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*Art Gallery and Museum*—Scott (chairman), Conover, Cole, Oakley, and Superintendent (ex officio).

*Printing and Publications*—Fish (chairman), Paxson, Wight, Stevens, and Superintendent (ex officio).

*Finance*—Morris (chairman), Steensland, W. K. Coffin, and Brittingham.

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*Archives*—Fish (chairman), Brandenburg, Steensland, and Superintendent.

## THE LIBRARY STAFF

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### Assistant Superintendent

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### Library Hours

GENERAL LIBRARY—Daily, except Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, and University vacations: 7:45 A. M. to 10 P. M.

Saturdays: 7:45 A. M. to 9 P. M.

Holidays and University vacations: as per special announcement.

#### DEPARTMENTAL LIBRARIES:

Manuscript, and Newspaper Divisions—Daily, with above exceptions: 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Public Document Division—Same hours as the general library except that the closing hour during the summer session of the University is 6 P. M.

MUSEUM—Daily, except Sundays and holidays: 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Sundays, holidays, and evenings: as per special announcement.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING<sup>1</sup>

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The sixty-fifth annual meeting of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin was held on the afternoon and evening of Thursday, October 25, 1917. The sessions began with a luncheon at the University Club, tendered by the Society to its members and invited guests, at 12:15 o'clock. About eighty persons were in attendance. In connection with it, five-minute addresses were given by Father Patrick B. Knox, Madison, who presided in the absence of the president and the several vice presidents, on "Why We Are Here"; by Professor Carl R. Fish, Madison, on the "Functions and Work of the State Historical Society"; by J. H. A. Lacher, Waukesha, on "Why Belong to the State Historical Society."

At 1:45 P. M. in the staff room of the State Historical Library building, the conference of local historical societies of the state was convened. Ten-minute addresses were given as follows: M. M. Quaife, Madison, "A Survey of the Situation"; Charles B. Simonds, Milwaukee, "The Work of the Waukesha County Society"; John W. Oliver, Madison, "The Work of the Local Historical Societies of Indiana"; H. E. Cole of Baraboo, "Suggestions for Improvement."

At three o'clock the regular business session of the Society convened in the Library staff room. It was followed by the regular annual meeting of the executive committee. Immediately upon adjournment of the latter, the executive committee convened in accordance with a call previously sent out to the curators by the Superintendent. An open session of the

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<sup>1</sup> The report of the proceedings here published is condensed from the official Ms. records of the society.

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Society was held in the evening in the museum assembly room at which time the annual address before the Society was delivered by Professor Carl R. Fish on the subject "The Frontier, a World Problem."

### BUSINESS SESSION

In the absence of the president and vice presidents of the Society (Mr. Luchsinger came in during the meeting) Rev. P. B. Knox, chairman of the advisory committee, took the chair, at three o'clock.

Present: Messrs. Rasmus B. Anderson, Oscar D. Brandenburg, Charles E. Buell, Harry E. Cole, Frederic K. Conover, Carl R. Fish, Albert S. Flint, Lucien S. Hanks, Nils P. Haugen, Clarence S. Hean, Harry C. Hengel, Hjalmar R. Holand, Burr W. Jones, Patrick B. Knox, Edward Kremers, J. H. A. Lacher, Stanley E. Lathrop, Publius V. Lawson, John Luchsinger, William A. P. Morris, Frank W. Oakley, John B. Parkinson, William A. Scott, Charles S. Sheldon, Edward B. Steensland, and William W. Wight.

The minutes of the previous annual meeting having been printed and distributed to the members of the Society, their reading was dispensed with.

Mr. Burr W. Jones stated that he would be unable to be present during the entire session and asked permission, therefore, to lay before the Society, a statement concerning the bequest to it made by the late Genevieve Mills of Madison. He stated that the terms of the will of Miss Mills required that there should be an acceptance of its provisions by the Society within a year after the death of her sister, Mrs. Helen E. Mills. By the terms of the former's will, the Society is bequeathed her one-half interest in the family homestead in Madison. Having briefly explained the situation, Mr. Jones recommended that the curators, at their executive meeting, take suitable action concerning it.

Mr. Jones then proceeded to call attention to the fact that since the last business session of the Society, one of its members and curators, John A. Aylward of Madison, had died. A



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short statement concerning Mr. Aylward's career was read by Mr. Jones as follows:

John A. Aylward, long a member of this Society and one of its curators, died November 13, 1916. Born of humble parentage at Black Earth, Wisconsin, March 16, 1861, he was a fine example of an American self-made man. After graduating from high school at the age of sixteen he became entirely self-dependent, and by working in the summer with his father on the section and teaching district school in the winter, he obtained funds to enable him to attend the University of Wisconsin.

He graduated from the modern classical course in 1884, after having distinguished himself as president of his class and his literary society. During his career as a student he won the sophomore semi-public debate and was a member of the champion debating team of 1883, at the time, the highest literary honor in the University.

After teaching successfully for five years as principal of high schools, he graduated from the University Law School in 1890, entering at once upon the practice of his profession in the office of Bashford, O'Connor & Polleys, becoming a member of the firm a year later.

For fifteen years of his practice Mr. Aylward was city attorney of Madison. In May, 1913, he was appointed United States attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin. He was one of the leaders of the Democratic party of the state and twice its candidate for governor.

A resolution of regard and sympathy was then unanimously adopted, as follows:

WHEREAS, Mr. John A. Aylward, of Madison, Wisconsin, was for many years a loyal, active member of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin and a member of its official board; and

WHEREAS, He was stricken by the inexorable hand of Death in the prime of life and in the midst of his usefulness.

Therefore, Be It *Resolved*, That the State Historical Society of Wisconsin deeply deplores his untimely death, and

*Resolved*, That the Superintendent of the Society be instructed to communicate this expression of sympathy to the members of the bereaved family of the departed.

It was moved by Mr. Buell that the report and resolution concerning Mr. Aylward be entered on the minutes of the Society. Unanimously adopted.

### Official Reports

The Superintendent, on behalf of the executive committee, submitted its annual report, which was unanimously adopted and ordered placed on file. (See *post*, 21 for text.)

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Chairman Morris of the committee on finance then presented a report of the committee approving the report of Treasurer L. S. Hanks for the year ending June 30, 1917. The report was adopted. (See *post*, 50 for text.)

Mr. Morris presented, also, a supplementary statement with reference to the salary paid the treasurer of the Society. On motion of Mr. Morris the matter thus presented to the attention of the Society was referred to the advisory committee with power to take such action thereon as it may deem suitable. The statement submitted by Mr. Morris follows:

### TO THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN:

Supplemental to the usual report of the finance committee I submit the following:

At the time Mr. L. S. Hanks was made the treasurer of the Society, which was seventeen years since, the total funds of the Society amounted to \$35,979.16. Since that time the assets have increased to the present sum of \$114,473.88. At the time that Mr. Hanks assumed the duties of treasurer, the only funds were the General and Binding, the Antiquarian, and the Draper funds. Since then there have been added the Mary M. Adams Art, the Anna R. Sheldon Memorial, the Special Book, the Hollister Pharmaceutical, the Emily House, and the Reuben G. Thwaites funds, increasing materially thereby the complication of bookkeeping.

The total net amount of interest received upon all of these funds during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917 is \$5,882.30, an excess of five per cent interest upon the whole funds in the hands of the treasurer. The increase in interest during the year added to the capital is in excess of \$3,000.

The statement of the condition of the funds of the State Historical Society as of July 1, 1917 shows investments amounting to the principal sum of \$105,300, and such sum was invested in notes and mortgages and in corporate bonds. Interest has been paid with great promptness and during the entire period of the administration of the funds by the treasurer there have been no foreclosures and no material delays in the prompt payment of interest.

The work and responsibility connected with the administration of these funds has been very considerable and has acquired and has received great care and judgment on the part of the treasurer and all for the nominal and inadequate compensation of \$150 per year, this sum of \$150 not having been increased since the date of Mr. Hank's first appointment as treasurer, seventeen years since.

Dated October 25, 1917

[Signed] W. A. P. MORRIS,  
*Chairman Finance Committee.*

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Mr. P. V. Lawson introduced the question of the geographical distribution of the members of the Society's official board, stating a belief that the Society would profit by a smaller Madison representation upon the official board, together with a proportionately greater representation throughout the state. Much discussion ensued, several motions being proposed which failed for lack of a second or were ruled out of order by the chairman. Father Knox stated on behalf of the advisory committee that this committee had given much thought during the year to the question of a more suitable mode of procedure than that hitherto in effect for the nomination of the officers of the Society, as a result of which the committee had decided to submit to the Society a list of nominees for the offices to be filled, said list to be submitted as bearing the recommendation of the committee for such action as the Society might see fit to take thereon. In place of the twelve curators whose terms expire at the present meeting, the advisory committee recommended the election of the following for the three-year term ending with the annual meeting of 1920: Messrs. Rasmus B. Anderson, Charles N. Brown, Harry E. Cole, Frederic K. Conover, J. H. A. Lacher; John Luchsinger, Sebastian G. Messmer, Barton L. Parker, John B. Parkinson, Frederic L. Paxson, William A. Scott, and Edward B. Steensland.

Mr. Lawson placed in nomination for the curators a list of twelve names which he had prepared. On motion, the following men, being the list recommended by the advisory committee, were elected curators for the ensuing three-year term: Messrs. Rasmus B. Anderson, Charles N. Brown, Harry E. Cole, Frederic K. Conover, J. H. A. Lacher, John Luchsinger, Sebastian G. Messmer, Barton L. Parker, John B. Parkinson, Frederic L. Paxson, William A. Scott, and Edward B. Steensland.

