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OF THE

BOARD OF CURATORS

OF THE

State Historical Society

TO THE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE.

1887.

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IOWA CITY, IOWA.

To his Excellency, WILLIAM LARRABEE, *Governor of Iowa:*

SIR—The Board of Curators of the State Historical Society of Iowa submit this its Sixteenth Biennial Report.

The Curators hold their regular meetings on the second Saturday evening of each month, and the rooms of the Society are open to visitors Wednesday and Saturday of each week, and at other times when desirable. The interest taken in the Society by the increased number of visitors and donations received, are very gratifying.

The *Historical Record*, a quarterly, was begun some two years ago, for the purpose of exchange. Its object is to collect and preserve in a permanent form, facts connected with the history of the State, to preserve the memory of the early pioneers of Iowa, their deeds, exploits, perils and adventures; to publish sketches of localities in olden time, as their primal features are pictured upon the memory of observers; biographical sketches of prominent citizens, and the origin, growth and development of the institutions of the State.

THE LIBRARY.

There has been a very satisfactory increase in the library, both in bound volumes and pamphlets. (The list of donations are hereto attached.) We would like to have a copy of every book and pamphlet published in Iowa, for which we will give due credit and reciprocate as far as in our power.

NEWSPAPERS.

Our collection of newspapers is increasing and is becoming very valuable; of some files the Society possesses the only known copies.

They are frequently referred to both by the historian and legal profession. If publishers of newspapers throughout the State could appreciate the importance of depositing their publications in our rooms, where they are bound as soon as volumes are completed, and receive the Society's publication in exchange, they would confer a lasting obligation on future generations.

The report of the Treasurer is hereby appended, and statement showing for what purpose the expenses were incurred.

The Board of Curators of the Society, for the two years under review, was as follows:

By appointment of the Governor:

Hon. H. C. Bullis.....Winneshiek county.
Hon. J. F. Duncombe.....Webster county.
Hon. J. W. N. Rumple.....Iowa county.
W. O. Crosby, Esq.....Appanoose county.
Wm. Toman, Esq.....Buchanan county.
H. A. Burrell, Esq.....Washington county.
D. N. Richardson, Esq.....Scott county.

By election of Society, June 22, 1885:

J. L. Pickard, LL. D.....Iowa City.
C. M. Hobby, M. D.....Iowa City.
E. F. Clapp, M. D.....Iowa City.
S. Calvin, A. M.....Iowa City.
*G. Hinrichs, A. M.....Iowa City.
Hon. S. E. Paine.....Iowa City.
Hon. C. T. Ransom.....Iowa City.
James Lee, Esq.....Iowa City.
S. C. Trowbridge, Esq.....Iowa City.

The present Board of Curators is as follows:

By appointment of the Governor.

J. O. Crosby.....Garnavillo.
W. J. Knight.....Dubuque.
Marion Murdock.....Humboldt.
D. N. Richardson.....Davenport.
George D. Perkins.....Sioux City.
W. R. Vaughan.....Council Bluffs.
A. H. Hamilton.....Ottumwa.
Samuel M. Clark.....Keokuk.
J. F. Duncombe.....Fort Dodge.

*G. Hinrichs resigned March 12, 1886, and May 8 Peter A. Dey, Esq., was elected to fill the vacancy.

By election of Society, June 22, 1887:

J. L. Pickard.....Iowa City.
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C. T. Ransom.....Iowa City.
S. E. Paine.....Iowa City.
P. A. Dey.....Iowa Cily.
James Lee.....Iowa City.
S. C. Trowbridge.....Iowa City.

The officers of the Society are:

J. L. Pickard.....President.
William Emons.....Vice President.
Lyman Parsons.....Treasurer.
M. W. Davis.....Secretary.

L. PARSONS, *Treasurer, in account with the Iowa State Historical Society.*

GENERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

1885.	
August 1, to balance on hand last report	$ 601.29
November 19, to cash	500.00
1886.	
May 12, to cash	500.00
August 25, to cash	500.00
1887.	
January 26, to cash	500.00
June 2, to cash	3.00
	$2,604.29

DISBURSEMENTS.

