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THE Department of History presents its annual bulletin of items concerning the scholarly and professional interests of both faculty and graduate students

Faculty

Professors Root and Pelzer and Dr. Petersen attended the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association in St. Louis last April. Professor Livingston was a member of the Conference on Canadian-American Relations held at Queens University, Kingston, Canada, June 14-18. Professor de Kiewiet read a paper at the Philadelphia meeting of the American Historical Association on "The Constitution and the Frontier in South Africa." Professor Root served as a member of the programme committee for this meeting and presided at one of the sessions. Dr. George Gordon Andrews, professor of European History, died on March 29. The University has lost a great teacher, a fine scholar, and a gracious gentleman.

Professor de Kiewiet gave an address in January at Creighton University on "A Rational Attitude toward International Relations." Professor Root gave an address last summer at the Teachers College, River Falls, Wisconsin, on "A Reappraisal of the American Revolution." Professor Thornton made addresses before the University Club of Des Moines, the Illinois Education Association, and teachers' conventions in Des Moines, Adair, and Cass counties. For the second consecutive year, Dr. Thornton served as chairman of the University's Baconian Lecture Series. Professors Root, Andrews, Thornton, Livingston and Dr. Petersen attended the meetings of the Iowa State Teachers Association held in Des Moines last November. At that time Professor Root gave his presidential address before the Association of Social Science Teachers on the subject "The Teaching and the Teacher of History." Dr. Petersen gave illustrated lectures on Mississippi steamboating to groups of teachers at St. Louis and Dupou, Illinois, last November.

Professor de Kiewiet's book on *The Imperial Factor in South Africa, a Study in Politics and Economics* was issued by the Cambridge University Press this past winter. Dr. W. J. Petersen's volume on *Steamboating on the Upper Mississippi* was issued by the State Historical Society of Iowa in June, 1937. Professor Thornton's study on "Theodore Roosevelt: Historian" was published in the *Marcus W. Jernegan Essays in American Historiography*; also, his article on "The United States in 1838," in the January (1938) number of the *Palimpsest*.

Graduate Students

The following promotions are noted: E. M. Erikson, Ph.D., 1922, to a full professorship at the University of Southern California; Paul H. Giddens, Ph.D., 1930, to an associate professorship at Allegheny College; Leonidas Dodson, Ph.D., 1927, to an assistant professorship at the University of Pennsylvania; Chester Sipple, Ph.D., 1931, to the headship of the department of history at Bradley Polytechnic Institute, Peoria, Illinois.

Gordon W. Prange, Ph.D., 1937, was appointed instructor in history at the University of Maryland; W. O. Mishoff, Ph.D., 1933, is now librarian at Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio; W. C. Lang, M.A., 1936, was called to the history faculty of Yankton College, South Dakota; John Vieg, M.A., 1929, Ph.D., Chicago, 1936, joined the staff of the Department of Political Science at Iowa State College. S. P. Fogdall, Ph.D., 1925, resigned from his professorship at Ottawa University, Kansas, to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Clark's Grove, Minnesota. Thomas Geary, M.A. 1933, Ph.D. 1937, in political science, is teaching in the Department of Political Science, University of South Dakota.

Wallace Taylor, M.A., 1936, taught in the Summer

Session at the Teachers College, Greeley, Colorado; Merrill G. Burlingame, Ph.D., 1936, Montana State College, taught in the Summer Session of the University of Montana; Fred A. Shannon, Ph.D., 1924, Kansas State College, will teach at Harvard University the coming summer; J. H. St. John, Ph.D., 1927, taught last summer at Humboldt State College in California, and will teach at the State College for Teachers, Albany, New York, the coming summer; Allen Umbreit, Ph.D., 1932, will teach during the present summer at Western State Teachers College, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Carlyle Klise, A.M., 1937, is research assistant at the University of Missouri; Henri Meyer, A.M., 1937, is a fellow in history at Yale University; and Paul Hendrick, A.B., 1937, is a fellow in the Fletcher School of Diplomacy.