Mr. Lawson moved that a committee of five be appointed by the chair for the purpose of considering a plan for securing a uniform geographical distribution of the board of curators throughout the state. Unanimously adopted. The chairman announced that appointments to the committee would be made by him at some later time.

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### Report of Auxiliary Societies

Annual reports were received from the Society's several auxiliary societies and they were ordered printed in the *Proceedings*. (See *post*, 54 for text.)

No further business appearing, on motion the business session of the Society stood adjourned.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

The annual meeting of the executive committee was called to order by Chairman Knox, immediately succeeding the session of the business meeting of the Society.

Present. Messrs. Harry E. Cole, Frederic K. Conover, Lucien S. Hanks, Nils P. Haugen, Hjalmar R. Holand, Patrick B. Knox, J. H. A. Lacher, John Luchsinger, William A. P. Morris, John B. Parkinson, William A. Scott, and William W. Wight.

#### Advisory Committee

Father Knox, chairman of the advisory committee, reported orally concerning its activities during the year. His report showed that several meetings had been held and that a wide range of questions had been under discussion, including such matters as the budget, repairs to building, procedure at the annual meeting, etc. The report as presented was unanimously adopted.

#### Committee on Archives

In the absence of the chairman of the archives committee (Professor Fish) the Superintendent reported that no meeting had been held during the year, but that important work had been undertaken nevertheless; Mr. Blegen of Milwaukee had spent the summer investigating the archival situation in Wisconsin and had submitted a thoroughgoing report on the subject; the committee had not taken action upon it as yet, but there was little question that it would in due time order the



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report printed. The report thus submitted was accepted by the Society and the committee continued.

The matter of the National Highways Association, reported a year ago to the advisory committee for action, was reported upon by the Superintendent. He stated that the subject under consideration had been duly presented to the Assembly committee on state affairs, of the recent legislature, which had listened with much apparent interest to the presentation, but that no action had resulted therefrom. The report was accepted and the advisory committee discharged from further consideration of the matter.

### Election of New Members

The Superintendent presented to the executive committee a list of those who during the year had signified their desire to become members of the State Historical Society. On motion, the names of those thus submitted were unanimously elected to membership. The respective lists of life and annual members thus elected are as follows:

#### Life

Louisville, Ky.—R. C. Ballard Thurston.

Madison—Mrs. Lucius Fairchild, Chester Lloyd-Jones, D. W. Mead, T. R. Hefty, B. J. Halligan, Stanley C. Hanks, William H. Collins, and Joseph M. Boyd.

Milwaukee—Miss Elizabeth G. Marshall, Clarence R. Falk.

Neenah—John Strange.

Sparta—Agnes R. Hill.

Superior—John S. Roeseler.

#### Annual

Appleton—J. S. Reeve.

Baraboo—J. T. Durward.

Beloit—C. D. Rosa.

Chicago, Ill.—George Manierre, E. P. Farley.

Cornell—H. L. Tinker.

Detroit, Mich.—L. S. Kemnitz.

Green Bay—Earl Murray.

Holcombe—R. C. Rodecker.

Holden, Mo.—O. G. Boisseau.

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Madison—H. H. Ratcliff, A. T. Rogers, M. C. Riley, J. S. Main, C. H. Crownhart, C. B. Lester, Mary Oakley, F. A. Ogg, W. H. Faust, F. M. Crowley, W. T. Evjue.

Milwaukee—Charles D. Simonds.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Ruth Thompson.

Port Washington—A. D. Bolens.

Rosalia, Wash.—L. A. Quaife.

Stevens Point—M. M. Ames.

Trempealeau—A. A. Gibbs.

Washington, D. C.—A. T. Leith.

Waterloo—E. P. Winkelman.

White Earth, Minn.—P. B. Gordon.

The situation with reference to the Burrows estate was explained to the Society by the Superintendent. He stated that Mr. Burr Jones had been engaged by him with the knowledge and approval of the advisory committee to act as the Society's attorney for the protection of its interests in the premises. In order to obviate all possibility of question arising as to Mr. Jones's authority thus to represent the Society in the capacity of attorney, the following resolution, offered by the Superintendent, was unanimously voted by the executive committee:

*Resolved*, That the action of the Superintendent and the advisory committee in taking steps for the determination of the rights, duties, and privileges of the State Historical Society under the will of George B. Burrows be and the same is hereby approved.

After the announcement by the chairman that a special meeting of the executive committee which had been called for this day would convene immediately after adjournment of the regular business meeting, the session stood adjourned.

### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Knox.

Present: Messrs. Scott, Cole, Hanks, Lacher, Morris, Knox, Parkinson, Steensland, Holand, Haugen, Conover, Wight and Luchsinger.

The chairman stated the purpose of the meeting to be the consideration of the Genevieve Mills bequest to the Society.

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Considerable discussion ensued concerning the proper course to take in the premises. Mr. Morris raised the question whether the special meeting had been called in due legal form, in view of the fact that the notices for it, sent out by the Superintendent, had been enclosed with the call for the annual meeting without having been separately signed. He advised that no action be taken at this time, but that the committee adjourn with the understanding that a special meeting would be called later to consider the subject. After considerable discussion, participated in by Mr. Luchsinger, Professor Scott, and others, it was moved and unanimously carried, that action with reference to the Mills bequest be postponed to a future meeting of the executive committee, the call for which should be issued in accordance with due legal procedure. No further business appearing, on motion the meeting stood adjourned.

### OPEN SESSION

At 8 o'clock in the evening, with an attendance which comfortably filled the Society auditorium on the fourth floor, Carl R. Fish, curator of the Society and professor of American history in the University of Wisconsin, delivered the annual address before the Society on the subject, "The Frontier, a World Problem."<sup>1</sup>

Following the address, punch was served by the ladies of the Library staff, and an opportunity was afforded for social intercourse and for viewing the collections on display in the museum.

In introducing the speaker of the evening Vice President Luchsinger submitted the following remarks:

#### MEMBERS OF THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

In the absence of your president it devolves upon me to present to you the speaker who will now address you. The title of his subject, *Frontier*, does not in itself promise a wide range, but I can assure you that much thought

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<sup>1</sup>The address is printed in the *Wisconsin Magazine of History* for December, 1917.

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and research will be brought to your notice, especially as applied to existing conditions in this and other countries.

These surely are history-making times. At no period of this world's existence since people could make records of events, has the spirit of conquest and defense been aroused so universally, the strife between hereditary rulership and government by the people been so deadly as in the three years just gone by of the war in Europe, which from an apparently unimportant beginning in a corner of the Austrian border now has involved all of civilized Europe and North America not of the Latin race.

History does not record another like instance of war where the destruction of human life has been so great and the waste of the fruits of industry and peace have been so wanton and unparalleled. If great wars like great storms purify as well as destroy, this one should leave the world swept clean of oppression and tyranny for all time. Let us hope that as one good result of this war of waste and destruction peoples and nations will be united in condemning the murder of thousands by other thousands as it now condemns and punishes the murder of one man by another.

I sincerely hope that when we meet again a year from now our own country will have done its part to achieve peace with honor, and will have done its part to establish and maintain some great authority competent and wise to hear, and with influence powerful to settle disputes between nations as between individuals. To that end every man and woman in this land should give their best thought and influence, for by that we form what is termed public opinion, which, when roused to action, whether it be in the new or old world, carries all before it.

But now let me have the pleasure of introducing the speaker of the evening, Professor Fish, who will address you.



# REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

## I FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### State Appropriations

The year under review being the concluding year of the biennium for which legislative appropriations are made, the income of the Society from the state was the same as for the preceding year, a total of \$58,980. Of this sum \$50,000 was granted under subsection 1 (of section 172.28 of the statutes) for administrative and operating expenses; \$780 was given under subsection 3 for property repairs and upkeep; and \$8,200 under subsection 4 for books, furniture, and permanent accessions.

The following statement summarizes the operations with respect to these several funds, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917:

#### SUBSECTION 1

##### RECEIPTS

Unexpended balance in State Treasury, July 1, 1916 . . .	\$7,349.38	
State appropriations for year ending June 30, 1917 . . .	50,000.00	
From University of Wisconsin, balance due on joint account . .	2,887.09	
Total . . . . .		\$60,236.47

##### DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries . . . . .	\$42,219.62	
Services . . . . .	411.80	
Supplies . . . . .	2,339.31	
Travel . . . . .	524.09	
Printing and illustrations . . . . .	2,654.78	
Binding . . . . .	440.17	
Repairs . . . . .	21.21	
Books . . . . .	2,258.43	
Freight and drayage . . . . .	125.05	
Express . . . . .	229.69	
Insurance . . . . .	3,196.70	
Postage . . . . .	682.76	
		\$55,103.61
Unexpended balance in State Treasury, July 1, 1917 . . .		5,132.86
		\$60,236.47

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### SUBSECTION 3

#### RECEIPTS

Unexpended balance for year ending July 1, 1917 . . .	\$529.12
State appropriation for year ending June 30, 1917 . . .	780.00
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	\$1,309.12

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Property repairs . . . . .	1,309.12
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### SUBSECTION 4

#### RECEIPTS

State appropriation for year ending June 30, 1917 . . .	\$8,200.00
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#### DISBURSEMENTS

Books, periodicals, furniture, and Museum exhibits . . . . .	\$6,190.90
Binding . . . . .	2,009.10
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	8,200.00

It will be noted that, as usual heretofore, the two smaller appropriations (under subsections 3 and 4) were entirely used by the Society, while at the end of the fiscal year there remained to the credit of the large appropriation for operation a balance of \$5,132.86. This balance, however, was partly a matter of bookkeeping methods in the state treasurer's office, since properly chargeable against it were a number of bills for books and for printing and binding, incurred for work ordered during the year which had not been completed by July 1, 1917.

