

Reviews and Notes

NEBRASKA HISTORY is the title of the official publication of the Nebraska State Historical Society. It is a monthly in magazine form, edited by Addison E. Sheldon for the society, and devoted to the publication of material relating to the pioneer days of the State. The society has about 450 members.

THE Indiana Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis is issuing a circular called the *Stimulator* to arouse among the voters an interest in the foundation of a State Sanatorium for the treatment of tuberculosis. The first number was published October 9, 1918.

THE *History Teachers' Magazine* has changed its name to the *Historical Outlook*. Albert E. McKinley remains its managing editor. It is an organ of the American Historical Association. Among its advisory editors is Oscar H. Williams, High School Inspector of Indiana, and on the National Board of Historical Service which closely cooperates with the editorial board of the *Historical Outlook* is Dr. S. B. Harding, also of Indiana.

THE *Proceedings of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association for 1916-17* were published as an extra number of the *Mississippi Valley Historical Review* in October. The papers of this number were read at the Chicago meeting April 26-28, 1917. The *Proceedings* were prepared by Prof. Beverly W. Bond, of Purdue. Articles by Indiana men are "The Coming of the Circuit Riders Across the Mountains," by Dr. W. W. Sweet, of DePauw, and "Possibilities in State Historical Celebrations," by Harlow Lindley, of Earlham.

THE *Tennessee Historical Magazine* for June contains an account of the "Memphis Railroad Convention of 1849," by R. S. Cotterill, and a continuation of Albert G. Goodpasture's

"Indian Wars and Warriors of the Old Southwest, 1730-1807."

THE October number of the *Missouri Historical Review* contains a continuation of "Gottfried Duden's Report, 1824-27." This is a valuable addition to the pioneer literature of the Mississippi Valley.

THE SURVEY is under obligations to the Curator of Independence Hall, Philadelphia, for a copy of a catalog of the portraits and other works of art now contained in that building. These number about 400, including portraits of nearly all the well-known characters of the Revolution. The booklet contains large portraits of many of the signers of the Declaration.

Government in Indiana, a supplement to S. E. Forman's *Advanced Civics* and also to his *American Republic*, is the title of a small manual prepared by C. V. Haworth, superintendent of the Kokomo city schools. The pamphlet is a brief commentary and analysis of the State constitution in manual form. The duties and powers of the various officers and boards of State, county, city and township are given.

THE *Michigan History Magazine* for April contains the "Pageant of Escanaba," by Supt. F. E. King, of the Escanaba schools. There are also articles by William L. Jenks on the "Creation of the Territory of Michigan," "James B. Angell and the University of Michigan," by Wilfred B. Shaw, and "Reminiscences of the Macinac Country," by Brayton Saltonstall.

THE following letter indicates the progress being made in beautifying and marking the Vicksburg battlefields, now a national park:

War Department,
Vicksburg National Military Park Commission.
Vicksburg, Miss., Apr. 16, 1918.

Logan Esarey, Editor,
Indiana Magazine of History,
Bloomington, Indiana.

DEAR SIR:

The park commission invites your best efforts on behalf

of an appropriation by the Indiana legislature for a State memorial in the Vicksburg National Military Park, on the commanding area inclosed by Indiana circle, and near where two guns of the First Indiana Battery were served.

By authority of the legislature, at a cost of \$38,000 the State commission placed in the park 16 beautiful monuments that bear the record of each of the 28 Indiana organizations engaged in the Vicksburg operations, and 53 massive markers. The War Department authorized bronze portraits of 9 Indiana officers (Alexander, Benton, Hovey, Keigwin, Kimball, Lucas, McGinnis, Shunk, Washburn) placed in it, at the cost of the park funds. The commission secured a bronze portrait of one Indiana officer (Slack), as a gift to the park.

It remains for the legislature to complete this work by an appropriation to commemorate on this battlefield park the devotion to duty, steadfast patriotism, and heroic services of Indiana soldiers in the Vicksburg operations.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM T. RIGSBY,
Chairman, Park Commission.

THE *Louisiana Historical Quarterly* for September, 1917, contains an account of Lafayette's Visit to New Orleans by Judge Henry Renshaw, and a paper of about 90 pages on General James Wilkinson by his great grandson, James Wilkinson.

Special Report Concerning Common School Funds is a booklet of 89 pages issued by Gilbert H. Hendren, State examiner. The booklet contains an interesting and valuable historical account of the school funds by George Pence, one of the State fund examiners. This is the best account of the origin and present condition of the different funds available. Every fund is treated separately and the acts quoted creating them. Under the Seminary Fund is given a list of the seminaries chartered by the State with date and location of each. The distribution to each county is given, together with the dates and amounts belonging to each county. The booklet represents an immense amount of very careful work by Mr. Pence.

