

FIFTH BIENNIAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF CURATORS

OF THE

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY,

TO THE

GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

STATE OF IOWA.

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IOWA CITY, DECEMBER 21ST, 1865.

To His Excellency, William M. Stone, Des Moines, Iowa:

SIR:—I have the honor herewith to inclose the Biennial Report of the Board of Curators of the State Historical Society of Iowa, for the period ending December 1st, 1865.

This report has been delayed by the absence of its author, Prof. T. S. Parvin, late Corresponding Secretary of the Historical Society.

The copies of the "*Annals*" promised in the body of the Report to be sent with it, are forwarded in a separate package.

I am, very respectfully, your Excellency's obedient servant,

FREDERICK LLOYD,

Cor. Sec'y State Hist. Society of Iowa.

REPORT.

To His Excellency, William M. Stone, Governor, and to the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly, approved January 28th, 1857, and entitled "An Act to provide for an annual appropriation for the benefit of a State Historical Society," "the Executive Committee," *Board of Curators*, would respectfully report "the manner of expenditure of the said sums of money so appropriated," together with their "management of its affairs," for the biennial period ending December 1st, 1865.

The interest to our citizens, and the people of the great and United Nation of which we form an integral part, during the period of this report, has not abated from that of the period embraced in our last report, when the nation was struggling to be free and preserve the "Union of States." Happily for us and all people, the struggle is ended, and now as the "smoke of battle" passes away, the duty we owe the past and its heroic defenders, as well as the future student, imperatively demands of us who are present, that we diligently improve the opportunity to "collect, embody, arrange, and preserve, in authentic form, the materials illustrative of the state of the history of Iowa," in the "great rebellion," whose history will ever stand forth as a beacon light of warning to those who may dare to plot treason against the people's government.

There are enough to sound the praises of Iowa heroes in a thousand battles, but few patiently and diligently to labor to collect facts and material for the future historian to weave into an authentic history, when the passions and prejudices of the day shall have given place to sober truth and correct judgment.

As officers of a society organized and commissioned to meet this demand and duty, we have felt the responsibility devolved upon us.

We have labored without fee or reward as far as we have had the ability, and with but little assistance from those best able to give it, and from whom we had a just right to expect it, and while we have not at all met our own expectations, we yet trust our labor has not been in vain, or our strength spent for naught.

INCREASED APPROPRIATION.

The General Assembly, in our organic act, not only enjoined upon the Society the duty of "collecting and preserving in authentic form, manuscript, papers, &c., &c., and other materials illustrative of the state of the history of the State, * * * to collect facts and statements relative to the history, genius and progress and decay of our Indian tribes, &c., &c.," but also directed "*the publication* of such of the collections of the Society as the Society shall from time to time deem of value and interest." It also directed the binding of its books, pamphlets, manuscripts and papers, and all out of the small appropriation, not large enough to pay the necessary incidental expenses of the Society.

The Society has, as will be seen by reference to the appropriate headings of this report, (title annals, newspapers, &c.) commenced a compliance with these injunctions, by the publication of part of the material it has collected, and binding, for better preservation, the valuable collection of the papers of the State. In doing this it has exhausted its means, while the labor has become so great that the Society can no longer secure the services of a competent person to edit its work and superintend its affairs, gratuitously. Gentlemen have for years given their time and means for the very love of the cause, but such devotion will not fill hungry mouths, and the "game has played out," to use a homely but expressive phrase.

Two years ago, Governor Kirkwood, in his annual message, recommended a further appropriation of one thousand dollars to meet the exigencies of the Society, and, as no action was had thereon, the Society would again respectfully call the attention of the Executive and General Assembly to the importance of the subject.

OFFICERS OF THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY—1863-'64.

President—His Excellency, Samuel J. Kirkwood, of Iowa City.

Vice Presidents—Hon. G. W. McCleary, Pres. O. M. Spencer,

D. D., Hon. F. H. Lee—all of Iowa City; Willard Barrows, Esq., of Davenport; Capt. H. B. Horn, of Bloomfield; and Col. Wm. M. Stone, Governor elect, of Des Moines.

Corresponding Secretary and Librarian—Prof. T. S. Parvin, of Iowa City.

Recording Secretary—James W. Morrison, of Iowa City.

Treasurer—J. P. Wood, of Iowa City.