The outstanding fact in the Society's financial situation for the year was the biennial session of the legislature with the consequent passing of a new appropriation bill for the support of the Society during the biennium beginning July 1, 1917. It is gratifying to record in this connection that the amount granted annually for operation was set at \$52,000, an increase of \$2,000 over the sum accorded the Society for this purpose during the preceding biennium. The two smaller appropria-

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tions (under subsections 3 and 4) were continued at \$780 and \$8,200 respectively; thus the total annual income granted for the Society by the legislature for the biennium now current is \$60,980. In fixing this amount, however, the legislature took account of the \$5,132.86 balance with which the Society began the new biennium. Dividing this sum between the two years of the biennium, it is seen that the total annual support available from the state for the period is \$63,546.43.

From one point of view the Society may well congratulate itself that the legislators of Wisconsin regard its work highly enough to devote to its annual upkeep such a sum of money raised by the taxpayers. The needs of the Society, however, are relative, not absolute. It would be vain to suppose that the economic upheaval of recent years has exempted it from the financial pains and troubles which have been visited thereby upon individuals and institutions generally. The salaries paid to the Society's workers have always been notably modest; the recent economic revolution has had the effect of rendering them, for the present at least, painfully so. For the current year the governing board of the Society has provided some relief by granting modest salary increases in a considerable number of cases. It is but reasonable to expect that a further adjustment of salaries must be made before long.

The matter of salaries is subject to the control, in the main, of the Society's governing board. In the matter of supplies of various kinds, books and periodicals for the library, and in short practically everything (salaries aside) for which the Society spends its income, no such control exists. If a window pane must be replaced or a supply of soap is needed, there can be no choice but to pay the current market price therefor. The cost of heating the library building has practically doubled within two years' time. Evidently if the current economic readjustment is to continue indefinitely, the income of the Society must either be increased or its activities be curtailed.

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### Private Funds

For an account of the origin and purpose of the several permanent private funds of the Society reference is made to recent annual reports or to the constitution and by-laws of the Society. The condition of the several funds at the close of the year ending June 30, 1917, together with a comparison with the condition at the close of the preceding fiscal year, may be seen in the tabular statement which follows:

Fund	1915-16	Increase	1916-17
General and Binding . . . . .	\$40,054.21	\$1,965.99	\$42,020.20
Antiquarian . . . . .	20,834.78	2,076.82	22,911.60
Draper . . . . .	12,945.22	750.48	13,695.70
Adams . . . . .	5,649.28	297.28	5,946.56
Sheldon . . . . .	1,810.08	99.50	1,909.58
Hollister . . . . .	13,993.36	974.04	14,967.40
Thwaites . . . . .	10,552.31	582.16	11,134.47
House . . . . .	544.94	27.72	572.66
Special Book . . . . .	1,215.71		1,215.71
Thwaites Portrait . . . . .	100.00		100.00
Total . . . . .	\$107,699.89	\$6,773.99	\$114,473.88

With respect to this showing several observations are in order. To begin at the end of the list, the Thwaites Portrait Fund represents a mere matter of bookkeeping. The Society should direct its treasurer to dispose of this fund by returning the \$100 to the General and Binding Fund, from which the deficit in the popular subscription for the portrait was originally taken. The Special Book Fund and the House Fund are not to be considered as constituting a part of the permanent funds of the Society. The money was given in each case for the realization of a particular object, the consummation of which (and therewith the spending of the fund) only awaits the occurrence of a suitable opportunity.

Of the \$6,773.99 increase in the Society's funds during the year, all but \$212.75 (realized from the Hollister estate) came from interest, membership dues, and the sale of duplicates. The year's addition to the funds from these normal sources of

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income is the largest in recent years, if not indeed, the largest in the Society's history. Probably it is larger than will again be witnessed for some time to come, since plans are under way which contemplate the spending of the larger portion of the expected income from the Thwaites and General and Binding funds.

By the will of George B. Burrows, who died at Madison in 1909, his residuary estate was left, subject to certain contingencies, to the State Historical Society. His only surviving heir, George T. Burrows, died at Louisville, Kentucky, in October, 1916. The only other person financially interested in the estate, which was left in the hands of trustees, is the widow of George T. Burrows, who is to receive an annuity of \$2,000 during life or until remarriage. The question has now arisen as to whether the trusteeship should terminate and the Society come into possession of the property, subject, of course, to the continuance of the widow's annuity, or whether the estate should continue in the hands of the trustees until the death or remarriage of Mrs. Burrows. Proper legal procedure has been instituted looking to the securing of an authoritative construction of the will. However the question may be determined, it seems evident that a considerable period of time must elapse before the Society will actually obtain possession of the estate.

Another of the year's developments finds proper record at this place. Near the close of 1916 occurred the death of Miss Genevieve Mills, of Madison, daughter of Simeon and Maria Mills, pioneer residents of Madison and Wisconsin. By the terms of Miss Mills's will, her half interest in the parental homestead at the corner of Wilson Street and Monona Avenue, Madison, is bequeathed to the Society, "as a tribute to the loyalty of my mother Maria L. Mills and my father Simeon Mills toward the State and the State Historical Society they loved and helped to found." The sum realized from the property is to constitute a perpetual fund to be known as "the Maria L. and Simeon Mills Editorial Fund"; the proceeds of this fund are to be devoted to the editing of materials for middle-west-



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ern history, preferably for that of Wisconsin itself. The present value of the gift is supposed to be upwards of \$25,000. How soon it will become available to the Society is still uncertain.

### II THE LIBRARY

#### The Staff

A considerable number of changes in the library and caretakers' staffs have occurred during the year. Of our small group of workers eligible for military service two have already volunteered, Theron Brown of the document division and Lyell Deaner of the newspaper division. The place of the former has not yet been filled; that of the latter has been taken by Gaige Roberts, of Madison. Pauline Buell and Mabel Swerig, both efficient workers in the reference division, resigned at the close of the year, the one to enter upon the vocation of matrimony, the other to pursue a course of professional study at Pratt Institute. Lydia M. Brauer of the editorial staff was compelled by illness to resign her position in January, 1917. The leave of absence granted to Anna Jacobsen a year ago was made permanent by her resignation in June. Ora I. Smith, chief of the order department, Eleanore E. Lothrop, superintendent's secretary, Mary Farley, office assistant, and Alice Whitney, of the museum staff, resigned at different times during the year to accept other employment. To fill in part the vacancies noted, the following persons have been brought to the library: Frances James, formerly of the Mayo Medical Library at Rochester, as cataloger; Eva Dussell, as superintendent's secretary; Ruth Roberts, as museum assistant; and John W. Oliver, formerly of the Indiana State Library, and Marguerite Jenison, as research and editorial workers. At the time of making this report two or three positions on the staff still remain vacant; they will not be filled until the session of the University has progressed to a point which will afford some indication of the probable attendance, and so of the demands to be made on the library during the coming year.

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But one resignation from the caretakers' staff has occurred during the year, that of Fred Kowalski, elevator attendant; the place has been filled by the appointment of Charles Miller, of Madison. A regular night watchman has for the first time been added to the Society's staff in the person of Wallace Fusch.

### The Growth of the Library

The several departments of the Library have experienced a healthy growth during the year. Data concerning the growth of the museum, the maps and manuscripts, and the newspaper divisions are presented in connection with the accounts of these several departments' activities during the year. The following statistics conveniently summarize the growth of the Library (exclusive of museum specimens and manuscripts) for the year closing September 20, 1917:

Books by purchase (including exchanges) . . . . .	2,618	
Books by gift . . . . .	2,423	
Total books . . . . .		5,041
Pamphlets by purchase (including exchanges) . . . . .	739	
Pamphlets by gift . . . . .	4,344	
Pamphlets made from newspaper clippings . . . . .	400	
Total pamphlets . . . . .		6,483
Bound volumes of newspapers by purchase (including exchanges) . . . . .	603	
Bound volumes of newspapers by gift . . . . .	432	
Total newspaper volumes . . . . .		1,035
Total accession of titles (excluding en- gravings, photographs, and maps) . . . . .		12,559
Engravings, photographs, and maps by purchase (including exchanges) . . . . .	304	
Engravings, photographs, and maps by gift . . . . .	3,466	
Total engravings, photographs, and maps . . . . .		3,771
Present (estimated) strength of the Library:		
Books and newspapers . . . . .		200,756
Pamphlets . . . . .		209,092
Total number of titles (books, pamph- lets, and newspapers) . . . . .		409,848

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### Comparative Statistics for 1916 and 1917

	1916	1917
Total accessions (books, pamphlets, and newspapers) . . . . .	12,561	12,559
Percentage of gifts in accessions . . . . .	76	65
Percentage of purchases (including exchanges) . . . . .	24	35
Books by gift (including duplicates) . . . . .	4,818	3,994
Pamphlets (including duplicates) . . . . .	8,952	9,386
Engravings, photographs, and maps (including duplicates) . . . . .	14,527	17,591
Newspapers by gift . . . . .	424	432
Percentage of gifts that were duplicates . . . . .	32	34
Percentage of gifts that were accessions . . . . .	68	66

A brief historical résumé of the growth of the Library reveals some interesting facts. In 1854, at the beginning of Dr. Draper's administration, it contained 50 titles. When he resigned the secretaryship of the Society in 1887, these had increased to 118,666. The average annual increase during Dr. Draper's régime was, therefore, slightly less than 3,400 titles. During the twenty-six years of Dr. Thwaites' administration 246,000 titles were added to the Library, an annual average of 9,460 titles. The four years of the present administration have witnessed a total increase of 45,000 titles. For the entire period beginning with 1854 the average annual increase in titles has been 6,500. The 100,000 mark was passed only in 1883, however, almost midway of the period under review. The 200,000 mark was reached in 1899, sixteen years being required to gain the second hundred thousand titles. The third 100,000 were acquired in the nine-year period ending with 1908; and the fourth 100,000 in the same period of time, ending with the present year. There has been but slight variation in the annual rate of increase since the removal of the Library from the Capitol to its present quarters in 1901.