1885.	
August 12, voucher number 2	$ 2.25
August 12, voucher number 3	2.10
August 12, voucher number 4	14.00
August 12, voucher number 5	25.00
August 31, voucher number 6	35.00
September 11, voucher number 7	62.50
September 12, voucher number 8	10.00
September 12, voucher number 9	15.75
October 10, voucher number 10	2.60
October 10, voucher number 11	20.15
October 10, voucher number 12	25 00
November 14, voucher number 13	5.00
November 14, voucher number 14	4.50
November 14, voucher number 15	17.40
November 14, voucher number 16	27.05
December 12, voucher number 17	61.75
December 12, voucher number 18	35.00
December 12, voucher number 19	25.00
December 12, voucher number 20	145.83
December 12, voucher number 21	12.75
1886.	
January 6, voucher number 22	25.75
January 7, voucher number 23	20.00

January 8, voucher number 24	$ 25.00
January 23, voucher number 25	1.70
January 23, voucher number 26	6.25
January 23, voucher number 27	2.10
January 23, voucher number 28	6.00
February 8, voucher number 29	15.00
February 13, voucher number 30	31.70
February 13, voucher number 31	2.20
February 13, voucher number 32	50.00
February 20, voucher number 34	59.75
March 13, voucher number 35	13.70
March 13, voucher number 36	11.25
March 13, voucher number 37	6.35
April 10, voucher number 38	14.80
April 10, voucher number 39	6.85
May 4, voucher number 40	35.00
May 8, voucher number 41	14.50
May 8, voucher number 42	10.00
May 8, voucher number 43	3.75
May 18, voucher number 44	63.00
June 12, voucher number 45	25.00
June 12, voucher number 46	137.50
June 12, voucher number 47	18.50
June 15, voucher number 48	1.55
July 10, voucher number 49	21.10
July 10, voucher number 50	21.90
July 10, voucher number 51	4.15
July 24, voucher number 52	35.00
August 14, voucher number 53	15.75
September 3, voucher number 54	59.75
September 11, voucher number 55	1.75
September 11, voucher number 56	12.75
September 11, voucher number 57	2.89
September 11, voucher number 58	25.00
October 9, voucher number 59	16.25
October 13, voucher number 60	35.00
October 30, voucher number 61	59.75
November 13, voucher number 63	37.50
November 13, voucher number 64	7.00
November 13, voucher number 65	15.75
November 13, voucher number 66	4.30
November 13, voucher number 67	.70
December 11, voucher number 68	14.60
December 11, voucher number 69	137.50
December 23, voucher number 70	25.00
1887.	
January 7, voucher number 71	35.00

January 8, voucher number 72	$ 13.40
January 8, voucher number 73	3.79
February 5, voucher number 74	59.75
February 12, voucher number 75	15.00
February 12, voucher number 76	3 50
February 12, voucher number 77	.70
February 12, voucher number 78	25.00
February 19, voucher number 79	25.90
March 12, voucher number 81	16.85
March 12, voucher number 82	4.50
March 12, voucher number 83	31.56
March 12, voucher number 84	11.15
March 30, voucher number 85	35.00
April 8, voucher number 86	32.00
April 9, voucher number 87	59.75
May 14, voucher number 88	30.50
May 14, voucher number 89	1.25
May 14, voucher number 90	7.04
May 14, voucher number 91	12 50
June 18, voucher number 92	16.25
June 18, voucher number 93	137.50
July 9, voucher number 94	16.75
July 9, voucher number 95	27.15
July 9, voucher number 96	3.19
	$2,334.20
July 15, balance on hand general fund	270.09

SPECIAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

1885.	
August 1, to balance on hand last report	$ 443.83

DISBURSEMENTS.

1885.		
August 12, by voucher No. 1	$ 3.00	
1886.		
February 13, by voucher No. 33	3.00	
November 13, by voucher No. 62	14.75	
1887.		
February 26, by voucher No. 80	15.05	
		35.80
July 15, balance on hand in special fund		$ 408.03
1887.		
July 15, balance in special fund		408.03
July 15, balance in general fund		270.09
Total in hands of Treasurer		$ 678.12

The following are the expenditures of the Society for the two years:

GENERAL FUND.

Rent	$ 558.33
Fuel	31.30
Gas	7.35
Shelving and cases	52.86
Glass and frames	8.25
Postal cards and printing	12.60
Binding	73.15
Publishing Historical record	874.65
Librarian and care of rooms	367.90
Secretary	300.00
Freight and express charges	17.20
Postage and box rent	15.36
Notary service	2.25
Stationery	2.15
Repairing stoves	6.20
Miscellaneous	4.65
Total	$ 2,334 20

SPECIAL FUND.

