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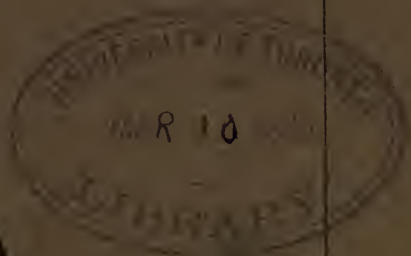
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Library—Knox (chairman), Luchsinger, Sanford, and Superintendent (ex officio).

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

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

Finance—Morris (chairman), Brown, Pedrick, and Steensland.

Advisory (ex officio)—Knox (chairman), Scott, Lacher, Morris, and the Superintendent.

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Relations with State University—Quaife (chairman), Haugen, and Siebecker.

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Membership—Lacher (chairman), Conover, Dudgeon, and the Superintendent.

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THE LIBRARY STAFF

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GEORGIA GROVER	<i>General Assistant</i>
RUTH JOHNSON	<i>General Assistant</i>
CLARENCE HOLLATZ	<i>Document</i>
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SOPHIE BREWER	<i>Elevator Attendant</i>
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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—Daily, with above exceptions: 7:45 A. M. to 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-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

The sixty-sixth annual meeting of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin was held in the Society Staff Room Thursday, October 24, 1918, beginning at two o'clock p. m. Because of wartime conditions the annual address and other features of the meeting in recent years were omitted, the program being confined to the business meeting of the Society followed by that of the Executive Committee.

BUSINESS SESSION

In the absence of the president and the vice presidents of the Society, Father Knox, chairman of the Advisory Committee, took the chair at two o'clock.

Present: Rasmus B. Anderson, Emil Baensch, Charles N. Brown, Frederic K. Conover, Matthew S. Dudgeon, Albert S. Flint, Lucien S. Hanks, Nils P. Haugen, David G. James, Patrick B. Knox, Edward Kremers, J. H. A. Lacher, P. V. Lawson, John T. Lee, George B. Merrick, Henry A. Miner, W. A. P. Morris, Frank W. Oakley, M. M. Qualfe, E. B. Steensland, and E. Ray Stevens—21.

Mr. P. V. Lawson moved that the Society adjourn until four weeks from date, which was seconded by D. G. James. After discussion, including the reading by the chairman of the by-law of the Society on the subject of the annual meeting, the motion was lost.

OFFICIAL REPORTS

The Superintendent, on behalf of the Executive Committee, submitted its annual report to the Society. Mr. Lawson objected to its being received unless it should be read in full. After discussion, Judge Baensch moved that the reading of the report be dispensed with, and that anyone objecting to any item contained in it be afforded opportunity to present his

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objections briefly in writing for filing with the report. Seconded by Major Oakley. Mr. Quaife suggested that if this procedure were adopted it ought to be open to members to file answers to such objections, which suggestion was accepted by Judge Baensch as a part of the motion made by him. Motion carried.

Objection being made by Judge Stevens and Mr. Lacher to the procedure that had been voted, Judge Baensch withdrew his motion and the Superintendent presented the customary condensed statement concerning the annual report. After discussion, Mr. Conover moved that the report be received in the usual form and placed on file. (See *post*, 18 for text.) The motion was seconded and carried. Mr. Lawson asked that his vote be recorded in the negative.

The report of the Finance Committee was made by Mr. Morris, chairman, approving the report of Treasurer L. S. Hanks for the year ending June 30, 1918. The report was accepted and ordered placed on file. (See *post*, 40 for text.)

Reports of auxiliary societies being called for, the Superintendent stated that owing to conditions in the office these reports had not been solicited in advance of the meeting and consequently but one had been received. The Chair stated that the reports should be received in the usual order when they shall come in.

The Chair announced that the election of curators was next in order of business. Mr. Lawson moved that the regular order be suspended and that the report of the special committee on geographical distribution of curators, appointed at the annual meeting of 1917, be heard. The motion was carried. The Chair had appointed as members of said committee, H. E. Cole, chairman, Charles N. Brown, J. H. A. Lacher, Frederic Conover, and Albert S. Flint. In the absence of Chairman Cole, Mr. Brown presented the report of the committee as follows:

In response to the call of Chairman Cole, the committee met at the University Club, November 23, 1917, at 12:15 o'clock.

Present: Messrs. H. E. Cole, Charles N. Brown, Frederic K. Conover, Albert S. Flint, and M. M. Quaife. Absent: J. H. A. Lacher.

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On motion of Mr. Conover, it was unanimously voted that Mr. Qualfe act as secretary of the meeting. By request of the chairman, the Superintendent presented such information as seemed pertinent concerning the situation, including records of attendance at the last four annual meetings of Madison curators, non-Madison curators, and curators who are employed in the state service in some capacity. After a full discussion of the matter with which the committee had been charged by the Society, Mr. Brown moved the following resolution: Resolved, that the committee recommend that no change be made in the method of selecting curators. Seconded by Professor Flint, and unanimously carried.

No further business appearing, on motion the committee adjourned.

