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The Department of History, following an annual precedent, presents these items about the scholarly interests of both faculty and graduate students in history for the past year, in the belief that they will be of interest to those intimately concerned.

Personal Notes

Dr. W. Ross Livingston received a travelling fellowship from the Carnegie Foundation and is spending the summer and first semester in research work in the archives of New Zealand and Australia. Dr. Livingston has been able to secure for the library important publications of these countries. Dr. C. W. de Kiewiet spent the past summer in Europe in research work in various libraries and in purchasing material for the University library. Dr. G. G. Andrews taught during the summer at Cornell University giving courses in his special field of the French Revolution and Contemporary Europe. Miss Clara M. Daley addressed the History Teachers Club of Des Moines last February on the subject of "Mexican Problems." The History Section of the Iowa State Teachers Association, meeting in Des Moines in November, 1930, was addressed by Dr. H. J. Thornton on "How Big Business Grew" and by

Dr. de Kiewiet on "Economic Developments in Native Tribal Life in Africa." Dr. W. T. Root was re-elected to the Executive Council of the American Historical Association; he was also elected to the Council of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. At the second annual meeting of the Iowa Historical Association, held at the University in May, Dr. H. J. Thornton read a paper on "The Literary Diary of Ezra Stiles", and Dr. Howard R. Anderson on "Training of Teachers in Secondary Schools."

Graduate Students

Leonidas Dodson, Ph.D., 1927, formerly of Princeton University, has accepted a call to the history faculty of the University of Pennsylvania. Willis Swartz, Ph.D., 1929, resigned his professorship at Oregon State College to take the headship of political science at Illinois State College at Carbondale. Fred Tilberg, Ph.D., 1928, has gone to Knox College as assistant professor of history. Vernon Cooper, Ph.D., 1927, of the history faculty, Cotner College, Nebraska, taught during the summer at Bates College, Maine. Francis J. Bowman, Ph.D., 1929, spent the past year at Iowa as research fellow writing a monograph on "Swedish Naval Power in the Baltic in the 17th Century" based upon researches in Sweden and at present is assistant professor of history at Washington State College. Max Guyer, M.A., 1927, a graduate student at Columbia University the past summer, is at present instructor in history and government at the University of Maine. Thomas P. Christensen, Ph.D., 1924, is Extension Director, Illinois State Teachers College, Macomb. F. A. Shannon, Ph.D., 1924, was made chairman of the Committee on Research in Colleges of the American Historical Association.

Those who received the doctor's degree the past year are located as follows: Paul H. Giddens, assistant professor of history, Oregon State

College; Elmer Ellis, assistant professor of history, University of Missouri; Howard R. Anderson, head of Social Studies in the University High School and associate in history, University of Iowa; William J. Petersen, associate in the State Historical Society of Iowa and lecturer in history in the University of Iowa; Floyd A. McNeil, professor of history, Principia College, St. Louis; Chellis N. Evanson, history faculty of Luther College, Iowa.

Maurice Latta, M.A., 1925, received the doctor's degree from Ohio State University this year and has rejoined the faculty of Morning-side College, Iowa. Mrs. Ethel Inman, M.A., 1927, is doing supervisory work at Simpson College, Iowa. George Reynolds, M.A., 1928, is teaching in Washington High School, Cedar Rapids, and Denzil Nelson, M.A., 1930, in the high school at Davenport. Lulu M. Johnson, M.A., 1930, is teaching history in Talladega College, Alabama, and Wilma Wilcox, M.A., 1928, is teaching in the government Indian School, Riverside, California. Zeba Kellum, M.A., 1928, is dean of the junior college, Wessington Springs, South Dakota; Dorris Hamer, M.A., 1930, is teaching in the high school, Vermont, Illinois; and Ione Heller, M.A., 1930, teaches history in the junior high school, Iowa City. John A. Vieg, M.A., 1929, of the junior college at Burlington taught in the summer session of Coe College. E. P. Alexander, graduate student, is teaching in the high school at Faribault, Minnesota. Bernhard Andresen, B.A., 1930, who majored in history, received the Sanxay Prize for excellence in scholarship and at present is a graduate student in history at Harvard University. W. O. Mishoff, M.A., 1923, was granted a fellowship by the Carnegie Foundation to do research work in the field of library administration and is spending the year at the University of Michigan.

