HISTORY NOTES AND NEWS, 1929

The Department of History, following an annual custom, presents these items of the scholarly and professional conduct of both faculty and graduates for the past year, in the thought that they will be of some interest to those intimately concerned.

Personal Notes

Dr. Bessie L. Pierce, Ph.D., 1923, a member of the staff for thirteen years, has accepted a call to the University of Chicago. Dr. W. I. Brandt, on the staff since 1921, has joined the history faculty of the College of the City of New York. Dr. Bruce E. Mahan, Ph.D., 1927, has resigned his lectureship in Iowa history to be director of the Extension Division.

Dr. C. W. de Kiewiet, M.A., 1924, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa, Ph.D., University of London, 1927, has come to us as assistant professor of European history. As holder of a travelling fellowship, Dr. de Kiewiet spent the past two years working in European archives on the subject of colonial expansion. He is the author of British Colonial Policy and the South African Republics (London, 1929), and has in preparation several chapters for the Cambridge History of the British Empire. Dr. H. J. Thornton, M.A., Harvard, 1927, Ph.D., University of Chicago, 1929, has joined the staff as assistant professor of American history. He taught for two years at Grinnell. His work on the History of the Quaker Oats Company will shortly be published. Professor Stephen H. Bush, head of the Department of Romance Languages, is offering a course on Medieval Civilization. Elmer Ellis, M.A., University of North Dakota, formerly on the faculty of the State Teachers College, Mayville, North Dakota, gives the course on the Teaching
of History. Gerald Livingston, M.A., Iowa, 1929, and fellow in history, is conducting a Saturday class on the Social and Cultural History of the United States.

During the past summer Dr. Louis Pelzer taught in the University of Nebraska and Dr. W. Ross Livingston in the University of Washington. Miss Clara M. Daley spent the summer in Europe; as one of the Iowa delegates she attended the International Association of University Women at Geneva; she also was present at the closing sessions of the International Federation of Education Associations.

Professor Daley addressed the Teachers Meeting, Council Bluffs, on "Methods of Teaching History;" also the Western Illinois Teachers Association at Galesburg on the "Use of the Blackboard in History Teaching." Professor Root gave two addresses in the spring at the University of Nebraska, one on "History as the Mistress of the House" and the other on "Provincialism in American Historiography."

**Graduate Students**

The following changes of posts and new appointments are of interest. E. M. Eriksson, Ph.D., 1922, resigned from Coe College to be associate professor of history in the University of Southern California; S. P. Fogdall, Ph.D., 1921, formerly at Des Moines University, is now head of the history department at Penn College; Willis H. Walker, Ph.D., 1928, accepted a post on the history staff of Teachers College, Hayes, Kansas; C. C. Regier, Ph.D., 1922, is now at New River State College, West Virginia; Richard Drost, M.A., 1927, left the high school, Cedar Rapids, to teach at Central College, Pella, Iowa; Merrill G. Burlingame, M.A., 1928, is located at Montana State College, Bozeman; Herbert W. Rice, M.A., 1926, is teaching in Marquette University; John O’Brien, M.A., 1924, LL.B., Harvard, 1927, is assistant counsel in the office of the Legislative Counsel, House of Representatives, Washington; Richard L. Beyer, Ph.D., 1929, is teaching at the Illinois State College, Carbondale, and Willis G. Swartz, Ph.D., 1929, at the Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis.

Sigvart L. Rugland, M.A., 1929, is dean of the Junior College, Mason City; John A. Vieg, M.A., 1929, is on the staff of the Junior College, Burlington, Iowa; Morris McEldowney, M.A., 1929, is in the Junior College, Bloomfield, Iowa; Carrie Woodford, M.A., 1929, is teaching in Cornell College; Thyra Carter, M.A., 1929, is instructor in the University High School, Iowa City; E. T. Carlstedt, M.A., 1929, is
in the Junior College, Estherville, Iowa; and Ellingston E. Green, M.A., 1929, in Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Florida. John N. Thurber, M.A., 1929, is a graduate assistant in the University of Pennsylvania, and Maurice Latta, M.A., 1925, in Ohio State University; and Sylva Hansen, M.A., 1928, is a research assistant in the University of Chicago. Walter Nydegger, M.A., 1925, just completing his work for the doctorate at Ohio State University, died in the summer of 1928; and Inez Miles, M.A., 1923, for several years on the faculty of John Fletcher College, died June, 1929.


Research and Publications

Fred A. Shannon, Ph.D., 1924, professor of history in the Kansas Agricultural College, won two awards for his work on The Organization and Administration of the Union Army 1861-1856 (Cleveland, 1928), the Justin Winsor Prize bestowed by the American Historical Association, and the Pulitzer Prize for the best book in American history published in 1928.