Purchase of books	$ 35.80

LIST OF DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

	Bound books.	Pamph.
Allison, Hon. William B.	7	
American Antiquarian Society		5
American Catholic Historical Society, Philadelphia		2
American Geographical Society, New York		8
Applegate & Co., New York	1	
Ames, John G., Washington, D. C.		1
Astor Library		1
Belknap, Gen. W. W., Washington, D. C.	2	1
Boston Public Library		6
Brooklyn Library Association		1
Bureau of Labor, Washington, D. C.	5	
Buffalo Historical Society		1
Bradley, C. B., Oakland, California		1
Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.	6	5
Bradlee, Rev. C. D., Boston	1	46
Bureau of Ethnology, Washington, D. C.	2	
Bureau of Statistics, Washington, D. C.	1	7
Baker, Walter	1	
Benet, Gen. S. F., Washington, D. C.	7	1
Bentley, William R.		1
Chicago Historical Society	1	1
California Historical Society		1
Cist, Gen. Henry M.	1	
Cadle, Henry, St. Joseph, Missouri	1	
Chalmas, Patrick, London, England		1
Comptroller of the Currency	1	
Carpenter, Harvey, Milwaukee	1	
Cayago County Historical Society, Auburn, New York		1
Canadian Institute, Toronto		5
Cudmore, P., Fairbault, Minnesota	1	
Connecticut Historical Society	2	6
Clark, Robert, Cincinnati, Ohio	1	
City of Portland, Oregon		1
Chapin, H. O.		1
Department of Interior, Washington, D. C.	76	20
Davenport Academy of Science		2
Dodge, Robert, Hempstead, New York	1	

	Bound books.	Pamph.
Department of State, Washington, D. C.	6	23
Delaware Historical Society		1
Dinwiddie, Mrs. Dr., Oxford, Iowa	16	
Darling, Gen. C. W., Utica, New York	1	4
DeWolf Fieke Co., Boston		1
Davis, Hon. H. C., Keokuk		1
Davis, M. W.	6	
Essex Institute		14
Essex Bar Association		1
Estes, Laneat		4
Fairall, H. S., Iowa City	1	3
Flick, L. F., Philadelphia		1
Frederick, Hon. B. F.	1	
Georgia Historical Society	1	
German Society, New York		1
Guelich, Theo., Burlington, Iowa		1
Gould, L. M.		2
Goodrell, Capt. Wm. H., Iowa City		2
Green, Dr. Sam'l A., Boston	4	40
Griffin, M. J., Philadelphia		1
Historic and Philosophical Society, Cincinnati	1	2
Haydon, Rev. Horace E., Wilkes Barre, Pa.		7
Hazen, Gen. W. B., Washington	1	10
Hutchins, E. R., Des Moines	1	
Hardin, Wm., Savanna, Ga.	1	
Hill, Rev. Geo. M., Burlington, N. J.	1	
Historical and Pioneer Society, Newark, N. J.		1
Hammond, Hon. W. G., St. Louis		1
Indiana Historical Society	2	1
Irish, Hon. C. W., Reno, Nev.		4
Johns Hopkins University		15
Johnson, Wm., Toronto, Canada		1
Kansas Historical Society	1	
Kansas State Board of Agriculture	1	
King, Lincoln, Marshalltown		1
Kingsley, Wm. L.		1
Library Company, Boston		1
Long Island Historical Society	2	2
Lane, Geo. W., Santa Fe, N. M.	1	
Library Company, Philadelphia		4
Lindsley, Dr. J. Berrien, Nashville, Tenn.	1	
Leeds, Josiah W., Philadelphia	1	
Lackawana Institute, Scranton, Pa.		1
Lane, R. H.		1
Little, Brown & Co., Boston	1	
Lathrop, Dr. C. H., Lyons, Iowa	3	