Elmer Ellis, Ph.D., 1930, University of Missouri, was elected to the council of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association and to the editorial board of *Social Education*. He also spoke before the State teachers groups at Dallas, Texas, and Lexington, Kentucky. Howard R. Anderson, Ph.D., 1930, Cornell University, is a member of the advisory board of *Social Education* and was elected vice-president of the National Council for the Social Studies. Dr. Anderson also has addressed various groups of history teachers. Philip D. Jordan, Ph.D., 1935, Miami University, addressed the Tri-State Historical Conference meeting at Oxford, Ohio, in April, on the "Use of Visual Aids in History." Paul O. Carr, Ph.D., 1932, Wilson Teachers College, Washington, D. C., spoke before the social studies teachers in Washington on "Curriculum Trends in the Social Studies." Harold T. Hagg, Ph.D., 1936, Teachers College, Bemidji, Minnesota, addressed the Parent-Teachers Association at Thief River Falls, Minnesota, on "The Social Ideas of Horace Mann." John A. Greenlee, Ph.D., 1934, dean of the Junior College, Emmetsburg, Iowa, was elected president of the Junior College section of the Iowa State Teachers Association. Dorsey D. Jones, Ph.D., 1929, University of Arkansas, was chairman of the history section of the Southwestern Social Science Association which met in April at Oklahoma City.

Former graduate students at the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association held in St. Louis in the spring were: Justin Williams and Walker Wyman, Teachers College, River Falls, Wisconsin; Paul H. Giddens, Allegheny College; Philip D. Jordan, Miami University; Fred A. Shannon, Kansas State College; Harold E. Briggs, University of Miami, Florida; Richard Beyer, Teachers College, Carbondale, Illinois; and Charles H. Norby, Iowa State College.

Merrill G. Burlingame, Montana State College; Vernon Carstensen, Teachers College, Ellensburg, Washington; Francis J. Bowman, Washington State College; and Lyle S. Shelmidine, College of Puget Sound, attended the meetings of the Pacific

Coast Branch of the American Historical Association at Seattle during the holidays. The graduate students who attended the Philadelphia meeting of the American Historical Association during the holidays were E. Douglas Branch, University of Pittsburgh; Fred A. Shannon, Kansas State College; Bessie L. Pierce, University of Chicago; E. P. Alexander, Director, New York Historical Association; Leonidas Dodson, University of Pennsylvania; Elmer Ellis, University of Missouri; Howard R. Anderson, Cornell University; Gordon W. Prange, University of Maryland; Charles H. Norby, Iowa State College; Paul H. Giddens, Allegheny College; Paul O. Carr, Wilson Teachers College, Washington, D. C.; Guy F. Hershberger, Goshen College, Indiana; Sylvester Hemleben, Fordham University; Alfred S. Martin, research assistant, University of Iowa; Paul Hendrick, Fletcher School of Diplomacy; and Ralph Turner, American University, and a member of the research staff of the Social Security Board.

Twenty-three candidates received the Master of Arts degree in 1937. Some were already in teaching posts to which they returned, while others entered upon new positions. In Iowa, Franklin Doty is teaching at Hamburg, Wilfred W. Black at Osceola, Bonita Dammon at Amès; in Illinois, Gleyrafa Terrell at Rockford and Eva Draeger at Harrisburg.

Eli Christofferson, Ph.D., 1924, and Maude Felter, M.A., 1924, are members of the teaching staff of Penn College, Iowa. Harry Kies, M.A., 1936, is in charge of the history work at Rockhurst College, Kansas City, and Arthur Nobles, M.A., 1932, is teaching history and economics at Montana State College, Havre. Alfred Johnston, M.A., 1935, resigned at Hamburg, Iowa, to accept a post in the high school at Macomb, Illinois; Clifford Durman, M.A., 1935, is teaching at Pekin, Illinois; Bernard Hamman, M.A., 1937, at Mt. Sterling, Illinois; William Ruppert, M.A., 1936, at Howard, South Dakota. Max O. White, M.A., 1933, is doing graduate work in library administration at Columbia University; Florence Kent, M.A., 1930, is teaching in the Junior College, Washington, Iowa, during the absence of Melvin Gingerich, M.A., 1930, who is completing his work for the doctorate. Gerald L. Livingston, M.A., 1932, who returned to work for the doctorate, died at the University Hospital in October.