Comparison of the figures for the years 1916 and 1917 with respect to accessions of engravings, photographs, and maps discloses a six-fold increase in the latter year over the former (from 614 to 3,771). The facts underlying this striking development merit a word of explanation. Through the intercession of Mr. Richard Lloyd Jones, of Madison, Mr. Court-



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land Smith, president of the American Press Association, began in February, 1917, to donate the fine pictorial news service of his Association to the Society. In this way hundreds of timely photographs of the more interesting and important contemporary occurrences of the world are being filed annually for permanent preservation. What this service will mean to the future social historian can best be realized by contemplating what it would mean to the present investigator to have access to such a collection of pictures for any period of human history now past. Although the new service was sought and gained without any reference to America's impending entrance upon the war (which took place a few months later) its institution in time to catch all the service for this event of the greatest pictorial news-gathering association in the world was especially timely and gratifying.

### Newspaper Division

In two general directions special effort has been made during the year to strengthen this department of the library. The work, described in the last annual report, looking to the building up of a subscription list adequately representative of the country as a whole and with special emphasis placed upon the mid-western section which the Society aims to cultivate with particular intensiveness, has been brought to a state of completion during the year, and it is believed that our list of papers currently received is now as broadly representative of the entire field the library cultivates as the present funds and storage facilities of the Society will permit. The Library is now receiving one or more leading dailies from the chief cities throughout the United States, while for the mid-western section of the country papers are being received from a number of the more important cities in each state. Curiously enough, notwithstanding these considerable additions to the newspaper subscription list of the Society, the figures with respect to the total number of papers received are not materially increased over those of other years. The explanation of this lies in the

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fact that the list of papers supplied free to the Society by the publishers has decreased somewhat; in some cases this is due to a suspension of publication, in others to the fact that the abnormal economic situation attendant upon war-time conditions leads the publisher to economize by cutting off his free list. Thus is afforded but one of many illustrations of the way in which the world war has interfered with the normal workings of an institution seemingly so remote from its influences as a state historical society. Thus, too, the increase in our paid subscription list suffices merely to keep pace, so far as numbers are concerned, with the decrease in our complimentary list. There is a real and decided increase in the general quality and importance of the list of papers received, however, since the papers newly subscribed for are chosen from the leading dailies of the country; while those discontinued are more commonly minor, and especially rural, publications.

A vigorous effort was made, also, during the year to accelerate the rate of growth of the Society's noncurrent newspaper files. Visits were made to a number of the leading institutions of the country which possess files of newspapers, and negotiations looking to exchange or purchase of duplicate files were opened in a number of cases. Many obstacles to the successful prosecution of such work exist, however. In the light of the experience gained it is certain that by maintaining a competent field agent the Society could acquire much material which, in the absence of such a worker, will never come to it. At the same time it seems evident that positive results from such work can be expected to accrue only gradually. The immediate results of the initial essay of the past year in the newspaper field are reflected in the statistics and list of accessions. But if all the prospects uncovered should ultimately materialize, the showing of eventual gain to the Society will be several times as great as the one now set forth.

Reference only is made at this place to the work upon a supplementary checklist of the Society's newspaper collection, described more fully in the division of this report devoted to the research and publication division.

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The year's increase in bound volumes of newspapers was 1,040, as compared with 825 for the preceding year. Of the total number acquired, 598 volumes were purchased, 432 were acquired by gift, and 10 volumes were secured through exchange. On October 1, 1917 the newspaper collection contained 25,590 bound volumes, as compared with 24,550 volumes a year earlier. On January 1, 1917, 620 newspapers were being currently received, an increase of 36 over the preceding year. Of this total, 299 were Wisconsin papers, 211 non-Wisconsin, and 110 were trade journals and miscellaneous. The following list summarizes in convenient form the more important acquisitions of noncurrent newspaper files:

- Boston *News-Letter*, 5 vols. (photostat copies), 1719-25.
- Philadelphia *Gazette of the United States*, 2 vols., 1792-93.
- London (Eng.) *Examiner*, 4 vols., 1808-29.
- Portsmouth (N. H.) *Journal*, 13 vols., 1824-29.
- Lexington (Ky.) *Western Luminary*, 2 vols., 1826-29.
- New York *Sentinel*, 1 vol., 1830-32.
- New York *Workingman's Advocate*, 1 vol., 1834-35.
- New York *Man*, 2 vols., 1834-35.
- New York *American Messenger*, 1 vol., 1843-45.
- Rising Sun (Ind.) *Blade*, 3 vols., 1843-48.
- Racine *Advocate*, 3 vols., 1844-84.
- Skaneateles (N. Y.) *Democrat*, 2 vols., 1844-49.
- New York *Herald*, 4 vols., 1849-51.
- New York *Citizen*, 2 vols., 1854-55.
- Freeport (Ill.) *Journal*, 47 vols., 1856-1913.
- Philadelphia *Weekly Whig*, 1 vol., 1858.
- Freeport (Ill.) *Wide Awake*, 1 vol., 1860.
- Seneca Falls (N. Y.) *Millennial Harbinger*, 1 vol., 1860-62.
- Fishkill (N. Y.) *Journal*, 12 vols., 1865-89.
- St. Paul *Northwestern Chronicle*, 6 vols., 1866-72.
- Cincinnati *Catholic Telegraph*, 1 vol., 1868.
- Freeport (Ill.) *Bulletin*, 1 vol., 1868-69.
- Richmond (Va.) *State Journal*, 3 vols., 1871.
- Freeport (Ill.) *Monitor*, 1 vol., 1874-75.
- Cherokee (Kans.) *Sentinel of Liberty*, 1 vol., 1879-80.
- Minneapolis *Northwestern Miller*, 1 vol., 1891.
- New York *Times*, 8 vols., 1893.
- La Crosse *Tribune*, 26 vols., 1904-17.
- Washington *National Tribune*, 6 vols., 1908-17.
- Topeka *State Journal*, 14 vols., 1909-12.

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### Catalogue, Reference, Order, and Public Document Division

In general the ordinary routine of work, the nature of which has been adequately explained in preceding reports, has occupied the time of these divisions of the library during the year. At the present time it will suffice to call attention briefly to certain special aspects of the year's activities.

In the catalogue division the work of cataloguing the Tank Collection of books, intermitted last year through the departure of Miss Jacobsen, has been resumed with vigor, Miss Frances James, formerly of Rochester, Minnesota, having been engaged to devote her entire attention to this work. It is expected that it will be completed some time during the spring of 1918. Then only will this unique collection of books, presented to the Society several decades ago, become really accessible to students.

Another outstanding feature of work in this division has been the replacing of the old guide cards in the catalogue by new ones; the work of substituting cards for soiled and broken ones in the catalogue is also being prosecuted.

The routine work of the reference division is largely a matter of housekeeping. With some 400,000 volumes on the shelves, and with 1,000 to 1,500 readers a day in the building, most of whom have free access to the stacks, it may readily be seen that the mere task of keeping the books in proper physical order is by no means slight. The workers in this division assist readers in finding their material, advise them concerning the resources of the library with respect to their several lines of inquiry, and answer questions which come in by mail. Once a year an inventory of the entire contents of the library is taken, in order to determine what is missing, and to pass upon the physical condition of the volumes. In this connection it may be noted that a book misplaced is, until restored to its proper position, a book nonexistent for all practical purposes. In this division, too, the labeling, marking, and repairing of books, and the routine of preparing them for sending to the bindery are attended to. During the year upwards of 400



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bound scrapbook volumes of newspaper clippings are made up, the contents pertaining to Wisconsin local history, necrology, and similar subjects. All Wisconsin biographical and necrological material is listed in a special card catalogue, so that references can conveniently be had to the entire resources of the library in this field. This catalogue undoubtedly constitutes by far the most comprehensive and valuable reference list of Wisconsin men and women in existence.

The order division sustained during the year the loss of its efficient chief, Ora Smith. Marjorie Park, for several years an assistant in the division, has assumed the responsibility of its work. Prior to this (in February) Genevieve Deming had begun work in the division. Special efforts have been made to learn of and solicit all current material bearing on the war, and to catch a copy of each of the public documents which pour from the printing presses in ever-increasing numbers.

The staff of the public document division remained as heretofore until the beginning of September, when Theron Brown resigned to enlist in the military service of the nation.

The reports made by investigators to the United States Commission on Industrial Relations, presented to the Library by Professor John R. Commons, a member of the commission, were catalogued and permanently arranged during the year. Comprising more than a hundred volumes of typewritten manuscripts, these reports, which will never be printed, constitute a veritable mine of information on present-day industrial conditions in America.

The War Department documents were recatalogued and reclassified during the year, and numerous gaps in the files were filled. Special efforts are being put forth to obtain copies of all documents of current issue with respect to the war. Reference only is made here to the new monthly checklist of Wisconsin documents undertaken during the year; a fuller account of the enterprise is given in the section of the annual report devoted to research and publication work.

