

## HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The seventh annual Indiana History Conference was held at Indianapolis on December 11-12, 1925.

The annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association for 1926 will be held at Springfield, Illinois, on May 6-8. The program will include an automobile trip to Salem where a luncheon will be served.

The fifth Minnesota State historical convention is to be held at Mankato on June 17, 18, 1926. An "historic tour", including Northfield and Faribault, will again be a feature of the meeting.

The Louisiana Historical Society will hold its monthly meeting on March 23, 1926. The original manuscript of "Destruction and Reconstruction", by Richard Taylor, a lieutenant general in the Confederate Army, will be presented by Andre Lafargue. The acceptance will be made by Henry P. Dart.

The Committee on Handbook of the Conference of Historical Societies has prepared a *Handbook of American Historical Societies*. This compilation was first projected in 1920 and is the work of a committee on which were George N. Fuller, Solon J. Buck, John C. Parish, and Joseph Schafer, who was chairman.

Dr. Solon J. Buck, superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society, has been chosen executive secretary of the Committee on Endowment of the American Historical Association. The work assigned to this committee is the raising of a million dollars as a permanent fund for the Association. Dr. Buck's headquarters will be in New York, probably until September.

The State Historical and Natural History Society of Colorado which had suffered from the fact that no State funds were available to meet the appropriations of the legislature for the Society, has recently been financially assisted by the City and County of Denver. Although Dr. James H. Baker, editor-in-chief of the three

volume history of Colorado, recently died, the Society is continuing the work and it is hoped to have the volumes ready for the fiftieth anniversary of the admission of Colorado which occurs this year.

The seventy-seventh annual meeting of the Minnesota Historical Society was held at St. Paul on January 11, 1926. In connection with it was the sixth annual local history conference. Among the papers and discussions were the following: "The Relation of the State Federation of Women's Clubs to Local History Work in Minnesota", by Mrs. Will Curtis; "The History of Minnesota Forests", by Edward G. Cheney; "The American Fur Company's Fishing Enterprises on Lake Superior", by Grace Lee Nute; "Ramsay Crooks and the Fur Trade in the Northwest", by J. Ward Ruckman; "The Significance of the Twin Cities for Minnesota History", by Norman S. B. Gras; and "Isle Royale, Past and Present", by Frank M. Warren.

The American Historical Association is making a general appeal to the public for an adequate endowment. The Association was founded in 1884. It was chartered by Congress in 1889 and its annual reports are included in the series of government documents. Indeed the Association has come to be recognized as a national institution, contributing services in the promotion of historical research, the care of public records, the conservation of manuscripts, and the presentation of international relations. All of these activities have been carried on in the past largely by the contribution of services by members of the Association, but the field has become so large and the plans so extensive that it has been decided to ask for an endowment of a million dollars as one means of commemorating the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. A Committee on Endowment has been chosen, with Albert J. Beveridge as chairman and Solon J. Buck, the superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society, as executive secretary. The office of this committee will be 110 Library, Columbia University, New York. Senator A. B. Cummins and Harvey Ingham, editor of the *Des Moines Register*, are the Iowa representatives on the National Advisory Committee.

## IOWA

John J. Fleming of Burlington has been appointed vice president for Iowa of the American-Irish Historical Society.

The Marshall County Historical Society held a meeting on March 22, 1926, at which the Tuesday Musical Club furnished a program of Iowa music.

Luther College, at Decorah, Iowa, has commenced remodelling a building to provide quarters for its collection of historical materials representing Norwegian culture in the United States.

A paper by William Loudon giving a sketch of the lives of his parents and a poetical account of the life of Hiram Heaton, by T. L. James, constituted part of the program of the Jefferson County Historical Society, held at Fairfield, on January 6, 1926.

The History and Travel Department of the Boone Woman's Club has selected Iowa history as the subject for study this year. At the meeting on January 14th, Mrs. T. E. Means read a paper on "Territorial and Iowa Governors to 1860", Mrs. George Moerke presented a paper on "Admission of Iowa as a State", and Mrs. J. J. Gallup discussed the Des Moines River Land Grant.

A talk by C. J. Harlan on the settlements on the banks of Turkey River was a feature of the monthly meeting of the Howard County Historical Society, held at Cresco on January 11, 1926. At the meeting on February 8th, Abbie Converse read a paper on the early history of Iowa. The annual meeting of the society was held at Cresco, March 8, 1926. John A. Lewis gave an address telling of the pioneer settlers along "Goose Creek". C. J. Harlan was elected president for the ensuing year; Lauraine Mead, vice president; Mrs. Alma Glass, secretary; and J. H. Howe, treasurer.

The Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs has designated the week of April 19-24, 1926, as "Iowa History Week" and is suggesting that each club in Iowa devote one meeting to the subject of Iowa history and that each high school in the State should provide a program on the subject of Iowa and its history. As a basis for these programs, the State Historical Society of Iowa in coöperation

with the Iowa History Committee, has sent to each club president and to each high school principal in the State a copy of the Iowa number of *The Palimpsest*, together with a letter explaining how the contents of the magazine might be used as a basis for talks on such topics as "Iowa in the Beginning", "Indians of Iowa", "The Boundaries of Iowa", "Great Seals of Iowa", and "Mottoes and Slogans of Iowa".

#### THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

The research staff of The State Historical Society of Iowa, under the direction of the Superintendent, Dr. Benj. F. Shambaugh, has begun work on a study of municipal government in Iowa. This will probably require several years for completion, and will be published as a fifth volume in the *Iowa Applied History Series*.

Bruce E. Mahan, Associate Editor of The State Historical Society, gave an address at the State Convention of the Iowa Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the Hotel Fort Des Moines, March 8, 1926, on the subject "Some Dramatic Episodes in Early Iowa History". On March 16, 1926, Mr. Mahan gave an address on the same topic at Mt. Pleasant before the Social Science Club of Iowa Wesleyan College and the Federated Clubs.

The State Historical Society of Iowa now has in press a volume, by Bruce E. Mahan, entitled *Old Fort Crawford and the Frontier*. This describes the military-Indian frontier along the Mississippi River from the founding of Fort Madison in 1808, to the final abandonment of Fort Crawford in 1856. It is the story of Indians, army officers, and enlisted men, with here and there references to traders or travellers, in the days when the red men and the soldiers faced each other along the frontier while the settlers with plows, axes, and picks pushed forward to occupy the prairies and the mines.

Benj. F. Shambaugh, Superintendent of the State Historical Society and head of the Department of Political Science at the State University of Iowa, gave the address at the annual mid-year convocation of the University of Iowa on February 3, 1926. He

described the University of the past and then unfolded a picture of the University of the future in which "the major emphasis will be placed upon the art of living rather than upon the science of life; upon the meaning of things rather than upon their constitution; upon the teaching rather than upon the methods of teaching". In this University of the future, declared the speaker, there will be "less of the letter and more of the spirit, less of science and more of the soul."

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. S. Anderson, Ogden, Iowa; Mr. Charles D. Booth, Harlan, Iowa; Mrs. Henry F. Brown, Wall Lake, Iowa; Mr. Harry F. Carlon, Oskaloosa, Iowa; Mr. C. E. Cook, Ogden, Iowa; Mrs. C. H. Cook, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Mr. N. P. Craemer, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Lake Edwin Davisson, Nevada, Iowa; Mrs. O. K. Dick, Iowa Falls, Iowa; Mr. James B. Diver, Keokuk, Iowa; Mr. Ed. G. Eustis, Atlantic, Iowa; Mr. Francis Moore Goddard, Davenport, Iowa; Miss Mary B. Hancock, Dubuque, Iowa; Mrs. E. R. Holland, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Joseph J. Hronik, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Rev. Julius F. Krolfifer, Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. Wayne K. Loveland, Dubuque, Iowa; Mr. Roy A. McGuire, Fairfield, Iowa; Mr. Lewis Marlow, Ogden, Iowa; Miss Merta Mitchell, Keokuk, Iowa; Dr. M. M. Myers, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. John M. Pfautz, Lisbon, Iowa; Mr. H. S. Powers, Iowa Falls, Iowa; Miss Iola B. Quigley, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. J. W. Reams, Malcolm, Iowa; Mr. John C. Reid, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. F. G. Scott, Aurelia, Iowa; Rev. M. E. Seltz, Burt, Iowa; Mr. Malcolm P. Sharp, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Ernest P. Simmons, Elliott, Iowa; Mrs. U. S. Smith, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Mr. W. A. Smith, Dubuque, Iowa; Mr. H. C. Stone, Peoria, Illinois; Mr. Amry Vandebosch, Ames, Iowa; Dr. Irving B. Aker-son, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. R. G. Berle, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. E. F. Bulmahn, Centerville, Iowa; Mrs. W. H. Burrows, Iowa Falls, Iowa; Rev. John F. Coghlan, North English, Iowa; Dr. F. W. Dean, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mrs. Mattie J. Einwalter, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mrs. G. T. Forbes, Santa Monica, California; Mr. James O. Ganoë, Ogden, Iowa; Dr. Gordon F. Harkness, Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. C. U. Hunt, Shenandoah, Iowa; Mr. C. S. Hutchins, Burling-