For the present academic year, Gerald L. Livingston, M.A., Iowa, 1929, is University Fellow in history; the University Scholars in history are Charlton W. Tebeau, B.A., University of Chattanooga, 1930; Walker Wyman, B.A., Illinois State Normal, 1929; and Sherman W. Hirschler, B.A., Parsons College, 1930. The graduate assistants are Justin Williams, M.A., Iowa, 1928; Boyd C. Shafer, M.A., Iowa, 1930; Cecil E. Marshall, B.A., Morningside, 1929; Chester E. Sipple, M.A., Iowa, 1929; Allen G. Umbreit, M.A., University of Wisconsin, 1921.

Research and Publications

Dr. W. Ross Livingston's book on *Responsible Government in Nova Scotia*, a study of the constitutional beginnings of the British commonwealth, appeared this summer in the *University of Iowa Studies*. Dr. Louis Pelzer's article on the "Financial Management of the Cattle Ranges" appeared in the *Journal of Economic and Business History* for August, 1930; his "Trails of the Trans-Mississippi Cattle Frontier" is printed in a volume on *The Trans-Mississippi West*, published by the University of Colorado, and his study of "A Miniature Frontier of the Forties" will appear shortly in the *Iowa Journal of History and Politics*. Dr. W. T. Root has an article on "The Massachusetts Book of Laws of 1648" in the *Iowa Law Review*, February, 1930. Dr. H. J. Thornton contributed an article on the Hawley-Smoot Tariff to the magazine section of the *Daily Iowan* for November 9, 1930. A new edition of the pamphlet *Dissertations in History and English* has been issued; the history section has been thoroughly revised and much expanded under the hand of Dr. Thornton.

Dr. Bessie L. Pierce, Ph.D., 1923, of the history staff of the University of Chicago, is directing the research and the writing of an extensive

history of the city of Chicago. Her book on *Civic Attitudes in American School Textbooks*, published by the University of Chicago Press, appeared in the fall. The *Journal of Economics and Business History* for August, 1930, carried an article by Marcus L. Hansen, M.A., 1917, of the history faculty of the University of Illinois on, "Revolutions of 1848 and German Emigration" and the November issue a study of "The Proposed Canadian American Reciprocity Agreement of 1911, by Willis Swartz, Ph.D., 1929.

Westward, a large volume by E. D. Branch, Ph.D., 1928, has just been issued by the Appleton Press. Dr. Branch is continuing his work on Ramsay Crooks, a renowned figure in the fur trade, which he began last year as a fellow of the Social Science Research Council.

B. J. Hovde, Ph.D., 1924, associate professor of history, University of Pittsburgh, received a Guggenheim Fellowship and is spending the year abroad in a study of Scandinavian social and economic history, especially in the 19th and 20th centuries, preparatory to writing a history of Scandinavia.

F. A. Tilberg, Ph.D., 1928, spent the past year in Sweden on a fellowship granted by the Scandinavian-American Foundation, working in the unpublished archives on the subject of "The Trend of American Commerce with Sweden 1910-1930."

Elmer Ellis, Ph.D., 1930, had an article on the "Decline of Minor Parties" in *Current History*, April, 1930. Dr. Ellis read a paper at the meeting of the National Council for Social Studies held at Columbus, Ohio, in June, and spent part of the summer in Colorado gathering material for his book on Senator Teller. Thyra Carter, M.A., 1929, read a paper on "Racial Elements in American History Text Books" at the same meeting at Columbus. Verna Elefson, M.A., 1927, of the State

Teachers College, Wayne, Nebraska, spent the summer in Topeka and St. Louis in research work on her doctoral dissertation. Justin Williams, M.A., 1928, spent part of the summer in eastern archives gathering material for his thesis on "British Naval Stores Policy"; O. A. Kinchen spent the summer of 1929 in England and the past summer in Ottawa working the archives for his study of "Lord John Russell's Canadian Policy"; and Dorsey D. Jones, Ph.D., 1929, assistant professor of history, University of Arkansas, spent part of the summer in research among the archives at Springfield, Illinois.

H. E. Briggs, Ph.D., 1929, Culver-Stockton College, has one article on "The Great Dakota Boom 1879-1886" in the January, 1930, issue of the *North Dakota Historical Quarterly*; and another on "The Black Hills Gold Rush" to appear in the issue of January, 1931; and a third on "Bonanza Wheat Farming in Dakota" accepted for the January issue of *Social Science*. W. J. Petersen, Ph.D., 1930, has contributed the following articles: "Captains and Cargoes of Early Mississippi Steamboats" *Wisconsin Magazine of History*, March, 1930; "Early History of Steamboating on the Minnesota River", *Minnesota History*, June, 1930; "The Lead Traffic on the Upper Mississippi", *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, June, 1930; "Some Beginnings in Iowa" and "Captain Daniel Smith Harris", *Iowa Journal of History and Politics*, January—October, 1930. Charles F. Griffith, M.A., 1926, has published two articles, "Catholic Beginnings in Southeastern Iowa" in *Mid-America*, April, 1930, and "H. V. Gildea, Pioneer Church Builder" in *The Iowa Catholic Historical Review*, January, 1930.

