

CONTENTS

	Page.
Introduction	7
Newspaper collection accessions	18
Current newspaper files	26
Cut collection	35
Books and pamphlets	37
Iowa authors	69
Current periodicals	82
Museum accessions	84
Rebecca S. Daily collection	86
Gen. J. G. Lauman collection	87
Donors	89
Archives report	92

THIRTIETH BIENNIAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF CURATORS

OF THE

State Historical Society OF IOWA

TO THE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE

1914

Printed by Order of General Assembly

DES MOINES
ROBERT HENDERSON, STATE PRINTER
1914

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Iowa City, Iowa, September 1, 1914.

To the Governor of the State of Iowa:

Pursuant to the provisions of the law, the Board of Curators of The State Historical Society of Iowa submit herewith their thirtieth biennial report.

F. E. HORACK,
Secretary.

ORGANIZATION AND LEGAL STATUS.

The State Historical Society of Iowa was established pursuant to an act of the Sixth General Assembly entitled, "An Act to provide for an annual appropriation for the benefit of a State Historical Society," and approved January 28, 1857. On February 7, 1857, organization of the Society was fully effected by the adoption of a constitution. In 1872 the society was brought into closer relations with the state by "An Act to Reorganize the State Historical Society," which was passed by the Fourteenth General Assembly and approved on April 23. The society was first incorporated in 1867.

PRESENT STATUS.

The present organization, authority, and legal status of The State Historical Society of Iowa are based upon the provisions of the Code of 1897 (Title XIII, Chapter 18, Sections 2882-2888, page 975) which read as follows:

Section 2882. There is annually appropriated for the support of the state historical society at Iowa City, in connection with and under the auspices of the university . . . to be expended by that society in collecting, embodying, arranging, and preserving in authentic form, a library of books, pamphlets, maps, charts, manuscripts, papers, paintings, statuary, and other materials illustrative of the state and its history, to save from oblivion the memory of its early pioneers, to obtain and preserve narratives of their exploits, perils and hardy adventures, to secure facts and statements relative to the history, genius and progress or decay of our Indian tribes, to exhibit faithfully the antiquities and past and present resources of the state, and to aid in the publication of such of the collections of the society as it from time to time regards of value and interest, to aid in binding its books, pamphlets, manuscripts and papers, and in paying other necessary and incidental expenses of the society. [18 G. A., ch. 71; C. 72, § 1306; R., § 1323.]

Sec. 2883. The board of curators of the society shall consist of eighteen persons, nine of whom shall be appointed by the governor, and nine elected by members of the society. Their term of office shall be two years, and they shall receive no compensation. The governor shall make his appointments on or before the last Wednesday in June in each even-numbered year, and the terms of the persons appointed shall commence on that day; and, at the annual meeting of the society in each odd-numbered year, the others shall be elected by ballot from the members of the society, for the term next ensuing, which annual meeting shall be held at Iowa City on the Monday preceding the last Wednesday in June. [C. 72, § 1307, 1308.]

Sec. 2884. Members may be admitted to the society at any time under such rules as may be adopted by the board of curators. [C. 72, § 1302.]

Sec. 2885. The board shall appoint annually, or oftener if need be, a corresponding secretary, recording secretary, treasurer and librarian from the members of the society outside of their own number, who shall hold of-

See for one year, unless sooner removed by a majority vote of the board. Said officers shall hold the same position in the society as upon the board of curators, and their respective duties shall be determined by said board. No officer of the society or board shall receive any compensation from the state appropriation thereto. [C. '73, § 1904.]

Sec. 2586. It shall also appoint from its members a president, who shall be the executive head of the board, and hold office for one year and until his successor is elected. [C. '73, § 1905.]

Sec. 2587. The curators, a majority of whom shall reside in the vicinity of the university, and five of whom shall constitute a quorum, shall be the executive board of the society, and have full power to manage its affairs. It shall keep a full and complete account of all of its doings, and of the receipt and expenditure of all funds collected or granted for the purposes of the society, and shall annually report the same to the governor on or before the fifteenth day of August. [22 G. A., ch. 52, § 34; C. '73, § 1906.]

Sec. 2588. Twenty copies of the reports of the supreme court and all other books and documents published by the state or upon its order shall be delivered to the society for the purpose of effecting exchanges with similar societies in other states and countries, and for preservation in its library, or other purposes of the society. [C. '73, § 1907.]