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### Map, Manuscript, and Illustration Division

#### Administration

In accordance with the arrangement made a year ago with the Filson Club of Louisville, during a large part of the year an additional worker has been engaged upon the calendaring of the Draper manuscripts. The present staff consists of Miss Weeks, chief of the division, Miss Congdon, cataloguer and room attendant, Mr. Berigan, photostater and repairer of manuscripts, and Miss Jenison, who divides her time between calendaring and general editorial work.

A special effort has been made during the year to improve the character of our photostat work. To this end the assistance of Mr. Hesse of Louisville, an expert photographer and photostater, was invoked, and he spent ten days in Madison advising concerning the improvement of our photostatic equipment and giving instructions in the conduct of the work. New tanks have been installed, the photostat has been repaired, and an electric drier has been added at a cost of \$200. It is gratifying to record in this connection, as an evidence of the neighborly relations which prevail between this Society and its oldest American exemplar, the Massachusetts Historical Society, that the latter institution, which employs a veteran photographer and engages in photostatic work on a much larger scale than does our own, has extended the offer to pay the expense of sending our operator to Boston for a suitable period of instruction in the use of the photostat. The enlightened and progressive policy which characterizes the administration of the oldest of American historical societies might well afford an object of more zealous emulation on the part of many of its compeers throughout the country.

During the summer Mr. Theodore Blegen was employed by the Society to devote his time, in part, to sorting and classifying the Henry D. Lloyd papers. These have now been classified and arranged in boxes in the manuscript room in suitable condition for permanent preservation and administration. On

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September 1, Mr. Oliver of the editorial staff began the task of sorting and classifying the large mass of papers acquired a year ago from the adjutant general's office. In the repair of manuscripts chief attention has been devoted during the year to repairing and mounting, preparatory to binding, the Weller papers. In this connection we have devised a modification of the method employed with the older and more fragile manuscripts, which makes possible a greater rate of progress in the work.

The work of classifying and recataloguing the maps of the Society, begun last year by Miss Congdon, has at length been completed. As a result 5,390 separate maps have been newly catalogued, 2,300 of them during the year just closed. It now remains to analyze and catalogue the numerous maps in the Society's large collection of atlases. During the year 135 maps have been sent to the bindery for appropriate treatment.

### Accessions

The year's record of manuscript accessions has been very gratifying. It includes four large and important collections of original papers, an important card index of western papers in the archives at Washington, and many items of lesser bulk and importance.

Through the agency of Professor R. T. Ely, the private papers of Henry Demarest Lloyd have been presented to the Society by Mr. Lloyd's daughter. Mr. Lloyd was one of the most active social reformers of the later nineteenth century. The acquisition of his papers gives further strength to the resources, already notable, of the library in the field of economic and social subjects.

At the beginning of the year Miss Julia A. Lapham, daughter of Dr. Increase A. Lapham, formerly a president of the Society, turned over to it her father's valuable collection of private papers. Concerning the importance of Dr. Lapham's self-effacing services in the development of pioneer Wisconsin it would be difficult to exaggerate. An attempt to characterize them and to appreciate his career has been made by the super-

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intendent in the initial number of the *Wisconsin Magazine of History*. Perusal of this article will afford a fuller indication than can be presented here, of the character and value of the Lapham papers. With respect to their bulk it may be noted that the accumulated records of Lapham's busy scholarly career practically filled a large trunk. Since their receipt they have been suitably classified and arranged in boxes on the shelves of the manuscript room.

Concerning the largest and perhaps most important group of papers acquired during the year, the contents of which must be sealed for a considerable term of years, it is premature to speak at this time. The fourth collection alluded to above, smaller in bulk than any of the others, differs from them likewise in consisting of photographic copies rather than original papers. For several years the Carnegie Institution at Washington has been searching the archives of the Indies at Seville for material pertinent to American history. As one result of this search, photographic copies have been made of the dispatches of the Spanish governors of Louisiana to the captains general of Cuba for the years 1766-91. One of the sets of photographs made has come by purchase to our Society. These papers should supplement usefully the collection of prints concerning Spanish activities in the Mississippi Valley acquired two years ago from the Archival Nacional de Cuba.

Of minor items acquired mention may be made of the following: Newton H. Culver, of Soldiers' Home, California, who contributed an article on Major Isaac N. Earl to the *Proceedings* for 1916, has presented his war-time diary (June, 1861 to November, 1864) together with comrades' letters and copies of official documents relative to Earl's corps of scouts. The complete records for a period of sixty years, of Madison Hand Fire Engine Company Number 2, 1856-1917, have been turned over to the Society by the four surviving members of this veteran organization. Howard Greene of Milwaukee, whose gifts to the library have been numerous, has presented a considerable number of official records of the Fourth Wisconsin Infantry during the Spanish War, also a series of articles on "Thomas



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Gardner and his Nantucket descendants" published in the Nantucket *Inquirer* in 1862, together with charts and additions by Mr. Greene. Three interesting manuscript narratives have been received during the year, most of which will be published, probably, in due time by the Society. William S. Bond, of Chicago, has presented his grandfather's account of his coming to Wisconsin in 1836 and the settlement and early years of Beloit. George Manière of Chicago has presented the narrative of his early recollections of life at Big Foot Lake (now Lake Geneva). To George M. Paine of Oshkosh the Society is indebted for a manuscript history of Company G, First Wisconsin Cavalry.

### III THE MUSEUM

#### Office and Other Work

One of the most interesting of the tasks undertaken by the museum during the year was the assembling of a collection of the numerous posters, handbills, and circulars issued and in use by the Federal government, national, state and local organizations, and business houses in the United States, England, Canada, and other countries in connection with the conduct of the present war.

In the effort to make this exhibit an adequately representative one, an extensive correspondence was carried on with government departments, organizations, and individuals, and the assistance of various friends was enlisted. The collection thus made now numbers about 400 specimens. Additions to it are constantly being made.

In November, 1916 an exhibition of a collection of foreign war posters, principally British, was made in the museum auditorium by the Madison Art Association. Some of the finest examples shown were purchased by Mrs. Hobart Johnson, Mrs. Reuben G. Thwaites, Mrs. Elizabeth T. Wood, Mrs. W. S. Cargill, and other friends, and were presented to the Society.

During July, 1917 the museum made an extensive special exhibit of its own collection of posters in the print room which

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was visited by hundreds of persons. A selected series of over one hundred posters is now being shown in an exhibition room just opened to the public.

During the year a new catalogue of the portraits, paintings, and statuary in the museum, prepared in 1916 by Mrs. Helen Gilman Wing, has been published. The total number of portraits in the Society's possession is now 241. The care of this large collection of paintings, many of which were painted fifty or more years ago, involves a good deal of labor. During the year fifty picture frames were repaired and regilded.

The museum's collection of American and foreign postage stamps, covers, and postcards, the assembling of which was begun in 1916, has now assumed large proportions. During the year the classification and mounting of the stamp collection in convenient form for consultation by students has been undertaken.

The costume picture collection has grown until it now consists of about 700 sheets of illustrations. The classification and mounting of the hundreds of pictures contained on these sheets has required the expenditure of a large amount of time and labor. The collection is in almost constant use by the University students and other persons engaged in the organizing and costuming of historical pageants, festivals, and plays. Several special exhibitions of it have been made, and a portion of it was recently loaned for use in the costuming of the Kansas City pageant.

For the state convention of the Wisconsin Medical Society, held at the Capitol on October 4-6, 1916 the museum assembled a collection of books, pamphlets, photographs, medicines, and surgical implements illustrating the medical history of the state. It was shown in the corridor leading to the convention hall where it attracted much attention from the visiting physicians and surgeons. It was the direct means of securing valuable gifts for the Society.

The museum was opened to the public on one Sunday afternoon during each of the months of November, January, and March. It was opened, also, on several evenings for recep-

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tions of the Madison Art Association, and, upon special request, for a farmers' convention. On the evening of December 30, a reception was tendered the members of the Prairie Club of Chicago and the John Muir Club of Madison. An exhibit of materials illustrating the early history of Chicago was an interesting feature of this occasion.

### School and University Instruction

The total attendance of pupils of local and other schools at the museum during the year was 1,258, which falls but little short of last year's attendance. The number of visiting classes increased from 17 to 21 in the instance of the Madison schools, and from 25 to 91 in the instance of schools coming from other cities and districts. On several occasions by arrangement with the county superintendents the schools of an entire country district or schools from several districts came to the museum at the same time. The twenty-one classes which came from the Madison schools brought a total of 453 pupils. These were of all grades from the kindergarten to the eighth. Classes from both the city and the University high schools made a number of visits. The schools from outside of Madison brought a total of 805 children to the museum.

Twenty-four classes from the University with a total of 652 students representing eight different departments came to the museum for lectures or other instruction. Special exhibits were arranged for a number of these classes to whom instruction was given both by the instructor in charge, and by the chief of the museum or his assistant.

### Special and Art Exhibits

Twenty-two special exhibits were made, most of which were installed in the print room and the adjoining south hall. In each case the subjects illustrated received the most exhaustive treatment possible. The first of these exhibits was one illustrating the history of the automobile. To it a number of the best known automobile manufacturers kindly contributed a

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series of photographs both of their earliest and their most modern machines, and other materials. In November, shortly before the national election, a large display of American presidential campaign buttons, medals, badges, and ballots was made. Following this came the customary Christmas exhibit, and later others, illustrating valentines, 1840-1910, the history of buttons, German proclamations to the Belgians and French, Soudanese postage stamps and covers, current war literature, the *Daily Cardinal* silver jubilee, and old-fashioned hats and bonnets.

