. Dryden, Mount Vernon, Iowa; Mr. Donald G. Hunter, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. A. M. Sanders, Odebolt, Iowa; Rt. Rev. W. A. Pope, Le Mars, Iowa; Mr. A. O. H. Setzepfandt, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. J. F. Sproatt, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. John H. Steck, Washington, Iowa; Dr. A. M. Stocking, Peoria, Illinois; Rev. Jas. M. Williams, Boone, Iowa; Mr. Edwin Delahoyde, Exira, Iowa; Mr. Fred W. Hann, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Irving H. Hart, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mr. M. R. Hueschen, Holstein, Iowa; Dr. Fred Moore, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. D. M. Odle, Spencer, Iowa; Mr. H. J. Ries, Tiffin, Iowa; and Mr. Herman H. Trachsel, Emerson, Iowa. Mr. Dan E. Clark, Eugene, Oregon, and Mr. John M. Galvin, Council Bluffs, Iowa, have been enrolled as life members.