NOTES AND COMMENT

The old settlers reunion was held at Salem on August 25, 1923. Dr. W. G. Smith, president of Iowa Wesleyan College, gave the address.

The thirty-third annual meeting of the Iowa Library Association is to be held at Fort Dodge on October 9-11, 1923.

William B. Close, one of the three brothers who were extensively engaged in real estate business in northwestern Iowa and Minnesota, died in London on September 25, 1923. For several years Mr. Close resided near Le Mars, Iowa, and was one of the promoters of the English community in that vicinity.

The fifty-second annual reunion of the old settlers of Jasper County was held at Lynnville on August 16 and 17, 1923. J. W. Jarnagin was the principal speaker on the first day's program and Peder Pederson on the second.

The Fourth of July celebration of Jones County included an historical pageant presented at Anamosa, showing five episodes in the history of the county. Relics of pioneer days were collected and exhibited in the store windows.

The thirty-third annual reunion of the old settlers of Linn County was held at Marion on August 30, 1923. Forty-four men and women over eighty years of age were in attendance. Officers for the ensuing year are James E. Bromwell, president, and James Bleakley, secretary.

The annual picnic of the pioneers of Polk County was held at Altoona on August 9, 1923. I. M. T. Cory of Elkhart is the new president; Frank F. Blyler of Des Moines, vice president; and John B. Depew of Des Moines, secretary.

The Pioneer Settlers' Association of Scott County held its annual business meeting at Davenport on August 29, 1923. Pete N. Littig was elected president, and Henry Karwath and J. F. Kelly were reëlected secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Pioneers of Johnson County met at Iowa City on September 13, 1923. Dr. Louis Pelzer delivered the principal address on "Glimpses of Iowa City Eighty Years Ago".

A business meeting of the Hawkeye Natives of Des Moines County was held at Burlington on September 10, 1923. John Braunberger was reëlected president, Fred S. Schreiber vice president, L. C. Walbridge treasurer, and F. N. Field secretary. The annual picnic was held at Crapo Park, Burlington, on September 26th. A parade and an address by W. H. Spence were features of the program. The society now has nearly five hundred members.

The nineteenth annual reunion of the pioneers of Madison County was held at Winterset on September 3, 1923. Herman A. Mueller, the president of the Madison County Historical Society, Harvey Ingham, Judge I. T. McCaskey, and Clyde L. Herring were on the program. A reunion of the old settlers in the southeastern part of Madison County and southwestern Warren County was held at St. Charles on August 16, 1923. E. R. Zeller, C. C. Dowell, and Herman A. Mueller were the speakers.

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