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# A Message from Our President



ARTHUR ANDERSEN

FTER my boyhood days in Plano, Illinois, the course of my life carried me away from intimate contact with my fellow Norwegian Americans. Yet the instincts of racial blood are strong, and recently I became acquainted with and greatly interested in the work of the Norwegian-American Historical Association.

This blood tie was strengthened when, two years ago, I was able for the first time to visit our ancestral land. I felt not as a stranger, even though my knowledge of the language is imperfect, but as one who revisits an old familiar home. It brought to me a better realization of my own thoughts and motives.

Two reasons have impelled me to take an active part in the work of the Historical Association. First, I believe we owe it to our country, the United States of America, to find and historically record our Norwegian share in her settlement. Our racial self-respect calls for that. Secondly, I have found in the Norwegian-American Historical Association a spirit of unselfish service and unity which has made it a pleasure to me to accept the presidency.

My predecessor, Mr. Magnus Swenson, has rendered signal service to the cause and I know we all realize the loss to the Association and regret that for personal reasons he has preferred to serve no longer.

With the able assistance of the officers of the Association, the local vice-presidents and our alert and interested membership, I hope we shall be able to continue to work effectively with our exceptionally competent Editorial Board in keeping up the work so well begun.

#### Col. Heg's Letters Attract Members

By E. HETLE

Financial Secretary
It is now some four weeks since the volume on Col. Heg's Civil War Letters were mailed to the members, and this has shown favorably, both on payment of dues and on signing

p of new members. Several have sent in applications for one or two members; others have sent in lists of prospective members to whom we are sending out information in regard to the Historical Association and its accomplishments, and inviting them to join. From present indications Min-neapolis and Sioux Falls will both be centers of large memberships in the Association.
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### Officers 1936-1939

Officers for the triennium 1936-1939, elected at the regular meeting of the Association, are as follows:

PRESIDENT Arthur Andersen, Winnetka, Illinois

VICE-PRESIDENT D. G. Ristad, Manitowoc, Wisconsin

SECRETARY J.Jørgen Thompson, Northfield, Minn.

TREASURER Birger Osland, Chicago, Illinois

> FINANCIAL SECRETARY E. Hetle, Northfield, Minn.

Additional members of Executive Board: S. J. Arnesen, Brooklyn, N. (Continued on Page 2)

#### Anniversary Day At Northfield

The Tenth Anniversary Program of the Norwegian-American Histori-cal Association was held at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., on Monday, October 7, 1935. The opening program was given in the gymnasium at 10 o'clock. The St. Olaf College faculty dismissed the last two class periods of the forenoon in order that the students and teachers might be able to attend this session. President Boe extended a welcome

to the Association, which was responded to by Mr. Birger Osland. Two addresses were given at this session. The Rev. D. G. Ristad spoke on "The Norwegian-American Historical Association". torical Association: Its Past Accom-

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#### **Endowment Fund** Is Named

At the last triennial meeting in Minneapolis, on January 7, 1936, a resolution was passed which authorized the Executive Board to give consideration to the naming of the permanent endowment fund.

The Executive Board, meeting at

Chicago on March 18 for this purpose, determined to name the fund the Ole Edvard Rölvaag Memorial Endowment Fund.

This fund has been accumulated as indicated below:

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Donation from O. M. Oleson	\$1,000.00
Donation for E. Cappelen Smith	500.00
Donation from Norw. America Line	250.00
Bequest from B. J. Enger Estate	2,000.00
Bequest from A. A. Quale Estate	1,000.00
·Life and Memorial Memberships	
(\$100 each)	4,249.00
Other Donations	109.97
Interest Re-invested	4,060.49
Proceeds from Sale of Books	
From 1929 to 1933	1,150.22

\*For Individual Names See "Studies and Records"

Proceeds from the sale of books since 1933 have been used for general expenses.

