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The annual list of doctoral dissertations, issued by the Department of Historical Research of the Carnegie Institution, shows the following subjects now in progress at the University of Iowa: B. J. Hovde, A. B. Luther 1916, A. M. Iowa 1919, "The Attitude of French Labor toward Imperialism"; R. L. Welty, S. B. Kansas Fort Hayes Normal School 1918, A. M. George Washington 1920, "The Western Army Frontier, 1860-1870"; F. A. Shannon, A. B. Indiana 1916, A. M. 1918, "The Organization and Administration of the Union Army, 1860-1865"; E. C. Christoferson, A. B. Ellsworth 1913, A. M. Iowa 1917, "The Public Life of James W. Grimes"; Genevieve Bergstresser, A. B. Coe College 1912, A. M. Chicago 1917, "The Relations of the New England Literary Group to Social and Political Reform"; T. P. Christensen, A. B. Iowa State Teachers College 1909, A. M. Drake 1921, "The History of the Danes in Iowa"; L. K. Bowersox, A. B. Willamette 1920, A. M. Syracuse 1923, "Some Aspects of the History of Alaska under the United States." It is worth while to note the wide variety of colleges and universities from which these candidates for the Ph.D. come.

Professor E. M. Eriksson (Ph.D. 1922), of Lombard College, is the author of an article, "The Framers of the Constitution of 1857," in the Iowa Journal of History and Politics, January, 1924, and of another article dealing with Jonathan P. Dolliver entitled "A Tribune of People" in the February number of the Palimpsest.

The Fourth Annual Conference of Iowa History Teachers in the Secondary Schools was held at the University on Friday and Saturday, February 8 and 9. The main speakers from outside the state were Professor Carleton J. H. Hayes of Columbia University, and Miss Frances M. Morehouse of the University of Minnesota High School. The meeting attracted the largest number of history teachers of any thus far held. The program appears in the March number of the Historical Outlook.

On invitation of Simpson College, Associate Professor Pelzer delivered three addresses to various groups of students on February 21-22 on the following subjects: "The Story of Writing a Thesis," "The Western Range and Ranch Cattle Industry," and "The Social Side of George Washington."

With the assistance of appropriations from the Graduate Council the University Library has recently acquired two collections of great importance to graduate students in the field of European history: The French Parliamentary Debates from 1787 to the present, in 680 volumes, and The Proceedings of the German Reichstag since 1867, in 336 volumes.

Superintendent A. W. Hartman (M. A. 1921), of Logan, New Mexico, was elected president of the Superintendents' and Principals' Association of the Consolidated Schools of Quay County last fall. His school was recently accredited by the state for four years' high school work, the first consolidated school in the county to be so distinguished. He is planning to attend the approaching summer session at the University of Iowa.

Miss Ethel J. Spaulding has been teaching civics in Central High School in Omaha since receiving her Master's degree in 1921.

All arrangements have been completed for the summer offerings in history. Pursuant to a well established policy the courses will be taught chiefly by regular members of the Department. Associate Professor Pelzer will be in charge the first term, and Assistant Professor Brandt the second term. In addition to resident members of the staff, Professor R. J. Kerner of the University of Missouri will offer one lecture and one research course on the recent history of Eastern Europe. A special bulletin descriptive of the history offerings may be obtained by writing to the Registrar.

Miss Grace L. Marnier (M.A. 1922) is a member of the faculty of the High School in Sibley, Louisiana.

Mr. John H. Wuorinen of the Department of History, contributed an article entitled: "Fascism in Finland" to the International Relations section of The Nation, January 23, 1924.

Professor G. G. Benjamin will teach at the University of Chicago during the summer quarter in substitution for Professor Ferdinand Schevill.

Assistant Professor Bessie L. Pierce is the author of the fourth number of Aids for History Teachers on the subject "Textbooks in United States History." She has also contributed to the new College of Education series the first number entitled "Courses in the Social Studies for Junior High Schools." Either or both of these publications may be obtained without charge by writing to the Director of the Extension Division.

Professor Plum has been engaged to make two addresses before the social science section of the North Central Division of the Iowa State Teachers' Association at Fort Dodge on March 21, one on the subject "The Correlation of American and European History" and the other on the subject "Social Science as a Character Builder."

The Iowa Society of Colonial Dames are offering, through the Department of History, prizes of \$100 and \$50 for the two best essays on the subject, "George Washington as a Citizen and Statesman." The contest is restricted to undergraduate students in the University of Iowa and is exciting much interest. The essays must be completed by May 5.

The fifth issue of Aids for History Teachers, written by Professor H. G. Plum, is now in press. The theme of the number is: "The Correlation of English and American History in the American History Course." A copy may be procured without charge by addressing the Director of the Extension Division.

Mr. Raymond L. Welty, a graduate student in residence whose essay on "The Aims of the Framers of the Constitution" won the prize offered by the Colonial Dames last year, read his paper before a joint meeting of that body and the D. A. R. in Davenport on March 14.

Professor Benjamin and Assistant Professor McMurry have been appointed by the American Historical Association to solicit members for that organization. They will be glad to send application blanks to anyone who may be interested.