II.

SUPPORT.

In 1857 the sum of \$250 was voted by the General Assembly as a permanent annual allowance for the use of the society. This permanent annual support was increased to \$500 in 1860; to \$1,000 in 1880; to \$2,500 in 1902; to \$7,500 in 1904; to \$12,000 in 1907; to \$16,000 in 1911; and to \$20,000 in 1913. In addition to the permanent annual support the following special appropriations have been voted by the General Assembly: \$6,000 in 1868; \$1,000 in 1892; \$2,000 in 1900; \$9,500 in 1902; and \$750 in 1906.

PRESENT SUPPORT.

The present support of The State Historical Society of Iowa is provided for by the following act of the Thirty-fifth General Assembly:

AN ACT making appropriations to the state historical society of Iowa. Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. That there is hereby appropriated to the state historical society of Iowa, out of any money in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) annually hereafter as permanent support and for the continuation of applied history researches and publications.

Sec. 2. That the permanent annual appropriation herein provided for shall take the place and be in lieu of all other permanent annual appropriations heretofore made to the state historical society of Iowa, and the same shall be paid in quarterly installments on the order of the board of curators of the said state historical society of Iowa, the first installment to be paid July 1, 1913.

Approved April 16, A. D. 1913.

III.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.*

The following is a summary of the finances of The State Historical Society of Iowa from July 1, 1912, to June 30, 1914:

RECEIPTS.

General Support Fund (Act of 30th G. A.), including balance on hand July 1, 1912.....	\$ 7,325.47
1907 Support Fund (Act of 32nd G. A.), including balance on hand July 1, 1912.....	4,527.49
Research Fund (Act of 34th G. A.), including balance on hand July 1, 1912.....	4,202.04
General Support Fund of 1913 (Act of 35th G. A.)....	20,000.00
Publication and Membership Fund (membership dues, etc.), including balance on hand July 1, 1912....	4,260.42
Total receipts	\$40,515.42

EXPENDITURES.

	Amount	Balance
General Support Fund.....	\$ 7,325.47	\$ 0.00
1907 Support Fund.....	4,527.49	0.00
Research Fund	4,202.04	0.00
General Support Fund of 1913.....	19,932.87	67.13
Publication and Membership Fund.....	3,909.34	351.08
Total expenditures all funds.....	\$40,097.21	\$418.21
Total balance all funds.....	418.21	
Expenditures and balance equals total receipts.....	\$40,515.42	

IV.

CURATORS AND OFFICERS.

The Board of Curators as now constituted consists of the following persons:

Appointed by the Governor.

Marsh W. Bailey.....	Washington
M. F. Edwards.....	Parkersburg
J. J. McConnell.....	Cedar Rapids
John T. Moffit.....	Tipton
Byron W. Newberry.....	Strawberry Point
A. C. Savage.....	Adair
E. W. Stanton.....	Ames

*For detailed and itemized financial statement, see 1914 report of the Board of Curators to the Executive Council.

W. H. Tedford.....	Corydon
J. B. Weaver, Jr.	Des Moines

Elected by the Society.

George W. Ball.....	Iowa City
J. W. Rich.....	Iowa City
Euclid Sanders.....	Iowa City
Arthur J. Cox.....	Iowa City
Marvin H. Dey.....	Iowa City
Henry G. Walker.....	Iowa City
Henry Albert.....	Iowa City
S. A. Swisher.....	Iowa City
Charles M. Dutcher.....	Iowa City

The officers of The State Historical Society of Iowa as elected by the Board of Curators in 1914 are as follows:

Euclid Sanders.....	President
Paul A. Korab.....	Treasurer
Frank E. Horack.....	Secretary

V.

SALARIED STAFF.

The following constitute the salaried staff of the society as provided for by action of the Board of Curators July 1, 1912, to July 1, 1913:

Superintendent and Editor.....	\$1,800
Assistant Editor.....	1,500
Accession Clerk.....	900
Custodian.....	600
Superintendent's Secretary.....	1,000
Stenographer.....	480
Library Assistant.....	480
Research Assistant.....	480

The following constitute the salaried staff of the society as provided for by action of the Board of Curators July 1, 1913, to July 1, 1914:

Superintendent and Editor.....	\$1,800
Assistant Editor.....	1,700
Accession Clerk.....	500
Custodian.....	800
Superintendent's Clerk.....	600
Stenographer.....	480
Research Associate.....	800
Research Associate.....	700

All other services are paid for by the hour or by the week by order of the Board of Curators upon the recommendation of the superintendent.