B. J. Hovde, Ph.D., 1924, professor of history, University of Pittsburgh, contributed an article on "Socialistic Theories of Imperialism Prior to the Great War" to the Journal of Political Economy (October, 1928), and has prepared A History of Scandinavia to be published this year by Knopf. E. M. Eriksson, Ph.D., 1922, has published one pamphlet on the Founders of Coe College, another on the History of Scottish Rite Masonry in Cedar Rapids, and several articles on Masonry.

E. D. Branch, Ph.D., 1928, granted a research fellowship by the Social Science Research Council, is engaged upon the preparation of a biography of Ramsay Crooks, a prominent figure in the fur trade a century ago. The Iowa Palimpsest for June, 1929, is devoted to his article on "Railroads Come to Council Bluffs", and
his paper on "Frederick West Lander, Road Builder" is printed in the Mississippi Valley Historical Review for September, 1929.

Frederick Tilberg, Ph.D., 1928, is spending the year abroad on a fellowship awarded by the Scandinavian-American Foundation, studying Swedish-American commercial relations. His dissertation on "The Development of Commerce between the United States and Sweden, 1870-1925" has been published in the Augustana Library Publications No. 12 (Augustana College).

S. B. Laughlin, Ph.D., 1921, Willamette University, Oregon, presents an article on "Missouri Politics during the Civil War" in the Missouri Historical Review for July, 1929. Floyd A. McNeil, Principia College, has an article on "Fort Jefferson the Extreme Post of the American Revolution" in the Missouri Historical Society Collections for 1929. Harold E. Briggs, Ph.D., 1929, Culver-Stockton College, Canton, Missouri, has three articles in the North Dakota Historical Quarterly for 1929, "Pioneer River Transportation" (April), "Early Freight and Stage Lines in Dakota" (July), "The Great Boom, 1879-1886" (October), and an article on "Early Settlements and Townsites in Dakota" accepted for publication in Social Science. The South Dakota Historical Collections, Vol. XIV, 1928, contains an article by Dr. Briggs on "Ranching and Stock Raising in the Territory of Dakota"; and one by Charles L. Green, M.A., 1928, on "The Indian Reservation System of the Dakotas". Merrill G. Burlingame, M.A., 1928, has an article on "The Buffalo in Trade in Commerce" in the North Dakota Historical Quarterly for July, 1929. Dorsey D. Jones, Ph.D., 1929, University of Arkansas, has an article on "Federation or Separatism in Central America" in Social Science for October, 1928, and the same journal has accepted a series of three articles on "Edwin Chadwick and the Public Health Movement in England". Richard L. Beyer, Ph.D., 1929, has contributed two articles on "Robert Hunter, Royal Governor of New York"—one to the Encyclopedia Britannica, the other to the new Dictionary of American Biography; and his study of "British Protection and American Colonial Commerce" has been accepted by the Journal of American History. Elmer Ellis, lecturer in history, has an article "Why Not Apprentice Voters" in the Historical Outlook for November, 1928, and an article on "The Decline of Minor Parties in America" has been accepted for publication by the Current History Magazine. Paul H. Giddens, graduate assistant in history, contributes an article on "Amendments
Proposed to the Constitution during the Second Session of the 70th Congress” to the United States Law Review for September, 1929, and his paper on “French Society between 1775 and 1790 as seen by English Observers” will shortly appear in serial form in Social Science. W. J. Petersen, fellow in history, read one paper on “Captains and Cargoes on Upper Mississippi Steamboats” at the Vincennes meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association; another on “Early Steamboating of the Minnesota River” before the State Historical Convention meeting in June at Hutchinson, Minnesota. The latter paper will appear in Minnesota History; and a study of the “Lead Traffic on the Upper Mississippi, 1823-1848” has been accepted by the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. Leonidas Dodson, Ph.D., 1927, now teaching at Princeton, is co-editor of the Journals of Philip Fithian, soon to be published by the Princeton Press.

During the summer Mr. Ellis spent some time in Denver and other places gathering material for his dissertation on the “Public Career of Henry M. Teller”; Mr. Petersen visited St. Louis and various Ohio River cities in quest of sources on early steamboating; Mr. Giddens found a wealth of material in several Maryland archives for his thesis on “Governor Horatio Sharpe”; Mr. F. A. McNeil is spending the winter working on the Bates Papers in the Jefferson Memorial Library, St. Louis, in preparation for a study of Edward Bates; and Mr. O. A. Kinchen spent the summer months working in the British archives for his study on “Lord John Russell’s Colonial Policy.”

