

the valley of the Lower Fox,—but abounds in original comments on men and affairs in the then Northwest. Commissioner McCall had good powers of observation, and his diary is a welcome addition to our materials for history. The “Documents Illustrating McCall’s Journal,” include the report of the commissioners of 1830, obtained from the government archives at Washington, and now appear in print for the first time. Previous volumes of the Collections contain a large amount of material, documentary and narrative, on detached events in the Sac uprising of 1832, but a narrative of the entire episode, with due regard to historical perspective, has been lacking, and this want the editor has endeavored to meet in his “Story of the Black Hawk War.” A feature of the Black Hawk War was the Stambaugh-Menomonee expedition, from the Green Bay district, which arrived on the scene of action too late to take part in the closing skirmish at the Bad Ax. The documentary history of this expedition is given in “Papers of Indian Agent Boyd—1832;” these throw light, too, on the social life of Green Bay at that period, and methods of dealing with the Wisconsin Indians. For some time past, the Society, in connection with the historical department of the State University, has been engaged in researches among the foreign groups of Wisconsin, with a view to obtaining facts concerning the causes of emigration to America, the history of the movement of organized colonies, and their present social and material conditions; as well as to ascertain as far as may be to what extent they are affecting or being affected by American thought and customs. Miss Kate Asaphine Everest’s “How Wisconsin Came by its Large German Element,” is one of the results of this study. Miss Everest is a fellow in the State University, detailed for work on the German element, and will eventually give to the public a more comprehensive view, the present paper being but one phase of the subject—the causes of the coming of the Germans to Wisconsin. Students of our composite nationality will find in this article much to interest them. It is a romantic story that John Luchsinger relates, in his “The Planting of the Swiss