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Board of Curators

OF THE

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TO THE

Governor of the State.

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STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA,  
IOWA CITY, IOWA, Sept. 6, 1895.

*Hon. FRANK D. JACKSON, Governor of Iowa:*

SIR:—I herewith transmit to you the twentieth 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, FRANK D. JACKSON, Governor of Iowa:

SIR:—In compliance with law the board of curators of the State Historical Society submit this, its twentieth 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 shall 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, progress or decay of our Indian tribes; to exhibit faithfully the antiquities, and the past and present resources of the state; and 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 faithfully comply with the law, and have accomplished much with the small means at their command.

Since our last biennial report the curators have had held before the society and the public free lectures on historical subjects, as follows:

*Early Medical Practitioners*, by Dr. William Watson, of Dubuque.  
*Teachers in Iowa Before 1858*, by Prof. L. F. Parker, of Grinnell.  
*The Early Bar of Iowa*, by Hon. T. S. Parvin, of Cedar Rapids.  
*The Early Clergy of Iowa*, by Dr. J. L. Pickard, of Iowa City.

These with the former course of lectures on the following subjects,—



*Prehistoric Iowa*, by Prof. S. Calvin.

*Iowa Indians*, by Dr. J. L. Pickard.

*The Louisiana Purchase*, by Dr. C. M. Hobby.

*The Introduction of the Common Law into Iowa*, by Chancellor E. McClain.

*A Contribution to the Early History of Iowa*, by B. F. Shambaugh.— have all been published in pamphlet form by the society for distribution, and in addition to the above the society have published *Constitution and Records of the Claim Association of Johnson County*, by B. F. Shambaugh; *The Amish Menonites*, by B. L. Wick; *Documentary Material Relating to the History of Iowa*, by B. F. Shambaugh, issued at irregular intervals. Numbers one and two have been published.

These publications, making a total of near seven hundred pages of very valuable historical matter, are in such form as to enable the student in history to peruse and easily obtain.

In addition to the historical matter referred to the society has for over ten years published *The Iowa Historical Record*, a forty-eight page quarterly historical magazine, containing biographical sketches of some of the early prominent settlers of the territory and state, 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 public libraries throughout the country, bringing us their publications that are filling up our shelves with valuable historical matter that could not otherwise be obtained. We have over two thousand bound volumes of state newspapers, some reaching 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. 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.

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 thousand yearly, and few of the many visitors go away without expressing their surprise at the collection of articles, illustrative of Iowa history, already formed. Especially is this true of the students of the State University who, as a rule, visit the rooms weekly and avail themselves of the splendid opportunity afforded.

There has accumulated, from different sources, more especially from exchanges, a large amount of historical matter that should be bound, and a new and complete catalogue of the library and cabinet should be made, but the lack of funds has prevented it.

The board asks for an appropriation of two thousand dollars per annum in addition to the one thousand dollars now received, that they may be enabled to continue the publication of *The Iowa Historical Record* and other historical matter, and for binding, cataloging, and to enable the board to have the rooms of the society more frequently opened.

The report of the treasurer, for the years 1893 and 1895, is hereby appended, and 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 was as follows:

BY APPOINTMENT OF THE GOVERNOR.

Hon. D. N. Richardson	Davenport
Hon. George D. Perkins	Sioux City
Miss Marion Murdock	Humboldt
Hon. S. M. Clark	Keokuk
Hon. W. J. Knight	Dubuque
Hon. J. O. Crosby	Garnaville
Hon. R. B. Moore	Ottumwa
Hon. John F. Duncombe	Poet Dodge
Hon. S. R. Davis	Creston

BY ELECTION OF SOCIETY.

Dr. J. L. Pickard	Iowa City
Dr. C. M. Hobby	Iowa City
Prof. S. Calvin	Iowa City
Prof. T. H. McBride	Iowa City
Hon. Peter A. Dey	Iowa City
Hon. George W. Hall	Iowa City
Dr. E. F. Clapp	Iowa City
Hon. L. B. Patterson	Iowa City

The officers of the society are:

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

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

## GENERAL FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

June 30, 1893, by balance on hand..... \$ 131.67  
By amount received from state treasurer..... 2,000.00