Graduate assistants this year are Carl Cone, M.A., 1937; Cecil O. Hahn, M.A., 1937; Philip Crowl, A.B., Swarthmore, 1936; Peter M. Flaa, M.A., University of North Dakota, 1935; William H. Sener, A.B., Culver-Stockton, 1936; and Laura Nanes, M.A., 1933. Research assistants are Alfred S. Martin, A.B., Dartmouth, 1937, and Aubrey Land, A.B., Carbondale, 1935. Scholars are Kenneth Rossman, M.A., Ohio State, 1937; Thomas E. Tweito, M.A., 1936; Frank Bailey, A.B., Allegheny College, 1936; Herbert W. Rice, M.A., 1926; Avery Gage, A.B., Coe College, 1937; and Hubert Turner, A.B., Coe College, 1937.

Research and Publication

Bessie L. Pierce, Ph.D., 1923, University of Chicago, is the author of *A History of Chicago, The Beginning of a City, 1673-1848*, Vol. I (Alfred A. Knopf,

1937). This book is the first of four volumes which will present the definitive history of Chicago. Felix J. Vondracek, M.A., 1924, Ph.D., Columbia, 1937, University of North Dakota, is the author of *The Foreign Policy of Czechoslovakia 1918-35* (Columbia University Press). S. B. Laughlin, Ph.D., 1921, Willamette College, is the editor of a volume of essays, *Beyond Dilemmas, Quakers Look at Life* (J. B. Lippincott Co.). Dr. Laughlin contributes to the volume the preface and an essay on "The Problem of Crime." Wasyl Halich, Ph.D., 1934, is the author of *Ukrainians in the United States* (University of Chicago Press). Dr. Halich's translation of Hruskevsky's *History of the Ukraine* has been accepted for publication by the Ukrainian organizations. B. J. Hovde, Ph.D., 1924, University of Pittsburgh, contributed a chapter on "Norwegian Americans" in a co-operative volume on *Our Racial and National Minorities*. Dr. Hovde has completed the manuscript of a book on *Scandinavian History, 1720-1865*.

Francis J. Bowman, Ph.D., 1929, Washington State College, presents two articles: "The Creation and Dissolution of the Danish-Swedish Alliance 1628" in *Research Studies of the State College of Washington* (September, 1937) and "Gustavus II Adolphus and the Protestant Reformation" in *Baltic and Scandinavian Countries* (September, 1937). Dr. Bowman is one of the associate editors of the latter Journal, published by the Baltic Institute. Howard R. Anderson, Ph.D., 1930, Cornell University, is the co-author of a pamphlet on *Selected Test Items in World History*, Bulletin No. 9 of the National Council for the Social Studies, and contributed a study of "Newspaper and Magazine Reading" to *Social Education* (May, 1937), and is co-author of an article on "Testing the Ability of Students to Outline" in *The School Review* (January, 1938). Elmer Ellis, Ph.D., 1930, University of Missouri, gave his presidential address to the National Council for the Social Studies on "The Dilemma of the Social Studies Teacher" which was printed in *Social Education* (February, 1930).

E. Douglas Branch, Ph.D., 1928, University of Pittsburgh, spoke before the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Historical Association. Articles to his credit are "Success to the Railroad," *Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine* (January); "An Unpublished Document in the Bouquet Papers," *Pennsylvania Magazine of History* (April); "Jingle Bells: Christmas in American Literature," *Saturday Review of Literature* (December, 1937); "Pittsburgh and the Terrible Hempfield," *Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine* (December, 1937).

Paul H. Giddens, Ph.D., 1930, Allegheny College, published an article on "Governor Horatio Sharpe

and his Maryland Government" in *Maryland Historical Magazine* (June, 1937) and is on sabbatical leave finishing a manuscript on *The Birth of the Oil Industry* in collaboration with Miss Ida M. Tarbell. Philip D. Jordan, Ph.D., 1935, Miami University, presents two articles: "Use of Pamphlet Material in the Social Sciences" *Ohio Schools* (June, 1936) and "The Hutchinson Family" in the *Palimpsest*. He is the compiler of a Bibliography of Periodical Literature dealing with American social history and co-editor of a Bibliography of American Historical Fiction. Dr. Jordan has been chosen to write one volume of a projected six volume history of Ohio.

