

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

PUBLICATIONS

The Journal of the Presbyterian Historical Society for April contains the first installment of *The Influence of the Presbyterian Church in Early American History*, an article by Henry D. Funk.

A biographical sketch of James Bryce, by Alfred Johnson, is included in the January number of *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*.

Indiana's First War, translated by Caroline and Eleanor Dunn, has been published as a recent number of the *Indiana Historical Society Publications*.

Colonial Ruins, Colonial Architecture and Brickwork, of the Chesapeake Bay Section, by Henry J. Berkley, is one of the papers in the March number of the *Maryland Historical Magazine*.

The Historical Society of New Mexico has published *Dr. Josiah Gregg, Historian of the Santa Fe Trail*, a biographical sketch by Ralph Emerson Twitchell.

Reminiscences of Old Fort Washakie, by Homer W. Wheeler, an autobiographical sketch by John H. Gordon, and *Early Days in the West*, by T. H. McGee, are three of the papers in the April number of the *Quarterly Bulletin of the Historical Department of Wyoming*.

Richard Dobbs Spaight, by Alexander B. Andrews, *The Lure of Historical Research*, by Adelaide L. Fries, and *The North Carolina Fuel Administration* are the three articles in *The North Carolina Historical Review* for April.

An Indian Medal of 1750, by Sydney P. Noe, and *Cadwallader Colden and His Homestead at Spring Hill, Flushing, Long Island*, by A. J. Wall, are two articles of general interest in the April issue of *The New York Historical Society Quarterly Bulletin*.

The Michigan Historical Commission has recently distributed the second volume of *Michigan Biographies*. The biographical sketches are arranged alphabetically, this volume containing the names beginning with the letters L-Z.

The *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* for April contains *The Texas State Military Board, 1862-1865*, by Charles W. Ramsdell, *The Expedition of Panfilo De Narvaez*, by Gonzalo Ferdinand Oviedo y Valdez, and an eleventh installment of *The Bryan-Hayes Correspondence*, edited by E. W. Winkler.

Early Vevay, by Perret Dufour, *Phases of Southeastern Indiana History*, by Vida Newsom, *Judge John Griffin, Hoosier Pioneers*, by Joseph Walker, and *Morgan's Raid*, by J. Eberle West, are the five articles in the March number of the *Indiana Magazine of History*. A list of the members of the Indiana Historical Society is included.

The May number of the *Minnesota History Bulletin* contains an article by John P. Pritchett on *Some Red River Fur-trade Activities* and a report of the annual meeting of the Minnesota Historical Society for 1924. Under the head of *Notes and Documents* is a report of the activities of the St. Louis County Historical Society.

The *Proceedings of the Joint Conference of Historical Societies and the National Association of State War History Organizations* has been reprinted from the *Annual Report of the American Historical Association* for 1919. Some interesting collections of war materials are described in the reports.

The American Historical Review for April, 1924, contains an account of the meeting of the American Historical Association at Columbus, Ohio, on December 27-29, 1923, and two papers—*Triple Alliance and Triple Entente, 1902-1914*, by Bernadotte E. Schmitt, and *British Secret Service and the French-American Alliance*, by Samuel F. Bemis.

Governor William Livingston as Apprentice, Writer and Executive, by Louis H. Patterson, *Early Transportation in and About New Jersey*, by Cornelius C. Vermeule, and *The Stamp Act and*

New Jersey's Opposition to It, by James C. Connolly, are three papers in the April number of the *Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society*.

Gerrit Smith: An Interpretation, by E. P. Tanner, *With Some Famous American Authors in the Adirondacks*, by Charlotte A. Pitcher, and *Discoveries of the Jesuits in New York State*, by Nellis M. Crouse, are the three articles in the January issue of *The Quarterly Journal of the New York State Historical Association*.

The Cahokia Mission Property, by Joseph J. Thompson, is continued in the January number of the *Illinois Catholic Historical Review*. *Path Finders*, by John E. Kealy, and *Father De Smet—History Maker*, by Gilbert J. Garraghan, are two additional articles of historical interest.

The Georgia Historical Quarterly for March contains the following articles: *The Royal Government in Georgia, 1752-1776*, by Percy Scott Flippin; *Davis, Bragg, and Johnston in the Atlanta Campaign*, by Thomas Robson Hay; and *Student Life at the University of Georgia in the 1840s*, by Lester Hargrett. There is also a report of the eighty-fifth annual meeting of the Georgia Historical Society.

