



News Letter

THE CIVIL WAR ROUND-TABLE

CLEVELAND, OHIO

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BELL WILEY SPEAKER AT DECEMBER MEETING.

We were fortunate in having Dr. Bell Irvin Wiley of Emory University with us for our December 3rd meeting. His talk on the letters written home by "Johnny Reb and Billy Yank" delighted an audience that was sizeable and despite a rather heavy snowfall.

Dr. Wiley's reputation as a Civil War author is well-known. In addition to "Johnny Reb and Billy Yank" he has written or edited a generous and select choice of all and hard-to-get Confederate classics. His visit to Cleveland included a week of research at the Western Reserve Historical Society and we are told that he uncovered considerable new material. We'll all look forward to future books from the pen of this new friend of the Cleveland Round Table.

JANUARY MEETING - NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 20TH.

Our first meeting in the new year will be held at Kiefer's Restaurant at the usual seven o'clock hour and with an entirely different sort of program. On this occasion, member Harrison C. Frost will start the ball rolling by a talk on "Gettysburg: I'd Have Sacked Them Both." After that will come the fireworks and we'll expect each and every one of you to come prepared to debate Monty's criticism of the strategy of Generals Meade and Lee.

The annual meeting of the Cleveland Civil War Round Table is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 17th. The program will be announced later, meanwhile you should know that there will be an election of officers, etc.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO CIVIL WAR HISTORY.

Several members have received notices to the effect that their subscriptions to the Civil War History, as published by the University of Iowa, have expired. These subscriptions were handled through the C.W.R.T. at a group rate of \$4, which figure will apply if you will send your check for that amount to the Secretary's office, same made out to the Civil War Round Table of Cleveland. As far as the uninitiated are concerned, this quarterly is perhaps the one best "buy" that is offered to neo-students of the Civil War. The regular subscription price is \$5 a year or \$1.25 per copy.

SHERMAN HOUSE - AN OHIO CIVIL WAR SHRINE.

A visit to the Sherman House at Lancaster is something that every Civil War fan should take under consideration. The birthplace of William Tecumseh Sherman - a two-story frame house on East Main Street - is still standing. It was renovated in 1951 by the Ohio Historical Society which now administers the property. It is furnished with pieces contemporaneous with the period of occupancy by the Sherman family. Several rooms have been restored, among them the kitchen, the dining room, a bedroom and Judge Sherman's

original law office. Other rooms are devoted to displays of items associated with the Sherman family and with General Sherman's participation in the Civil War. Across the street and a few doors up the hall on Main Street is the Thomas Ewing home where Tecumseh was brought up. As we all know, his wife and mother of his 8 children was Ellen (Eleanor) Ewing, daughter of his guardian.

BOOK REVIEWS - RECENT BOOKS OF MORE THAN AVERAGE INTEREST.

"This Was Andersonville". John McElroy wrote a book about his experiences in the infamous Andersonville prison camp some fifteen years after his imprisonment. He was a Toledo reporter who enlisted in an Illinois cavalry unit and was captured near Cumberland Gap late in 1863. "This Was Andersonville" was compiled from the original manuscript by Roy Meredith. With some omissions and with the addition of numerous photographs and drawings, it is an excellent portrayal of life at Andersonville. 354 pp - McDowell & Oblensky.

"The Confederate Reader". Richard B. Harwell has put together an anthology that contributes a great deal to Confederate history. In his newest book, just released, he has put together eye-witness accounts by southern soldiers and citizens. It starts out with South Carolina's secession ordinance, ends with Gen. E. Kirby Smith's appeal to the Trans-Mississippi Army in 1865. 389 pp - Longmans, Green & Co.

"Gunner With Stonewall". A first-hand story of the horse guns of Lee's and Jackson's Army, the reminiscences of William Thomas Peague who served for four years with the Army of Northern Virginia. It is edited by Monroe F. Cockrell whose excellent maps are well known to students of the Confederacy.. 24 pages of pictures. 260 pp - McCowat - Mercer Press.