Total..... \$ 2,131.67

## DISBURSEMENTS.

To vouchers Nos. 1 to 82..... \$ 2,122.40

July 1, 1895, balance on hand..... \$ 9.27

## SPECIAL FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

June 30, 1893, by balance..... \$ 739.11  
By sale of publications..... 85.10

Total..... \$ 824.21

## DISBURSEMENTS.

To vouchers Nos. 1 to 9..... \$ 657.13

July 1, 1895, balance on hand..... \$ 150.08

## PRINTING AND BINDING FUND.

June 30, 1893, by balance..... \$ 292.40

## DISBURSEMENTS.

To vouchers Nos. 1 to 4..... \$ 289.65

July 1, 1895, balance on hand..... \$ 2.75

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

Publishing Historical Record.....	\$ 926.74
Publishing lectures and monographs.....	704.65
Rent.....	550.00
Librarian and care of rooms.....	355.10
Secretary.....	300.00
Binding.....	37.50
Fuel and gas.....	35.25
Postage and box rent.....	48.85
Express and freight.....	19.07
Purchase of books.....	23.52
Expenses of lectures and room.....	33.00
Cases, frames and glass.....	12.55
Copying.....	7.35
Miscellaneous.....	4.60
Total.....	\$ 3,069.18

## DONORS OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

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

	Books.	Pam.
American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.....		5
American Geographical Society, New York.....		13
American Historical Association, Washington.....	3	7
American Catholic Historical Society, Philadelphia, Pa.....		4
American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia.....		6
American Congregational Society, Boston.....		4
American Academy of Political and Social Science.....		2
American Catholic Historical Society, New York.....		2
Allison, Hon. W. B., Dubuque.....	1	2
Aldrich, Hon. Chas., Des Moines.....		4
Ames, Hon. John G., Boston.....		1
Adams, Hon. Chas. Francis, Boston.....		1
Appleton, W. S., Boston.....	1	5
Agricultural College, Brookings, S. D.....		6
Bureau of Ethnology, Washington, D. C.....	8	13
Bureau of Education, Washington.....	22	8
Bureau of Statistics, Washington.....	3	11
Bureau of Rolls and Library, Washington.....	1	1
Bureau of Pensions.....	4	2
Barlow, Geo., Brooklyn, N. Y.....	1	
Batchelder, Brig.-Gen. H. N.....	1	
Boles, Hon. Horace, Waterloo.....		2
Board of International Exchanges, Sidney, New South Wales.....	1	
Baleh, Edwin S., Philadelphia.....	1	
Brower, J. V., St. Paul, Minn.....		1
Buffalo Historical Society, New York.....		4
Hosonian Society, Boston.....		1
Brooklyn Library, Brooklyn, N. Y.....		2
British Museum, London, Eng.....		2
Canadian Institute, Toronto.....	2	4
Calvin, Prof. S., Iowa City.....		2
Cayuga County Historical Society, Auburn, N. Y.....	2	2
Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C.....	6	
Chicago Historical Society, Chicago.....	1	2
Chief of Engineers, Washington, D. C.....	23	
Chappel, George W., Des Moines.....		4
Columbia College, New York.....		1
Commissioner of Education, Washington.....	2	4
Commissioner of Labor, Washington.....	3	
Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.....		3
Comptroller of Currency, Washington.....	2	2
Clark, J. Norwood, Iowa City.....	9	6



	Books.	Pam.
Clark, Robert & Co., Cincinnati, O.		2
Clark, Capt. J. S., Des Moines, Ia.	1	
California Historical Society, San Francisco	1	
Civil Service Commission	1	1
Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford	2	2
Civic Federation, Chicago		1
Cheltnam, Gen. A. L.		1
California University, Berkeley		9
Department of State, Washington, D. C.	11	52
Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.	2	5
Department of Interior	143	25
Department of Labor	3	3
Dodd, Meade & Co., New York		7
Darling, Gen. C. W., Utica, N. Y.	1	7
Davidson, J. N., Two Rivers, Wis.		1
Davenport Academy of Natural Science		1
Dogget, Samuel B., Boston		1
Department of Public Instruction, Des Moines		2
Davis, M. W., Iowa City	7	4
Danvers Historical Society, Massachusetts		1
Detroit Public Library, Michigan		1
Essex Institute, Salem, Mass.	2	20
French, A. D. Weld, Boston		2
Fracker, C. W., Des Moines		1
Fewks, J. Walter, Boston		1
Flagler, Gen. C. W., Washington, D. C.	2	
Fearing, A. C., Jr., Boston	2	
Francis, David G., New York		4
Green, Dr. Samuel A., Boston	3	4
Gordon, H. L., Minneapolis	2	
Georgia Historical Society, Savannah		1
Gregory, Henry, Providence, R. I.		1
Geographical Society of Quebec		1
Geographical and Biographical Society, New York		12
Gaylord, Rev. Reuben	1	
Grim & Co., Boston		4
Government of New South Wales, Sidney	2	
Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.	3	3
Hubbard, Luther, Prescott	1	
Historical Register Co., Philadelphia		1
Hinkells, Stan. V., Philadelphia		5
Hoepfli Ulrich, Milan, Italy		6
Hildebrand, Hans, Stockholm, Sweden		3
Hammond, Hon. W. G., St. Louis		1
Hartford Seminary, Connecticut		1
Hartsook, J. R., Iowa City	5	10
Hohman Publishing Co., New York		1
Harper, Francis P., New York		11
Hildred, A. B., Charles City, Iowa	1	