Professor G. G. Andrews read a paper at the Vincennes meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association on the “Use of Historical Sources.” At the Indianapolis meeting of the American Historical Association, Professor Andrews outlined some of the experiments with collateral work which have been made at Iowa; Professor Pelzer read a paper on “Losses and Profits on Western Cattle Ranges”; Professor John C. Parish, Ph.D., 1908, professor of history in the University of California at Los Angeles, read a paper on “John Stuart and the Indian Boundary Line”; and Professor Root presided at the Conference on Colonial History. Last spring Professor Pelzer spent several weeks in research in the Widener Library, Harvard, and during the summer Professor Andrews did further research on the French Revolution in the library of the University of Nebraska. In June Professor
Pelzer read a paper on "Trails of the Trans-Mississippi Cattle Frontier" at the Conference on Western History held at Boulder, Colorado.

**Doctoral Dissertations**


**The Library**

During the past year important additions have been made to our collection of original sources. In the field of the French Revolution and Napoleon especially valuable acquisitions have been made, including many pamphlets, broken files of contemporary newspapers, such as *Le point du jour* and *Journal de Paris*; and complete files of *Le Courrier de Provence*, Mirabeau's famous journal, and *Les Actes des apotres*, a reactionary periodical. Fortunately we have secured practically a complete file of the *Gazette de Leyde* for the years 1773-1813, perhaps the most widely circulated and important paper of its time. It is an extremely rare source and as it covers the era of both the American and French Revolutions and most of the Napoleonic period, its value for both European and American history is obvious. These sources in addition to others the library possesses, such as the *Moniteur*,
Archives parlementaires, Histoire parlementaire, Actes du Comité de Salut public, Collection de Documents inédits, greatly facilitate research in the late 18th century.

Also in the field of the British Empire the facilities for research have been materially strengthened by the acquisition of the Parliamentary Debates and Papers of the several great dominions. This valuable material came to the library from Canada, South Africa, Australia, Ireland, and includes the public papers not only of the dominions, but also of many of the separate provinces. This documentary material taken together with other sources collected recently, such as a complete set of English Parliamentary Debates and a large collection of Parliamentary Papers, all the Debates and Sessional Papers of the Dominion of Canada, makes the University a center for a study of the British Empire.

**Historical Conference and Summer Session**

There was the usual good attendance upon the Ninth Annual Conference of History Teachers held in Old Capitol in early February. Professors E. P. Cheyney, University of Pennsylvania, Carl L. Becker, Cornell University, A. C. Krey, University of Minnesota, J. L. Conger, Knox College, B. W. Phillips, University of Wisconsin, and Dr. Laura F. Ullrick, New Trier Township High School, Winnetka, Illinois, were the speakers from outside. Professors G. G. Andrews, F. C. Ensign, Ernest Horn, W. T. Root of the University faculty, also took part.

The Tenth Annual Conference falls on Friday and Saturday, February 7-8, 1930, in the Old Capitol. Professor Arthur M. Schlesinger of the Harvard faculty, formerly head of the history department in the University of Iowa, Professor Frank H. Hodder, head of the history department, Kansas University, Professor Charles E. Payne, Grinnell College, Dr. Howard C. Hill of the University High School, Chicago, and Mr. DeWitt Morgan of the Technical High School, Indianapolis, have accepted invitations to address the Conference.

The department of history, in cooperation with the Graduate College, brought to the University during the past year several outstanding scholars of history. Professor A. C. McLaughlin of the University of Chicago and Professor Cheyney of the University of Pennsylvania conducted Round Table Conferences on the problems of graduate training in history. Professor McLaughlin gave an address on 'Lincoln as a World Figure' as one of the series of Baconian Lectures; Sir
Bernard Pares, Director of the School of Slavonic Studies, University of London, talked on "Present Day Russia"; Professor Ernest Barker, Oxford University, spoke on "The Ideas and Influences of Jeremy Bentham".

The Summer Session of 1929 showed a decided increase in the number of graduate students enrolled in history. Of the regular staff Dr. Root taught in both terms; Dr. Plum, Dr. Andrews, Dr. Pierce in the first term. Mr. Ellis and Mr. Giddens carried the general courses in European and American history through both terms. Professor J. L. Sellers, University of Wisconsin, and Professor J. C. Andressohn, Indiana University, taught both terms, and Dr. Leonidas Dodson, Princeton University, during the second term.

Iowa Society of Historians

In the spring the first steps were taken to organize a society to include teachers of history in the universities and colleges of the state as well as others interested in history. Professor L. B. Schmidt of Ames gave the movement its initial start by correspondence with the history teachers of the state. On June 11, at Cedar Rapids after a joint luncheon with the Iowa Political Science Association and the Iowa Association of Economists and Sociologists, the historians met informally. There were about thirty-five present with Professor Root presiding. A committee of five, with Professor O. B. Clark of Drake University, as chairman, was appointed to draft a plan of organization and to prepare for the meeting next year. It is hoped to establish a formal organization of those interested in history and that in the future they will meet jointly with the other social study groups in annual sessions.