#### PUBLICATION FUNDS Special contributions received for publications are as follows:

Anonymous\$	2,000.00
Magnus Swenson	
Frederic Schaefer, Pittsburgh, Pa	850.00
O. M. Oleson, Fort Dodge, Iowa	600.00
Norwegian America Line	500.00
Arthur Andersen, Chicago, Ill	500.00
A. N. Rygg Brooklyn N Y	400.00
E. Cappelen Smith, New York City	250.00
Charles E. Larsen, Brooklyn, N. Y.	250.00
Birger Osland	200.00
Jens A. Holmboe, Oklahoma City	150.00
Todd Shipyards Corporation	100.00
Nelson B. Nelson, New York City	100.00
Olaf Halvorsen, Huntington Park, Cal.	100.00
S. J. Arnesen, Brooklyn, N. Y	50.00
Gus. G. Martin, Pacific Palisades, Cal.	50.00

Amounts expended for publications, including postage, to and including 1935 are:

1926	&	1	19	2	7			10					\$2,749.73
1928													4,840.87
1929													1,292.71
1930											,		1,433.81
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1933													
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#### ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL GIFT

A gift of 355 books and pamphlets A girt of 355 books and pamphiets from the private library of the late Professor O. E. Rølvaag, have been received from Mrs. Rølvaag as a tenth anniversary memorial gift. Mrs. Rølvaag states that she will have more copies for the Archives later. This collection contains some later. This collection contains a very rare and valuable books.

The late Mr. O. S. Johnson of Spring Grove, Minnesota, had decided that his library should be given to the Archives. This collection comprises about 1,000 books and pamphlets.

A complete file of clippings, records and other data pertaining to the Centennial Celebration at Ottawa, Illinois, has been donated by Chief Justice John J. Sonsteby of Chicago.

## Officers 1936-1939

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Board of Finance: Prof. P. O. Holland, Northfield, Minn.; Birger Osland, Chicago, Ill.; A. N. Rygg, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dr. T. Stabo, Decorah, Io.; Edward J. Lee, Minneapolis, Minn.; Prof. E. Hetle, Northfield, Minn.

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Haugen, Madison, Wis.

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Arnesen, Fort Worth, Texas; Prof.
Helmer Blegen, Sioux Falls, S. D.;
Dr. J. N. Brown, Moorhead, Minn.;

## WE SHOULD DOUBLE **OUR MEMBERSHIP** IN 1936 Will You Help?

M. Bruce, St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. Christine Haugen, Sioux City, Iowa; Olaf Halvorson, Huntington Mrs. Christine Haugen, Sioux City, Iowa; Olaf Halvorson, Huntington Park, Cal.; Mrs. Frida Bue-Homnes, Crosby, N. D.; Capt. J. M. Johnson, Chicago, Illinois; Charles E. Larsen, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Gunnar Lund, Seattle, Wash.; Consul M. Moe, Philadelphia, Penn.; Hon. R. A. Nestos, Minot, N. D.; Senator Peter Norbeck, Redfield, S. D.; Mrs. Alice R. Sonsteby, Chicago, Ill.; B. L. Wick, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

### Col. Heg's Letters

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J. E. Lee of Minneapolis has secured something like forty memsecured something like forty members since last October, and Prof. Helmer Blegen, of Augustana College, has secured a great number of members this last month. Prof. Blegen is now sending in several applications per week, and is sending in long lists of people interested in the Historical Association whom we are getting in touch with from this office.

this office.

It is vital to the continuance of the splendid work the Association has been doing that we increase our membership list, and if the present membership would keep this problem in mind to the same extent some few have done, we could, I believe, easily solve the problem of income for our publications.

### Anniversary Day At Northfield

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plishments and Future Tasks", and Dr. T. C. Blegen spoke on the subject, "On the Trail of the Immigrant Pioneer."

Following these addresses, the program was turned over to St. Olaf College and President Boe took charge. The President stated that charge. The President stated that St. Olaf College had decided to recognize the high standard of work done by the Association during ten years of activity by conferring honorary doctors' degrees upon three leading men of the Association.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters was conferred upon Dr. Theodore C. Blegen; the degree of Doctor of Laws upon Major Birger Osland, and the degree of Doctor of Letters upon the Rev. D. G. Ristad.

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A recess was taken until 3 o'clock when several committee meetings were held. In the afternoon a large crowd gathered again in the gymnasium for the following program:

"Reminiscences," by Dr. Knut Gjerset; "Collecting and Preserving Norse-American Source Materials", by Dr. L. M. Larson; "Developing Research Workers in the Particular Field of our Association", by Dr. Paul Knaplund; and "The Slavery Question and the Foundation of Luther College", by Prof. Karen Larsen. Larsen.

