

# TWENTY-SECOND BIENNIAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF CURATORS

OF THE

# State Historical Society

TO THE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE.

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*Hon. Leslie M. Shaw, Governor of Iowa:*

SIR—I herewith transmit to you the twenty-second biennial report of the board of curators of the State Historical Society of Iowa.

Yours respectfully,

M. W. DAVIS,  
*Secretary.*

# REPORT.

LIBRARY ROOM,  
STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA, }  
IOWA CITY.

*To His Excellency, Leslie M. Shaw, Governor of Iowa:*

SIR—In compliance with law, the board of curators of the State Historical society submits this, its twenty-second biennial report.

In 1857 the society was organized under an act of the Sixth General Assembly, making an appropriation for its support, and providing that it should be "in connection with and under the auspices of the State University." The object of the society is declared to be to collect, embody, arrange, and preserve "in authentic form a library of books, pamphlets, maps, charts, manuscripts, papers, paintings, statuary, and other materials illustrative of the history of Iowa; to rescue 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 the past and present resources of the state." The society also aims to promote the study of history by lectures, and diffuse and publish information relating to the description and history of Iowa.

The curators have endeavored to comply with the law and have accomplished much with the small means at their command.

They have held before the society and the public free lectures on historical subjects from some of the most prominent men of the state. These have been published in pamphlet form for free distribution. The society has published monographs and other valuable papers of great interest, among which may be mentioned "Documentary Material Relating to the History of Iowa," by Dr. B. F. Shambaugh. Eight numbers have been issued, making a volume of 288 pages. The board of curators desires to complete the work if it had the necessary funds.

These publications, of valuable historical matter, are in such form as to enable the student to obtain data.

In addition to the historical matter referred to, the society has for fifteen years published "The Iowa Historical Record," a forty-eight page quarterly historical magazine, containing portraits and biographical sketches of some of the early prominent settlers, together with historical matter contributed by the best known writers of our state.

These publications are exchanged with the newspapers of the state and with historical societies and libraries throughout the country, bringing us their publications that are filling up our shelves with valuable historical matter that otherwise could not be obtained.

We have nearly 3,000 bound volumes of state newspapers, some of which reach back before the organization of, and from all parts of, the state; which contain more local history than can be obtained in any other form. It is the desire of the society to receive all papers, books or pamphlets published in the state, and all such contributions will receive proper care and be placed conveniently for inspection and reference.

The rooms are open to the public on Wednesdays and Saturdays of each week, and are visited by persons from all parts of the country to the number of thousands yearly; and few of the many visitors go away without expressing themselves regarding the valuable collection illustrative of Iowa history. The students of the university can be seen every day the rooms are open, with their note books, making memoranda in connection with their studies.

The board asks for an appropriation of \$1,000 per annum for the next two years in addition to the \$1,000 now received, for the following reasons:

There has been accumulated from all sources, more especially from exchanges, a large amount of historical matter that should be bound; the completion of the valuable matter prepared by Professor Shambaugh; the continuation of the publication of the Iowa Historical Record; and also to enable the board to open the rooms more frequently.

The report of the treasurer for the years from July 1, 1897, to July 1, 1899, is appended, and a statement showing for what purpose the expenses were incurred; also a list of donations to the library.

The board of curators for the two years under review are as follows:

BY APPOINTMENT OF THE GOVERNOR.

Hon. George D. Perkins.....	Sioux City
*Hon. D. N. Richardson.....	Davenport
Miss Marian Murdock.....	Humboldt
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Hon. William J. Knight.....	Dubuque
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Hon. S. E. Paine.....	Iowa City
*Dr. M. B. Cochran.....	Iowa City
Prof. B. F. Shambaugh.....	Iowa City

The officers of the society are:

Dr. J. L. Pickard.....	President
Prof. I. A. Loos.....	Vice-President
Lovell Swisher.....	Treasurer
M. W. Davis.....	Secretary and Librarian

\* Deceased.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

*State Historical Society of Iowa in Account with Lovell Swisher, Treasurer.*

## GENERAL FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

June 30, 1897, by balance on hand .....	\$ 6.13
By amount received from state treasurer .....	2,000.00
Total .....	\$ 2,006.13