	Bound books.	Pamph.
Maine Historical Society	1	
Minnesota Historical Society		27
Minnesota Academy of Science, Minneapolis		1
McGee, Prof. W. J., Washington, D. C.	1	1
Monroe, Capt. J. H., Muscatine		1
Murray, W. A.		14
Massachusetts Historical Society	3	
Morrison Observatory, Glasgow, Mo		1
Minneapolis Board of Trade		1
McDonnell Bros.		1
Mexican Consul, Washington, D. C.	1	
Maryland Historical Society		1
Maxwell, Mrs. S. B., Des Moines	1	
McClurg Co., Chicago	1	
Navy Department, Washington, D. C.	1	
Newport Historical Society		1
New Jersey Historical Society	3	2
Nebraska Historical Society	1	
Naval Observatory, Washington, D. C.		3
New England Historic Geneological Society		10
New York Geneological and Biographical Society		6
Numismatic and Antiquarian Society, Philadelphia		1
Oneida Historical Society, Utica, N. Y.	1	1
Old Colony Historical Society, Taunton, Mass.	1	
Pennsylvania Historical Society	1	[illegible]
Patent Office	2	8
Peet, Rev. S. D.		8
Parvin, Hon. T. S., Iowa City	44	
Pillsbury, Hon. Parker, Concord, N. H.	1	2
Quincy, Edmund, Boston	1	
Queen's Printer, Quebec	1	
Rhode Island Historical Society	2	2
Roungarten, J. G., Philadelphia	1	
Ricard, Jacob, Iowa City	3	
Ransom, Hon. T. C., Iowa City	6	
Rowe, H. D., Iowa City	5	
Smithsonian Institute	4	
State Library, Des Moines	2	
Salter, Dr. William, Burlington		2
Smucker, Hon. Isaac, Newark, O.		1
State Agricultural College, Manhattan, Kansas		1
Switzer, J. C., Iowa City		1
Sims, William, Topeka, Kansas		1
Shakers, Union Village, N. H.		14
Smith, A. M., Philadelphia		1
Scott, Walter		1

	Bound books.	Pamph.
Scribners Sons		3
Secretary of State, Des Moines	184	
Saunders, W. B., Philadelphia		1
Secretary of Treasury	1	
Tennessee Historical Society	1	
Teetor, H. B., Cincinnati	1	
Treasury Department, Washington	4	1
Trowbridge Col. S. C., Iowa City	54	
University of California, Berkley		6
United States Catholic Historical Society		2
United States Civil Service Commission	1	
United States War Department	3	
United States Coast and Geodetic Survey	1	
Vilas, Gen. W. F., Washington	1	
Virginia Historical Society	2	
Wisconsin Historical Society		5
Weeks, R. D., Newark, N. J.	1	
Worcester Society of Antiquity		2
Williams, J. Fletcher, St. Paul		4
Wyoming Historical and Geneological Society, Wilkesbarre, Pa.		2
Western Reserve and Northern Ohio Historical Society		6
Warner Observatory, Rochester, N. Y.		1
Walton, J. P., Muscatine		4
Yale University	1	3
Zohane & Co., Lancaster, Pa.		9

The following are some of the donations received for the Cabinet:

G. N. Fletcher, Esq., contributes an hour glass that has been in his family over 150 years. And James Lee reminds us that envelops and blotting pads are of recent origin by presenting sand and wafer bases. Mrs. Geo. Paul and Miss Kate Winchester donate a beveled mirror, candle-stick and snuffers that were presented to their grandmother at her wedding in 1780. Miss Ann Westcott, Iowa City, presents a genuine copy of the Ulster County (N. Y.) Gazette, announcing the death of General Washington; this paper has been in possession of the family since its publication. Iowa was disposod to take up arms against her sister State, Missouri, at one time and the Supreme Court of the United States settled the controversy by a decree rendered at the December term, 1848, in the boundary case Missouri vs. Iowa and Iowa vs. Missouri. The decree came into possession of Governor Briggs, while Governor of Iowa, and was sent to the Society by his daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Briggs, Omaha, Neb.

