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## THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION.

THE American Historical Association held its seventh annual meeting in Washington City, Dec. 29–31. Distinguished historians from all sections of the country were present. Among those in attendance, besides those presenting papers, were Professor G. Stanley Hall, president Clark University; Edward Eggleston, historian and novelist; Mrs. Martha Lamb, editor of the *Magazine of American History*; Judge Charles A. Peabody of New York; Senator George F. Hoar; Professors Monroe Smith and W. A. Dunning of Columbia College; Hon. George B. Loring; Paul L. Ford of Brooklyn; Professor H. B. Adams, Johns Hopkins University, and secretary of the association; Dr. Robert H. Landon of New York; Professor J. F. Jameson of Brown University; William B. Weeden of Providence, R.I.; Professor Barnes of Indiana University; Professor George E. Howard of the University of Nebraska; John A. King, president of the New York Historical Society; Jeffery R. Brackett, Ph.D., of Baltimore; G. Brown Goode, assistant secretary Smithsonian Institution; Professor D. R. Dewey, Institute of Technology, Boston; Professor John M. Vincent, Johns Hopkins University; and President W. W. Welling, Columbian University.

The inaugural address of Hon. John Jay, president of the association, was read by Hon. William Wirt Henry, Mr. Jay being unable to attend owing to an accident sustained some time since. Mr. Jay, in his paper, congratulated the association upon its prosperous condition, and spoke of the recognition by Congress of its national importance by its incorporation, and, in connection with the Smithsonian Institution, the generous privileges accorded to the association in regard to its collections, exchanges, and distributions of circulars.

The two other papers of the first session were in the field of Canadian history,—the one by Dr. J. G. Bourinot, clerk of the Canadian House of Commons, on "Canada and the United States from Historical Points of View;" the other by Benjamin Rand, Ph.D., on "The New England Settlements in Acadia." The papers of the second session lay in the general field of European history, and were as follows: "The Fate of Dietrich Flade," by Professor G. L. Burr, Cornell University; "The Theory of the Village Community," by Dr. C. M. Andrews, Bryn Mawr; "A Plea for Reform in the Study of English Municipal History," by Dr. Charles Gross; "Mirabeau's Speech of May 20, 1790," by F. M. Fling; "The Formation of the French Constitution," by Professor Adolphe Cohn, Harvard University; "Karl Follen and the Liberal Student Movement in Germany, from 1815 to 1819," by Professor Kuno Francke, Harvard University; and "Bismarck as the Typical German," by William G. Taylor.

American constitutional history was the topic considered at the third session. The following papers were presented: "How the Written Ballot came into the United States," by Douglas Campbell; "A Virginia Bill of Attainder: the Case of Josiah Philips," by Professor William P. Trent, University of the South; "Amendments to the Constitution of the United States," by H. V. Ames, Harvard; "Presidential Protests," by E. C. Mason, Harvard; "Responsible Government in Canada," by Dr. J. G. Bourinot; "Bills of Rights in State Constitutions," by Gen. R. D. Mussey, Washington, D.C.

The fourth session was devoted to American economic history. Five papers were presented, as follows: "The Historical Development of the Budget in the United States," by Dr. E. D. Adams; "The Yazoo Land Companies," by Dr. Charles H. Haskins, University of Wisconsin; "State Activities and Politics," by W. F. Willoughby, United States Department of Labor; "Slavery in New York," by E. V. Morgan; "Slavery in the District of Columbia," by Mary Tremain, paper read by Professor G. E. Howard.

The papers presented at the fifth session were "Raleigh's Settlements on Roanoke Island," by Stephen B. Weeks, Ph.D.; "Political Ideas of the Puritans," by Professor H. L. Osgood, Columbia College; "Co-operation among the State Historical Associations," by Gen. C. W. Darling, Utica, N.Y.; "The Organization of Historical Material," by W. H. Mace; "Is History a Science?" by Professor R. H. Dabney, University of Virginia; and "Importance of Geography to the Reader and Student of History," by President D. C. Gilman, Johns Hopkins University.

The papers read at the sixth and closing session were, "The Teaching of History," by Professor Edward Channing, Harvard University; "The Philosophical Aspects of History," by Dr. W. T. Harris, United States commissioner of education; "Webster's 7th of March Speech," by James Schouler; "The Border Land between the Archæologist and the Historian," by Professor O. T. Mason, United