## DISBURSEMENTS.

To vouchers Nos. 1 to 70 .....	1,755.79
July 1, 1899, balance on hand .....	\$ 250.34

## SPECIAL FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

June 30, 1897, by balance .....	\$ 5.73
By deposits .....	288.30
Total .....	\$ 294.03

## DISBURSEMENTS.

To vouchers Nos. 1 to 11 .....	262.50
July 1, 1899, by balance .....	\$ 31.53

## PRINTING AND BINDING FUND.

June 30, 1897, by balance .....	\$ 2.75
To voucher No. 1 .....	2.75

The following shows the expenditures of the society for the two years:

Publishing Historical Record .....	\$ 706.19
Rent .....	550.00
Custodian and care of rooms .....	312.75
Secretary .....	300.00
Binding .....	62.75
Fuel and gas .....	36.00
Postage, express and freight .....	36.55
Repairs .....	5.80
Printing .....	9.00
Notarial .....	2.00
Total .....	\$ 2,021.04

## DONORS OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

The following is a list of the books and pamphlets given the society by individuals and institutions, including those in exchange for the publications of this society, excepting newspapers:

	BOOKS.	PAM- PHLETS.
American Geographical Society, New York .....	8	
American Museum of Natural History, New York .....	4	
American Catholic Historical Society, Philadelphia .....	8	
American Jewish Historical Society, Washington .....	2	
American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass. ....	8	
American Catholic Historical Researches, Philadelphia ..	8	
American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia .....	8	
"A Friend," Providence, R. I. ....	1	
Adams, Hon. Chas. Francis, Boston .....		1
Adkinsor, Edward, Brookline, Mass. ....		1
Barnwell, Joseph W., Charleston, S. C. ....	1	
Beekwith, A. C., Elkhorn, Wis. ....		1
Board of International Exchanges, Sidney, New South Wales	1	1
Bureau of Labor Statistics, Des Moines .....	1	1
Buffalo Historical Society, New York .....	1	2
Bunker Hill Monument Association, Boston .....	1	1
Bates & Guild Co., Boston .....		1
Burrow Bros., Cleveland, Ohio .....		1
Bureau of Ethnology, Washington .....	2	3
Bureau of Education, Washington .....	2	4
Baird & Co., Philadelphia .....		12
Blake, W. W., City of Mexico .....		1
Balch, Edward S., Philadelphia .....	1	
Canadian Institute, Toronto .....		6
Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford .....	2	
Clinton Age Publishing Co., Clinton, Iowa .....		1
Chadenot, Charles, Paris, France .....		1
Cedar Rapids Gazette, Cedar Rapids .....		1
Cudmore, P., Faribault, Minn. ....		3
Curtis, Hon. Geo. M., Clinton, Iowa .....	7	
Commissioner of Education, Washington .....	6	3
Commissioner of Labor, Washington .....	4	2
Congdon, G. E., Waterman, Ill. ....		1
Coast and Geodetic Survey, Washington .....	2	
Campbell, William J., Philadelphia .....		3