Mr. Brown moved that the report be accepted and the committee discharged. The motion was seconded by Mr. Merrick and carried, Mr. Lawson voting in the negative.

The election of curators being next in order, Father Knox, on behalf of the Advisory Committee of the Society, presented the following list of twelve members as nominees for election to curatorship for the three-year term expiring in 1921: Henry C. Campbell, William K. Coffin, Richard T. Ely, Lucien S. Hanks, Nils P. Haugen, Hiram Hayes, Patrick B. Knox, John G. D. Mack, Frank W. Oakley, Arthur L. Sanborn, E. Ray Stevens, and William W. Wight; to fill the vacancy created by the death of Dr. Louis Frank: Albert H. Sanford. Mr. Lawson placed in nomination the following names: Henry C. Campbell, William L. Davis, Hiram O. Fairchild, Lucien S. Hanks, Nils P. Haugen, Samuel M. Pedrick, Albert Henry Schubert, Havlor L. Skavlem, John Stevens Jr., John Strange, Col. J. A. Watrous, and Lawrence C. Whittet.

Mr. Conover moved that the secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Society for those nominees whose names were common to the two lists. The motion was seconded and carried, and Henry C. Campbell, Lucien S. Hanks, and Nils P. Haugen were declared elected.

Mr. Morris moved that a nominating committee of three be appointed to take under consideration the several names proposed and recommend to the Society a list to fill the curatorships still vacant. Motion seconded and carried. The Chair appointed as members of said committee: Mr. Morris,

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Mr. Dudgeon, and Mr. Lawson. In the absence of the committee Mr. Quaife called the attention of the Society to the nature of the campaign of criticism which is being waged by Mr. Lawson, and requested that steps be taken to have his complaints investigated. The list of names returned by the nominating committee was unanimously elected, as follows: For the three-year term ending in 1921: Henry C. Campbell, Wm. K. Coffin, Lucien S. Hanks, Nils P. Haugen, Patrick B. Knox. John G. D. Mack, Frank W. Oakley, E. Ray Stevens, John Strange, J. A. Watrous, Lawrence C. Whittet, W. W. Wight; to fill the vacancy created by the death of Dr. Louis Frank: Albert H. Sanford.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Lawson presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That WHEREAS our foundation charter of 1853 limits the publication authority of this Society to "diffuse and publish information relating to the description and history of the state" and for no other purpose

And further guards the said purpose of publication by detailing that "its funds shall ever be faithfully appropriated to promote the objects of this formation"

Therefore it is Resolved, That we do not approve the editing or proof-reading by the staff of publications not pertaining to the foundation purpose of the Society, the history of the state, and do not approve the printing and binding at cost of the Society of any publications other than such as pertain to the history of the state.

Professor Anderson moved to add to the resolution the provision that a bonfire be made on the campus of all books, pictures, and other objects in the Library which do not pertain to the history of Wisconsin. The resolution was rejected, Mr. Lawson's vote only being cast in the affirmative.

Mr. Conover presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Society hereby approves the construction given by the Superintendent and the Committee on Publications to the statute stating the powers and proper scope of the Society in the matter of its publications and expresses its full confidence in their good judgment.

The ayes and nays being called for, the resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Messrs. Anderson,

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Baensch, Brown, Conover, Dudgeon, Flint, Hanks, Haugen, Knox, Lacher, Merrick, Morris, Parkinson, Steensland, Stevens—15. Nays, Mr. Lawson—1.

Judge Stevens brought up the question of the war collection activities of the Wisconsin War History Commission, appointed by the State Council of Defense, an account of which had been given by the Superintendent in connection with the annual report of the Executive Committee. Judge Stevens stated that he deemed this work one of much importance, and expressed the opinion that the Society should manifest its approval and support thereof. The Chair stated that unless objection was heard it would be taken as the sense of the meeting that the Society does approve of the war history collection work, and is desirous of supporting it in every practicable way. No objection was heard and the sense of the meeting as expressed by the chairman stood confirmed.

No further business appearing, the meeting 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. Anderson, Brown, Conover, Dudgeon, Hanks, Haugen, Knox, Lacher, Morris, Parkinson, Qualfe, Steensland, and Stevens—13.

The Superintendent presented communications received from President Coffin and Curator Starr proposing that measures be taken looking to the arousing of greater popular interest in the Society and to an increase in its membership. Upon discussion it was moved by Mr. Dudgeon that a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to take under consideration ways and means of increasing the membership of the Society. Seconded by Mr. Conover and unanimously carried. The Chair appointed as members of such committee Messrs. Lacher, Dudgeon, and Conover.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Father Knox made a brief statement on behalf of the Advisory Committee, and offered a typewritten résumé of its activities for the year for the perusal of anyone who might care to read it.