Melvin Gingerich, M.A., 1930, is preparing his study on *The History of the Mennonites in Iowa* for publication by the State Historical Society of Iowa. W. O. Mishoff, M.A., 1923, has an article on "Organiza-

tion and Conduct of Business in Philadelphia during the British Occupation 1777-1778" in *Social Science*. Paul H. Giddens, Ph.D., 1930, has contributed an article on "Glimpses of French Society between 1775 and 1790 as seen by English Observers" to *Social Science*, November-January, 1930, and a study of "Contemporary American Opinion of Napoleon Bonaparte" accepted by the South Atlantic Quarterly. Richard Beyer, Ph.D., 1929, has an article on "Slavery in Colonial New York" in *Modern History*, and the April issue of the *Quarterly Bulletin* of the New York Historical Society carries as its leading article his study on the "Relations of New York and Pennsylvania, 1710-1719." "The Diary and Letters of Corporal William Gulick," edited by Max Guyer, M.A., 1927, has appeared in several issues of the *Iowa Journal of History and Politics*. S. P. Fogdall, Ph.D., 1921, of Penn College, Iowa, has an article on "A 3000 Year Old Razor Discovered in Jutland" in *Square Deal*, May, 1930. H. R. Anderson, Ph.D., 1930, with Professor E. F. Lindquist, has an article on "Objective Testing in World History" in the *Historical Outlook*, March, 1930.

Doctoral Dissertations

The doctoral dissertations completed the past year are: H. R. Anderson, *The International Status of Belgium, 1815-1839*; Elmer Ellis, *The Public Career of Henry M. Teller*; J. N. Brigance, *The Life of Jeremiah S. Black*; C. N. Evanson, *Sir Francis Nicholson, Royal Governor of the Chesapeake Colonies*; Paul H. Giddens, *Horatio Sharpe, Governor of Maryland, 1753-1769*; Floyd A. McNeil, *Public Career of Edward Bates of Missouri*; W. J. Petersen, *Early History of Steamboating on the Upper Mississippi*.

Theses now in progress are: Paul O. Carr, *Defense of the Frontier*

Line, 1760-1775; Edwin H. Cates, *National Defense since 1914*; Richard Drost, *Germany and the Pacific Islands*; Wasyl Hallich, *Immigration from the Ukraine into the United States*; Marie Hirsch, *British Sea Power in the West Indies, 1690-1697*; Arthur A. Johnson, *The Growth of the British Navy in Relation to Trade 1763-1800*; O. A. Kinchen, *Canadian Policy of Lord John Russell*; Gerald L. Livingston, *Growth of the Rubber Industry in the United States*; Lyle E. Mantor, *History of Fort Kearney*; Cecil E. Marshall, *Origins of a New Society in Spanish America*; Willard O. Mishoff, *Indian Policy of Sir William Johnson*; Boyd C. Shafer, *Study of the Pamphlets at the Outbreak of the French Revolution*; Chester E. Sipple, *British Foreign Relations 1919-1929*; Everett W. Thornton, *American Colonial Policy in the Philippines*; Allen G. Umbreit, *Education in the Southern Colonies*; Justin Williams, *British Naval Stores Policy*.

Historical Conference and Summer Session

There was the usual good attendance upon the Tenth Annual Historical Conference of History Teachers held in Old Capitol early in February. The speakers from outside were: Professor A. M. Schlesinger of Harvard University; Professor F. H. Hodder, Kansas University; Professor Charles E. Payne, Grinnell College; Professor Howard C. Hill, University of Chicago High School; and Mr. De Witt S. Morgan, Arsenal Technical High School Indianapolis. Professors Plum, Pelzer, Thornton, and de Kiewiet were the speakers from the University faculty.

The staff of the Summer Session: Professor Root and Thornton, Dr. Giddens and Dr. Bowman for both terms, Professor Pelzer and Dr. Anderson in the first term. Professor Payne of Grinnell taught the first term and Dr. Dodson of Princeton the second.