Larsen.
A dinner was served in St. John's Lutheran Church at 6:30, at which Mr. Birger Osland acted as toastmaster. Brief talks were given by Kristian Prestgard, C. A. Mellby, L. W. Boe, Theodore C. Blegen, John J. Sonsteby, O. P. B. Jacobson, Helmer Blegen, Arne Kindem, Carl G. O. Hansen, E. Hetle, J. Jørgen Thompson, and Ove Preus. Beatrix Lien played a violin solo ånd a string quartette from St. Olaf College played during the dinner.

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Mr. Osland read a letter from Arthur Andersen wherein Mr. Andersen promised a donation of \$1,000 toward the next publication project of the Association on the condition that an equal amount be raised among members of the Association. condition that an equal amount be raised among members of the Association. Mr. Osland then promised that he would contribute \$100. J. A. Holmboe promised another \$100. Later Prof. Helmer Blegen offered to give \$5 and Mrs. J. M. Peterson, of Chicago, promised \$100, making a total of \$305.

A number of the guests present responded to Professor Hetle's suggestion that they become members.

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#### OLE RYNNING CENTENNIAL

The Executive Board has appointed Messrs. D. G. Ristad, O. I. ed Messrs. D. G. Ristad, O. I. Hertsgaard and J. Jørgen Thompson as a committee to cooperate with other organizations in making plans for an Ole Rynning Centennial Celebration, to be held at St. Olaf College, May 17, 1937. A number of organizations have appointed cooperating committees and the work of organizing for this celebration is under way. The initial step was taken by Trønderlaget.

## Poem of Østgaard In Rølvaag Group

An interesting bibliographical item Østgaard's poem, "Østerdölen emkömmen fraa Amerika." The is Østgaard's poem, "Østerdölen hemkömmen fraa Amerika." The edition in this collection appeared in Chicago in 1878, with no publisher given on the title page. The poem also was printed in "Familie-Laesning," Volume Two, 1896, pages 4-50. The St. Olaf College Library is in possession of an edition printed

> Østerdölen hemkömmen fraa Amerika. Af

N. R. Østgaard.
(Oprindelig bestemt til at fremsiges
paa den Norske dramtiske Skoles
Theater i Markedsugen.)

Christiania. Trykt paa Feilberg & Landmarks
Forlag
hos Carl C. Werner & Comp.
1853

Contemporary accounts of different phases of Norwegian-American church history are to be found in the Rølvaag collection, such as "En historisk fremstilling af kirke-tugt sagen i Silver Lake, Iowa!" Mai, 1887; Poulsen, N. Den gamle og den pres retning i den porske lutherske nye retning i den norske lutherske kirke. Neenah, "Danskerens" bogtrykkeri, 1898.

The late Prof. Rasmus B. Anderson wrote about the "Landsmaal" movement as far back as 1874. His contribution is called, "Den norske contribution is called, "Den maalsag", printed in Chicago.

The publication of The Civil War Letters of Col. Hans Christian Heg, edited by Dr. T. C. Blegen and pub-lished under the auspices of the Norwegian-American Historical Association; and the appearance of Livserindringer Fra Norge Og Amer-ika, by Provst August Weenaas, as Number 12 in the series Bibliotheca Norvegiae Sacrae, calls attention to the existence of a Norwegian-American memoir literature. Much of it is found in the collections at St. Olaf College. The random list below makes no pretensions to completeness.

Anderson, Rasmus B. Life Story. 1917.

Biørn, L. M. Pastor P. A. Rasmussen. 1905. Brekhus, Edward. En kortfattet levnetsbe-skrivelse. 1897.

Bøe, A. Sophie. Days that are gone; the story of father's life (Rev. N. E. Bøe), 1929. Mimeographed.

Eastvold, C. J. His life and work. 1930. Eltzholtz, C. P. Livsbilleder af pastor O. P. Petersen. 1903.

Johanson, Lars Leo. En evighedsseilers op-levelser paa land og hav. 1927. Koren, Fru Elisabeth. Fra pioneertiden. 1914.

