

Publications of the Nebraska State Historical Society Vol. XVIII. Edited by ALBERT WATKINS, Historian of the Society, Lincoln, 1917, pp. xiii—449.

This volume includes the proceedings of the society from 1908 to 1916 inclusive together with the minutes of the directors' meetings for the same period. Besides these there are memorials of Charles S. Paine, former secretary of the society, James B. Kitchen, Jefferson H. Broady, and Lorenzo Crounse. The Historical papers are: Acknowledging God in Constitutions, by Rev. William Murphy; Nebraska Reminiscences, by William DeCoursey French; the Rural Carrier of 1849, by John K. Sheen; Trailing Texas Long-horn Cattle through Nebraska, by James H. Cook; Neapolis, Near-Capital, by Albert Watkins; Controversy in the Senate over the Admission of Nebraska, by John Lee Webster; and How Nebraska was brought into the Union, by Albert Watkins. The volume has eleven full-page illustrations.

Publications of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Proceedings of the Society at its Sixty-fourth Annual Meeting, October 19, 1916. Madison, 1917; pp. 363.

Besides the formal proceedings and reports including those of five auxiliary societies there are eight historical papers: President Lincoln as a War Statesman, by Arthur L. Conger; New Light on the Career of Nathaniel Pryor, by Joseph B. Thoburn; Reminiscences of a Pioneer Missionary, by Chrysostom Verwyst; The Beginning of the Norwegian Press in America, by Albert Olaus Barton; The Dream of a Northwestern Confederacy; by William C. Cochran; Mary Elizabeth Mears: "Nellie Wildwood," by Publius V. Lawson; the Watertown Railway Bond Fight, by William F. Whyte; and Brevet Major Isaac N. Earl: A Noted Scout of the Department of the Gulf, by Newton N. Culver.

Indiana University Register of Graduates 1830-1916. Published by the University, Bloomington, 1917. pp. 359.

This is the sixth edition of the *Register*, the other editions appearing in 1897, 1899, 1901, 1904 and 1911. Many of the

old catalogs, however, contain lists of all previous graduates. The alumni are given by classes, then by location, and finally in alphabetical order with class numerals. The university has conferred degrees on 6108 different persons of whom 5243 are reported living.

Special Report of State Board of Accounts of Indiana Information for the Public Concerning the Examination and Investigation of Public Offices, By GILBERT H. HENDREN, State Examiner, Indianapolis, 1917; pp. 57, paper.

This is a general statement of the scope, work and methods of the board. Last year it secured the return of approximately \$237,000 to the public funds. The total expense of the board was about \$162,000; this of course is only a trifle in comparison with what it saved by prevention. So drastic is the law under which it operates and so carefully is the work of auditing performed that grafting is almost impossible in the public offices of the State.

The Eleventh Annual Report of the Indiana Village for Epileptics at Newcastle for the period ending Sept. 30, 1916. By W. C. VAN NUYS, Supt., pp. 48. Paper.

This institution has had a daily average attendance of 218. Only males have been admitted. A separate group of buildings for females is in process of construction. During the year 118 have been admitted; 28 discharged as unimproved; 22 have died. Statistical tables are included showing age, nativity, color, education, alleged causes of disease, previous occupation, location by counties, and per capita cost of inmates.

Report of the Proceedings of the Indiana Horticultural Society for the Year 1916, By M. W. RICHARDS, Secretary-Treasurer, Indianapolis, 1917; pp. 467, paper.

The volume contains a report of the 56th annual meeting of the society, held November 14-18, 1916, at West Baden; also the proceedings of the State Board of Horticulture for the year and a number of other papers and addresses. Among the