HISTORY NOTES AND NEWS, 1927

The Department of History, following its custom, has gathered during the past year these bits of news of the professional and scholarly activities of the history faculty and graduate students in the hope that they may be of some interest to those concerned.

Personal Notes

Professor Benjamin again served as visiting professor of European history in the summer session of the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. He gave an address before the student body on The New History and acted as one of the judges in the final contest of the Intercollegiate Oratorical League held at Los Angeles in June. Professor Pierce taught in the summer term at Teachers College, Columbia University. Professor Plum spent the summer in England, partly in research in the British Museum and partly in travel. W. Ross Livingston, who received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Wisconsin in June, has been promoted to an assistant professorship in the department.

George Gordon Andrews, M.A. Nebraska, 1917, Ph.D. Cornell University, 1921, is now an associate professor of history in the department. He was formerly assistant professor at the University of Nebraska, as-

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sociate professor at the University of South Dakota, and taught for a
year at Cornell University in the absence of Professor Notestein.
Professor A. M. Schlesinger, former head of the department, now
professor of history at Harvard, has been granted a leave of absence for
the first semester of the present academic year to carry on research.
Dr. John C. Parish, lecturer in Iowa history in 1920-1922, has been pro-
moted to the rank of professor of history at the University of California
at Los Angeles. Dr. R. H. Harvey, instructor in history at Iowa 1923-
1924, now assistant professor at the University of California at Los
Angeles, spent the summer in the library of the American Federation of
Labor at Washington gathering material for a study of the labor move-
ment in the United States. Ruhl J. Bartlett, instructor in history 1925-
1926, received the Ph.D. degree from Ohio State University this summer
and is now assistant professor of history at Tufts College, Medford,
Mass. John Wesley Hoffman, instructor in history 1925-1926, studied
in Germany during the past year and is now instructor in history at the
University of Chicago. W. S. Tryon, former instructor in history, is
working on his doctorate at Harvard. W. M. Newman, M.A. Harvard,
1926, who was instructor 1926-1927, now holds a similar position at Ohio
State University; and A. P. Nasatir, Ph.D. California, 1926, also in-
structor during 1926-1927, is doing research in the Bancroft Library,
University of California. Professor Donald L. McMurty, formerly as-
sociate professor of history and at present head of the department of
history at Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania, taught at the Uni-
versity of Pittsburgh during the summer of 1927.
Professor Root is in charge of making the program for the sessions of
the social studies teachers at the Teachers' Convention, Des Moines,
November 4 and 5. Professor Plum will speak at the luncheon session
on Lasting Values, and Professor Andrews will talk at one of the ses-
sions on History in the Junior College. Dr. Andrews spoke before the
Social Science section of the Northeast Missouri State Teachers Associa-
tion at Kirksville, October 21, 1927.
Former Graduate Students

Ralph E. Turner, M.A. Iowa, and former instructor in the department, has been promoted to the rank of associate professor at the University of Pittsburgh, and Chester H. Kirby, M.A. Iowa, 1923, has gone to Brown University as assistant professor of history. Marcus L. Hansen, M.A. Iowa, is now serving as a member of a special commission appointed by President Coolidge to study the problem of immigration. B. J. Hovde, Ph.D. Iowa, 1924, has resigned his position at Allegheny College to become associate professor of history at the University of Pittsburgh, and Bertha Ann Reuter, Ph.D. Iowa, 1923, has resigned at Wesleyan College, Macon, Georgia, to be head of the history department of Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Missouri.

Henry F. Staack, M.A. Iowa, 1925, has become a member of the history faculty at Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. John Lucas, M.A. Iowa, 1924, is now instructor in history at the State Agricultural College, Fargo, North Dakota. Willis G. Swartz, M.A. Iowa, 1925, formerly of Sterling College, Kansas, has been granted a Carnegie Fellowship in International Law and is doing graduate work at Clark University. L. K. Bowersox, former graduate student, and Walter Nydegger, M.A. Iowa, 1925, have become graduate assistants in history at Ohio State University. Genevieve Bergstresser, candidate for the doctor’s degree, has left Washington High School, Cedar Rapids, to accept a position at Oak Park High School. Chloris Shade, M.A. Iowa, 1921, head of the social science work in Joliet High School, spent the past summer in European travel. Florence Liebbe, M.A. Iowa, 1923, is teaching in the Junior College at Washington, Iowa. Lyle E. Mantor, M.A. Iowa, 1925, is now a member of the history faculty in Nebraska State Normal School at Kearney.