Malmin, R. Dr. John. Nathan Kildahl. 1921. Michelet, Maren. Glimt fra Agnes Mathilde Wergelands liv. 1916.

Mikkelsen, A. Nogle af en prests erfaringer.

Mindeskrift over Formand G. Hoyme. 1902. Minne, N. M. Liv og virke. 1931.

Ostby, O. A. An awakening to the universe. 1927.

Paulson, O. Erindringer. 1907.

Strømme, Peer O. Erindringer, 1923. Ueland, Andreas. Recollections of an immi-grant, 1929.

Weenaas, August. Mindelade, eller otte aar i Amerika. 1890.

#### 59 New Members

Fifty-nine new members have been enrolled since News Letter Number Two was issued and to January 1, 1936. They are:

- 1. N. L. Mykkeltvedt, Walnut Grove, Minn.
- 2. Morten Arnesen, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 3. Mrs. M. L. Kropf, Evanston, Ill.
- 4. Otto Clausen, Chicago, Ill.
- 5. Alf Kolflat, Chicago, Ill.
- 6. G. Norman Wigeland, Evanston, Ill.
- 7. J. O. Batzer, Park Ridge, Ill.
- 8. Einar Gundersen, Chicago, Ill.
- 9. Mrs. Olaf Bernts, Chicago, Ill.
- 10. G. Rolf Ristad, Manitowoc, Wis.
- 11. Elmer E. Abrahamson, Chicago, Ill.
- 12. Carl J. Abrahamson, Chicago, Ill.
- 13. Miss Jennie J. Abrahamson, Chicago, Ill.
- 14. Miss Jennie E. Madson, Chicago, Ill.
- 15. Gerhard H. Dahl, Chicago, Ill.
- 16. Claus H. Arnesen, Chicago, Ill.
- 17. Miss Laura K. Cleve, Chicago, Ill.
- 18. Miss Harriet Nilsen, Chicago, Ill.
- 19. Rasmus Harr Rasmussen, Chicago, Ill.
- 20. E. Roed, Cambridge, Mass.
- 21. Mrs. Jonny Nilson, Chicago, Ill.
- 22. Miss Ruth Sorlie, Augustana College,, Sioux Falls, S. D.
- 23. K. Olaus Finseth, Kenyon, Minn.
- 24. O. J. Preus, Luther College, Decorah, Iowa.
- 25. P. C. Tonning, St. Paul, Minn.
- 26. Prof. John G. Rerdahl, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S. D.
- 27. Miss Charlotte Jacobson, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.
- 28. Miss Beulah M. Folkedahl, Glaesvillee, Wis.
- 29. Askel Bue, Veterans Hospital, Minneopilis, Minn.
- 30. A. A. Kindem, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 31. Harry A. Gordhamer, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 32. C. O. Lundquist, Minneapolis, Miss.
- 33. James T. Higland, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 34. John H. Bovim, Glen Lake, Minn.
- 35. Bjarne R. Wasmuth, Minneapolis, Minn. 36. Miss Taarand Vik, Madison, Wis.
- 37. Luther Prestegard, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 38. G. H. Lund, St. Paul, Minn.
- 39. Oliver Prestholdt, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 40. Dr. A. C. Tingdale, Parkers Lake, Wayzata, Minn.
- 41. Judge Luther W. Youngdahl, Minreapolis Minn.
- 42. Dave Lee, Ton Hopkins, Minn. Tonka Wood, Route No. 2,
- 43. Sigvald Udstad, St. Charles, Mo.
- 44. Dr. Gustav Svendsen, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 45. Allen T. Rorem, Minneapolis, Minn
- 46. R. Mangni, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 47. Arthur M. Lystad, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 48. Dr. A. G. Wethall, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 49. Arne G. Bogen, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 50. Harry S. Swensen, Minneapolis, Minn 51. C. O. Teisberg, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 52. Oscar Bakken, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 53. Edwin O. Welde, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 54. Beldin H. Loftsgaarden, St. Paul, Minn.
- 55. E. T. Haugland, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 56. K. Wallace Husted, Minneapolis, Minn. 57. O. H. Odin, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 58. Julius P. Blegen, Minneapolis, Minn. 59. R. A. Mohn, Northfield, Minn.

