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The meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, which was held at the University in May, was one of the most largely attended in the history of the Association. The main speakers from outside the Mississippi Valley were Professor James Harvey Robinson, Hamlin Garland, the novelist of the Middle Border, and George F. Parker, Cleveland's confidential adviser.

The summer school enrollment in history this year averaged something more than 50% over the registration of last year. The increase in graduate students in history was even greater. Among those enrolled from Iowa colleges were: Professor F. A. Shannon of Iowa Wesleyan, Professor E. F. Schall of Parsons College, Father F. A. Mullin of Columbia College, Mr. Thomas P. Christenson of Grandview College and Mr. C. C. Regier, recently of Simpson College.

Professor Plum, who suffered a breakdown in health during the year, took a leave of absence from the University in May and has been resting at various points in New York and New England. He writes that he is feeling himself again.

Doctor John C. Parish who has been giving the course in Iowa history has resigned in order to occupy a position in the History Department of the University of California, Southern Branch. The text book by Professors Plum and Benjamin entitled Recent and Contemporary European Civilization, will be issued by the Lippincott Company within the next few weeks.

Professor McMurray has received a leave of absence for the second semester of next year and will use his time in preparing a book of projects in history for the elementary schools in collaboration with his father. He is the author of an article in the current number of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review entitled The Political Significance of the Pension Question.

The Macmillan Company recently published Professor Schlesinger's new book called New Viewpoints in American History. This book should be of interest to anyone who is interested in the new trend of American historical research and scholarship of the last twenty years.

Doctor F. M. Eriksson, who received his degree in June, is teaching in the summer school of Iowa State Teachers College and in the fall will take up his duties as head of the History Department in Lombard College. He is the author of an article in the July number of the Iowa Journal of History and Politics. His dissertation was entitled Official Newspaper Organs and their Activities 1825-1837: A study in Jacksonian politics.

Miss Catherine Z. Winters who will receive her Master's degree this summer has been elected instructor in history in the Florida State School for Women.

Beginning this fall the Department of History will issue at quarterly intervals a bulletin entitled Aids for History Teachers. The purpose is to present to secondary school history teachers practical suggestions as to methods of teaching and as to new interpretations of history. The first bulletin written by Miss Pierce on the subject The Socialized Recitation in History is now in press.

Miss Hymena V. Hoffman, M.A., is the democratic candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction in the fall elections.