

NOTES AND COMMENT

The old cemetery at Manti, near Shenandoah, has been restored by the work of a CCC detachment.

The Congregational Christian Conference of Iowa has begun the publication of a monthly (except July and August) bulletin of church news.

Miss Alice French (Octave Thanet), well-known novelist and short story writer, died at her home in Davenport on January 9, 1934. She was born at Andover, Massachusetts, on March 19, 1850.

The American Anthropological Association and the American Folk-lore Society held their annual meetings in a joint session at Columbus, Ohio, on December 27-29, 1933, with the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society as host. Professor Fay-Cooper Cole of the University of Chicago was reelected president of the Anthropological Association. Two addresses of interest to Iowans were "Distribution of the Hopewell Culture", by E. F. Greenman; and "The Present Status of the Mound Builder Problem", by Warren K. Moorehead.

A joint meeting of the Iowa Political Science Association, the Iowa Historical Association, and the Iowa Association of Economists and Sociologists will be held at Grinnell on May 4 and 5, 1934. The officers of the political scientists are Dr. J. W. Gannaway of Grinnell College, president, and Miss Erma B. Plaehn of the University High School at Iowa City, secretary-treasurer. Dr. Frederick L. Baumann of Grinnell College is president of the historians and Dr. William J. Petersen of the State Historical Society of Iowa is recorder. The officers of the economists and sociologists are Dr. E. B. Reuter of the University of Iowa, president, and C. N. Burrows of Simpson College, secretary-treasurer.

Stephen Alfred Swisher, who was for many years a Curator of

the State Historical Society of Iowa, and during the years 1931-1933 president of the Society, died at West Liberty on February 21, 1934. Mr. Swisher was born in Johnson County in 1856 and spent practically his entire life here. His education, begun in the public schools, was continued in the Iowa City Academy and in the State University of Iowa, where he was a student in the seventies. In 1879 he entered the insurance business in Iowa City, in which he continued throughout the active years of his life.

Throughout his career Mr. Swisher was interested in public affairs. In addition to his work for the Historical Society, he was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and of the Iowa Society of Colonial Wars, having served as governor of the latter organization in 1912.

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