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EDITORIAL.

The next annual meeting of the American Historical Association will begin at Washington, Monday, December 28, and will continue at Richmond, Va., from December 29 to Thursday, the 31st. There will doubtless be a large representation from Indiana, attracted both by the unusual interest of the program and the surroundings and by the prospect of getting the 1910 meeting at Indianapolis. So far as arranged the program is as follows: Monday evening, December 28, the Honorable James Bryce, president of the American Political Science Association, will address this body and the Historical Association. Tuesday morning the Historical Association will hold a separate session, and Tuesday afternoon those in attendance will be taken by a special train to Richmond. In the evening Professor George B. Adams, president of the American Historical Association, will deliver his inaugural address. On Wednesday there will be conferences on the Relation of Geography to History and on the Teaching of History in Secondary Schools, and a general session devoted to papers in European history. Thursday there will be the conference of State and Local Historical Societies, and round-table conferences on English History, American Colonial and Revolutionary history and on Southern history. The Thursday evening session will be addressed by General E. P. Alexander, C. S. A., and others upon the campaigns of the Civil War in Virginia. Between sessions short excursions will run to the battlefields of Petersburg, Seven Pines and Yellow Tavern. After the close of the meeting, on Friday, January 1, there will be an excursion to Charlottesville and the University of Virginia.

This meeting will be of great interest to college professors,

teachers of history in high schools, and to all others as well who are readers of historical works, whether professional historians or not. The trip will be a very convenient one to take from most parts of the State. It may be possible for a large number to go together from Indianapolis. All who expect to go, whether from this city or not, are requested to send a card to that effect to the editor, stating so far as possible their plans and desires as to time of departure, route and Indiana headquarters. All who are interested are urged to send in suggestions. Full information will be published in the December number of the Quarterly.

In our last number, in an editorial under the title Historical Societies, a short account of various societies was given and suggestions were made concerning some possible activities which lay before societies in Indiana. Among the responses received was one which embodied the plan of securing, through the organizations perpetuating the memory of Revolutionary ancestors, a record of the movements of these families, showing date of immigration into this State, location here and other items of value in throwing light upon the populating of the State. This should be feasible and, indeed, steps are being taken in this direction. The development of these and other plans should and doubtless will be carried out by the proper agencies. In this number of the magazine it may be of interest to sketch briefly the work of historical organizations in Wisconsin, which in cooperative historical work stands at the head of all our neighboring States. It is not our purpose to show how this preeminence was attained, but to describe briefly the agencies and organizations now at work there. It must, however, be recognized that most of the work is due to the exceptional talents, scholarship and application of the first secretary and superintendent of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Lyman C. Draper, and his present successor, Reuben G. Thwaites.

The parent and central organization in Wisconsin is the State Historical Society. This is supported by the State at a cost of thousands of dollars annually. It enjoys the possession of a magnificent $600,000 building which houses not only its own mu-

seum, portrait gallery and library, but the library of the State University and several allied societies. It has an employed secretary, librarian and assistants. Its library is practically the State Library. The management is vested in a board of thirty-six curators chosen for a period of three years, who together with the secretary, librarian, Governor of the commonwealth, Secretary of State and State Treasurer, constitute the executive committee of the society. Local societies in the State are incorporated under the State laws and form auxiliary societies, their members thus becoming auxiliary members of the State Society. The membership of the latter includes, also, life, annual, honorary, corresponding and ex-officio members. The first two classes are open to practically all citizens of the State upon payment of a fee of twenty and of two dollars respectively.

The work of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin may be summed up under the three-fold activity of collecting historical material and books, publications, and meetings.

Lyman Draper's remarkable work as a collector of historical material has been well followed up. In the first year of his employment by the State Historical Society he secured a thousand volumes and a thousand pamphlets and documents, and in thirty-three years of service he built up a reference library, chiefly of historical publications, of 118,000 books and pamphlets. In 1907 the library contained nearly 300,000 titles. Among the great collections are to be enumerated that of the principal newspapers of the State, and the country at large (said to be the largest outside of the Library of Congress), the department of maps and manuscripts "unexampled in the field of the Middle West and South," the collection of public documents, the genealogical collection, one of the three or four largest in the United States, and the collection of local American histories.

The publications of the society, as given in the bulletins of information include public addresses, the well known Wisconsin Historical Collections, library catalogues and lists, reports and proceedings, etc. Unlike most similar organizations, no magazine is published. Instead, bulletins of information are issued from time to time. It is not too much to say that these publications, constituting a small-sized library by themselves, are among

the most important contributions of the last generation to American history.

The meetings of the society are held annually and occasionally are combined with State historical conventions held at different cities of the State. Important papers by members and outsiders are read at these meetings. The proceedings of the last meeting, November 7, 1907, at Madison, now published, gives the reports of officers, of nine auxiliary (local) societies, all showing healthy activity, and an interesting collection of the papers read by Reuben G. Thwaites and others at the meeting. A new activity is favorably reported upon, namely sending out lecturers upon historical subjects to speak wherever local or general interest can be served by such a visit. Numerous other means are resorted to in increasing popular interest and support, such as inspiring historical articles in local newspapers and sending out suggestions to local historians. All in all, the report of the last year's work makes a very impressive recital.

NOTES.

A bronze bust of Judge Stephen Neal, of Lebanon, was presented on July 10 to the Indiana State Library. Judge Neal was one of the well known jurists of the State and attained a national reputation by drafting the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States which was presented in Congress by Godlove S. Orth from his district. The bust is one of three designed and executed by Miss Clara Barth Leonard, one of which was given to the Lebanon Library and another retained by the donor, Mr. C. F. S. Neal, son of Judge Neal. Miss Leonard worked from photographs and the death mask, and had, also, the benefit of the suggestions and criticisms of the late Louis Gibson, a life-long friend of Judge Neal. The presentation was made by Union B. Hunt, on behalf of Mr. Neal, and the gift was accepted by Demarchus C. Brown, State Librarian, on behalf of the State.

The Ohio Valley Historical Association will hold its second annual meeting during the Thanksgiving season of this year.