With the coöperation of Professor Kremers, director of the course, a series of historical exhibits was planned for the students in the pharmaceutical department of the University. Two of these, illustrating the pharmacist in literature and American and European almanacs have been made. A third special exhibit, illustrating pharmaceutical pots has recently succeeded these. Although installed for the students, these exhibits have proved interesting and instructive to other visitors. Other special exhibits now in place include Civil War letters, the history of jewelry, and publicity and special events postal cancellations.

In the museum auditorium the Madison Art Association has made exhibitions throughout the year. These were begun with one illustrating Italian crafts work, a series of fine landscapes by William H. Varnum being shown at the same time. An exhibition of recent work in American sculpture included examples of the work of C. S. Pietro, Helen Farnsworth Mears, Henri Crenier, Alfeo Faggi, Grace Mott Johnson, and other well-known sculptors. In connection with this exhibition, which brought hundreds of visitors to the museum, a public lecture on the "Importance of Sculpture" was given by Alvin Polasek.

During the month of February the art display was one illustrating Russian peasant industries in linens, lace, carved wood, lacquer, and enamel. This was followed in March and April by exhibitions of Japanese prints and stencils, a display of illustrations of modern stage settings and costumes, an exhibi-



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tion of etchings by the famous English artist, A. Hugh Fisher, and a collection of miniatures by Mrs. F. A. Bridge. An exhibition of portraits by the Chicago artist, Christian Abrahamson, received the favorable attention of many visitors. An attractive exhibit of forty-five large and small canvasses by Birge and Alexander Harrison, on view throughout the summer and early autumn, was supplemented by a collection of water colors by William J. Phillips during the summer session.

### Accessions

The number of additions to the collections is 748, of which 378 are historical and 370 are anthropological in character. Of the total number, 622 are gifts, 97 deposits, and the remainder were acquired by purchase.

Among the many gifts which are worthy of special attention are two wooden clocks and a barometer, made by John Muir during his student days in the University in the early sixties, and a series of mechanical drawings made by him at the same time. These are placed in the museum by the University, which received them from Muir's estate. As the clocks, unfortunately, are dismantled and incomplete, they cannot be permanently installed until the missing parts are recovered. A search for these is being made by the daughter and the friends of the famous writer and geologist at his California home.

The four survivors of the Madison Hand Engine Company No. 2, which was organized in 1856, have presented the records and trophies of this organization. From the late W. W. Warner of Madison have come a fine Swiss music box, a collection of 300 Indian stone and metal implements, and other specimens. The collection of early American and English china-ware has received some notable additions. Among these are a large platter received from the estate of Miss Genevieve M. Mills, Madison; a willow ware and two luster ware dinner sets, deposited by Mrs. Lydia S. Winterbotham of Dunedin, Florida; four plates presented by Ella S. Gernon of Madison; two

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cups and saucers and other specimens deposited by Elizabeth W. Pike of Madison; two Chelsea cups and saucers, a silver luster goblet, and other chinaware obtained through other sources.

Mr. Harry G. Dyer has prepared for the museum a fine miniature model of the logging sleds formerly in use in Wisconsin lumber camps.

A Moro flag taken in the Philippine Islands by Company A, Second U. S. Cavalry and a Spanish flag taken from the customs house at Santiago, Cuba, at the time of its surrender in 1898, are deposited by Miss A. C. Anderson. Company G, First Wisconsin Infantry, has placed in the museum's care the large, silver loving cup (Army and Navy News) trophy won by this regiment in the Twelfth Division Football Championship when encamped on the Mexican border during 1916.

### Archeological Activities

The publications issued by the Wisconsin Archeological Society since the last report are *The Antiquities of Green Lake*, by Charles E. Brown, *Grant County Indian Remains*, by Albert O. Barton and Charles E. Brown, and *Lake Shawano and the Wolf River*, by George R. Fox and Harvey O. Younger. Explorations have been conducted by the Society in Adams, Sheboygan, and Door counties. The notable intaglio Indian effigy mound, the only example of its type in Wisconsin, which is located on the outskirts of Fort Atkinson has been secured for permanent preservation.

#### IV RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION DIVISION

##### Staff

The resignation of Mr. Merk at the beginning of the year, and the illness of Miss Brauer at mid-year were the occasion of some disturbance of the plans laid down for the year's work. Nevertheless much has been accomplished in this field, and the record of publications is probably the most notable in the his-



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tory of the Society. In July Miss Jenison took up her work as editorial assistant and calendarer of the Draper manuscripts, and in September, just at the close of the year Mr. Oliver began work as general research and editorial assistant. The staff of the division now consists of Miss Kellogg and Mr. Oliver on practically full time basis, and Miss Jenison, Miss Nunns, and the Superintendent devoting more or less time to this branch of the Society's work. In this connection, Mr. Mereness, who is directing the work in the Washington archives to which the Society contributes, should also be mentioned.

### Publications Issued

Four substantial volumes, three bulletins of information, a monthly checklist of Wisconsin state documents, a monthly press bulletin, and the initial number of a new quarterly magazine, constitute the list of the Society's publications for the year. With one possible exception it is believed that no other historical society in America has issued as large a volume of publications as this during the past year. More important than the matter of quantity, however, is that of quality; in this respect, also, it is believed that our publications fairly take rank with those of the leading historical agencies of America.

The volumes issued were: the *Proceedings* of the Society for 1916; *Collections*, volumes XXIII and XXIV, both devoted to continuing the Draper Series; and volume I of the Society's newly-instituted series of *Studies*. The bulletins of information were: No. 85, *List of Paintings in the Historical Museum*, October, 1916; No. 86, *Periodicals and Newspapers Currently Received at the Wisconsin Historical Library*, February, 1917; No. 87, *The Public Document Division of the Wisconsin Historical Library*, March, 1917.

The volume of *Proceedings* for 1916 is expected to be the last of the series of books issued in this form. Publication of the annual report, which has served to give title to the volume, will be continued, probably as a handbook or pamphlet, but the his-

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torical articles, which have long comprised the greater portion of the volume, will in future find a more timely if not a better medium of publication in the new quarterly *Wisconsin Magazine of History*.

The two volumes of *Collections* issued logically continue the work begun a dozen years ago with the publication, under the joint auspices of the Wisconsin Society, Sons of the American Revolution and the State Historical Society, of the *Documentary History of Dunmore's War*. Under the same joint auspices two more volumes (*Revolution on the Upper Ohio 1775-1777*, and *Frontier Defense on the Upper Ohio, 1777-1778*) were later published. With Volumes XXIII and XXIV of the *Collections* the Society now resumes the publication of documentary material pertaining to the Revolution in the West. Volume XXIII, entitled *Frontier Advance on the Upper Ohio, 1778-1779*, carries forward the story to the mid-period of the struggle for independence while volume XXIV, *Frontier Retreat on the Upper Ohio, 1779-1781*, brings it into the concluding period of the war. Both these volumes have been edited by Louise P. Kellogg of the Society's research staff. With the completion of this series of documentary volumes, which logically should be reached with the Treaty of Greenville in 1795, the Society will have been instrumental in making accessible to students an exceedingly valuable series of source publications on the history of the West.

Volume I of the *Studies* is Mr. Merk's *Economic History of Wisconsin During the Civil War Decade*, work upon which was begun by the author under the auspices of the History Commission several years ago. Although out but a short period at the time of this writing, the book has already attracted widespread attention and, apparently, invariably favorable comment. Professor Fish, one of the country's best-known specialists in the Civil War period, characterizes it as "the most comprehensive treatment of the economic history of any state during the constitutional period, taking rank with Bruce's *Virginia* and Weedon's *New England*. The author has produced a book which is of interest not only to the state with which it

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deals, but to every student of American history." And again, "the technical character of the work is high. Newspapers and statistics not only were used, but are analyzed. The great resources of the State Historical Library were supplemented by personal interviews. The volume contains ample portraits, illustrations, a map, and index, but no bibliography."

Although a minor publication, it seems proper to call attention to the interesting character of Bulletin of Information No. 87, *The Public Document Division of the Wisconsin Historical Library*, written by Anna W. Evans, chief of the division. It not only serves the purpose of a guide to our own library, but it constitutes a bibliographical treatise, valuable to any library or worker interested in the subject of public documents. Our library has probably the most comprehensive collection of public documents to be found west of the Alleghenies, consisting of municipal, state, and national documents, together with those of Great Britain. These several series are accurately and trenchantly described; furthermore the author has the faculty somewhat rare, it is to be feared, of making the reader feel that the documents she describes are intensely human things, intended as friendly aids and companions of the student. Some slight indication of appreciation of the bulletin is afforded by the fact that the Chicago Public Library, to which one copy had been sent in accordance with our regular exchange relations, promptly requested the privilege of receiving five additional copies for the use of the library.

Another publication enterprise pertaining to the public document division which has attracted much favorable comment is the monthly checklist of Wisconsin public documents, issuance of which was begun in January, 1917. The Library of Congress issues a useful checklist of documents of all the states; necessarily, however, its data are both incomplete and belated in appearance. So far as known to us, no other agency is publishing a checklist of state documents. The usefulness of such a list has already been amply attested by a country-wide demand to be put on the mailing list for the receipt of our monthly bulletin.

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The *Wisconsin Magazine of History* is intended to be issued quarterly beginning with September, 1917. At the time of writing, the first number has just come from the press. Comment upon the character and the public reception of the *Magazine* must, therefore, be reserved for a succeeding annual report. Here it will suffice to state the ideal which animates the publication—to furnish as scholarly and interesting a magazine of history as the resources of the Society make it possible to produce. To what extent the hopes which attend the launching of the publication will be realized must remain for the future to determine and other pens to record.