Board of Curators—Pres. O. M. Spencer, D. D., Rev. M. S. Osmond, Hon. F. H. Lee, G. H. Jerome, Esq., J. P. Wood, Esq., Hon. G. W. McCleary, Prof. James T. Roberts, D. D., William Crum, Esq., I. N. Jerome, Esq., Prof. N. R. Leonard, Rev. S. S. Howe, J. R. Hartsock, Esq., Rev. F. M. Gray—all of Iowa City; Rev. W. Barris, of Burlington; Hon. W. H. Tuthill, of Tipton; Col. H. A. Wiltse, of Dubuque; Hon. J. B. Grinnell, of Grinnell; Hon. E. Price, of Gattensburg.

OFFICERS, 1864-'65.

President—Hon. S. J. Kirkwood, of Iowa City.

Vice Presidents—F. H. Lee, N. H. Brainard of Iowa City, Johnson County; Hon. J. F. Dillon, Scott County; Hon. George G. Wright, Keosauqua, Van Buren County; W. Duane Wilson, Polk County; and L. H. Langworthy, Dubuque County.

Corresponding Secretary—Prof. T. S. Parvin, of Iowa City.

Librarian—Charles E. Borland, of Iowa City.

Recording Secretary—S. E. Paine, of Iowa City.

Treasurer—J. P. Wood, of Iowa City.

Board of Curators—J. R. Hartsock, Rev. S. M. Osmond, S. C. Trowbridge, G. H. Jerome, N. H. Brainard, G. W. McCleary, Rev. Benjamin Talbot, Prof. N. R. Leonard, Dr. J. T. Robert, Dr. Wm. Vogt and W. A. Sales—all of Johnson County; Hon. J. B. Grinnell, of Grinnell; Hon. James Wilson, of Fairfield; Hon. J. A. Kasson, of Des Moines; Hon. W. B. Allison, of Dubuque; Hon. Hiram Price, of Davenport; and Hon. A. W. Hubbard, of Sioux City.

DEATH OF THE TREASURER.

During the past year the Society suffered a great loss in the death of its Treasurer, Joseph Pembroke Wood, who had been a valuable member of the Board for many years. Mr. Wood had

ever taken delight in serving the Society and aiding the cause to which its best energies were devoted. He died on the 9th of September last, and his place has been filled by the election of — Welton, Esq., of Iowa City.

HALL OF THE SOCIETY.

The Society having been incorporated by the General Assembly "in connection with and under the auspices of the State University," the Trustees of that institution, upon its organization, assigned to it rooms in the University building. The increased number of its students making it necessary to occupy the room so appropriated, the Trustees, in September, 1862, voted the use of a suit of rooms in the so called Normal building or Academy. These rooms the Society continued to use and occupy till March, of the present year, when, in consequence of a portion of them being adversely occupied, (to the inconvenience of the Society,) the Board memorialized the Trustees to provide other rooms, which they did by authorizing the Society to occupy jointly with the University the library room.

PORTRAIT OF GOVERNOR LUCAS.

In the second report, of 1859, it was stated that the Society had the promise of the painted portrait of all the ex-Governors then living. "and from Geo. H. Yewell, Esq., of a half length painting from a photograph of Robert Lucas, deceased, first Governor of Iowa Territory."

This portrait has been painted during the past year by Mr. Yewell, and is now suspended upon the walls of the society. The artist was formerly a resident of Iowa City, and after spending several years in Europe studying his profession, has taken up his residence in New York.

The Hon. R. P. Lowe, ex-Governor, has, since this report was written, presented to the society his portrait, painted in oil by Mrs. Almira Reeder Dayton, of Muscatine, a pupil of Mr. Yewell, and an artist of merit.

The Board regret, however, to report that the portraits of the other honorable gentlemen who have filled the gubernatorial chair have not been furnished as "promised." This is much to be regretted as the portraits of these gentlemen would prove a valuable and in-

teresting addition to the society's collection, and in after years be more highly prized than even at present.

AMENDMENT TO ORGANIC LAW.

In their last report the Board called the attention of the General Assembly to the expediency if not the necessity of an amendment to the law granting to the society [certain publications for exchange.

They beg here again to reiterate the suggestion and in the same words.

