

Andrew Carnegie finding a diplodocus for Edward VII and employment for Mrs. Stephen Collins Foster, Charles Heinroth quietly "talking with" the organ in the Music Hall, John A. Brashear and his beloved Phoebe grinding lenses, Ethelbert Nevin playing "The Rosary," the McKinley funeral train passing through Homewood — each of these samples of the drama of human life is important. Brought together, they constitute new proof of the social and cultural value of history in the world at large and in Western Pennsylvania especially.

It is impossible to write about *The Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine Index* moderately. The more one knows of it, the more enthusiastic one is bound to become.

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### BOOK NOTES

Our friend, William A. Hunter, Chief of the Division of Research and Publications of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, has sent three interesting new pamphlets to our library.

*Archaeologists at Work* is a letter-sized booklet of some 32 pages by W. Fred Kinsey III, with photographs by Karl Rath. It is largely a photographic portrayal of steps followed by scientists in excavating burial sites. It is easily conceivable that this exposition may save many relics and records which might otherwise be destroyed by eager, well-intentioned amateurs.

*Pennsylvania and the Federal Constitution*. This is a 16-page pamphlet, 6" x 9", of which Donald H. Kent, Director of the Bureau of Research, Publications, and Records, and Irwin Richman, Assistant Historian, are co-authors. It is issued in commemoration of the 175th anniversary of the Constitution of the United States. This pamphlet is illustrated and shows, among other pictures, eight of the delegates to this distinguished convention. Particular attention is paid to the role played by Pennsylvania.

*Pennsylvania and the War of 1812*. This is a 22-page illustrated pamphlet, 6" x 9", by Harold L. Myers. Not many writers have dealt with this war and in the last analysis it re-won only a concession from the British which had already been won from them. This little pamphlet deals with the irritant factors which led to the war and tells of the important part taken by Pennsylvanians in the construction of the fleet

which, under Perry, won control of Lake Erie. It also gives a vivid account of the naval engagement by which it was won.

The sponsor for these three new pamphlets is the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

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