E. M. Eriksson, Ph.D., 1922, University of Southern California, has an article on "President Jackson's Propaganda Agencies" in *Pacific Historical Review* (March, 1937). Harold E. Briggs, Ph.D., 1929, University of Miami, Florida, presents a study of "The Early Development of Sheep Ranching in the Northwest," in *Agricultural History* (July, 1937). Boyd C. Shafer, Ph.D., 1932, Stout Institute, Wisconsin, wrote on "Bourgeois Nationalism in the Pamphlets on the Eve of the French Revolution," *Journal of Modern History* (March, 1938). S. P. Fogdall, Ph.D., 1925, has written several articles for the new Dictionary of American History. Millard Hansen, M.A., 1935, presents a study of "Condorcet's Liberal Philosophy of Education" in *South Atlantic Quarterly* (October, 1937). Dorsey D. Jones, Ph.D., 1929, University of Arkansas, contributed an article on "Modern Spanish Troubles" to *Social Science* (January, 1938). William J. Van Schreeven, M.A., 1933, now with The National Archives, has an article on "Flood Administration Papers for Indiana in the National Archives," *Indiana Magazine of History* (1937). V. V. Edmonds, M.A., 1928, State Teachers College, Fort Hays, Kansas, has a series of articles on "Early Southern Biography and Literature" in *The Aereid* (1937). Chloris Shade, M.A., 1921, Joliet Township High School, Joliet, Illinois, has recently published a series of monographs "For Use in Guidance, Counsel, in Social Science, Library and General Reference Work."

Gordon W. Prange, Ph.D., 1937, University of Maryland, submitted a doctoral dissertation on *Beust and Bismarck, 1866-1870*, based on sources in the archives of Berlin and Vienna, and is collaborating with Dr. Herbert Michaelis of Berlin in the preparation of an exhaustive bibliography of Bismarck literature. John H. Powell, M.A., 1937, a candidate for the doctorate, continued the editing of the "Unpublished Correspondence of John Adams and Richard Rush, 1811-1822" for the *Pennsylvania Magazine of History* (January, April, 1937).

During the past summer Charles H. Norby, Ph.D., 1935, Iowa State College, went abroad for research

and travel; Martin L. Cole, dean at Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and graduate assistant last year, worked in Boston, gathering material for his dissertation on the History of the Massachusetts Legislature in the Eighteenth Century; and John H. Powell collected material in eastern archives for his study of John Dickinson.

The following graduate students read papers at the sessions of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association meeting in St. Louis in April: Philip D. Jordan, "Humor of the Backwoods, 1820-1840"; Paul H. Giddens, "The Birth of the Oil Industry"; E. Douglas Branch, "The Early Theatre in the Northwest," and Fred A. Shannon and Elmer Ellis were leaders of discussions at separate sessions. Merrill Burlingame read a paper at the meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the A. H. A. on "The Influence of the Army in Building a Western State." At the Philadelphia meeting of the A. H. A., E. Douglas Branch read a paper on "Henry Louis Bouquet, Professional Soldier," which was printed in the *Pennsylvania Magazine of History* (January, 1938). Elmer Ellis presided at a conference for high school teachers, and E. P. Alexander, M.A., 1931, New York State Historical Association, presided at a session for historical societies.