We would recommend that section third of the law organizing the society, be amended so as to grant fifty bound copies of all works published by the State, or under its authority, to be used according to the discretion of the Society. It will be seen by reference to the section (see Chap. 203, Laws of 6th Gen. Ass.,) that the amendment proposes a less donation on the part of the State than is now allowed. According to the present law we are required, of the eighty copies, to send fifty to M. Vattemere, Paris, for the purpose of international exchange. Now it has been the uniform experience of the Society, that this system of exchange is a complete failure, or at least barren of any good result to us, and the same experience has proved the desirableness of the proposed change.

ANNALS.

It was stated in a previous report that the Society has issued "a quarterly publication," styled "The Annals of Iowa, by the State Historical Society." This work has been continued during the past two years with increasing success and usefulness. The last number of the third volume was issued in October. A copy of the work for the year accompanies this report, and the January No. (first of the 4th volume for 1866,) will be placed upon the desks of the General Assembly.

Owing to the increased cost of publication, the Board have advanced the price to one dollar a volume. It is edited by the Corresponding Secretary of the Society, and seven hundred copies are issued annually. During the past year it has circulated in fifteen of the loyal States, and is much sought after out of the State, while within less than half the number published have been sold.

EXCHANGES.

The General Assembly has provided by law that "that there shall be delivered to the Society, a certain number of bound copies of all documents published by order of the State, for the purpose of effecting exchanges with similar societies in other States."

The organic act directs that thirty copies of *all* documents published by the State shall be so delivered, yet with the order of publication for each work, subsequently, a different number has been named when providing for their distribution. Besides fifty copies are to be added for foreign exchange.

The Secretary has compiled from the various laws the following table exhibiting the number of works voted the Society, and added the number actually sent to it by the Secretary of State, who is directed by law to distribute the same.

NEWSPAPERS OF IOWA.

The Society from its organization has sought to enlist the publishers of the papers of the State to furnish their papers regularly to the Society, where they are carefully filed for binding and preservation. In this, however, we have only been partially successful.

The following list of papers received at this date will show that very many are not received at all. It seems to the Society that the publishers would find it to their interest to have complete files of their papers placed where they might be open for general examination and consultation.

These papers have proved of invaluable aid in making up the war history of Iowa during the great rebellion, as they contain full and interesting correspondence from the army late in the field.

LIST OF IOWA PAPERS RECEIVED BY HISTORICAL SOCIETY DECEMBER, 1865.

NAME OF PAPER.	TOWN.	COUNTY.
Buchanan County Bulletin.	Independence	Buchanan
Independence Conservative " "
Guardian of Independence. " "
Vinton Eagle	Vinton	Benton
Cedar Falls Gazette	Cedar Falls	Black Hawk
Boonsboro Index	Boonsboro	Boone
Bremer County Phoenix . . .	Waverly	Bremer
Clinton Advocate	Wheatland	Clinton
Davenport Democrat	Davenport	Scott
Der Demokrat " "
Davenport Gazette " "
Clinton Herald	Clinton	Clinton
Lyons Mirror	Lyons "
DeWitt Observer	DeWitt "
McGregor Commercial	McGregor	Clayton
Hampton Courier	New Hampton	Chickasaw
Cerro Gordo Republican . . .	Mason City	Cerro Gordo
Dubuque Nation'l Dem'krat	Dubuque	Dubuque
Dubuque Herald " "
Religious News Letter " "
Dubuque Times " "
Burlington Hawk-Eye	Burlington	Des Moines
Delaware County Union	Manchester	Delaware
Charles City Intelligencer . .	Charles City	Floyd
American Union	Sidney	Fremont
Guthrie Vedette	Panora	Guthrie
Guthrie County News " "
Hamilton Freeman	Webster City	Hamilton
Home Journal	Mt. Pleasant	Henry
Hardin Sentinel	Eldora	Hardin
Iowa North-West	Fort Dodge	Webster
Union Banner	Bellevue	Jackson
Anamosa Eureka	Anamosa	Jones
Fairfield Ledger	Fairfield	Jefferson
State Press	Iowa City	Johnson
Iowa City Republican " "
Iowa City Daily Bulletin " "
Jackson County Sentinel	Maquoketa	Jackson
Progressive Republican	Marengo	Iowa
Tipton Advertiser	Tipton	Cedar
Linn County Register	Marion	Linn
Cedar Valley Times	Cedar Rapids "
Cedar Rapids Atlas " "

LIST OF PAPERS—CONTINUED.

