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At the February convocation the degree of Ph.D. was conferred upon Miss Bessie L. Pierce and Miss Bertha A. Reuter. Their leaflets are enclosed with this bulletin. Mr. Chester H. Kirby received the degree of M.A., writing a thesis on the subject: "The Attitude of John Bright Toward English Social Reform."

The following doctoral dissertations, under preparation by graduate students of the University of Iowa, are included in the annual list issued by the Carnegie Institution of Washington, under date of December, 1922: F. A. Shannon, "The Organization and Administration of the Union Army, 1860-1865"; R. L. Welty, "The Western Army Frontier, 1860-1870"; Genevieve Bergstresser, "The Relation of the New England Literary Group to Social and Political Reform"; T. P. Christensen, "The History of the Danes of the Upper Mississippi Valley."

The second number of Aids for History Teachers is now in press and will soon be ready for distribution. 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.

Three former graduate students of the University were in attendance at the Christmas meeting of the American Historical Association at New Haven: Miss Alice E. Page of Coe College; Mr. Marcus L. Hansen, an instructor at Harvard; and Mr. Ralph E. Turner, a graduate fellow at Columbia University. Professor Schlesinger spoke at a luncheon conference on the subject: "The Content of the General College Course in American History." Professor Schlesinger was re-appointed as one of the two representatives of the American Historical Association on the Joint Commission for the Social Studies.

Dr. Bessie L. Pierce read a paper before the Cleveland meeting of the National Council for the Social Studies on the subject: "Propagandist Efforts to Control History Text-Books" on February 24.

Dr. D. L. McMurray is away from the University this semester on leave of absence. He is engaged in collaboration with his father in the preparation of a book of projects in history for use in the elementary schools.

The third annual conference of secondary school teachers of history was held at the University on Friday and Saturday, February 16 and 17. In spite of a period of exceedingly cold weather and the prevalence of the influenza epidemic the out-of-town attendance was quite gratifying. The program was the strongest we have yet offered. A copy is enclosed.

Mr. Marcus L. Hansen spent last summer in Ireland and England in search of material for his doctoral dissertation at Harvard University. Since last fall he has been connected with the history staff at Harvard to assist in carrying out the tutorial system of instruction. His present address is 12 Oxford Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Perhaps it is not foreign to the purpose of this bulletin to announce that Mr. B. J. Hovde, M. A., and wife, of Luther College are the parents of a son born on Christmas Day, 1922.

The Plum-Benjamin text-book is freshly off the press of the Lippincott Company. The title of the volume is Modern and Contemporary European Civilization and it covers a period since 1815. The seventh division of the book, on the relation of the United States to the World War was contributed by Dr. Bessie L. Pierce.

The Department of History is offering an unusually rich and variegated group of courses during the Summer Session. Dr. Milledge L. Bonham of Hamilton College will be added to the staff during the first term in order to direct research work in recent American history. He will also give a course in Spanish-American history.