VI.

MEMBERSHIP.

Any person may become a member of The State Historical Society of Iowa upon election by the Board of Curators and the payment of an entrance fee of \$3.00.

Membership in this society may be retained upon the payment of \$3.00 annually.

Members of the society shall be entitled to receive the quarterly and all other publications of the society during the continuance of their membership.

Any person may become a life member of The State Historical Society of Iowa upon election by the Board of Curators and the payment of an entrance fee of \$50.00.

Life members shall be entitled to all the privileges of members for life without the payment of annual dues.

VII.

LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP.

Any public, school, or college library, in the State of Iowa, may be enrolled as a library member upon application and the payment of a fee of \$1.00. Such library membership may be retained after the first year upon the payment of \$1.00 annually. Libraries enrolled as library members of The State Historical Society of Iowa shall be entitled to receive the quarterly and all other publications of the society issued during the period of their membership.

VIII.

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP.

Local historical societies (such as county historical societies, city or town historical societies, and old settlers' associations) may be enrolled as auxiliary members of The State Historical Society of Iowa upon application of such local historical societies and upon the approval of their application by the Board of Curators of The State Historical Society of Iowa.

Patriotic organizations within the State of Iowa (such as the Iowa Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Iowa Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Iowa Society of Colonial Wars, and the Iowa Society of Colonial Dames)

may be enrolled as auxiliary members of The State Historical Society of Iowa upon application of such organizations and upon the approval of their application by the Board of Curators of The State Historical Society of Iowa.

Auxiliary societies or organizations shall be entitled to membership in The State Historical Society of Iowa and shall have one vote each at the annual meeting of this society. Each auxiliary society or organization shall be entitled to receive all the publications of The State Historical Society issued during the period of its affiliation as an auxiliary member.

Auxiliary societies or organizations shall not be required to pay any fees or dues to The State Historical Society of Iowa.

IX.

HISTORICAL RESEARCH.

Responding to the progress that has been made in recent years in the application of scientific methods in nearly every sphere of human interest and activity and dominated by the spirit and standards of modern scholarship, The State Historical Society of Iowa has come to make historical research its chief function. Indeed, in this respect The State Historical Society of Iowa is unique—its financial resources being directed largely in the channels of scientific research and critical publication.

It is a fact that in most states the principal function of the State Historical Society seems to be that of collection and exhibition, leaving historical research for the most part to individual initiative. But with The State Historical Society of Iowa historical research and publication have become the dominant activity. Through its organization and institutional activities the materials of state and local history are discovered, critically studied by specialists, compiled, edited, and published. Thus, instead of attempting to make the largest possible collection of historical materials in one place, the society endeavors to compile, publish, and distribute the greatest amount of accurate, scientific historical literature. Instead of hoarding books and manuscripts for the use of the few, the society makes the history of the state accessible to the many.

The work of historical research and investigation is done largely by specialists under the direction of the Superintendent. Neither partisan bias nor personal prejudice is allowed to enter into the work of those who are engaged in research for the Society.

It is moreover, the aim of the society to make every investigation exhaustive, to discover and utilize all sources of information. When necessary, investigators are sent to libraries and collections in other states for data. The public archives at Des Moines, Iowa, and at Washington, D. C., are exploited. Through the co-operation of libraries it is possible to secure the loan of books and manuscripts, thus reducing in many cases the expense of the research. Especially does the society benefit in its research work by the hearty co-operation of the state educational institutions, the Library of Congress, the Department of Historical Research of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, the State Historical Society of Wisconsin at Madison, the Public Archives Department and the Historical Department at Des Moines.

During the biennial period from July 1, 1912, to July 1, 1914, the following persons have done research work for the society:

Research Associates.

C. R. Aurner.....	J. L. Gillin
J. E. Brindley.....	F. E. Haynes
E. H. Downey.....	Louis Pelzer
P. H. Garver.....	H. J. Peterson
J. Van der Zee	

Research Assistants.

J. E. BRIGES.....	O. K. Patton
L. T. Jones.....	Clifford Powell
Karl J. Knoepfler.....	L. B. Schmidt
Thomas Teakle	

X.

APPLIED HISTORY.