### Future Issues and Work in Progress

One volume, to constitute XXV of the *Collections*, is now undergoing publication at the hands of the state printer, copy for it having been sent to him on May 18, 1917. Its contents are the correspondence of Edwin Bottomley, a pioneer Wisconsin farmer, written in the years 1842-50. The editing of this volume has been done by the Superintendent of the Society.

The preparation of six other volumes is under way at the present time. Farthest advanced is the work being done by the Superintendent upon the Wisconsin constitutional series, which, when completed, will probably run to several volumes. The task has now reached such a stage that the coming year may be expected to witness the sending to the printer of copy for two of these volumes. The calendaring of the Draper manuscripts is being steadily pushed, although the rate of progress is necessarily slow. At the present time the final revision of copy for a second volume of the series is well advanced; it should go to the printer within a few months. Meanwhile the calendaring of the Clark papers, which when completed will constitute volume III of the series, has already been under way for over a year. A comprehensive study of Indian missions, with particular reference to the relation of the United States government thereto, by Miss Martha Edwards, is well on its way to completion. When finished it will be published



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as volume II of the *Studies* of the Society. The character of the study is such that the estimate may safely be advanced that the volume will constitute a worthy companion to Mr. Merk's *Economic History of Wisconsin*. Since Miss Edwards is engaged in teaching during the college year, the completion of her study cannot be expected before the autumn of 1918, and its publication will be correspondingly deferred. Another volume, completion of work upon which had been anticipated by the present time, is the reprint of Pierre Lafitau's treatise on the ginseng plant, the editing of which is being done by Dr. Edward Kremers. Here again the great war interfered to disarrange our plans and delay our work. As a busy man of affairs in charge of important experimental work for the United States government, Dr. Kremers has been compelled in recent months to lay aside this editorial task. In view of this situation it is now impracticable to forecast when the work will be resumed, and, consequently, when the publication of the volume may be expected. Two other important enterprises are now in the initial stage of development; Miss Kellogg has begun the execution of a long-cherished plan of editing for publication a volume of source material upon the Indian treaties pertaining to the history of Wisconsin; while Mr. Oliver is collecting material for a volume on Wisconsin's Civil War activities. The latter project will, it is hoped, constitute the initial step in what will ultimately become an important series of volumes dealing with the several phases of this great and as yet unexplored subject.

Three other works, of somewhat lesser scope or different character than the foregoing, are far advanced toward completion. In the publication of catalogues of newspaper collections our Society has played a pioneer role. At the time our first extensive guide was issued in 1898 there existed no model, and for several years the volume was unique in the field of American bibliography. Then came the great catalogue of the Library of Congress collection of newspapers, followed in turn by our own new catalogue of 1911. These latter two volumes still stand as the leading exemplars among publications of their

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kind, although before many years they will find a worthy companion in the checklist of early American newspapers under preparation by the American Antiquarian Society. Six years have now elapsed since the publication of our newspaper catalogue. During this time yearly lists of the newspapers currently received have been published, but nothing to set forth the additions to the newspaper collection as a whole. Copy for a supplementary checklist to cover the five-year period to the end of 1916 was prepared during the year. It was deemed best, however, to withhold publication until the close of 1917, when it is expected the checklist, brought down to date of issue, will be sent to press. The catalogue of 1911, taken in conjunction with this list, will exhibit, therefore, the entire resources of the newspaper collection down to January 1, 1918. Our collection is supposed to be second in size in America. From the viewpoint of frequency of use it may be doubted whether it yields precedence to any. The enlarged quarters assigned the newspaper department of the library in 1914 have long since proved inadequate to accommodate the demands of students in this division for space to carry on their work. In view of these facts this supplementary catalogue of the collection will, it is believed, fill a wide-spread need.

Work upon the union check list of serials in Madison libraries, an enterprise carried on jointly by the University and Historical libraries, which has been under way for several years, has reached a state of practical completion. The projected publication of the volume has been postponed, however, to afford opportunity for the working out of a still more comprehensive plan. Instead of confining the publication to the resources of Madison libraries, it is proposed to coöperate with those of Chicago and the University of Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan in bringing out a union list of serials in all the contributing libraries. Such a list would prove of far greater use to the scholarly public than would lists of the individual resources of the several communities; at the same time the cost of publication of one union list for all would be much less to each participating library than would the cost to each of an



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individual checklist. If the plan outlined can be carried into execution, the enterprise will constitute an example of mid-western coöperative enterprise looking to the promotion of a common scholarly end fairly comparable to that which has now for almost three years been carried on by the several western state historical departments (our own included) in searching the government archives at Washington.

In previous annual reports the subject of the condition of our state archives together with suggestions for a plan of library and archival development has been touched upon. Two years ago, at the Superintendent's instigation, the Society appointed a special committee of the curators for the further investigation of the subject. During the summer Mr. Theodore Blegen, a competent scholar, prepared a thoroughgoing report upon the archives situation in Wisconsin. Its publication awaits the action of the special committee. When issued, the report will, it is believed, take rank among the leading publications of recent years on the subject of American archival conditions and administration.

On behalf of the executive committee :

M. M. QUAIFFE, *Superintendent.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Statement of Condition of State Historical Society July 1, 1917

*Assets*

Cash . . . . .	\$8,593.34
Mortgages . . . . .	105,300.00
Real estate . . . . .	580.54
	\$114,473.88

*Distributed as follows:*

General and Binding Fund . . . . .	\$42,020.20
Antiquarian Fund . . . . .	22,911.60
Draper Fund . . . . .	13,695.70
Mary M. Adams Art Fund . . . . .	5,946.56
Anna R. Sheldon Memorial Fund . . . . .	1,909.58
Special Book Fund . . . . .	1,215.71
Hollister Pharmaceutical Fund . . . . .	14,967.40
Emily House Fund . . . . .	572.66
Reuben G. Thwaites Portrait Fund . . . . .	100.00
Reuben G. Thwaites Fund . . . . .	11,134.47
	\$114,473.88

#### General and Binding Fund

*Treasurer, Dr.*

½ Annual dues . . . . .	\$378.05
½ Life membership fees . . . . .	110.00
½ Sale of duplicates . . . . .	497.70
Share of interest . . . . .	2,217.76
	\$3,203.51

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*Treasurer, Cr.*

Commercial Camera Company . . . . .	\$400.92
Mississippi Valley Historical Society . . . . .	200.00
Safe Deposit Box . . . . .	10.00
Annie A. Nunns—travel expenses . . . . .	11.08
Rochester Camera Company . . . . .	45.12

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Mary S. Foster—travel expenses . . . . .	11.63
Iva A. Welsh—travel expenses . . . . .	11.63
M. M. Quaife, miscellaneous bills . . . . .	65.00
R. C. Nicodemus—surety bonds . . . . .	37.50
Candy Shop . . . . .	5.00
C. J. Radke—services . . . . .	5.00
J. M. Dieruf—services . . . . .	20.00
J. F. Jamieson—books . . . . .	50.00
Kennedy Company—books . . . . .	54.00
L. S. Hanks—services . . . . .	150.00
Alexander Kornhauser . . . . .	15.39
American Press Association . . . . .	4.00
C. W. Fisher Furniture Co., supplies . . . . .	15.50
Photo Art House—supplies . . . . .	9.05
Standard Detective Agency . . . . .	75.00
Superintendent of Documents, Wash- ington, D. C. . . . .	20.00
University Club . . . . .	18.20
Clerk of Probate Court— certified copies . . . . .	3.50
Balance to Binding Fund . . . . .	1,965.99

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\$3,203.51

### General and Binding Fund

*Treasurer, Dr.*

Old balance . . . . .	\$40,054.21
Balance from income . . . . .	1,965.99

1,965.99  
New balance . . . . . \$42,020.20

### Antiquarian Fund Income

*Treasurer, Dr.*

½ Annual dues . . . . .	\$378.05
½ Life membership dues . . . . .	110.00
½ Sale of duplicates . . . . .	497.74
Share of interest . . . . .	1,153.23

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New balance . . . . . \$2,139.02

*Treasurer, Cr.*

Mrs. M. S. Slaughter—posters . . . . .	\$12.20
Mrs. E. W. Keyes—picture . . . . .	50.00
Balance to Antiquarian Fund . . . . .	2,076.82

2,076.82  
\$2,139.02

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### Antiquarian Fund

*Treasurer, Dr.*

Old balance . . . . .	\$20,834.78	
Balance from income . . . . .	2,076.82	
New balance . . . . .		\$22,911.60

### Draper Fund

*Treasurer, Dr.*

Balance . . . . .	\$12,945.22	
Sale of duplicates . . . . .	35.25	
Share of interest . . . . .	715.23	
New balance . . . . .		\$13,695.70

### Mary M. Adams Art Fund

*Treasurer, Dr.*

Balance . . . . .	\$5,649.28	
Share of interest . . . . .	310.48	
New balance . . . . .		\$5,959.76

*Treasurer, Cr.*

Foster Brothers—pictures . . . . .	\$13.20	
Balance to Adams Art Fund . . . . .	5,945.56	
New balance . . . . .		\$5,959.76

### Anna R. Sheldon Memorial Fund

*Treasurer, Dr.*

Balance . . . . .	\$1,810.08	
Share of interest . . . . .	99.50	
New balance . . . . .		\$1,909.58