## Dr. Blegen Reports On Publications

The triennial report of the Managing Editor, Dr. T. C. Blegen, dated Minneapolis, on January 7, deals with the Association's publication program. The report follows in part:

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The current publication of the association is a book entitled "The Civil War Letters of Colonel Hans Christian Heg." The letters themselves are prefaced by a biographical essay on Heg. The volume contains, in addition to this essay, six chapters, as follows: 1. From Madison to Island No. 10. 2. In Campand on the March; 3. From Iuka to Perryville; 4. The Battle of Murfreesboro; 5. Camp Life Near Murfreesboro; 6. The Chickamauga Campaign.

It was not possible to publish all the letters in full, but every letter is presented either in full or in a summary. A vast editorial work was required on the volume. It was sent to press last spring but the discovery of a new collection of Heg letters postponed publication. Fifteen hundred copies are printed. Every member will receive one.

Since the last triennial meeting we have had Volumes 7 and 8 of the series titled "Norwegian-Ameri-can Studies and Records." These are respectively of 139 and 176 pages. They have a wide range of subject matter and have been well received by the historical profession. One volume led a reviewer to describe the NAHA as the "most active historical society among the immigrant groups in the United States." Material for Volume 9 in the series is at hand but the edi-Heg volume has delayed publication. This volume can be brought out, if This volume can be brought out, if desired, in the spring of 1936. It will include among other articles an important essay on "The Collection and Preservation of Sources", by Prof. Laurence M. Larson; a study of Svein Nilsson, pioneer collector of historical material, by D. G. Ristad; several interesting America lettranslated into English, and similar materials.

As we approach the completion of the first ten volumes of this series; we should be planning the publication of a comprehensive index to them. The Editorial Board has been unable to work on the compilation of such an index. Here is an opportunity for a valuable piece of volunteer work by some member or friend of the association skilled in indexing. I think I could premise in advance the public. could promise in advance the publication of a carefully prepared index to Volumes 1-10 if someone

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#### CURATOR OF THE ARCHIVES

Mr. Alf Houkom, Librarian of the St. Olaf College Library, was elected Curator of the Archives at the triennial meeting.

## RECOMMENDATIONS of the MANAGING EDITOR

This report should give some consideration of larger objectives than those already outlined. We need to envisage some possibilities of the next five or ten years so as not to be without plans once the immediate objectives

we need to do much more with agricultural history and other fields of economic history. We should examine the history of Norwegian-American political contributions and choices, in local, state, and national domains, and assemble information about certain professional lines, notably of Norwegian-American engineers.

Our work thus far has yielded comparatively little in the field of organizations, their work and history. We have scarcely touched the field of church history. We need to investigate the musical activities and contributions of Norwegian-Americans and various other cultural spheres; the history of the press, writers in general, as well as the contacts with the culture and literature of the Homeland.

Many notable figures in the history of our people in America have not yet been the subjects of biographies, have been treated inadequately or written of in books available only in the Norwegian language. There would seem to be many opportunities here for ambitious writers in the field of biography.

Another large field which I shall call social history, needs to be explored much more—the life of whole communities, with descriptions of customs and manners. A closely related field is the study of Norwegian-American language, which may throw much light on social and cultural currents in the settlements.

In work of the kind suggested, we need some broad guide or guides to historical materials. Our materials are

scattered in many institutions. I propose that such a Guide to Materials for Norwegian-American History be compiled and published by the Association.

In planning an ambitious publication program, I am taking it for granted that the Association will find ways and means to finance it. I believe it possible to set up an endowment fund of \$50,000 for the futherance of the publication plans of the Association. Such a fund is certainly needed and its existence would do much to spur us on in our work. It might well be dedicated to Ole Rynning, first Norwegian-American writer and historian, whose centennay is to be observed next year. centennary is to be observed next year.

An important article on the work of our Association is appearing in a coming issue of "Samtiden". This article is the best full-length appraisal of the NAHA I have seen either English or Norwegian.

One hears of plans in Norway for an inclusive scientific history of Norwegian emigration. Such a project should receive the cordial cooperation and approval of our Association. Also there has been some discussion of an exchange of professors by the University of Oslo and various American universities. Such a step would usher in a new era in intellectual cooperation and understanding between two closely related countries and deserves the

warm support of this association.

