

Publication of the Nebraska State Historical Society, Vol. XIX, edited by ALBERT WALKINS, historian of the Society, Lansing, 1919, pp. 357.

This volume contains seventeen papers dealing with the early history of the state. Five of these papers deal with Indians; seven deal with early settlers and settlements; one deals with the Swedes in Nebraska; one with the Bohemians; one with women in territorial Nebraska; and others with early political questions. The period covered, in general, is that from 1860 to 1880. The papers are well written and well edited. The footnotes, especially, show an immense amount of careful investigation. This feature is especially commendable. The documentary article on contested elections in Nebraska is a fine commentary on pioneer politics of that period and illustrates a phase of history through which nearly all our states have gone.

Welfare Campaigns in Iowa, by MARCUS L. HANSON, State Historical Society of Iowa, 1920.

This small volume of 320 pages is a record of the work in Iowa of the Young Men's Christian Association, Young Women's Christian Association, Knights of Columbus, American Library Association, Salvation Army, Jewish Welfare Board, and the War chest. The volume is a beautiful example of book making.

A series of interesting articles on Hine's raid into Indiana have lately appeared in the *Crawford County Democrat* of English. These were written by H. H. Pleasant, superintendent of schools at Leavenworth. Mr. Pleasant has done quite a bit of research into the early history of Crawford county. This county is in a class of three or four which so far have escaped the county historian.

THE *Annual Report of the Mount Vernon Ladies Association of the Union* has been received by the favor of Mrs. Benjamin D. Walcott of Indianapolis, the vice-regent for Indiana. This association cares for the home of Washington at Mount Vernon. There were 141,489 visitors to the home last year.

The Book of Terre Haute, a 20-page pamphlet, was published by the Chamber of Commerce to set forth the commercial condition and prospects of the city.

WHERE the Salem witches were hanged is the leading article in the January *Essex Institute Historical Collections*. It is written by Sidney Perley.

THE April, 1920, *Tennessee Historical Magazine* has three valuable articles. The first is a historical account of John A. Murrell and Daniel Crenshaw by Park Marshall. These romantic horsethieves and highwaymen almost drove the sanctimonious east of the sixties and seventies to despair. They turn out to be very mediocre criminals. For dash and imagination they would hardly class with the bootleggers of today. The larger part of the Magazine is taken up with John Sevier's journal. It is prepared by Joh. H. Dewitt, president of the society.

Propaganda in History is the title of a small pamphlet recently published by Lyon G. Tyler of Richmond, Va. Dr. Tyler makes frantic but vain struggles against being swallowed up by the Cape Cod myth. It's no use, Dr. Tyler, if you did not have an ancestor in that forlorn band, pick one out and adopt him as soon as possible and stop singing out of tune. Change your name to Adams.

THE Black Belt of Alabama by Herdman T. Cleland in the *Geographical Review* for December, 1920, is one of the most interesting and suggestive studies published during the quarter.

THE leading article in the *Quarterly Journal of the New York State Historical Association* is a life of Jedediah Peck, father of the public school system of the state of New York.

THREE historical articles of general interest in the April-July, 1920, *Michigan History Magazine* are Reminiscences of life at Mackinac, 1835-1863, by Constance S. Patton, Story of a famous mission L'arbre Croche, Michigan, by H. Bedford-Jones and Fort Wilkins, at Copper Harbor, Michigan, by Lew Allen Chase.

Smith College Studies for April has an article by Mary Breeze Fuller on the Development of History and Government in Smith College from 1875 to 1920, together with a list of publications by faculty and Alumnae. The July number is taken up by an article on Influences toward radicalism in Connecticut, 1754-1775.

PERHAPS the most interesting chapters in the October *Journal of History* is a collection of editorials written by Joseph Smith. They deal with Censorship of the church press, Sensational preaching, Deportment in the house of worship, Responsibility, Books of reference, When will Christ come, and Wisdom as a gift.

IN the January *Catholic Historical Review* Rev. F. G. Holweck submits a tentative American martyrology. Among them are some known to Indiana history: Father Gaston, killed by the Tamarois Indians of Illinois in 1730, Antonin Senat, a Jesuit killed with Vincennes by the Chickasaws in 1736, Jacques Gravier, killed by Peorias in 1708, and Gabriel de la Ribourde, killed by the Kickapoos in 1681.

THE January *Missouri Historical Review* is the Missouri centennial number. A century of Missouri Agriculture by T. B. Mumford, A Century of education in Missouri by C. A. Phillips, A Century of Missouri politics by C. H. McClure, A Model Centennial program by E. M. Violette and One Hundred years of Banking in Missouri by Breckinridge Jones are the titles of the review articles. The leading article, The Missouri tavern, is by W. B. Stevens, president of the society.

THE *Minnesota Historical Bulletin* for August, 1920, is the dedication number for the new Historical Society building. This society was incorporated October 20, 1849. It has always had a home in the state house. It has published seventeen volumes of state history. The dedicatory address, Middle Western Pioneer Democracy, delivered by F. J. Turner, is published in the August *Bulletin*.

