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At the July Commencement, 1924, two Ph.D. degrees were conferred in this department: Thomas P. Christensen, "History of the Danes in Iowa"; and Eli C. Christoferson, "The Public Career of James W. Grimes." During the summer the Master's degree was conferred upon Mary Catherine Cronin, "The Development of the Virginia Plantation System in Colonial Times"; Helen Lucile Hagan, "The British Aims in the Opium Wars in China" and Ellene Bernice Hawkins, "Social Thought in France, 1815-1848, as Reflected in Contemporaneous Literature."

Dr. B. J. Hovde spent several weeks last summer in various Chicago libraries gathering material for his thesis on "The Attitude of French Labor toward Imperialism." The degree Ph.D. was conferred on him in August. He is at present assistant professor of history at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Raymond L. Welty, Ph.D. 1924, took up his work in September as professor and head of the department of history and political science at Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa.

Dr. Fred A. Shannon, Ph.D. 1924, is assistant professor of history at Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Others receiving advanced degrees during the year are located as follows: Mr. Vernon Cooper is professor and head of the department of history at Cotner College, Bethany, Nebraska; Mr. Joseph Jackson, high school, Freeport, Illinois; Miss Helma Hanawalt, high school, Burlington, Iowa; Miss Mary C. Cronin, high school, Manly, Iowa; Mr. John Lucas, Jr., high school, Mankato, Minnesota; Miss Maude E. Felter is superintendent of the public schools at Wilton Junction, Iowa. Mr. Felix J. Vondracek has entered Columbia University where he is pursuing his major work in the field of European history.

Mr. Amos W. Hartman, M. A. 1921, attended the July term of the summer session. He is the author of an article "The California and Oregon Trails, 1850-1860," which was published in the March, 1924 number of the Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society. He is now serving as principal of the high school at Estancia, New Mexico.

Miss Joanna Kyle, M. A. 1916, attended the July term of the summer session. She is located at Casper, Wyoming, where she teaches American history and civics in the high school.

Dr. Bertha A. Reuter, Ph.D. 1923, has resumed her work at Wesleyan College, Macon, Georgia. Her volume on "Anglo-American Relations during the Spanish-American War" has appeared from the Macmillan press and is receiving favorable reviews.

Dr. Marcus L. Hansen, M. A. 1917, received his Doctor's degree from Harvard in June. During the summer he spent several weeks in Europe travelling and doing research work in various libraries.

Mr. Chester H. Kirby, M. A. 1923, is continuing his graduate work at Harvard and will act as assistant to Professor Wilbur Abbott during the present year.

Mr. J. F. O'Brien, M. A. 1924, is enrolled in the law school of Harvard University for the present year.

Mr. J. Elmer Bathurst, M. A. 1923, has been elected president of Wessington Springs Junior College, at Wessington Springs, South Dakota.

Professor Erik M. Eriksson, Ph.D. 1922, of Lombard College, spent the summer in Iowa City doing research work in the State Historical Society of Iowa. Dr. Eriksson's article "Kiwanis and the Non Voter" appeared in the September number of the Kiwanis Magazine.

Professor G. G. Benjamin has resumed his duties at the University after teaching eleven weeks last summer in the University of Chicago.

Assistant Professor D. L. McMurry has been promoted to an associate professorship.

Assistant Professor Bessie L. Pierce has an article in the October number of the Historical Outlook. The article, entitled "The History Inquiry" is a review of Professor Edgar Dawson's report.

Professor A. M. Schlesinger, who is serving as lecturer in history at Harvard during the present year, is the author of an article entitled "Political Corruption as an American Institution" in The World Tomorrow for October. He is also the joint author with Dr. Erik M. Eriksson of Lombard College, of an article entitled "The Vanishing Voter" which is appearing in the New Republic for October 15.

Associate Professor Louis Pelzer during the summer visited Kansas City, Missouri, the State Historical Society at Topeka, Kansas, Abilene, Dodge City and other points in Kansas, gathering further materials on his study "The History of the Range and Ranch Cattle Business."

Dr. Carl Wittke's article on "Religious Influences in American History" appears in the October number of The University of California Chronicles.

Assistant Professor W. I. Brandt spent part of the summer in the library of the University of Wisconsin. He has prepared and mimeographed a new syllabus of Medieval Civilization which is being used in his classes.

Mr. Bruce E. Mahan, M. A. 1920, contributed four articles on "Border Troubles" for the June 1924, Palimpsest. He also had an article on "Iowa at the Centennial" in the September issue, and another on "Exploring Iowa" in the October number.

Mr. John H. Wuorinen, instructor in history during the past two years, is teaching history classes in the Extension Division of Columbia University, where he is also doing graduate work. He is the author of an article "The Efforts to Form a Union of Baltic States" in the New York Times Current History for July, 1924.

Mr. Charles W. Fornoff and Mr. Warren S. Tryon are the new members of the department this year who are giving instruction in the fundamental courses in European and American history.