Inspired by the larger view of history, which includes the social and economic life of man as well as his political activities, The State Historical Society of Iowa has already laid the foundations of Applied History in the researches which have been made for the "Iowa Economic History Series" and the "Iowa Social History Series." Underlying these researches is the idea that history may be exploited in the cause of social betterment. Indeed, the opportunities for utilizing and making practical application of the results of historical research are perhaps nowhere more promising than in the field of social and economic legislation. To put the facts of history to the utmost practical use is the highest aim of

historical research. Moreover, it is believed that the function of a state historical society is not simply to discover, collect, sift, and publish accurate historical information, but also to suggest the proper application of such scientific knowledge in efforts to solve justly the complex problems of social life. Accordingly, The State Historical Society of Iowa proposes to follow up its researches in political, economic, and social history by the publication from time to time of essays in Applied History. The first volume of such essays appeared in 1912; the second volume of the series will appear in 1914.

XI.

HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS.

Publication is an essential feature of the activities of The State Historical Society of Iowa since its purpose is not alone to investigate, to discover, to collect, and to preserve, but also to make public the materials of history. The various publications which have been issued by the society may be conveniently grouped under the following heads:

- The Quarterly.
- The Public Archives.
- The Iowa Biographical Series.
- The Iowa Economic History Series.
- The Iowa Social History Series.
- The Miscellaneous Publications.
- The Bulletins of Information.

THE QUARTERLY.

Since its establishment in 1857, The State Historical Society of Iowa has issued three different quarterly publications, namely: the *Annals of Iowa*, 1863-1874; the *Iowa Historical Record*, 1885-1902; and the *Iowa Journal of History and Politics*, 1903-*Annals of Iowa* (1863-1874).

- Vol. I, 192; Vol. II, 192; Vol. IV, 192; Vol. V, 203; Vol. VI, 352; Vol. VII, 407; Vol. VIII, 392; Vol. IX, 320; Vol. X, 320; Vol. XI, 634; Vol. XII, 320.
- Iowa Historical Record* (1885-1902).
- Vol. I, 192; Vol. II, 192; Vol. III, 192; Vol. IV, 192; Vol. V, 192; Vol. VI, 192; Vol. VII, 192; Vol. VIII, 192; Vol. IX, 192; Vol. X, 192; Vol. XI, 192; Vol. XII, 192; Vol. XIII, 192; Vol. XIV, 192; Vol. XV, 192; Vol. XVI, 208; Vol. XVII, 192; Vol. XVIII, 202.

The *Iowa Journal of History and Politics* (1903).
Vol. I, 587; Vol. II, 674; Vol. III, 694; Vol. IV, 684; Vol. V, 614; Vol. VI, 690; Vol. VII, 667; Vol. VIII, 649; Vol. IX, 672; Vol. X, 665; Vol. XI, 703.

The leading contributions which appeared in *The Iowa Journal of History and Politics* during the period from July 1, 1912, to July 1, 1914, are as follows:

- History of the Codes of Iowa Law—The Revision of 1860.*
By Clifford Powell.
- Diary of a Journey from the Netherlands to Pella, Iowa, in 1849.*
By Jacob Van der Zee.
- The Assault upon Josiah B. Grinnell by Lovell H. Rousseau.*
By Paul R. Abrams.
- A War Time Militia Company.*
By Thomas Julian Bryant.
- Emigration from Iowa to Oregon in 1843.*
- History of Congressional Elections in Iowa.*
By Louis B. Schmidt.
- The Rendition of Barclay Coppoc.*
By Thomas Teakle.
- The Spanish Land Grants of Upper Louisiana.*
By Louis Pelzer.
- History of Congressional Elections in Iowa.*
By Louis B. Schmidt.
- Captain James Allen's Dragoon Expedition from Fort Des Moines, Territory of Iowa, in 1844.*
By Jacob Van der Zee.
- Forward Movements in Politics Since the Civil War.*
By Fred E. Haynes.
- History of the Codes of Iowa Law—The Code of 1873.*
By Clifford Powell.
- An Eminent Foreigner's Visit to the Dutch Colonies of Iowa in 1873.*
By Jacob Van der Zee.
- The Capture of General Marmaduke by James Dunlavy, an Iowa Private Cavalryman.*
By Thomas Julian Bryant.
- Captain Edwin V. Sumner's Dragoon Expedition in the Territory of Iowa in the Summer of 1845.*
By Jacob Van der Zee.
- History Made by Plain Men.*
By Louis Pelzer.

