

## NOTES AND COMMENT

A writers' conference was held at Iowa City on March 25, 1925. A poetry round table was held in the forenoon, a fiction round table in the afternoon, and a lecture by Henry Seidel Canby in the evening.

Alonzo N. May, one of the founders of the Allamakee County Historical and Archeological Society and its secretary for many years, died at Waukon on March 17, 1925.

Professor Winfred T. Root of the University of Wisconsin has been appointed head of the Department of History at the State University of Iowa. He succeeds Professor Arthur M. Schlesinger who resigned to accept a professorship at Harvard University. Professor Root will assume his duties at the opening of the school year in September.

A brief biographical sketch of Mrs. William Larrabee has recently been published. This was written by her granddaughter, Helen Augusta Larrabee, as "The Story of My Grandmother" in the essay contest conducted last year by the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs and the State Historical Society of Iowa.

A granite boulder has been placed in South Hill Park at Burlington to commemorate the scientific observation made at this place at the time of the solar eclipse on August 7, 1869. The memorial was the gift of the D. A. R. chapter of Burlington. Accounts of the eclipse were given at the dedication by Luke Palmer and Mrs. Louisa Weinstein who witnessed it, and by Mrs. Ida Barlow Uhler, and Mrs. Cate Gilbert Wells.

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