

and working hypotheses are apt soon to be shouldered aside for new theories, the result of later thought and investigation. Since Dr. Peet's early studies, great strides have been made in this subject, especially by the members of the American Bureau of Ethnology, until many if not most of the theories of a quarter of a century ago have been abandoned by scholars. Apparently some degree of permanency has at last been reached, however, for it now seems improbable that much further information can be obtained concerning our Indian mounds. The publications of the Bureau and of the Smithsonian Institution, together with Cyrus Thomas's *Introduction to North American Archaeology* (Cincinnati, 1899), should be sought as giving the latest conclusions concerning them.

An interesting symposium is held, on the question of the identity of what is called "Lake Sakaegan" in the Sauk-Fox treaty of cession signed at St. Louis on November 3, 1804. Moses M. Strong thinks it to be Mukwonago Lake; but John A. Rice and others contend that it is the present Lake Pewaukee, and Dr. Draper considers that they have the best of the argument.

Dr. Butler contributes to this volume a scholarly dissertation upon the "Portraits of Columbus," a topic incited by a gift to the Society by General Lucius Fairchild, of a copy of the famous Yanez portrait in Madrid. He follows this with eight short antiquarian sketches, chiefly contributions previously published in the local newspaper press, upon subjects as wide apart as Wisconsin prehistoric copper implements and an old Massachusetts land deed that had strayed into our Museum. The veteran savant's remarkable versatility is nowhere better illustrated than in this series of articles.¹

The department of local history is formally represented not only by the Prairie du Chien papers, but by John E. Thomas's "Pioneer Settlement of Sheboygan County." Incidentally there is also much good biographical and local material in the various memoirs on Cadwallader C. Washburn, Charles H. Larrabee,

¹ See biographical sketch of Dr. Butler in *Wis. Hist. Soc. Proceedings*, 1905, pp. 21-26.