NAME OF PAPERS.	TOWN.	COUNTY.
Ft. Madison Plaindealer	Fort Madison	Lee
Constitution (Daily)	Keokuk	"
Gate City	"	"
Muscatine Courier	Muscatine	Muscatine
Hawk-Eye Flag	Winterset	Madison
Oskaloosa Herald	Oskaloosa	Mahaska
North-Iowan	Osage	Mitchell
Mitchell County Press	West Mitchell	"
Glenwood Opinion	Glenwood	Mills
Marshall County Times	Marshalltown	Marshall
Albia Union	Albia	Monroe
Council Bluffs Bugle	Council Bluffs	Pottawattamie
Council Bluffs Nonpareil	"	"
Iowa Homestead	Des Moines	Polk
Iowa State Register	"	"
Iowa Statesman	"	"
Montezuma Republican	Montezuma	Poweshiek
Page County Herald	Clarinda	Page
Story County Egis	Nevada	Story
Iowa Transcript	Toledo	Tama
Keosauqua Republican	Keosauqua	Van Buren
Indianola Banner	Indianola	Warren
Washington Democrat	Washington	Washington
Washington Press	"	"
Corydon Monitor	Corydon	Wayne
Iowa Decorah Republic	Decorah	Winnesheik

IOWA DOCUMENTS.

The Board of Curators have cordially seconded the efforts of the Secretary to constitute and give prominence to the Iowa department in the collection of books, pamphlets, &c., illustrative of the history of the State. The Society has (a donation from the Secretary) a full and complete set (it is believed the only one in the State except that in the private library of the Secretary) of the laws of Iowa, bound, 1836-64; Journals Senate, bound, 1838-64; Journals House Representatives, bound, 1838-64; Journals Constitutional Conventions of 1844, 1846 and 1857.

In this department are also placed sets, more or less complete, of the Reports of State Institutions and officers, of the State Agricultural Society, Supreme Court Reports.

PUBLICATIONS.

	ENTITLED TO.	RECEIVED.	ON HAND FOR EX.
Laws 1858,	80	..	..
Laws 1860,	80	80	54
Laws 1861, special, unbound,	80	80	80
Laws 1862,	80	80	80
Laws 1862, special, unbound,	80	80	79
Laws 1864,	80	80	79
Journals Senate and House, 1858, unbound,	80	80	65
" " " " 1860,	80	..	..
" " " " 1862,	80	1	..
" " " " 1864, unbound,	80	80	79
Laws " Board of Education," 1858,	80	..	..
" " " " 1860,	80	..	..
" " " " 1862,	80	..	..
Journals of Board of Education, 1858,	80	..	..
" " " " 1860,	80	2	..
" " " " 1862,	80	2	..
School Laws, Revised, 1864, unbound,	80	80	67
Reports of State Institutions styled "Legislative Documents," 1860	80	32	29
Reports of State Institutions styled "Legislative Documents," 1862	80	..	..
Reports of State Institutions styled "Legislative Documents," 1864	80	35	32

By a reference to the laws of the 6th session, page 337, it will be seen that the Society is entitled to receive eighty copies of each of the above publications. The second column will show the number actually received from the State Department.

SUPREME COURT REPORTS.

Of these the Society is entitled to 31 copies. See Laws of 10th Session, page 18.

Volume XIII,	31	5	2
Volume XIV,	31	31	21
Volume XV,	31	..	..
Volume XVI,	31	31	25

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S REPORT.

See Laws 9th Session, page 117, 1863.....	20	20	12
...."....10th...."...."....9, 1864.....	50	50	47
...."....10th...."...."....144, 1865.....	50	50	47

STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S REPORT.

The General Assembly has made no provision for supplying the Society with these reports. The Secretary of State has, however, furnished the Society with the following volumes for exchange, viz:

Year 1859,.....	72	68
Volume VII., 1860,.....	10	6
Volume VIII., 1861-2,.....	10	7
Volume IX., 1863,.....	28	25
Volume X., 1864,.....	10	7

The Society has received from the Secretary of State, and now has on exchange, the following additional publications, viz :

Laws, 1848, extra session.....	61
Laws, 1856, " ".....	61
Laws, 1856, regular session.....	39
Journal, Senate, 1854.....	5
" " 1856.....	59
Journal, House, 1854, unbound.....	10
" " 1856, extra.....	56
" " 1856, regular.....	61
Census, 1856.....	80
None of later years received.....	
Constitutional Debates, 1857.....	66
Journal Constitutional Convention, 1857.....	35
Geological Survey, 1858.....	57
Appendix, (Legislative Reports,) 1856.....	64

SUMMARY OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS IN THE LIBRARY, DECEMBER 1ST.

