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EDITORIAL.

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The meeting of the national Historical Association in Indiana will be the most important event of this generation for all our organizations for the study and teaching of history. The American Historical Association comprises in its membership all the better known historical workers of this country and Canada. It also includes a large proportion of teachers of history in universities, colleges, high schools and grammar schools. Some four thousand persons are directly interested in its work. It is not too much to say that it is one of the most successful of the societies which are bringing America to the front, not only in industrial and commercial matters, but in scholarship and in contributions to the intellectual life of the world. In all of its activities the annual meeting is the central point. Committee conferences, decision upon lines of work, and public addresses make the meeting every year a notable event. The attendance ranges from three hundred to nearly a thousand. It is probable that we will have in Indianapolis at least four hundred of the leaders in historical interests.

Indiana must rise to this occasion. Our historical activities, though not discreditable, have not in the past been as great nor as successful as they should have been. This is the time to bestir ourselves. These are some of the things we should do:

1. Join the American Historical Association. Its membership is not limited to men of fame and distinction, but is open to any who are interested in history. The annual fee of three dollars entitles one to the valuable reports of the association and to the American Historical Review (quarterly), the importance and the interest of which to any historical student can not be overemphasized. The ed-

itor of this magazine will be glad to forward applications for membership to the proper officer.

2. Interest local and state officials in historical matters, so that we can secure their aid in getting appropriations which the law provides for county and state historical societies. Our state and local records have been shamefully neglected in the past, and it is time that we should awake to the necessity of developing our state and local libraries, and our historical collections, as is being done in other states.

3. Attend the meeting in Indianapolis, December 27-31, this year. It is the first time the American Historical Association has met in our state. Most of us have not had for years and could not have a more convenient meeting place for the association. This is the time to come, to see what it is like, and to get into touch with what is going on in historical circles. It will more than repay any expenditure of time and money. Come to Indianapolis on Tuesday, December 27. The headquarters will be in the Claypool Hotel.

NOTES.

A new "Elementary American History and Government," by Professor James A. Woodburn, of Indiana University, and Professor Thomas F. Moran, of Purdue University, has been issued by Longmans, Green and Company.

A paper on "William Clark, the Indian Agent," by Professor Harlow Lindley, of Earlham College, which appeared in the Proceedings of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association for the Year 1908-1909, has been reprinted in pamphlet form.

RECENT INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS

Volume IV, Number 4. Making a Capital in the Wilderness. Daniel Waite Howe.

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