

## NOTES AND QUERIES.

**Notes.**

Local and state historical societies must feel great interest in the announcement that the American Historical Association has begun a canvass to raise a million dollar endowment fund to enable it to carry on its work in the national field of history. The actual canvass is in the hands of an Endowment Committee, of which the Honorable Albert J. Beveridge is chairman and Professor Solon J. Buck is executive secretary, with an office at 110 Library, Columbia University, New York. The first effort is directed toward the raising of a substantial fund from the historians themselves, and beyond that, an appeal is made to the general public. The former have raised in the past the sum of Fifty Thousand dollars, and it is hoped that a similar sum can be raised from them in the present canvass. From such a class of men and women such a sum would represent a great effort. Beyond that reliance must be placed in the benevolence of the general public. The records show that a great deal of money is given annually by the American people to various worthy causes: and it is hoped that some part of it may be directed to the support of the study of our past with full recognition of the interest it has for the correct knowledge of the present.

The national character of the American Historical Association is shown not only by its charter from the national government, but by the aid it has given in the study of national history. It has published a large number of volumes dealing with American history, a series of reports on national and state archives, another series of papers of distinguished national statesmen, and other volumes devoted to bibliography. It has given a great deal of time and effort to the promotion of the better study of history in the lower schools, and it has done much to aid the national government in creating opinion for a better care for archives and for a more systematic publication of records that will serve the historian.

For a long time the officers of the Association have felt the need of a broader basis of action. The increase in the cost of publication and of everything else has affected the student as it has affected all other things and people. The result has been the restriction of activities, so that it is not now possible to carry on the work as formerly. Thus more money is needed to avoid the necessity of contracting the efforts that have been made. It is also needed to enable the Association to widen its activity and fulfill its entire obligation to the cause of history.

The reliance of the future will always have to be on the efforts of the individual student. No expectation exists of interfering with such efforts. But it is necessary to have funds to assist these workers to meet the heavy expenses of collecting materials, to publish books that commercial publishers will not bring out without a guarantee, and to point out and explore new fields of research. For the young student fellowships are available in a fair degree of plenty; but for the mature student they are not generally available. Much good could be done if the Association had a fund from which small grants could be made in aid of such work by these men.

January 14, 1784.

Henry Doyle, aged 28 years, a private in the third Pennsylvania Regiment, commanded by Col. Thomas Craig . . . made sufficient proof to the Court that he was disabled by a wound he received in the Ankle, on the Eleventh Day of September 1777 at the Battle of Brandywine.

It is adjudged that he is intitled to receive Eighty Dollars to the present time, and three dollars P<sup>r</sup> month from this date. p. 39.

June 26, 1786.

On Petition of Thomas Maybury a discharged Soldier, Setting forth that he is Old pensioner and has drawn no Pension since the first of August last past.

It is Ordered that the said Thomas Maybury receive four Dollars P<sup>r</sup> month from the first of August last past. p. 57.

August 5, 1786.

On petition of John Buxton setting forth that he served as a Private Soldier in the first and third Pennsylvania Regiment during the late War, that the Extreme hardships to which he was exposed during the Service have brought on Rheumatic pains and other Infirmities, which render him unable to get his Living by hard Labor.

It is Ordered that One pound two Shillings and Six pence P<sup>r</sup> month be allowed from the twenty sixth day of June 1785 until the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of June last past. p. 59.

August 13, 1798.

UPON the petition of Catharine Tilson Setting forth that she is the Widow of David Tilson who was formerly a Lieu<sup>t</sup>. of a Company of foot in the sixth Battalion of Militia in the County of Philadelphia and died of his wounds (received in the actual service of the United States) at Pottstown sometime in the Month of March 1788.

The Court at August Term 1796 decreed that the petitioner was entitled to the pension of her late husband. p. 374.

Orphan's Court Docket, No. 1,  
Montgomery County.

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