Registration in the History Department this fall increased one-third over the registration of a year ago. There are nineteen full time graduate students in residence. The enlargement of our numbers necessitated the appointment of a new instructor--Mr. John H. Whorinen who received his Master's degree at Clark University and has done some work at the same institution toward his next degree. The department also has a full time secretary now.

Professor Pelzer is engaged in extensive researches preparatory to publishing a book upon the much neglected phase of Western history: The range and ranch cattle industry.

The first number of the new serial publication fathered by the Department of History and entitled Aids for History Teachers met with a gratifying reception, and the entire edition is exhausted. The number was written by Miss Bessie L. Pierce on the subject "The Socialized Recitation in History." The second number is now in press. It is written by Professor Pelzer and Miss Daley on the subject: The Correlation of History and Geography. If you are not on the mailing list of this series kindly send a request to the Director of the Extension Division.

The instructorship held last year by Mr. R. J. Zontag is occupied this year by Mr. E. B. Hewes, M. A. of the University of Illinois.

Professor Schlesinger has been appointed by the American Historical Association, along with Professor Henry Johnson of Teachers College, New York City, to represent the historical interests of the country on the Joint Commission for the Social Studies. This body is composed of two representatives of each of the great national learned societies in the field of the social sciences and is engaged in studying the social science situation in the schools with a view to clarifying the situation.

Mr. C. C. Regier received his Ph.D. degree at the close of the summer session. The subject of his dissertation was "The Era of the Hucksters." Dr. Regier has been elected Professor of History and Head of the Department at Whitworth College, Spokane, Washington.

Room 315 in the Liberal Arts Building, hitherto used as a history class room, is being equipped with desks and tables and will be used hereafter as a seminar and study room for graduate students in history. This is a facility for graduate work that has been badly needed in recent years.

Plans are being made for the February conference of secondary school teachers of history, which is called each year by the Department of History of the State University. This year's conference will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 16 and 17. The program of the conference will be sent you in due time.
Mr. S. P. Fogdail of Des Moines University was elected president of the Iowa society of Social Science Teachers at the recent meeting of the State Teacher's Association in Des Moines. His doctoral dissertation, entitled: "History of Danish-American Diplomacy," is now in press and is being issued as number of the University of Iowa Studies in the Social Sciences.

Mr. Ralph E. Turner, M. A., 1917, is continuing his graduate work at Columbia University where he is the holder of one of the new Chamberlain fellowships. He may be addressed at Livingston Hall, Columbia University.

Mr. Amos W. Hartman, M. A. 1921, is superintendent of schools in Logan, New Mexico. In addition to his administrative duties he is teaching three history classes.

Dr. W. I. Brandt is the author of a recent Service Bulletin entitled "History Source Books for High Schools," a copy of which is enclosed.