Iowa documents, bound volumes.....	146
Iowa pamphlets, unbound.....	452
Miscellaneous books, bound.....	1,307
Miscellaneous pamphlets, unbound.....	1,900
Total books.....	1,453

Total pamphlets.....	2,352
Exclusive of Legislative documents for Exchange, numbering volumes,.....	1,726

Many pamphlets, classified as follows:

Laws.....	540
Journals, Senate and House of Representatives....	338
School Laws.....	67
Legislative documents.....	125
Supreme Court reports.....	54
Adjutant General's Report.....	111
Geological Survey.....	57
Constitutional Debates.....	66
Journal Constitutional Convention.....	33
Census, 1856.....	80
Agricultural Reports, Iowa.....	245
Number of volumes received during past two years,	975
Number of pamphlets, none.....	

FINANCES.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 2d, of the Organic Act, requiring "an accurate account of the manner of expenditure of the sums of money appropriated, to be furnished to the Governor, together with the vouchers thereof," there accompanies this report, the Treasurer's report for the years 1864 and 1865.

From this report we take the following summary:

1863-'64.

	DR.	CR.
1863, December 1st, balance in Treasury.....	\$164 49	
1864, January 1st, State Warrant.....	500 00	
Membership fees.....	20 00	
Sale of Annals.....	196 64	
	<u>\$881 13</u>	
		CR.
Orders No. 99 and 113.....		\$539 30
Balance.....		<u>341 83</u>
		<u>\$881 13</u>

1864-'65.

Dr.

1864, December 1st, balance in Treasury	\$341 83
1865, January 1st, State Warrant	600 00
Membership fees	35 00
Sale of Annals	150 00

\$1,026 83

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Orders Nos. 116 and 153	\$973 65
Balance	53 18

\$1,026 83

Respectfully submitted,

By order of the Board of Curators.

FREDERICK LLOYD,

Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of the Iowa State Historical Society, begs leave to submit the following report:

1863.

December 1st, balance in Treasury	\$164 49
Annual membership fees received during year	31 00

1864.

January 1st, State Warrants	500 00
December 1st, Annals sold during year	185 64

Total receipts for year ending December 1, 1864... \$881 13

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Orders Nos. 99, \$0.90; 101, 1.00; 102, 8.20; 103, 8.00; 104, 83.25	\$101 35
Nos. 105, \$10.50; 106, 7.00; 107, 25.00; 108, 3.25; 109, 71.60; 110, 7.00; 111, 2.25; 112, 11.50; 113, 85.40	223 50
Nos. 114, \$50.00; 115, 62.60; 117, 25.00; 118, 8.55; 100, 2.00; 121, 66.00	214 45

Total expenditures, year ending Dec. 1st, 1864... \$539 30

1864.

December 1, balance in Treasury	\$341 83
Annual membership fees received during year	35 00

1865.

January 3, State Warrants	500 00
Annals sold during year	150 00

Total receipts year ending December 1st, 1865... \$1,026 83

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Orders Nos. 116, \$50.00; 119, 1.00; 120, 17.15; 122, 7.15	\$ 75 30
Nos. 123, \$7.00; 124, 6.00; 125, 25.00; 126, 50.00; 127, 36.45; 128, 113.90; 129, 114.70; 130, 2.50	355 55
Nos. \$131, 3.35; 132, 1.30; 133, 15.80; 134, 4.00; 135, 25.00; 136, 50.00; 139, 3.50	93 15
Nos. 140, \$15.00; 141, 107.30; 142, 15.00; 143, 50.00; 144, 50.00; 145, 25.00; 146, 25.00; 147, 18.20	305 50
Nos. 148, \$4.40; 149, 5.35; 150, 20.00; 151, 91.90; 152, 10.00; 153, 2.50	134 15

Total expenditures year ending Dec. 1st, 1865... \$975 65

December 1st, balance in Treasury... \$53 18

All of which, with accompanying vouchers, is respectfully submitted.

H. S. WELTON, *Treasurer.*