### Hollister Pharmaceutical Library Fund

*Treasurer, Dr.*

Balance . . . . .	\$13,993.36	
Hollister Estate . . . . .	212.75	
Share of interest . . . . .	776.22	
New balance . . . . .		\$14,982.33

*Treasurer, Cr.*

Dr. A. P. Newton, services . . . . .	\$49.93	
Balance to Hollister Fund . . . . .	14,967.40	

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### Reuben G. Thwaites Fund

*Treasurer, Dr.*

Balance	. . . . .	\$10,552.31
Share of interest	. . . . .	582.16
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New balance	. . . . .	\$11,134.47

### Emily House Fund

*Treasurer, Dr.*

Balance	. . . . .	\$544.94
Share of interest	. . . . .	27.72
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New balance	. . . . .	\$ 572.66



## REPORT OF LOCAL AUXILIARY SOCIETIES

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### LAFAYETTE COUNTY

We have very little to report except an increase of collections in all branches of the Society. Among things worthy of note are: certificate of the Galena Fair of 1842, then called the "Farmer's Agricultural Society of the Upper Mississippi," awarding a premium of \$4 to J. W. Blackstone, for the best yoke of fat oxen; poll list of the Town of Center, now Town of Darlington, in 1865; roster of Company D, Twenty-third Wisconsin Infantry, in the Civil War; army papers of Capt. Isaac Stockwell, of Company C. Forty-third Wisconsin Infantry; commission of Harrison B. Chamberlain as principal musician of the Sixteenth Wisconsin Infantry; picture of the post office kept by Horace Beebe at Avon, one mile south of Darlington, in 1851, at a time when Darlington and Avon received their mail from Willow Springs once a week; portraits of Capt. L. B. Waddington, O. M. Dering, Thomas Canar, and J. K. Carey; infantry tactics of 1861; confederate script; views of Camp Douglas; groups of LaFayette County soldiers in the present war; mounted badger, mounted owl, and numerous other articles.

While we are making history, we are collecting a few of the relics of the past and keeping a record of the events of the present by receiving and binding for permanent preservation all the newspapers published in the county,

P. H. CONLEY, *President.*

### SAUK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In addition to the regular annual meeting of the Sauk County Historical Society two other meetings have been held since our

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last report. One was in the nature of a picnic supper at the home of one of the members of the Society, and the other a gathering in commemoration of the centenary of the birth of a former resident of Sauk County. The Society is in an active and flourishing condition and added nine new members during the past year.

The annual meeting was held November 20, 1916, and officers for the year were elected as follows: president, H. E. Cole; vice presidents, Mrs. J. G. Train and E. D. Ochsner; secretary, H. K. Page; treasurer, Mrs. E. V. Alexander. At this meeting the members were favored with an address by Charles L. Harper, chief clerk in the department of public instruction at Madison. He spoke chiefly of the lead mining region, Grant County and the contiguous territory, and told of the events that occurred during the early development of that part of the state. His talk was most interesting.

On the evening of March 16, 1917 the members of the society gathered at the home of Hon. and Mrs. Frank Avery and enjoyed a picnic supper, which was followed by a varied program. Several papers were read and Judge James O'Neil of Neillsville gave a splendid talk to the members. These picnic suppers have become an annual affair with the Sauk County Historical Society and are much enjoyed. They bring the members into closer association and subjects are discussed more informally than would otherwise be the case.

The last meeting of the Society for the current year was held on March 26 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Griggs. Rev. J. T. Durward told of the life of his father, B. I. Durward, the poet and painter of Durward's Glen, a picturesque spot near Baraboo, where he settled in 1862. Two of Mr. Durward's paintings are now in the museum of the State Historical Society at Madison. Many of his paintings are still preserved in excellent condition at the old home. Mr. Durward's account of his father's life was full of interest and it was fitting that the meeting of the Society should take place on the hundredth anniversary of the artist's birth.

H. K. PAGE, *Secretary.*

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### TREMPEALEAU COUNTY

It has been said that the secretary of a society like our County Historical Society, constitutes the society. In many cases this statement approaches very close to the truth,—especially where there is an empty treasury. I make this observation, not as a faultfinder, for I can see good reasons for members of such societies depending on their secretaries, but this absolute trust in the secretary does not always bring the society either accomplishments or honors.

During the past year neither the secretary nor the members have made much effort to promote the interests of our Society. Some items of interest, however, have been added to our collection, among which may be mentioned the following: first Bible and hymnal used in the Whitehall M. E. Church, presented by Harriet M. Wade; charter and certificate issued by the famous "Brick" Pomeroy for Greenback Club No. 310, located in Hale, Trempealeau County, presented by C. G. Johnson; photograph and biographical sketch of Francis Ashbury Utter, early lawyer of Trempealeau County, presented by his daughter, Dora Willey, of Reedsburg, Wisconsin; picture of "Deacon" Alvah Wood's residence near Whitehall, built in 1856 and taken down 1916, presented by his grandson, Archie E. Wood; portrait and biographical sketch of Mons Anderson, once the "Merchant Prince" of La Crosse, presented by B. A. Gipple, of Galesville; German reichsthaller dated 1814, presented by Charles Sielaff; collection of arrowheads and other flint implements, numbering about 150 pieces, presented by Nels Peterson, postmaster at Galesville; a picture of the "Old Nott House" once a wayside inn on the road from Whitehall to Humbird; a frame bearing the date 1740, used in making ornamental garters when men wore knickerbockers, presented by H. A. Anderson; a specimen of garters mentioned above, presented by Mrs. Oline Frederickson; the first mail-rack used in Coral City, Trempealeau County's "Deserted Village," made by Will and Ott Harlow, presented by Edward and Charles Southworth.

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Portraits of the seven Herreid brothers, early settlers on Beaver Creek, Trempealeau County, have also been acquired. Those seven brothers, belonging to the very poor of their native land, became the progenitors of a family already numbering more than three hundred members, many of whom have risen to distinction and honor in social, business, and political circles, Charles Herreid, a former governor of South Dakota, being one of them. A genealogical chart of this family is being prepared for the Historical Society.

One of the greatest acquisitions of the Society is Judge Houston's history of Trempealeau County from 1851 to 1886. This is in manuscript and is given to the society on the condition that it be published in suitable form, and until published is not open to public or private use. Costlier histories of our country may be written but none will possess so much intrinsic value.

The practice of filing news publications published in the county, and one of the great daily newspapers of the country has been continued during the year.

The Society's only meeting during the year was held November 14, 1916. No papers of importance were read or presented but the meeting was of great value to the people present because of Dr. M. M. Quaipe's address on the relation between the State Historical Society and auxiliary societies.

H. A. ANDERSON, *Secretary*.

### WAUKESHA COUNTY

The Waukesha County Historical Society held two regular meetings during the past year, the eleventh annual meeting at Waukesha on May 5, and the September meeting at Sussex.

At the annual meeting the Lapham Memorial Committee presented a program for the dedication of Lapham Peak and unveiling of the bronze tablet and boulder to be placed there by this Society. The program was approved and accepted as read and the committee authorized to make all arrangements for the dedication.



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The custodian's report showed an accession of 420 articles during the year.

All the officers were reelected. Charles Larson, of Waukesha, was appointed assistant custodian. Ten members were elected. Dr. M. M. Quaife was made an honorary member and the name of Mrs. W. F. Whitney was transferred to the honorary list. Mr. Charles D. Simonds suggested the placing of a story box to be opened at meetings. Each member would be expected to contribute to this box, either in manuscript or newspaper clippings, a story of early days in Waukesha County.

Mr. Simonds also suggested that an historian for the county be appointed and also one for each town in the county, the latter to report to the former, who would report twice a year to the Society.

After a solo by Mr. C. W. Patchen, with Miss Grace Evans as accompanist, Hon. C. E. Armin, of Waukesha, read a paper on "The Early Bar in Waukesha County." This was followed by a paper on "Increase Allen Lapham, First Scholar of Wisconsin," by Dr. M. M. Quaife of Madison.

On June 16, in response to invitations issued, members and guests of the Waukesha County Historical Society assembled on Lapham Peak where the following program was given:

Invocation . . . . .	Rev. A. S. Badger
Address . . . . .	Mrs. H. B. Edwards
Unveiling of Tablet . . . . .	Miss Julia A. Lapham
Lapham and His Work . . . . .	Dr. M. M. Quaife
Value of Historical Landmarks	John G. Gregory
America . . . . .	Sung by audience

The twenty-second meeting of the Society was held at Sussex, September 6, 1917, in the Guild Hall of St. Alban's Church, said to be the oldest church in Waukesha County. The present building was erected in 1864. It was decided at this meeting to send two delegates to the annual meeting of the State Historical Society and Mr. Charles D. Simonds, of Mil-



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waukee, and Mrs. Molly Maurer Kartak, of Oconomowoc, were appointed.

A duet was sung by Mrs. Munz and Mrs. Howard, with Miss Campbell as accompanist.

Mrs. H. M. Youmans read a paper on "An Old-Time Store-keeper's Accounts." Facts and prices were taken from her father's old account books, one of which was on exhibition. The store of Theodore S. Winton, Mrs. Youmans' father, was located at Prospect Hill, five or six miles from Waukesha.

Hon. W. H. Edwards gave an interesting talk on "Early Days in Sussex," reading extracts from the story written by Mrs. Melinda Weaver, the first teacher in the town of Lisbon.

A short paper on Henry Danforth Barron was read by Mrs. Lacher and a few interesting remarks were made by Mr. Alpha Childs, of Amsterdam, New York, who lived in Delafield in 1847.

One member was elected and four applications were received.

JULIA A. LAPHAM, *Secretary.*







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