The March number of the *Chronicles of Oklahoma* contains the following papers and articles: *Some Aspects of the Santa Fe Trail, 1848-1880*, by Ralph P. Bieber; *Military Reminiscences of Captain Richard T. Jacob*; *The Three Forks*, by Grant Foreman; *A Pioneer Railroad Agent*, by Arthur W. Dunham; *Courts of the Cherokee Nation*, by William P. Thompson; and *The County Names of Oklahoma*.

The Mississippi Valley Historical Review for March contains four papers: *Francis Parkman, 1823-1923*, by Joseph Schafer; *Western Land Hunger and the War of 1812: A Conjecture*, by Louis Morton Hacker; *Southern Railroads, 1850-1860*, by R. S. Cotterill; and *The Economic Background of Frontier Populism*, by Hallie Farmer. Under *Notes and Documents* there is *Mackay's Table of Distances*, prepared by Annie H. Abel-Henderson.

Benjamin Franklin and Canada, by William Renwick Riddell, *Benjamin Franklin's Mission to Canada and the Causes of its Failure*, also by Mr. Riddell, *Lotteries in Pennsylvania Prior to 1833*, by Asa Earl Martin, and *The Provincial and Revolutionary History of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia*, by C. P. B. Jefferys, are the four articles in the April number of *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*.

The North Carolina Historical Commission has recently issued a volume entitled *Public Letters and Papers of Thomas Walter Bickett, Governor of North Carolina, 1917-1921*. The papers were compiled by Santford Martin and edited by R. B. House, and grouped as follows: messages to the General Assembly, proclamations, appeals to the public, public addresses, statements and interviews for the press, and public letters and telegrams.

The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society for March contains the following papers and articles: *The California and Oregon Trail, 1849-1860*, by Amos William Hartman; *James Colnett and "The Princess Royal"*, by Ralph S. Kuykendall; *Reminiscences of Colonel Henry Ernst Dosch*, by Fred Lockley; and *A Hudson's Bay Company Contract for Hawaiian Labor*, by George Verne Blue. There is also a memorial tribute to Governor Theodore T. Geer, by Peter H. D'Arcy.

Illinois Election Returns, 1818-1848, edited by Theodore Calvin Pease, has been published as Volume XVIII of the *Collections of the Illinois State Historical Library*. It is listed as Volume I of the *Statistical Series*. As the title suggests, the volume contains detailed statistics of the elections in Illinois from 1818 to 1848. An introduction traces the political history of Illinois during this period and explains the significance of some of the votes.

Colonel George Woods, Pittsburgh's First Surveyor, by Mrs. S. Kussart, *Brodhead's Raid on the Senecas*, by Rufus B. Stone, *The Indian Conception of America as an Island*, by Stephen Quinon, a continuation of *The First Convention of the American Federation of Labor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November 15th-18th, 1881*, by

Alfred P. James, and *Greene Academy*, by Thomas S. Crago, are the articles and papers in the *Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine* for April.

The Louisiana Historical Quarterly for April, 1923, contains the following articles and papers: *Andrew Jackson's Correspondence with James W. Breedlove*, edited by John S. Kendall; *The Visit of the Illinois Indians to France in 1725*, by William Beer; *Judge Frederick D. King: Olivier O. Provosty*; a continuation of *War as I Saw It*, by Frank L. Richardson; *The Natchez Trace*, by R. S. Cotterill; *New Orleans in 1867*, letters by Giulio Adamoli; and a continuation of *Records of the Superior Council of Louisiana*.

The sixth volume of the series *Illinois in the World War* is *War Documents and Addresses*, edited by Marguerite Edith Jenison. The documents are arranged in nine chapters dealing with the following subjects: Public Opinion and the War, Mobilizing the State's Resources for the War, Mobilizing Illinois Men for Service, Preserving Law and Order in the State, Visits of Foreign Missions, The Illinois Centennial, Bringing War Activities to a Close, Post-War Legislation, and Return of the Illinois Service Men.