THE September *Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society* has an article on U. S. Marines from Kentucky in the world war, another on Kentucky Union troops in the

Civil war, and one on the History of Woodford county. The January *Register* has articles on the Turner family, Lieut. Governor Thruston Ballard, Mrs. Desha Breckinridge and a continuation of the History of Woodford county. The Kentucky Historical Society is now at home in its own building, the state having given to it the old capitol at Frankfort. This is an interesting old building dating from 1829. Almost a century of Kentucky history clusters around it. The *Register* dates from 1903. The society was incorporated in 1838. Such names as John Rowan, Henry Pirtle, George D. Prentice, John H. Harney and Humphrey Marshall appear on its charter. This good fortune of the Kentucky society leaves Indiana alone in its class—without home, friends, or funds. Indiana richly deserves the place it holds in the written history of the nation.

THE *Palimpsest* of February, 1921, is devoted to roads under the headings, The Old Military road, Phantoms on the old road, and Along the Military road. This is a small monthly paper published by the State Historical Society of Iowa.

The January *Palimpsest* contains two good pioneer stories, Lost in an Iowa blizzard and Early Cabins in Iowa.

Second Annual Report of the Department of Conservation—year ending September 30, 1920. This new department was created in 1919 and is a combination of Geology, Entomology, Natural Gas, Forestry, Lands and Waters, and Fish and Game departments. Richard Lieber is director. The Division of Geology is under W. N. Logan and has for its purpose the investigation of the mineral resources of the state. During the past year it has published seven or eight bulletins of scientific information. The division of Entomology is in charge of Frank N. Wallace. This division makes war on bugs. Chas. C. Deam is state forester. His problem is to study forest conditions in the state and help improve them. The state has a forest of 2000 acres under Mr. Deam's supervision.

THE *Iowa Journal of History and Politics* for October, 1920, has only one article, The Work of the Iowa Code Com-

mission, by Jacob Van der Zee. The January, 1921, number contains articles by John F. Sly on Providing for a State Constitutional Convention; a History of Taxation in Iowa, 1910-1920, by John E. Brindley, and the Operation of the Primary Election Law in Iowa by Frank Edward Horack.

GRAND Army of the Republic, Department of Indiana, held its forty-first annual encampment at Bloomington May 25, 26 and 27, 1920. There are now 231 posts in the organization with a membership of 6,309. The loss by death during the past year was 550. A full account of the encampment as well as the annual reports and statistics are given in the *Proceedings*, Vol. XLI.

THE editor has received copies of two STANDARD TESTS for history pupils in the public schools. One of these is prepared by A. S. Barr of the department of education, Evansville college; the other by C. G. VanNest, critic teacher of history in the Bloomington high school. The first is for American history, the last for European. There is not space here for a criticism of these tests. Both look in the direction of a standardized body of facts to be learned by the pupils.

A SUBSCRIPTION PAPER FOR THE ERECTION OF A CHURCH IN JEFFERSON
COUNTY IN THE YEAR 1818.

Jefferson County, State of Indiana, Graham Township.

A subscription paper for the purpos of building a meeting house for the benefit of the M. E. Church to be built on the land of Addan Troutman neare the raccoon spring, the said Troutman will furnish one or more acres of land if necessary, for which he will make a deed for ever for building the meeting house on, and for a grave yard, and further, the said Troutman will give as much back timber as is necessary for building the house, to be 25 feet by 22, the logs to be hewen to eight inches thick, a cabbin roof, the fire place to be cut out ten feete wide, a backwall, hearth and james of stone, cat and clay chimney, a plank floore, two windows and a doore.

All who may think proper to subscribe this paper are requested to meete at the raccoon spring on the first saturday in August, it being the first day of August, and there to appoint three or more Trustees to superintend to building of the house or to make such alterations as the majority may think proper, the building of the

house to be finished against Christmas, at which time these preasants each subscriber to hold himself to pay the same annexed to his name.

July 21st, 1818.

G. Campbell	\$10.00.	Ezekiel Philipps,	1.00
James Lining,	2.00.	John Philipps,	1.00
Robert Smith	1.50.	Ebben Tebbets,	1.00
Milton Robertson,	3.00.	Andrew Cordrey,	1.00
Joshua Deputy,	5.00.	Benj. Ramsey,	1.00
Alex B. Wilson,	2.00.	Wm. Whitesderson,	.50
Thomas Ammons,	3.00.	A. Chitwood,	1.00
Samuel Hutchinson,	.50	Joshua Tull,	1.00
Patrick Willson,	3.00	Joseph Wiley,	1.00
Thomas Gasaway,	5.00	Geor. Wilson,	.50
John Gudgel,	1.00	Condrey,	1.00
Sam White,	3.00	T. R. Condrey	1.00
Thomas Jackson,	1.00	Evan Thomas,	1.00
R. Whitwood	1.00	Henry Dixon,	2.00
Louis Black,	2.00	Wm. D. Wilson,	1.50
W. C. Wilson,	\$1.50.	Moses Wilson	1.50

The size of the house 30 by 24 feet, the logs to be well hewed to size enough to face nine inches, seven inches thick, the sils to be oak, also the sleepers, and one round next to the sils of oak, the highth of said house twelve feet to the squair, a cabbin roof, a twelve light window, poplar plank floore one inch and half thick, about six inches in breadth, or not to exceed the same, one doore about four feete wide, a plain shutter for the doore and also for the windows, a rock under each corner, also under the middle of each set to rais the house from the earth about eight inches, all the work to be done in a workman like manner and agreeable to the direction of the trustees.

N. B. Also two more windows, each twelve lights with shutters and glass in the one behind the pulpit. Said house is to be chinked with stone and plastered with lime and sand.

JOHN M. CRORY, Undertaker.

\$59.00