

explanation given, and then believed that his son had been well treated. In this investigation, when attendants were sworn, the question was invariably asked of each if they testified of their own free will, without being biased by the Hospital authorities in any manner, or if any attempt had been made to influence or control their testimony; and the answer in every case was that no attempt had been made to control or direct them, and no inquiry made as to what they would swear to.

Dr. Ranney's testimony was very full and complete, and covered almost, or quite, all points in Hospital management, giving those present a better insight into it than they had ever had before.

It was said that one D. E. Anden, of Mt. Vernon, Henry county, a patient in Hospital some years ago for about nine months, knew of some things bad in Hospital management, or of some abuses. He was not subpoenaed, and the chairman of the committee wrote to him, asking if he knew of any abuses in Hospital, or anything wrong there that the committee ought to be informed of. His reply is that he did not, and does not know of any such abuses. After having spent two weeks in their investigation, and made it as thorough as practicable, your committee have arrived at the conclusion that the charges of corruption and bad management, made against the authorities of the Hospital are not true, and that the weight of testimony shows good and competent management, and an honest and faithful endeavor to do the best that can be done by the unfortunate class under their care. The management of the Hospital do not claim that such an institution, having more than five hundred insane patients, can be carried on wholly without mistakes or accidents. We further state as our opinion, from the evidence taken at this investigation, also from close observation of the management of the Hospital, and an intimate acquaintance with its officers and attendants for the past seven years, acquired by a monthly inspection of said Hospital that the charges of mismanagement, etc., are without any just foundation, and are cruel and outrageous in causing great alarm among friends of patients who are there for care and treatment.

DR. S. B. OLNEY, *President.*

T. W. FAWCETT, *Secretary.*

MRS. L. S. KINCAID.

THIRTEENTH BIENNIAL REPORT

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REPORT.

To His Excellency JOHN H. GEAR, Governor of the State of Iowa:

SIR:—The Board of Curators of the State Historical Society of Iowa, herewith beg leave to submit this, the thirteenth biennial report, as required by law. And in so doing, they first express the deep regret, which will be shared by all, that two of their most honored and valued members, one by death and the other by removal to another State, have severed their connections with the Society.

The Hon. Thomas Hughes, acting secretary for the past four years, has been called hence by death. The Hon. William G. Hammond who for many years has been an earnest and untiring worker in behalf of the State Historical Society, accepted the Deanship of the Washington University Law School at St. Louis, Missouri, and thus the Society loses one more of its strong supports.

The officers of the Society for the year 1879-80 were as follows: President of the Society and of the Board of Curators, Hon. William G. Hammond.

Members of the board by appointment of the Governor:

- 1st congressional district, C. W. Slagle, of Jefferson county.
- 2d congressional district, D. N. Richardson, of Scott county.
- 3d congressional district, Henry C. Bulis, of Winneshiek county.
- 4th congressional district, A. T. Reeve, of Franklin county.
- 5th congressional district, J. W. Henderson, of Linn county.
- 6th congressional district, A. K. Campbell, of Jasper county.
- 7th congressional district, T. S. Parr, of Warren county.
- 8th congressional district, L. W. Ross, of Pottawattamie county.
- 9th congressional district, John F. Duncombe, of Webster county.

Members of the board by election of the Society: William G. Hammond, M. W. Davis, Robert Hutchinson, James Lee, C. M. Hobby, Thomas Hughes, S. E. Paine, S. C. Trowbridge and J. L. Pickard, all of Johnson county.

Treasurer, D. W. C. Clapp, Iowa City.

Assistant Librarian, Col. S. C. Trowbridge, Iowa City.

Assistant Secretary, Hon. Thomas Hughes, Iowa City.

In pursuance of law an election of officers of the Society was held at the last annual meeting held June 27, 1881. The following constitute the board of Curators and other officers of the Society for the ensuing two years: President of the board of Curators and of the Society, Dr. J. L. Pickard, Iowa City.