PART IX *Transactions of the London and Middlesex Historical Society* of London, Ontario, contains an interesting account of the Wilberforce Refugee Colony in Middlesex county. This colony was composed almost entirely of colored refugees who crossed the Ohio on the Ohio and Indiana borders before the Civil War. It was the haven of most of the colored run-aways assisted by the Underground Railway in Indiana during the exciting period of the Fugitive Slave law. The article is by Fred Landon, Public Librarian of London.

THE *Twenty-eighth Annual Report of the Eastern Indiana Hospital for the Insane* for the year ending Sept. 30, 1917, has recently been issued. This hospital is located at Richmond and is under the superintendency of Dr. Samuel E. Smith. The enrollment for the year was 891. There were 146 new cases admitted; 64 discharged and 65 deaths; whole number under treatment for the year was 1,037. The cost per capita was \$217.37. This hospital was opened August 1, 1890, since when 4,185 patients have been admitted, 2,165 men and 2,020 women.

ALMOST the entire space of the July number of the *Iowa Journal of History and Politics* is taken up with Dan E. Clark's article on the "Frontier Defense of Iowa, 1850-1865." Other articles are "Wheat and Cotton During the Civil War," by Louis Bernard Schmidt, and "The Ages of the Soldiers in the Civil War," by W. W. Gist.

IN the July *Missouri Historical Review* is an account by R. S. Cotterill, of the National Railroad Convention in St. Louis in 1849. The main purpose of this convention was to further the project of a Pacific Railroad. Abner T. Ellis, of Vincennes, was temporary chairman. Indiana was represented by 35 delegates. Judge Stephen A. Douglas presided. One of the leading members was O. H. Smith, of Indiana, whose address on this occasion is preserved in his *Trials and Sketches*, page 400.

THE ADDRESS of Amos W. Butler, Secretary of the State Board of Charities, delivered at the State Conference of Char-

ities and Corrections at Emporia, Kansas, October 30, 1917, has been issued in pamphlet form. Mr. Butler deals in a historical way with one of the greatest questions now confronting government in America. The care of defectives and unfortunates is rapidly coming to be one of the heaviest financial burdens of society. Mr. Butler has devoted his life to the study of this problem and has earned a nation-wide reputation. The subject of his address is "Colonies for Public Wards." At the meeting of the American Prison Association at New Orleans, Nov. 20, 1917, Mr. Butler spoke on "A State Board of Charities and Corrections." In this address which was printed in pamphlet form, the speaker pointed out the benefits to Indiana resulting from such a board.

THE July *Michigan History Magazine* contains an article by William H. Hathaway of Milwaukee on "County Organization in Michigan." Besides an historical account of the formation of each county, there is a series of maps showing the changes in county lines from year to year.

THE July *Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine* has an excellent article by Mrs. Agnes M. Hays Gormley on "The Rappite Community at Economy and at New Harmony." Mrs. Gormley was well acquainted with the brothers and sisters of the Harmony Society and writes with a sympathy not always shown by historians. Although brief, it is one of the best accounts available of that strange community.

Another valuable article in the July number is a letter by William Henry Harrison accepting the nomination to the presidency from the Anti-Masonic Convention held at Philadelphia in 1838.

National School Service is the title of a journal which appeared from Washington, D. C., September 1. The editorial staff is headed by Dr. Guy Stanton Ford. The historical section of the journal is under the supervision of Dr. Samuel B. Harding. The purpose of the paper is to furnish the teachers with reliable governmental information. The paper is sent free to school teachers.

THE *Seventeenth Annual Report of the State Board of Forestry and of the State Park Committee*, by Richard Lieber, State Forester, and Charles C. Deam, his assistant, is reprinted from the *Year Book*. The forest lands of the State are estimated at 3,000,000 acres. The State Park committee is a result of the late centennial celebration and seems to be the only thing of lasting importance resulting from that agitation. Two parks have been laid out and are now owned by the State, one known as McCormick's Creek Canyon in Owen county, the other as Turkey Run, in Parke county. The former cost \$5,253, the latter \$41,075.

THE *Illinois Catholic Historical Review*, published by the Illinois Catholic Historical Society, made its initial appearance in July. The first number is a neat booklet of 144 pages. Every article in it is of historical interest to Indiana readers, but especially is the one on Pierre Gibault by Joseph J. Thompson, editor of the magazine. Indiana also claims Gibault as one of its pioneer heroes. "Early Catholicity in Chicago," by Gilbert J. Garragas, and "The Illinois Missions," by Joseph J. Thompson, are other articles that bear closely on early Indiana history.

THE June *Records of the American Catholic Historical Society* continues the *Diary of Bishop Flaget*. During the period covered in this issue the Bishop was at Bardstown, Kentucky.

VOLUME I, *Publications of the North Carolina Historical Commission* is devoted entirely to the papers of Thomas Ruffin. The papers of Judge Ruffin cover the period from 1803 to 1830. A memorial oration by William Graham, a chronology of his life and a calendar of the letters precede the papers in the volume.

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