The Grand Coulee, by Henry Landes, *Grand Coulee in History*, by Edmond S. Meany, *Atanum Valley Fifty-four Years Ago*, by Albert J. Thompson, *The Benjamin P. Cheney Academy*, by J. Orin Oliphant, *Seattle's First Need of a Post Office*, by George H. Himes, *Marking Historic Sites*, by W. P. Bonney, *Proposed Wagon Road to Oregon*, by J. Orin Oliphant, *Name of Mount Saint Helens*, by Edmond S. Meany, and a continuation of *The Nisqually Journal*, edited by Victor J. Farrar, are the contributions in the April issue of *The Washington Historical Quarterly*.

The Missouri Historical Review for April contains the following papers and articles: *Missouri Verse and Verse-Writers*, by M. M. Brashear; *The Test Oath for the Clergy in Missouri*, by Thomas S. Barclay; *Missouri in the Confederacy*, by David Y. Thomas; *Missourians Abroad—Henry Smith Pritchett*, by Grace Gilmore Avery; *Personal Recollections of Distinguished Missourians—Abiel Leonard*, by Daniel M. Grissom; a continuation of *The New*

Journalism in Missouri, by Walter B. Stevens; a fifteenth installment of *The Followers of Duden*, by William G. Bek; and another chapter of *Shelby's Expedition to Mexico*, by John N. Edwards.

The *Proceedings of The Mississippi Valley Historical Association 1921-1922 and 1922-1923*, which appears as an extra number of *The Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, contains a report of the fifteenth and sixteenth annual meetings and three papers — *Historical Activities in the Old Northwest, 1920-1923*, by Carl Wittke; *Historical Activities in the Trans-Mississippi Northwest, 1920-1922*, by John C. Parish; and *Historical Activities in the South, 1917-1921*, by E. Merton Coulter. There is also a directory of the Association.

The March issue of *The Colorado Magazine* contains the following articles and papers: *The Wheeler National Monument*, by Frank C. Spencer; a continuation of *The Old-Time Prospector*, by Thomas F. Dawson from an interview with Dan O'Connell; *Two Americans — Abraham Lincoln and Christopher Carson*, by A. J. Fynn; and a second installment of *Further Archaeological Research in the Northeastern San Juan Basin of Colorado, During the Summer of 1922*, by J. A. Jeancon and Frank H. H. Roberts. *The Men With Whom I've Smiled*, an address by George Q. Richmond, *First Official Visit to the Cliff Dwellings*, by W. H. Jackson, and a continuation of *Further Archaeological Research in the Northeastern San Juan Basin of Colorado, During the Summer of 1922*, by J. A. Jeancon and Frank H. H. Roberts, are three of the contributions in the May number.

ACTIVITIES

A preliminary meeting for the purpose of organizing a Howard County historical society was held at Cresco on May 12, 1924. A second meeting was called for the ninth of June.

The Worth County Historical Society has secured rooms in the municipal building at Northwood where local historical materials may be collected. C. A. Hurd has already collected a large number of relics of various kinds.

A paper by Eric Corey on the pioneer mills of Jefferson County was one of the features of the meeting of the Jefferson County Historical Society held at Fairfield on May 9, 1924. Mrs. H. E. Wisecarver read a biographical sketch of her grandfather, who built many of the mills in the vicinity.

The Madison County Historical Society held its annual meeting at Winterset on April 29, 1924. A letter from Charles Trumbull White of New York City, a paper by Arthur Goshorn, and an address by Bruce E. Mahan, of the State Historical Society of Iowa, on "A Pageant of Iowa", were numbers on the program. The officers were reelected as follows: president, H. A. Mueller; vice president, E. R. Zeller; secretary-treasurer, Jean Cash Scott.

Jay G. Roberts, commander of the American Legion post, is making an effort to revive the Mahaska County Historical Society, established forty years ago by D. A. Hoffman, Mrs. Semira A. Phillips, and others. The importance of local historical knowledge has been emphasized by the effort to secure material for the celebration of the anniversary of the founding of Oskaloosa.

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association was held at Louisville, Kentucky, on May 1-3, 1924. The Kentucky State Historical Society joined in holding its annual meeting at the same time and place. The program was interesting and well-balanced, containing papers and discussions on Civil War History, Mississippi Valley Beginnings, Political History, and Agricultural History. There was also the meeting of the History Teachers' Section, and the program of the Kentucky State Historical Society. Among the papers was one by Dorothy Dondore of Iowa City on *Points of Contact between History and Literature in the Mississippi Valley*. The presidential address was delivered by Eugene C. Barker at the joint session on Thursday evening. The attendance was large, and the delegates enjoyed the far-famed hospitalities of Louisville which on this occasion included a luncheon tendered by the University of Louisville, a luncheon given by the Filson Club, a reception by the History Society of the University, and an automobile ride to near-by points of historical