- Episodes in the Early History of the Western Iowa Country,
By Jacob Van der Zee.
- History of the Codes of Iowa Law—The Code of 1897,
By Clifford Powell.
- Some Hungarian Patriots in Iowa,
By Lillian May Wilson.
- Old Fort Madison: Some Source Materials,
By Jacob Van der Zee.
- The Work of the Thirty-fifth General Assembly of Iowa,
By Frank Edward Horack.
- The Mormon Trails in Iowa,
By Jacob Van der Zee.
- History of the Codes of Iowa Law—The Private Codes,
By Clifford Powell.
- The Miller-Thompson Election Contest,
By Louis B. Schmidt.
- The Seals of Iowa.
- Forts in the Iowa Country,
By Jacob Van der Zee.
- The Defalcation of Superintendent James D. Eads,
By Thomas Teakle.
- French Expedition Against the Sae and Fox Indians in the Iowa
Country, 1734-1735,
By Jacob Van der Zee.
- The Quakers of Iowa in 1850,
By Louis T. Jones.

THE PUBLIC ARCHIVES.

The publication plans of The State Historical Society of Iowa contemplate the systematic compilation, editing, and publication of the more important source materials of Iowa history as found in the Public Archives. Of such source materials the following have been issued by the society:

- Documentary Material Relating to the History of Iowa* (1897-1901) Vol. I, 287; Vol. II, 288; Vol. III, 325.
- Messages and Proclamations of the Governors of Iowa* (1903-1905) Vol. I, 487; Vol. II, 524; Vol. III, 472; Vol. IV, 382; Vol. V, 425; Vol. VI, 429; Vol. VII, 480.
- Executive Journal of Iowa, 1838-1841*, (1906). Pp. 341.

IOWA BIOGRAPHICAL SERIES.

- The Iowa Biographical Series will include the biographies of persons who occupy prominent places in the history of Iowa. The following volumes have already appeared in this series:
- Biography of Robert Lucas*, by John C. Parish, (1907). Pp. 356.
- Biography of Samuel Freeman Miller*, by Charles Noble Gregory, (1907). Pp. 217.
- Biography of Augustus Caesar Dodge*, by Louis Pelzer, (1908). Pp. 369.
- Biography of Thomas Cox*, by Harvey Reid, (1909). Pp. 257.
- Biography of John Chambers*, by John C. Parish, (1909). Pp. 272.
- Biography of Henry Dodge*, by Louis Pelzer, (1911). Pp. 266.
- Biography of George Wallace Jones*, by John C. Parish, (1912). Pp. 354.
- Biography of James Harlan*, by Johnson Brigham, (1913). Pp. 398.

IOWA ECONOMIC AND HISTORY SERIES.

- History of Labor Legislation in Iowa*, by E. H. Downey, (1910). Pp. 283.
- History of Taxation in Iowa*, by John E. Brindley, (1911). Vol. I, 493; Vol. II, 476.
- History of Road Legislation in Iowa*, by John E. Brindley, (1912). Pp. 422.
- History of Work Accident Indemnity in Iowa*, by E. H. Downey, (1912). Pp. 337.

IOWA SOCIAL HISTORY SERIES.

This new series of historical publications has been carefully planned. The following volumes are nearly completed and will appear in the near future:

- History of Recent Social Legislation in Iowa*, by J. E. Briggs.
- History of Poor Relief Legislation in Iowa*, by J. L. Gillin.
- History of Marriage and Divorce Legislation in Iowa*, by O. K. Patton.

MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS.

- Iowa Historical Lectures*, (1892). Pp. 92.
- History of Iowa City*, by Benj. F. Shambaugh, (1893). Pp. 116.
- Iowa Historical Lectures*, (1894). Pp. 135.
- Amish Mennonites in Iowa*, by B. L. Wick, (1894). Pp. 60.

Consitution and Records of the Claim Association of Johnson County, edited by Benj. F. Shambaugh, (1894). Pp. 196.

Debates of the Constitutional Conventions of 1844 and 1846, edited by Benj. F. Shambaugh, (1900). Pp. 415.

The Robert Lucas Journal of the War of 1812, edited by John C. Parish, (1906). Pp. 103.

Constitution of Iowa (Pocket edition), edited by Benj. F. Shambaugh, (1907). Pp. 107.

A Brief History of the State Historical Society of Iowa, by Benj. F. Shambaugh, (1907). Pp. 24.

