

ARCHAEOLOGICAL NOTES

The annual joint meeting of the Wisconsin Archaeological Society, the Wisconsin Academy of Arts, Sciences and Letters, the Wisconsin Natural History Society, and the Wisconsin Mycological Society was held in Milwaukee, on March 20 and 21. It was as successful as these gatherings always are. Mr. H. L. Skavlem and Mr. Charles E. Brown were among those who presented papers. The papers of three other members of the Wisconsin Archeological Society were read by title. The meeting closed with at dinner at the Hotel Gilpatrick.

Mr. J. P. Schumacher of Green Bay, Mr. George A. West of Milwaukee and Mr. Charles E. Brown of Madison have been elected life members of the Society. All are charter members, and have always been very active in its service. Mr. P. D. Peterson of Eau Claire is a new annual member.

Mrs. Jessie R. Skinner, of Madison, who has been for several years the efficient head of the Landmarks Committee of the Wisconsin Federation of Women's Clubs has been succeeded in that important office by Mrs. E. H. Van Ostrand, of Antigo. During Mrs. Skinner's service as chairman, and largely due to her great personal interest and inspiration, many local clubs have been very active in this work. The appointment of Mrs. Van Ostrand should have the effect of greatly increasing the interest in the preservation of archaeological and historical memorials, especially in northern Wisconsin.

There is a good prospect that The Society of American Indians may be prevailed upon to hold its this year's conference at Madison, under the auspices of the University. This organization of native Americans has for its purpose the bringing together "of all progressive Indians and friends of Indian progress for the purpose of promoting the highest interests of the race and individual." "It stands for the qualified Indian American as an American, with all the rights, privileges and duties implied; for the protection of the isolated groups of Indians who are unable to understand and enjoy the opportunities of citizenship nor assume its obligations; also for the preservation of Indian history, of all that is great and noble in Indian character, and for progress." Rev. Sherman Coolidge, of Fairbault, Minn., is the president, and Mr. Arthur C. Parker, the secretary, of the Society. Several prominent Wisconsin Indian men and women are among the members of its advisory board.

Professor Julius L. Torney of Milwaukee, a Milwaukee member of the Wisconsin Archeological Society, died on December 27, 1912. He was for twenty-nine years connected with the public school system of Milwaukee, and was at the time of his death the principal of