	Books.	Pam.
Heisman, Karl W.		24
Historical and Philosophical Society, Cincinnati		2
Historical Department of Iowa, Des Moines		9
Homeopathic Medical Department, S. U. I.		1
Hobby, Dr. C. M., Iowa City		2
Haydon, Rev. Horace E., Wilkes Barre, Pa.		1
Holland Society, New York		1
Huguenot Society of America	1	
Indiana Historical Society, Indianapolis		3
Iowa Teachers Association, Des Moines		1
Iowa Columbian Commission	1	
Indian Rights Association, Philadelphia		2
Iowa Weather and Crop Service, Des Moines		7
Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington	1	
Iowa A. F. and A. M. Grand Lodge, Cedar Rapids		1
Iowa State Board of Health, Des Moines		8
Iowa State University, Iowa City		3
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore		7
Jennings, G. B., Shenandoah, Iowa		1
Kyle, Wm. S., Plymouth, Mass.		1
Knoepfer, Hon. J. B., Des Moines	1	2
Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka		2
Kirkwood, Mrs. S. J., Iowa City	2	
Long Island Historical Society, Brooklyn		1
Library Company, Philadelphia		4
Leckevalier, Emile, Paris, France		5
Leland Stanford Jr. University, Pala Alto, Cal.	1	6
Louisiana Historical Society, New Orleans		1
Luce, Z. C., Iowa City		29
Lacy, Hon. E. S.	1	
Longman, Green & Co., New York		8
Lathrop, H. W., Iowa City	2	3
Lippincott & Co.	2	5
Leno Library, New York		1
Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul	13	4
McCarthy, Hon. C. G., Des Moines	12	1
Mann, Dr. Edward C., Brooklyn, N. Y.	1	1
Maine Genealogical Society, Portland		1
Maine Historical Society, Portland	4	
Mahan, Hon. John, Muscatine		1
McGinness, John F., Williamsport, Pa.		6
Minnesota Academy of Natural Science, Minneapolis		2
McFarland, Hon. W. M., Des Moines		1
McDonald, Hon. M., Washington, D. C.		1
Michael, Capt. W. H., Washington, D. C.		4
McMillan & Co.		1
Meriden Scientific Association, Connecticut		1
McClurg, A. C. & Co., Chicago		12