	BOOKS	PAM- PHLETS.
Department of State, Washington.....	2	23
Department of Labor, Washington.....	1	10
Department of Interior, Washington.....	2	31
Department of Public Instruction, Des Moines.....		1
Davis, Samuel M., Minneapolis, Minn.....		2
Depew, Hon. Chauncey M., New York.....		1
Department of Agriculture, Washington.....	27	
Dimock, Mrs. Susan Whitney, South Coventry Conn.....	1	
Essex Institute, Salem, Mass.....	12	
Edwards, Francis, London, Eng.....	1	1
Elkins, William L., Philadelphia.....	1	
Experiment Station, Brookings, S. D.....	4	
Fitzpatrick, Prof. T. J., Lamoni, Iowa.....	2	
Green, Dr. Samuel A., Boston.....	2	4
Geological Advertiser, Cambridgeport, Mass.....	1	
Historical Department of Iowa, Des Moines.....	9	
Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.....	8	
Harvard University.....	3	
Havlik, James, U. S. SS. Oregon, Manila.....	2	
Hills, Joseph Sanford, Boston.....	1	
Hirsch, Emil, Munchon, Russia.....	1	
Indian Rights Association, Philadelphia.....		2
Iowa Geological Survey Office, Des Moines.....	125	
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.....	1	
Kansas Historical Society, Topeka.....	2	1
Leland Stanford, Jr., University, Palo Alto, Cal.....	9	
Louisiana Historical Society, New Orleans.....	2	
Lothrop Publishing Company, Boston.....	7	
Langenscheidt, Prof. G., Berlin, Germany.....	1	
Lacey, Hon. J. F., Oskaloosa.....	14	
Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles, Cal.....	1	
Library Company, Philadelphia.....	8	
Literary and Scientific Society, Ottawa, Can.....	1	
Librarian of Congress.....	4	1
Leonard, Prof. Charles W., West Point, N. Y.....	1	
Lake Mohonk Conference, Mohonk, N. Y.....	1	
Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul.....	1	2
Maine Historical Society, Portland.....		8
Michigan State Library, Lansing.....	3	1
McMaster, S. W., Rock Island, Ill.....	1	
Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston.....	4	1
Martins, Dr. E., Berlin, Germany.....		1
Macbride, Prof. T. H., Iowa City.....	3	
Maine Genealogical Society, Portland.....		1
Mayor Godfrey, Paris, France.....		1

	BOOKS	PAM- PHLETS.
McMillan & Co., New York.....		7
Mansfield & Wessels, New York.....		1
National Museum, Washington.....	2	2
New York Public Library, New York.....		2
Nebraska Historical Society, Lincoln.....	2	
New South Wales International Exchange.....	1	1
New York Genealogical and Biographical Society.....		8
New Jersey Historical Society, Trenton.....		3
New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston.....		9
New Hampshire State Library, Concord.....	3	
Newberry Library, Chicago.....	2	
Naval Observatory, Washington.....	1	2
Navy Department, Washington.....		1
Oneida Historical Society, Utica.....		4
Ontario Historical Society, Toronto, Canada.....		1
Parsons, J. Russel, Chicago.....	1	
Public Museum, Milwaukee.....	1	1
Putnam, W. C., Davenport, Iowa.....		1
Pickard, Mrs. J. L., Iowa City.....	9	
Perry, Rev. William Stevens, Davenport.....	10	1
Pocumtuck Valley Association, Deerfield.....	2	
Parvin, Hon. T. S., Cedar Rapids.....	2	13
Peet, Rev. S. D.....		12
Publishers, Ida county, Iowa.....	1	
Pennsylvania Prison Society, Philadelphia.....	1	
Pentland, Young J., Edinburgh, Scotland.....	1	
Pope Manufacturing Company, Boston.....	2	
Quaritch, B., London, Eng.....		4
Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence.....		7
Reid, Harvey, Maquoketa, Iowa.....		2
Rochester Historical Society, Rochester, N. Y.....	1	
Royal Academy of History, Stockholm, Sweden.....		2
Smithsonian Institute, Washington.....	9	11
Southern California Historical Society, Los Angeles.....	1	
State Library of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg.....	44	41
Schurman, President, Utica, N. Y.....	1	
Secretary of State, Des Moines.....	183	
Sound Currency Club, New York.....	1	
Secretary of Interior, Washington.....	2	10
State Historical and Natural History Society, Denver.....		4
State Library, Albany.....	4	
Simms, Dr. Joseph, New York.....	1	
Salter, Dr. William, Burlington, Iowa.....		1
State Historical Society, Charleston, S. C.....	1	
Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C.....	5	
Sotheram, H., London, Eng.....		1

	BOOKS.	PAM- PHLETS.
Strawbridge & Clothier, Philadelphia.....		1
Seerley, Prof. H. H., Cedar Falls.....	1	
Sharpless Family .....	1	
Superintendent of Public Instruction, Des Moines.....		1
Treasury Department, Washington.....	2	14
Thurston, Lorán A.....		
Turner, J. T.....		1
United States Cavalry Association, Fort Leavenworth.....	8	
United States Fish Commission, Washington, D. C.....	7	2
University of Tennessee, Knoxville.....		3