Members of the board by appointment of the governor:

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- 2d congressional district, D. N. Richardson, of Scott county.
- 3d congressional district, H. C. Bulis, of Winneshiek county.
- 4th congressional district, A. T. Reave, of Franklin county.
- 5th congressional district, J. N. W. Rumpel, of Iowa county.
- 6th congressional district, William B. Crosby, of Appanoose county.
- 7th congressional district, T. S. Parr, of Warren county.
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Treasurer, D. W. C. Clapp, Iowa City; Assistant Librarian, Col. S. C. Trowbridge, Iowa City; Assistant Secretary, Dr. C. M. Hobby, Iowa City, and at a meeting held August 27, 1881, the board elected H. D. Rowe, secretary. Since the last report of this Society many valuable additions have been made to our already large library, and rare and interesting collections of coins, minerals and zoological specimens have been added to our cabinets.

We have given particular attention to the binding of our numerous papers and pamphlets; and have received from the binders about five hundred volumes of books, papers and pamphlets, and there is still a large number in the hands of the binder. To accommodate this amount of material the board have had built and arranged conveniently large cases, not only making it convenient but utilizing all the space.

The Society receive regularly many of the leading newspapers of the State, and we are pleased to say the number is gradually increasing. And it would be a pleasure to us to acknowledge the receipt of every paper, book or pamphlet published in the State, and let us assure all persons interested that all such contributions sent

us will receive proper and careful attention and will be filed away in a safe and convenient place for inspection and reference. Our collection of newspapers for the past twenty years number about two thousand. It is the only collection of Iowa papers in existence, and one of which the Society has a just right to be proud. From these volumes alone could a pretty accurate history of the events transpiring within the State be written.

The Society has a number of books and pamphlets on hand for exchange, and we are daily making such exchanges with sister societies and with private persons, thus enlarging our already extensive and valuable library. Our mineralogical cabinet and natural history department, our antiquarian and general historical collections of articles symbolic of the spirit, or representative of the customs, of the times past and current are already large and are daily increasing; and the value of this material can only be estimated by a careful examination of the articles themselves.

Such historic facts and materials are not and cannot be too highly prized. These and many more objects of historic interest collected by dint of hard and energetic labor, without the hope of fee or reward, are to be seen and admired inside the library rooms of this Society.

We regret to say, however, that at present we have not a full and complete catalogue of all our collections; and a partial excuse for not presenting the same at present is the poor health and untimely death of our late acting secretary, the Hon. Thomas Hughes, and the short time in which the present secretary has had to become familiar with his duties and prepare this report (since August 27, 1881). But by the time of our next report we hope to be able to present a full catalogue of all our collections.

In other ways, too, the work which this Society has been appointed to perform has grown upon its hands to an extent far beyond the limited means given it for the purpose.

The rooms are open to the public on Wednesdays and Saturdays of each week, and are visited by persons from all parts of the Union to the number of several thousands yearly, and few of the many visitors go away without expressing their surprise and pleasure at the collections of articles illustrative of Iowa history already formed. Especially is this true of the students of the State University who

as a rule visit these rooms weekly and avail themselves of the splendid opportunity afforded.

This Society has at times had dark forebodings, but the clouds and mists have cleared away, and it is at present in a flourishing and prosperous condition.

For the purpose of perfecting our history as a Society, we present in an appendix the reports of the years 1857 to 1864.

We feel the importance of renewing the publication of our *Annals* as soon as the means at our command will warrant.

The report of the treasurer for the years 1879 and 1881 is hereby given in detail, and is as follows:

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, in account with D. W. C. CLAPP, Treasurer. Cr.	
1880.	
Jan. 1, By balance on hand	\$ 40.87
Jan. 12, By cash, State appropriation.....	500.00
1881.	
May 26, By cash, State appropriation.....	500.00
Aug. 29, By cash per annual fees of members.....	8.00
Sept. 1, By cash per annual fees of members.....	1.00
Total receipts.....	\$1,049.87

DISBURSEMENTS.

For rent of building, five vouchers.....	\$300.00
For fuel, four vouchers.....	42.55
For salary of secretary, four vouchers.....	85.00
For salary of librarian, seven vouchers.....	235.00
For binding, two vouchers.....	132.50
For book case, one voucher.....	78.15
For postage and express, six vouchers.....	11.73
For sundries, expenses and repairs, nine vouchers.....	55.20
Total disbursements.....	940.00
Balance in treasury.....	109.74
All of which is most respectfully submitted,	

H. D. ROWE, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.
