

American Historical Association Endowment

At the fortieth annual meeting of the American Historical Association, held at Ann Arbor, Michigan, December 29-31, 1926, renewed effort was placed upon the national desire to raise among the members an endowment fund of half a million dollars. Former United States Senator Albert J. Beveridge accepted the chairmanship of the general Committee on Endowment. Professor Everts B. Greene, who had served during the previous year, asked to be relieved from the chairmanship but he remains on the committee. The main object of securing the endowment is to enable the Association to "assume a new and much needed leadership in the promotion of research and publication."

World War Shrines

The State of Washington has decided to add a monument in the name of the State to the line of the allied fronts at the time of the Armistice. The bill for that purpose was introduced by Representative Mrs. Harry John Miller on November 16; passed the House of Representatives on December 2; passed the Senate on December 18; and became law by the Governor's signature on December 24, 1925.

The line is about 750 miles long extending from the North Sea to the border of Switzerland. It is planned to erect 240 of these monuments at the crossings of as many roads. Ground for each monument is being donated in perpetuity by Belgium and France. The monuments are similar save for the separate inscriptions and cost about 3500 francs or approximately \$200 each. The work is in charge of a national organization.

Thus far 120 of the monuments have been dedicated coming mostly from European contributors. It is hoped that the United States will erect at least sixty of these shrines and become credited with marking one-fourth of the entire line.

Work to that end has begun. It is not heralded or advertised. Up to date it has had its impulse largely in the devotion of one man—Professor C. A. Guerard, formerly of the University of Washington Faculty now Secretary of the French Consulate, 905 Securities Building, Seattle. David Whitcomb, President of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, wrote: "Each allied nation has a national shrine where homage may be rendered to the Allied dead but should not we Americans have our State shrines too . . . testifying to our undying gratitude and reverence for the men of our

respective Commonwealths who made possible in the words of President Harding—"a new and lasting era." From these and similar initiatives in the Northwest the six first American monuments were sponsored by the following: 1—The Minute Women of the State of Washington; 2—The Mayor of Minneapolis; 3—Stanford University; 4—The "Poilus" of San Francisco; 5—Lafayette Lodge of Masons of Seattle; 6—The George Washington Foundation of Seattle. The National Guard of the State of New York subscribed for the seventh and the State of Washington has now sponsored the eighth one for America.

This announcement may inspire an initiative in other States. If it proves difficult to establish contact with the authorities in France or Belgium it is suggested that correspondence be opened with Professor Guerard whose address is given above.

Phi Beta Kappa Endowment

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has accepted leadership of a national committee to secure an endowment of \$1,000,000 for Phi Beta Kappa of which the income is to be used for the promotion of scholarship in American high schools, colleges and universities. The accomplishment of this undertaking will constitute a magnificent celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of this scholarly society founded in 1776.

Cowlitz Historical Society

The historical branch of the Cowlitz Pioneer and Historical Society, which branch contains members other than pioneers, met in the last week of February at the home of Mrs. C. H. Olson, of Kelso, and chose the following officers: President, T. H. Davis, of Longview; Vice-President, Mrs. C. H. Olson, of Kelso; Secretary-Historian, Mrs. Clara Burdick, of Kelso; additional Directors, Mrs. Hite Imus, of Kalama, and Dr. C. J. Hoffman, of Woodland.

Visiting Professors of History

The history staff of the University of Washington, during the Summer Quarter of 1926 will be strengthened by a group of visiting members as follows: Professor R. B. Mowat, Oxford, England; Professor Walter N. Sage, University of British Columbia; Professor William W. Sweet, De Pauw University; Professor Frank A. Williams, Phillips College; Associate Professor F. Lee Bennis, Indiana State University. The Summer Quarter begins on June 15th and ends on August 27th.