It was recently reported in "Heimen" that a large collection of American letters had been made at Aal, Norway. The Minnesota Historical Society already is proposing to engage competent transcribers in Norway to make copies and is prepared to expend up to \$200 in the enterprise. I suggest that this amount be matched by the NAHA and that two copies be prepared, one for the state of Minnesota and the other for the NAHA.

### Dr. Blegen Reports On Publications

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would tackle the job of preparing such a work.

I report substantial progress in translating the diary of Søren Bache, an original record dealing with the period from 1839 to 1847. In fact the translation itself has been completed by Prof. Andreas Elviken of Temple University, Phila-Elviken of Temple University, Philadelphia. This was an enormous task, for Professor Elviken first had to make a typewritten transcript of the original diary from finely written Norwegian script. The translation runs approximately 350 pages and will make a substantial book. Considerable work remains in the revision and editing of the document. Beggers of the diary regard ment. Readers of the diary regard it as perhaps the most valuable single record of its kind that has

yet come to light.

The Board has under consideration the publication of a biography of Laur Larsen, pioneer pastor and teacher, prepared by Prof. Karen Larsen of St. Olaf College. The manuscript has been virtually completed. Most of it is now in my hands. It is a work of sound scholarship and contributes of sound scholarship. arship and constitutes a valuable contribution to one important phase of Norwegian-American history. It is based upon hitherto unused manuscript sources, coupled with an intimate knowledge and understanding of the subject derived from the author's personal background.

Mr. Carlton Qualey's book on

"Norwegian Settlement in the United

States" has not been completed, though the author has made substantial progress. It will contain States" stantial progress. It will contain nine chapters dealing with: (1) Migration factors; (2) The sloopers go West; (3) Pioneering in Wisconsin; (4) They cross into Iowa; (5) "A glorious new Scandinavia"; (6) The "giants'" country; (7) North Dakota and beyond; (8) The Far West; (9) "Islands." The work will be illustrated with a series of criginal maps. criginal maps.

About a year ago the managing editor suggested to Prof. Laurence M. Larson that the association bring M. Larson that the association bring out a volume of essays in the Norwegian-American field by Prof. Larson, perhaps under the title of one notable essay, "The Changing West." Prof. Larson took kindly to this general suggestion and it is hoped that the book soon will begin to take shape. Such a publication by the association would have tion by the association would have a particular interest in the next year or two, since Prof. Larson, at the 1935 meeting of the American Historical Association at Chattanooga, was elected second vice-president of that national association. This means that in 1937 Prof. Larson will attain the presidency, probably the highest honor that can be won by any American historian. The presidency has been held by such men as Channing, Woodrow Wilson, Frederick J. Turner, and Rostovtzeff.

These are a few of the prospects and possibilities in the field of pub-

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lication. The association, in its relatively short career, has brought out fourteen separately published volumes and has the fifteenth on the press at present. Eight volumes of "Studies and Records" have appeared; two dealing with the saga of sailors on inland seas and American waters; three of travel and description, and one presenting a survey of early Norwegian migration to America in the Nineteenth Central Cen tury. Publication since the last tri-ennial meeting has included Vol-umes 7 and 8 in the "Studies and Records" series, Dr. Gjerset's "Norwegian Sailors in American Waters" and the current volume of Colonel Heg's letters.

Our publication work, as I have insisted in earlier reports, must aim at high standards, lasting values, and objective contributions. We do not need great bulk, nor is a rapid flow of publications essential. If the work is carried on steadily and persistently, however, the passing years will witness the creation of a special library of materials that will have dignity of range and ex-

tent as well as scholarly excellence.

An interesting special project is the preparation of a check list of all bygdelag publications in America. This list is being prepared by Mr. Jacob Hodnefield, whose bibliographies of writings in the Norwegian-American field have been a valuable feature of recent volumes in the "Studies and Records" series. The Minnesota Historical Society and certain other institutions have made special efforts to build up complete collections of hyddelag publications. collections of bygdelag publications. It is expected that the check list will be published in a coming volume of "Studies and Records."