Gen. C. W. Darling, Utica, N. Y., sends an engraving of the great seal of the Province of New York, 1670. V. G. Baker, Chariton, Iowa, sent a fine specimen of octopod or devil fish captured on the southern coast of California. H. W. Lathrop, Wheeler, Dakota, contributes a snake peculiar to that section of the country. Among the photographs received is two from Hon. C. W. Irish, of groups of the Iowa county meteorite. Dr. Wm. Salter, of Burlington, Iowa, has placed in the rooms phototype copies of commission from President Andrew Jackson to Henry Dodge as governor of Wisconsin, dated April 30, 1836 ; also a commission issued by the then governor, Wm. Henry Harrison, of Indiana Territory, to Israel Dodge as sheriff, dated October 1, 1804. From Dr. Charles H. Lathrop, Lyons, Iowa, photograph of General Fitz Henry Warren, First Colonel of the First Regiment of Iowa Cavalry Volunteers. Chas. Cartwright, of Marengo, Iowa, sends photo of family, consisting of his mother-in-law—Mrs. Till, wife, daughter, grand-daughter and great grand-daughter, five generations, taken at a reunion recently held. Ex-Governor S. J. Kirkwood and Dr. J. L. Pickard place in the Cabinet their life-size photographs. Gen. G. W. Jones, Dubuque, Iowa, his photo and autograph. Col. James Wilson, of Newton, Iowa, his photograph. Fractional currency from C. B. McLaughlin, Winterset, Iowa. Canada fractional currency from Prof. S. Calvin and Confederate money and autographs from Rev. C. D. Bradlee, Boston. Prof. Currier and W. J. Haddock, Iowa City, furnishes some early maps of Iowa, Johnson county and Iowa City. Mr. H. Goodrell furnishes badges of Crocker Brigade and First Iowa Infantry. L. R. Withrell, Davenport, Iowa, donates a John Brown pike, taken at Harper's Ferry. Mrs. N. Jessie Oran, Laporte, Iowa, some specimens of star fish. Frank Parrott, a Texas cactus cane. Charles Cartwright, a lady's side-saddle, made in Virginia in 1824. L. G. Wilson, an old arm chair, made in Iowa in 1839. The Board of Regents of the State University, furnish a box containing MSS., papers and pamphlets deposited in corner stone Iowa Collegiate Female Institute, October, 1833. From M. W. Davis, four inscribed lead tablets, taken from corner stone of Methodist Protestant Church, Iowa City, having been placed there May 12, 1841. Grand Secretary Parvin deposited a bronze medal, commemorative of laying corner stone Masonic Temple, Cedar Rapids, May 7, 1884.

The Society is under obligations to H. D. Rowe, Esq., late of San

Francisco, for a variety of specimens, among which are some rare Chinese carios.

We have supplied the following societies and libraries with our exchanges, either in whole or in part, during the past two years:

American Antiquarian Society.....Worcester, Mass.
American Geographical Society.....New York.
American Philosophical Society.....Philadelphia.
Arkansas Historical Society.....Little Rock.
Agricultural College.....Ames, Iowa.
Academy of Science.....Davenport.
Academy of Natural Science.....Philadelphia.
Academy of Natural Science.....Minneapolis.
Buffalo Historical Society.....Buffalo.
Bureau of Education.....Washington.
Bureau of Ethnology.....Washington.
Colorado Historical Society.....Denver.
Chicago Historical Society.....Chicago.
Connecticut Historical Society.....Hartford.
Congregational Library.....Boston.
Canadian Institute.....Toronto.
California Historical Society.....San Francisco.
Catholic Historical Society.....New York.
Cayuga County Historical Society.....Auburn.
Delaware Historical Society.....Wilmington.
Essex Institute.....Salem, Mass.
Georgia Historical Society.....Savannah.
Historical and Philosophical Society.....Cincinnati.
Historical and Geological Society.....Wilkesbarre, Pa.
Historical Society.....Newport, R. I.
Indiana Historical Society.....Indianapolis.
Johns Hopkins University.....Baltimore.
Kansas Historical Society.....Topeka.
Long Island Historical Society.....Brooklyn.
Library Company.....Philadelphia.
Library Grand Lodge.....Cedar Rapids.
Maine Historical Society.....Portland.
Massachusetts Historical Society.....Boston.
Maryland Historical Society.....Baltimore.
Minnesota Historical Society.....St. Paul.
Michigan Historical Society.....Detroit.
Missouri Historical Society.....St. Louis.
Minnesota Academy of Science.....Minneapolis.
New York Historical Society.....New York.
New Jersey Historical Society.....Newark.
New England Historical and Geneological Society.....Boston.

New Hampshire Historical Society.....Concord.
New York Geneological and Biographical Society.....New York.
Nebraska Historical Society.....Lincoln.
Old Colony Historical Society.....Taunton, Mass.
Oneida Historical Society.....Utica.
Pennsylvania Historical Society.....Philadelphia.
Public Library.....Boston.
Rhode Island Historical Society.....Providence.
Smithsonian Institute.....Washington.
South Carolina Historical Society.....Charleston.
Southern California Historical Society.....Los Angeles.
Signal Office.....Washington.
State Library.....Des Moines.
Tennessee Historical Society.....Nashville.
University of California.....Berkeley.
University Library.....Iowa City.
Vermont Historical Society.....Montpelier.
Virginia Historical Society.....Richmond.
Worcester Society of Antiquity.....Worcester, Mass.
Western Reserve Historical Society.....Cleveland.
Wisconsin Historical Society.....Madison.
Wesleyan University.....Middleton, Conn.
Yale University.....New Haven.