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Professor Winfred T. Root of the University of Wisconsin has been chosen as Professor and Head of the Department of History and will assume his duties next September. Professor Root is an authority on colonial history and has published a number of works in that field.

Edgar A. Holt, a scholar in the department, spent about a week in St. Louis where he exploited the newspaper material in the leading libraries of that city. He is to serve as superintendent of schools at Alton, Iowa, for the coming year.

Dr. Bessie L. Pierce, on February 14, delivered an address on "Attempts to Control the Teaching of History in the Schools" before the conference on the teaching of history held in Chicago. On April 14, Miss Pierce gave the same address before the Iowa League of Women Voters at Des Moines, and on May 1 and 2 she delivered three addresses at the Conference on the Social Studies held at the University of Indiana.

A new bulletin in the series "Aids for History Teachers" entitled "The Presentation of Current History Topics" has been prepared by Miss Leone Barngrover of the Junior High School of Sioux City and Miss Corinne Forsee of the High School at Clinton. The bulletin is now in press and will be distributed shortly.

Associate Professor Pelzer served as a member of the nominating committee for the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association at Detroit.

Mr. Joseph S. Jackson has accepted an assistantship at the University of Pennsylvania in Modern European and English History.

Professor A. M. Schlesinger's new college text in American history has been announced by the Macmillan Company.

Professor H. G. Plum will give courses in history next summer at Syracuse University.

Erik McKinley Eriksson, Ph.D. '22, and Professor of History at Lombard College has been elected Head of the department of Coe College where he will begin his duties in September.

Dr. Bessie L. Pierce and Esther E. Sharpe are the authors of a new bulletin entitled Courses in the Social Studies for Senior High Schools: Tenth Grade, published by the College of Education of the University of Iowa.

The bulletin entitled "Summer Courses in History" is being distributed. In the first six weeks Professor Clarence Perkins of the University of North Dakota, Professor William C. Binkley of Colorado College, and Professor Erik McKinley Eriksson of Coe College will offer courses to supplement the work of members of the regular staff. In the second session Professor Clarence E. Carter of Miami University will conduct a seminar in American history and offer a lecture course.

The following constitute the Master's dissertations now in progress and nearing completion: Edward Douglas Branch, The Historical Foundation of the Fiction of the Ranch and Range, Grace M. Colloton, The Influence of Jules Ferry on Secular Education in France, Laura E. Geller, Religious Influences and Activities in the United States 1870-1880, Guy F. Hershberger, An Inquiry into the Origins of the Anabaptist Movement, Edgar A. Holt, Steamboating on the Missouri River 1850-1860, Helen B. Hull, French-Canadian Nationalism during the World War, Maurice C. Latta, Relations between the United States and the Dominican Republic Since 1900, Mina Z. Monnett, The Russian Peasant and the Land Since the World War, Frank A. Mullen, Palmerston and British Imperialism, Walter E. Nydegger, The Presidential Election of 1892, Mary M. Ronan, English Prison Reform in the Time of John Howard, Henry F. Staack, The Frontier of Settlement in Kansas 1860-1870, Genevieve Staudt, Religious Influences and Activities in the United States 1860-1870, Willis G. Swartz, The Legislative History of the Proposed Canadian-American Reciprocity Agreement of 1911, Willis H. Walker, Some Phases of the Career of Georges Clemenceau, Earl A. Winsor, Printed Descriptions of the War West 1850-1870.

Laverne K. Bowersox, M.A. '24, now at the College of Idaho, will serve as Professor of History and Political Science at West Virginia Wesleyan College at Buckhannon next year.

Mr. Edgar A. Holt is the author in The Palimpsest for April of an article entitled "A Voyage of the Omaha".

Mr. R. E. Turner, whose book entitled America in Civilization is now in press, has been awarded the Lydia E. Roberts Traveling Fellowship at Columbia University. He expects to spend part of the year in London to collect additional materials for his Doctor's dissertation.

Dr. Bessie L. Pierce was elected Vice-President of the National Council of Social Studies at the Cincinnati meeting of the National Educational Association. She was also appointed chairman of the committee on standardization of work in social studies in the Junior and Senior high schools.