Abstracts in History

Volume III

The Abstracts of doctoral dissertations in history for the years 1934-1937 form the third volume of the series. In the current volume there are thirteen abstracts, covering a total of 181 pages. The abstracts are as follows: G. F. Hershberger, Goshen College, Indiana, "Quaker Pacifism and the Provincial Government of Pennsylvania, 1682-1756"; W. O. Mishoff, Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio, "The Indian Policy of Sir William Johnson"; W. D. Wyman, Teachers College, River Falls, Wisconsin, "The Missouri River Towns in the Westward Movement"; C. H. Norby, Iowa State College, "The West in the Civil War Decade"; M. G. Burlingame, Montana State College, "The Military Indian Frontier, 1860-1890"; P. D. Jordan, Miami University, "William Salter and the Influence of the Andover Band in Iowa, 1843-1910"; H. F. Swansen, Dana College, Nebraska, "The Norse in Iowa to 1870"; Vernon Carstensen, State Normal College, Ellensburg, Washington, "The History of the State University of Iowa: The Collegiate Department to 1878"; Harold T. Hagg, State Teachers College, Bemidji, Minnesota, "The Congress of Paris of 1856"; Richard Drost, Central College, Iowa, "Forced Labor in the South Pacific, 1850-1914"; A. G. Umscheid, Creighton University, "Four Essays on the Economic Problems of Great Britain at the End of the XIX Century"; N. H. Baxter, "The Influence of Sir Wilfred Laurier on the Formation of the British Commonwealth of Nations"; C. E. Marshall, University of Idaho, "The Birth of a New Society in New Spain."

The Historical Conference

The Eighteenth Annual Conference met on Friday and

Saturday, April 8 and 9, 1938. Tradition was broken when the time of the Conference was shifted from cold February to comfortable April. The increased attendance justified the change. At the Friday morning session Burr W. Phillips of the School of Education, University of Wisconsin, spoke on "The History Teacher Takes Time to Think" and E. T. Peterson, Professor of Education, University of Iowa, discussed "The Reorganization of Iowa Schools." At the luncheon for college teachers Charles J. Ritchey, Professor of History, Drake University, led the discussion; and at the luncheon for high school teachers H. K. Bennett, Iowa State Department of Public Instruction, spoke on "The History Curriculum in the High School." The Friday afternoon session was given to two addresses: Dwight L. Dumond, Professor of History, University of Michigan, on "Three Reactionary Aspects of New Deal Philosophy" and Harry Grant Plum, Professor of History, University of Iowa, on "British Foreign Policy Yesterday and Today." At the dinner session W. Willard Wirtz of the Law College, University of Iowa, spoke on "History and the Law." At the night session Edward S. Corwin, McCormick Professor of Politics, Princeton University, gave an address on "Adaptation of the Constitution by Interpretation." The closing session on Saturday morning included two addresses: John Ise, Professor of Economics, University of Kansas, on "The Recent Drift of Capitalism" and John D. Hicks, Professor of History, University of Wisconsin on "The Agrarian Movement in the United States."

Summer Session 1938

The session of eight weeks opens for registration on Saturday, June 11, and closes August 5. Eight credits as a maximum may be earned in this period and some courses may be taken for either two or three credits and in other cases the amount of credit is arranged.

In American history, Professor Root offers a course on the Old Empire and the New Nation, 1713-1789; Professor Thornton, on the Social and Economic History of the United States since 1865; Professor Philip D. Jordan of Miami University, on Sections and Frontiers in American History; Professor Livingston, on American Foreign Relations since 1865; Dr. Petersen, on the History of Iowa 1833-1930. In the field of Europe, Professor Chester Kirby of Brown University, offers two courses, Modern European History Reappraised and European Democracy and Dictatorship; Professor Livingston, a course on the British Empire 1783-1935. The above courses are open to graduates and to qualified undergraduates.

For graduate students there are three seminars: American Civilization under Professor Thornton, History of the West under Professor Jordan, and European History under Professor de Kiewiet. In these seminars graduate students have the opportunity not only to secure training in historical scholarship but also to begin work on a thesis. There is also ample opportunity to do independent study in either the American or European field under guidance of one of the staff.

Provision is made for a three weeks' independent study unit following the regular session. This is open only to graduate students recommended by the head of the department as qualified to work on assigned problems, research or thesis. A maximum of three credits may be earned in this way.

A new departure this summer is a curriculum laboratory for social studies teachers. It provides an opportunity for the development of special teaching materials under expert guidance. The director of the laboratory is William B. Brown, who has worked in the social studies for a number of years and recently was appointed director of the secondary curriculum in the Los Angeles Public Schools.