interest. At the annual business meeting held on Friday, May 2, Frank Heywood Hodder of the University of Kansas was elected president and Mrs. Clara S. Paine was reelected secretary-treasurer. The Executive Committee selected Milo M. Quaife as the managing editor for the publications of the Association. The meeting in 1925 will be held at Detroit, Michigan.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. C. W. Carter, Pasadena, California; Mr. Norman L. Cotton, Lone Rock, Iowa; Mr. Thomas Dealtry, Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. W. C. Dewel, Algona, Iowa; Miss Nora Donohoe, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. John A. Gordon, Hamilton, Illinois; Mr. Henry Craig Jones, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Will B. Pilkington, McGregor, Iowa; Mr. Alvin Vandermast, Zearing, Iowa; Mr. H. E. De Reus, Pella, Iowa; Mr. O. P. Flower, Dubuque, Iowa; Miss Marjorie N. Graham, Iowa City, Iowa; Miss Emily Grubb, Panora, Iowa; Dr. Ross Huston, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. E. C. Loetscher, Dubuque, Iowa; Miss Mary Lucas, Dubuque, Iowa; Mr. Roy V. Sherman, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. J. R. Bahne, Sibley, Iowa; Mr. Tim Donovan, New Hampton, Iowa; Mr. Thos. J. Guthrie, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. John B. Kaiser, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. J. W. Laird, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Miss Marian J. Locke, Primghar, Iowa; Mr. Harold E. Scott, Sibley, Iowa; Mr. H. R. Sterrett, Des Moines, Iowa; Dr. T. B. Throckmorton, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Leslie R. Whipple, Mason City, Iowa; and Miss Minnie Woodmancy, Macedonia, Iowa.

The essay contest in local community history for Iowa high school pupils in which the State Historical Society of Iowa offered one thousand dollars in prizes and which was conducted during the past year in coöperation with the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs through its Iowa History and Landmarks Committee closed with the mailing of the prize checks to the winners during the month of May. Thousands of essays were submitted in the local high schools, and of these nearly fifteen hundred won their way into the district contests. Nine essays in each congressional district were chosen by committees of judges to be entered in the State

contest. The five State judges — Irving B. Richman of Muscatine, Mrs. J. W. Watzek of Davenport, Mrs. L. B. Schmidt of Ames, Johnson Brigham and Harvey Ingham of Des Moines — read the essays in turn and then at a conference selected the first, second, and third best essay in each group of subjects together with those considered worthy of honorable mention. Three first prizes of \$150 each, three second prizes of \$100, three third prizes of \$50, and seventeen \$10 prizes for honorable mention essays were sent to the winners by the State Historical Society.

The prizes were awarded as follows: Group one — subjects: "The Story of My Grandmother", "The Story of My Grandfather", and "An Old Settler's Story"— first prize, Frances D. Clark, Roosevelt High School, Des Moines; second prize, Katharine Horack, University High School, Iowa City; third prize, Irving Grossman, Abraham Lincoln High School, Council Bluffs; honorable mention, Harvey Gustavus Allbee, Muscatine High School, George Kjome, Decorah High School, Mary Fischer, Shenandoah High School, Elizabeth Barton, Milton High School, Ruth Baty, Sigourney High School.

Group two — subject, "A Story in the History of My Community"— first prize, Margaret Louise Frailey, Fort Madison High School; second prize, William Bradley, Estherville High School; third prize, Frances Laughlin, Hopkinton High School; honorable mention, Dorothy Cate, Dubuque High School, Alice Plum, University High School, Iowa City, Caroline Rogers, Fort Dodge High School, Ruth Gulden, Burlington High School, Fred Delavan, Glenwood High School, William Russell Homan, Dubuque High School.

Group three — subject, "What Iowa Means to Me"— first prize, Orlean Lashley, Knoxville High School; second prize, Eudice Richman, Thomas Jefferson High School, Council Bluffs; third prize, Isabella R. Kingsbury, Sumner High School; honorable mention, Evelyn Hodges, Algona High School, Thelma Myli, Kensett High School, Helen A. Haskin, Charles City High School, Tice Van Dyk, Central College Academy, Pella, John Thuerauf, Solon High School, Donald MacAllister, Hopkinton High School.