The following are the appointments of those who received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy the past year: Leonidas Dodson, assistant professor of history, University of South Dakota; James H. St. John, assistant professor of history, Miami University; Arthur S. Williamson, assistant professor of history, Hamline University; Raymond C. Werner, instructor in history, University of Illinois. Of those who received
the M. A. degree. Richard Drost is teaching history in the Cedar Rapids
High School; Helen J. Kintzinger is head of the department of history
and dean of women in Iberia College, Iberia, Missouri; Alice Fernow
is teaching at Central Michigan Teachers College, Mt. Pleasant; Ziba
E. Kellum returned to his former position at John Fletcher College,
Oskaloosa, Iowa; Max H. Guyer is a member of the history faculty at
Palmer Junior College, Albany, Missouri; Jessie Van Zee is teaching in
the Junior College at Tipton, Iowa, and Pearl Van Zee in the Junior
College at Clarinda, Iowa. Sylvester Hemleben, candidate for the M.A.
degree, is teaching this year in the College of New Rochelle, New York,
and L. R. Marousek, candidate for the doctor’s degree, is teaching in
the Marquette, Mich., Normal School.

Publications and Research

Professor Pelzer spent part of the summer gathering further data
for a history of The Cattleman’s Frontier, a work which he has in
progress. Dr. Pelzer’s article on “The Shifting Cowtowns of Kansas”
and one by Willis G. Swartz on “Mormon Life and Doctrines in Illinois
and Utah, 1840-1860” are printed in the Transactions of the Illinois
State Historical Society for 1926. Dr. Pelzer also has an article in the
October, 1926, number of the Palimpsest on Seward and Douglas in
Iowa.

The Elgin-Grey Correspondence, edited by Dr. Livingston in collaboration
with Dr. Doughty, Canadian Dominion Archivist, will be published by the Archives.

Dr. Andrews has contributed a technical study on “Double Repre-
sentation and Vote by Head before the French Revolution” to the South
Atlantic Quarterly, October, 1927. He has also in press two source
problems, which will form part of a work by various scholars, called
Landmarks in History: Series of Source Problems in History.

Dr. Bessie L. Pierce, in collaboration with Professor H. C. Hill of the
University of Chicago, is the author of The Teaching of Civics in a
series of books for teachers called The Classroom Teacher. She has
also contributed an article on “Dramatization in History” to The Oc-
casional Leaflet for May, 1927, as well as several Service Bulletins published by the University.

E. Douglass Branch, M.A. Iowa, 1925, is on leave of absence from Louisiana Polytechnic Institute to continue work as research fellow in the department. The Mentor for July, 1927, carries an illustrated article by Mr. Branch on "The American Cowboy." During the past summer, aided by a grant from the University, he made a tour of the East to gather material for his doctor’s thesis, working in the libraries at Washington, Albany, New York, and in the Newberry Library, Chicago. Dr. Dodson, aided by a subvention from the National Council of Learned Societies, returned to Richmond to complete his research for his study of Alexander Spotswood, Governor of Royal Virginia. Fred Tilberg, candidate for the doctor’s degree, received a grant from the University to enable him to spend several months in eastern libraries collecting material for his thesis on The Development of Commerce between Sweden and the United States, 1870-1920. Willis H. Walker, M.A. Iowa, 1925, candidate for the doctor’s degree, spent a month in research in the East before sailing for France in September to gather material for his thesis on Franco-American Commercial Relations 1815-1855. William J. Petersen, M.A. Iowa, 1927, is at present investigating The Early History of Steamboating on the Mississippi and has visited various points on the river in search of original manuscript material.

Dr. Marcus L. Hansen’s article on "The History of American Immigration as a Field of Research" appeared in the American Historical Review, April, 1927. Mr. Hansen, Ralph Turner, and Chester H. Kirby spent the summer in research in the British Museum. Raymond L. Welty, Ph.D. Iowa, 1924, head of the history department, Morningside College, is the author of two recent articles, one on "The Indian Policy of the Army, 1860-1870," in The Cavalry Journal, July, 1927; the other on "Life in the Frontier Army Post, 1860-1870," in The Army and Navy Magazine, September 1927. B. J. Hovde has an article on "French Socialism and Franco-German Relations, 1893-1914" in the Journal of Political Economy, April, 1927. Fred A. Shannon, Ph.D. Iowa, 1924, professor of history, Kansas State Agricultural College, has
one article on "The Life of the Common Soldier in the Union Army," appearing in the Mississippi Valley Historical Review March, 1927, and another on "The Federal Government and the Negro Soldier, 1861-1865" in the Journal of Negro History, October, 1926. E. M. Eriksson, Ph.D. Iowa, 1922, head of the history department, Coe College, has an article on "The Federal Civil Service under Jackson" in the Mississippi Valley Historical Review, March, 1927; another on "Iowa Boundaries" in the Iowa Journal of History and Politics, April, 1927; and the third installment of his study of "Official Newspaper Organs and Jackson's Reelection, 1832" is carried in the Tennesse Magazine of History. Walter Nydegger's article on "The Election of 1892 in Iowa" appears in the Iowa Journal of History and Politics, July, 1927. Bruce E. Mahan, Ph.D. Iowa, 1927, lecturer on Iowa history in the department, is the compiler of a pageant called The Pioneers used widely in Iowa high schools; he has contributed four articles to the Palimpsest and gives a review of the New Orleans meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association in the Review for September, 1927. An article on "The Beginnings of Methodism in the Middle West," by Francis Moats, Ph.D. Iowa, 1926, professor of history in Simpson College, has been accepted for publication in the Mississippi Valley Historical Review.