	Books.	Pam.
Minnesota State Library, St. Paul	7	
Michigan State Library, Lansing	56	
Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston	5	
Marder Luse & Co., Chicago		3
Mercantile Library Association, San Francisco		1
Missouri University, Columbia		2
Nebraska State Historical Society, Lincoln	1	2
N. E. Historic Genealogical Society, Boston		11
National Museum, Washington, D. C.	3	2
National Museum, Rio Janeiro	1	2
Nautical Almanac Office, Washington, D. C.	2	4
New York Historical Society		1
New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord		1
Neill, Edward D., St. Paul		6
Newberry Library, Chicago		2
Naval Observatory, Washington, D. C.	2	2
New Jersey State Historical Society, Trenton		2
New South Wales Government Board of Exchanges	1	
Oneida Historical Society, Utica, N. Y.		4
Ohio State Archaeology and Historical Society, Columbus		6
Old Colony Historical Society, Taunton, Mass.		1
Pennsylvania State University, Philadelphia		3
Parvin, Hon. T. S., Cedar Rapids	41	21
Public Library, Cincinnati, O.		1
Pickard, Dr. J. L., Iowa City	10	167
Pickard, Mrs. Dr., Iowa City		10
Parker, Prof. L. F., Grinnell		2
Pearson, Henry C., New York		1
Public Museum, Milwaukee, Wis.		1
Public Library, Boston		2
Public Museum, Meriden, Conn.		1
Pennsylvania Historical Society, Philadelphia		15
Public Ledger Co., Philadelphia		2
Powers, L. G., St. Paul		1
Pocumtuck Valley Association, Deerfield, Mass.		2
Parker, Mrs. Joel, Boston		1
Pope Manufacturing Co., Boston		4
Peet, Rev. S. D., Avon, Ill.		10
Pollard, W. & Co., Exeter, England		2
Pickering, Dr. Edmund C., Cambridge, Mass.		1
Putnam Sons, New York		2
Pennsylvania State Library	54	4
Quaritch, Bernard, London, England		6
Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence		7
Risser & Co., Toronto, Canada		2
Rohback, Prof. James A., Iowa City		16
Rutter, William & Co., Philadelphia		1
Rusk, Hon. J. W., Washington		1

	Books.	Pam.
Rochester Historical Society, Rochester, N. Y.		2
Rosengarten, J. G., Philadelphia	1	1
Robinson, Hon. G. S., Sioux City	1	
Royal Academy of History and Antiquity, Stockholm		7
Royal Commission British Section Columbian Exposition		1
Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D. C.	16	18
Secretary of Interior, Washington, D. C.	8	11
Southern California Historical Society, Los Angeles		2
Smith, Cassius C., Denver		1
Sheldon, George, Deerfield, Mass.		1
Smith, Sidney, Cedar Rapids		1
Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.	3	14
Salem Public Library, Salem, Mass.		3
Sabin, Hon. Henry, Des Moines		3
Scott, Orion C., Oskaloosa		3
Shambaugh, B. F., Iowa City		2
Secretary of State, Des Moines	263	
St. Louis Public Library		1
Shaffer, J. R., Des Moines		2
Southern Historical Society, Charleston, W. Va.		1
Salem Press, Salem, Mass.		4
Springer, John, Iowa City		6
Skinner, John, Albany, N. Y.		1
Southern California Bureau of Information, Los Angeles		1
Sons of the American Revolution, Newport		1
Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.	6	8
Truc, M. B. C., Tecumseh, Neb.		2
The Holland Society of New York	1	
Tulane University, New Orleans		1
Tooker, Wm. Wallace, Sag Harbor		1
Trowbridge, Mrs. Col. S. C., Iowa City	13	18
Union College, Schenectady, N. Y.		1
U. S. Cavalry Association, Fort Leavenworth		10
Unknown Friend of Society, Washington, D. C.	1	
U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.	2	
U. S. Fish Commission, Washington, D. C.	10	1
U. S. Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C.		7
U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey Office, Washington, D. C.	4	1
U. S. Catholic Historical Society, New York		3
Unknown	2	3
Virginia Historical Society, Richmond		2
Voorhees, Hon. Daniel, Washington		2
Vick, James, Rochester, N. Y.		2
Vermont University, Burlington		1
Wisconsin Historical Society, Madison	2	10
Walton, J. P., Muscatine	1	6
Webb, W. Seward, New York	3	
Winslow, W. C., Boston		1



	Books.	Pam.
Wright, Carroll D., Washington.....	3	
Worcester Society of Antiquity.....	3	7
Walker, Joseph B., Concord, N. H.....	2	
Western Reserve Historical Society, Ohio.....		4
Westchester County Historical Society, White Plains, N. Y.....		3
Wyoming Commemorative Association, Wilkes Barre, Pa.....		2
Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, Wilkes Barre, Pa.....		1
Wisconsin University, Madison.....		2
War Department, Washington, D. C.....	87	25
Woodruff, Wilford.....	1	
Wanamaker, Hon. John, Philadelphia.....	2	
Waterhouse, Prof. S., St. Louis.....		7
Watson, Rev. S. N., Iowa City.....		1
Wiencke, Henry, Iowa City.....		2
Washington University, St. Louis.....		1
Yale University, New Haven, Conn.....		9
Yowell, Geo. H., New York.....	6	
Yonkers Historical Society, Yonkers, N. Y.....		2