Proceedings of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Constitution of Iowa, edited by Benj. F. Shambaugh, (1907). Pp. 455.

A Retrospect of Sixty Years, by J. L. Pickard, (1908). Pp. 24.

An Address Delivered at the Celebration of the Sixtieth Anniversary of the State University of Iowa, by H. E. Deemer, (1908). Pp. 42.

Amans: The Community of True Inspiration, by Bertha M. H. Shambaugh, (1908). Pp. 414.

Autobiography of John Chambers, edited by John C. Parish, (1908). Pp. 49.

The Legislative Reference Movement, by John E. Brindley, (1909). Pp. 10.

Territorial Governors of the Old Northwest, by Dwight G. McCarty, (1910). Pp. 210.

Abraham Lincoln, by Joseph Newton, (1910). Pp. 46.

On the Way to Iowa, by Laenas G. Weld, (1910). Pp. 32.

The Battle of Shiloh, by J. W. Rich, (1911). Pp. 134.

Commission Government in Iowa, by Benj. F. Shambaugh, (1912). Pp. 46.

History of Senatorial Elections in Iowa, by Dan E. Clark, (1912). Pp. 331.

The Hollanders of Iowa, by Jacob Van der Zee, (1912). Pp. 453.

The Quakers of Iowa, by Louis T. Jones, (1914). Pp. 360.

Decisive Episodes in Western History, by Laenas G. Weld, (1914). Pp. 45.

History of Township Government in Iowa, by Clarence R. Aurner, (1914). Pp. 266.

BULLETINS OF INFORMATION.

In order to meet the demands for information along certain lines of historical interest, the society has begun the publica-

tion of a series of Bulletins of Information. In this series the following numbers have been issued:

Bulletin of Information No. 1, April, 1904, entitled *Provisions for Membership in The State Historical Society of Iowa*.

Bulletin of Information No. 2, May, 1904, entitled *An Iowa Program for Study Clubs*.

Bulletin of Information No. 3, July, 1904, entitled *Suggestions to Public Libraries and Local Historical Societies Relative to Collecting and Preserving Materials of Local History*.

Bulletin of Information No. 4, June, 1905, entitled *Suggestions to Local Historians in Iowa*.

Bulletin of Information No. 5, April, 1906, entitled *Organization of County Historical Societies*.

Bulletin of Information No. 6, July, 1907, (revised and enlarged edition of Bulletin No. 2) entitled *An Iowa Program for Study Clubs*.

Bulletin of Information No. 7, June, 1914, entitled *One Hundred Topics in Iowa History*.

XII.

THE LIBRARY.

Since its establishment in 1857, the State Historical Society of Iowa has maintained a library of books, pamphlets, and manuscripts for the use of those interested in the study of Iowa and American history as well as for the benefit of those who either upon their own initiative or under the direction of the society are engaged in scientific historical research. It was not, however, until the removal of the Library to the Hall of Liberal Arts in 1901 that the entire collection was completely classified, accessioned, and shelf-listed according to modern library methods. An inventory of the Library taken in July, 1914, records the following statistics:

Number of titles accessioned	41,170
Number of bound newspapers	2,850
Number of miscellaneous duplicates	3,200
Number of duplicates of Iowa documents ..	7,250

Total number of titles 54,570

Besides the large collection of miscellaneous titles bearing upon the general and local history of Iowa, the Mississippi Valley and

the United States, the Library contains the various official and scientific publications of the United States Government, publications issued under the authority of the State of Iowa, the laws of the Territories and States of the Mississippi Valley, and the publications of the various historical, scientific, and learned institutions of the whole country. In recent years an effort has been made to collect the writings of Iowa authors.

The manuscript collections which have been acquired by the society are securely kept under lock and key in steel safes.

XIII.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Owing to the rapid development and expansion of the work of the society during recent years, a bill was introduced at the session of the Thirty-fifth General Assembly providing for an additional annual support of \$10,000. It did not seem feasible to appropriate the entire sum called for in this bill because of the limited amount in the State Treasury in 1913. Accordingly, only \$4,000 was then added to the annual support of the society.

Now the Board of Curators recommends an additional appropriation of \$6,000 annually for the support of the society. This would make possible the continuation of researches along the lines already undertaken and at the same time assure more adequate support for the applied history researches and the new series of publications which it is proposed to bring out under the title of "Iowa Social History Series."