Harold E. Briggs is now enrolled for further graduate work; his master's thesis on "The Early History of Clay County, South Dakota," has been printed in Volume XIII of the South Dakota Historical Collections. A Documentary History of the Tacna-Arica Dispute, edited with introduction by W. J. Dennis, M.A. Iowa, 1925, has recently appeared in the University of Iowa Studies. It contains nearly one hundred important documents covering this famous South American dispute.

**Historical Conference and Summer Session**

The Seventh Annual Historical Conference was held in Iowa City, February 4-5, 1927. Nearly two hundred and fifty were registered, mostly college and high school teachers, principals and superintendents from Iowa, as well as several from adjoining states. Well known his-
torsians appeared on the program. Professor Andrew C. McLaughlin of the University of Chicago, Professor Guy Stanton Ford and Professor A. C. Krey of the University of Minnesota, Dr. Rollo M. Tryon, Professor of Education, University of Chicago, and Mr. W. G. Kimmel, University High School, Chicago, addressed the meetings. From our own faculty Clyde W. Hart, professor of commerce, and Ernest Horn, professor of education, also spoke to the conference. The department is now arranging a program of subjects and speakers for the Eighth Annual Conference which falls on Friday and Saturday, February 3 and 4, 1928. These Conferences, as judged by the increasing attendance year by year, have been distinctly successful and worth while.

Dr. Ramsay Muir, English historian and publicist, lectured before the students of history in the fall of 1926, on the subject of History and Politics. Dr. D. C. Knowlton, Professor of Visual Instruction, Yale University, visited Iowa during the Summer Session, discussing the problems of instruction by use of motion pictures and giving an exhibition of two of the historical Yale Chronicle Photo Plays.

During the Summer Session of 1927 the department was fortunate in having the services of four capable scholars and teachers as visiting professors. Professor Cardinal Goodwin of Mills College, California, and Professor Walter Phelps Hall of Princeton were here for the first term, and Professor William K. Boyd of Duke University and Professor J. Lloyd Meeham of the University of Texas for the second term. Of the regular staff, Professor Root, Dr. Raymond Werner and Dr. Leonidas Dodson were here for the first term; Professors Brandt and Livingston served through the whole Session.

There was an increased registration in the history courses during the past summer, chiefly of graduate students engaged in serious study. Among them may be listed, Vernon Cooper, M.A., Iowa, 1924, professor of history, Cotner College, Nebraska; Maurice C. Latta, M.A., Iowa, 1925, professor of history, Morningside College, Sioux City; Paul H. Giddens, M.A. Harvard, 1926, instructor in history, Iowa State College; Dorsey D. Jones, M.A., University of Colorado, 1926, instructor in his-
tory, University of Arkansas; Floyd A. McNeil, M.A., Washington University, St. Louis, 1926, instructor in history, Principia Junior College, St. Louis; Harold E. Briggs, M.A., University of South Dakota, 1924; W. J. Dennis, M.A., Iowa, 1925; Father Charles F. Griffith, M.A., Iowa, 1926, instructor in history, St. Ambrose College; Willis H. Walker, M.A. Iowa, 1925.

Degrees Granted

During the past year the University bestowed twenty-three higher degrees,—six doctor's and seventeen masters—upon students working primarily in history. The doctor's degree was granted to the following, citing also the thesis: Leonidas Dodson, M.A., Wisconsin, 1924, "Alexander Spotswood, Governor of Colonial Virginia"; Vernom Cooper, M.A., Iowa, 1924, "The Public Career of William Boyd Allison"; Bruce E. Mahan, M.A., Iowa, 1920, "Old Fort Crawford and the Frontier" (Published); James H. St. John, Rhodes Scholar, Oxford, "Anglo-Spanish Commercial Relations, 1700-1750"; Raymond C. Werner, M.A. Iowa, 1926, "Joseph Galloway, His Life and Times"; Arthur S. Williamson, M.A., Wisconsin, 1922, "Credit Relations between Colonial and British Merchants in XVIII Century."

The Present Academic Year

E. Douglas Branch, former scholar in history, now Research Fellow; Francis J. Bowman, M.A., Iowa, 1927, University Fellow; Richard L. Beyer, M.A., Iowa, 1927, assistant; Harold E. Briggs, M.A., University of South Dakota, 1924; Willis H. Walker, M.A., Iowa, 1925; Marie Hirsch, M.A., University of Nebraska; Dorsey D. Jones, M.A., University of Colorado, 1926; and W. J. Petersen, M.A., Iowa, 1927, are candidates for the doctor's degree. Olive Zezula, A.B., Coe College, 1927, is a scholar in history; Helen McCobb, A.B., Allegheny, 1927; Justin Williams, A.B., Arkansas State Teachers College, 1926; George F. Reynolds, A.B., Iowa, 1927; J. Wallace Grieve, A.B., Iowa, 1927; Florence Paseoe, A.B., Iowa, 1919; and Leona Bohach, A.B., Iowa, 1927, are assistants in the department.