

A Second Report on the Public Archives

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tanooga there were ceremonies at Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga and Rossville Gap. At Shiloh, at the regimental monuments and at the State monument. The memorial inscriptions at each field are set out in the text of the book. Some thirty full page half-tone illustrations of the scenes and structures and maps, folded in, of Vicksburg and vicinity, the battlefield of Shiloh, Chattanooga and vicinity and Andersonville prison, add value to the work. A thing to be desired is the exact accrediting of illustrations attributed to the time of the war. Aside from this the volume is one of the handsomest and best of its character we have seen. It is compiled in the office of the Secretary of State by Colonel Alonzo Abernethy for the committees of the various commissions. It is from the press of Emory H. English, State Printer, and bound by E. D. Chassell, State Binder.

A Second Report on the Public Archives by Benjamin F. Shambaugh, published by the Historical Department of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa, 1907.

As the title suggests, this volume is supplementary to a report on the Public Archives by Dr. Shambaugh, reprinted from the January 1907, number of the *Annals of Iowa*. This preliminary report was made to the Trustees of the State Library and Historical Department of Iowa, September 1906, in compliance with the request of that Board for suggestions, relative to the care and preservation of Public Archives under the provisions of an act of the 31st General Assembly. That report forms a volume of thirty-nine pages, whose contents briefly surveyed the general field of such work in Europe and America; reported upon the conditions in Iowa; defined the problems to be met and recommended a scheme for carrying out the work. The present volume reports progress after September 18, 1906, the date of the first report, to the time when this work was transferred to the direction of the Executive Council from the Board of Trustees of the State Library and Historical Department of Iowa, and includes reviews of the provision and equipment of rooms for the work; the method of handling and character and amount of materials as far as the work advanced; a published guide to the several official repositories, which was devised in the course of the work; the publication of matter for general information during the progress of the work; and legislation affecting the work. An appendix to the report is the guide alluded to and is a most valuable assistant to the identity of incumbencies and documentary contents of all Iowa departments, offices, boards, commissions and public institutions from 1838 to 1897. The volume consists of 364 pages, with table of contents and index, in paper covers. It is from the press of the Torch Press, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and is a work of superb book-making.

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