On behalf of the Archives Committee the Superintendent reported, in the absence of Chairman Fish, that a comprehensive report on the archives situation, with particular reference to Wisconsin, had been compiled for the committee by Theodore C. Blegen of Milwaukee, and that this report is now undergoing publication at the hands of the state printer. He asked that the report be accepted and the committee continued. It was so ordered by the Chair.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The Superintendent presented for the committee's consideration a list of those who during the year have signified their desire to become members of the Society. On motion, the names thus submitted were unanimously elected members of the Society. The list thus elected, as divided into life and annual membership, follows:

LIFE

Chicago, Ill.—C. H. Thordarson.
La Grange, Ill.—Walter S. Lacher.
New York City—Henry F. DePuy.
Holden, Mo.—Oscar G. Boisseau.
Big Bend—Mrs. I. W. Moyle.
Colomba—Adam A. Beck, James H. McManus, W. A. Roblier.
Columbus—J. R. Wheeler.
Delavan—J. J. Phoenix.
Eau Claire—Col. Marshall Cousins.
Madison—J. S. Allen, H. W. Bleyer, J. N. Cadby, W. O. Hotchkiss, T. E. Lyons, E. J. B. Schubring, H. J. B. Thorkelson.
Milwaukee—John H. Tweedy.
Oconomowoc—Julia A. Lapham.
Reedsburg—Ralph P. Perry.

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ANNUAL

Los Angeles, Calif.—Miss Ella Brunson.
Chicago, Ill.—Gilbert L. Lacher.
Sioux City, Ia.—Carl E. Nord.
Boston, Mass.—Frank Wilder.
New York City—George Bird Grinnell.
White Plains, N. Y.—John P. DeMerritt.
Cincinnati, Ohio—Charles T. Greve.
Appleton—Miss Carrie Blair, John B. Macharg, C. A. Peerenboom.
Baraboo—A. C. Kingsford.
Darlington—R. E. Van Matre.
Hartford—Charles D. Stewart.
Janesville—A. C. Hough.
La Crosse—Wells Bennett.
Ladysmith—D. W. Maloney.
Madison—H. L. Atkins, J. G. Callan, P. J. Connor, Emerson Ela, J. L. Gillin, Mrs. M. B. Rosenberry, Charles A. Smith, Bernice K. Stewart, Mrs. Magnus Swenson, E. E. Witte, C. H. Vilas.
Mayville—B. J. Husting.
Medford—C. H. Bachhuber.
Menasha—George Banta, George Banta Jr.
Milwaukee—Robert C. Brown, O. M. Fritz, W. G. Hanson, A. L. Saltzstein.
Monroe—Mrs. Nettie S. Wright.
Port Washington—Miss Mary Ryan.
Prairie du Chien—Charles H. Metzger.
Racine—W. I. Goodland, E. W. Leach.
Watertown—William Sproesser.
Waukesha—A. S. Badger, A. J. Dopp, L. H. Gingle, A. J. Hutton, J. E. Thomas, H. M. Youmans.

The Superintendent laid before the committee a statement concerning the course taken by the Advisory Committee with respect to the Mills Estate, accompanied by a request of the Madison Y. W. C. A. that the Society consent to its subleasing the property for community war work purposes. Mr. Conover moved that the entire matter be referred to the Advisory Committee, with power to act. Seconded by Judge Stevens and unanimously carried.

No further business appearing, on motion the meeting stood adjourned.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The financial features of the report apply to the fiscal year ending June 30, 1918. In other respects the report deals with operations for the year ending September 30, 1918.

I FINANCIAL STATEMENT

STATE APPROPRIATIONS

The year under review is the first of the current fiscal biennium which ends June 30, 1919. For the support of the Society the state legislature of 1917 appropriated \$60,980 a year during the biennium. The total sum is made up as heretofore of three distinct appropriations under the several heads of operation (\$52,000), property repairs and upkeep (\$780), and books, furniture, and permanent accessions (\$8,200). As compared with the preceding biennium this represents an increase of \$2,000 for operation, and no change in the two smaller appropriations. The following statement summarizes the operations with respect to these several funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1918:

OPERATION

RECEIPTS

Unexpended balance in State Treasury, July 1, 1916	\$5,132.86
State appropriation for year ending June 30, 1918	52,000.00
From the University of Wisconsin, balance due on joint acc't	3,280.89
Total	<u>\$60,413.75</u>

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

DISBURSEMENTS	
Salaries and services	\$45,056.67
Supplies	376.73
Travel	1,695.60
Printing and illustrations	3,465.00
Binding	262.12
Repairs	60.53
Books and furniture	684.11
Freight and drayage	76.22
Express	170.53
Insurance	2,577.90
Postage	500.43
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Total	\$54,925.84
Unexpended balance in State Treasury, July 1, 1918	5,487.91
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	\$60,413.75

MAINTENANCE

RECEIPTS	
State appropriation for year ending June 30, 1918	\$780.00
DISBURSEMENTS	
Property repairs	659.85
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Balance, June 30, 1918	\$120.15

CAPITAL

RECEIPTS	
State appropriation for year ending June 30, 1918	\$8,200.00
DISBURSEMENTS	
Books, periodicals, furniture, and museum exhibits	7,984.10
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Balance on hand, June 30, 1918	\$215.90

It is seen, therefore, that the Society began the year with \$60,236.47 available for operation, and closed it with a balance of \$5,487.91 to carry forward into the year now current. Because of the methods of accounting which prevail in the conduct of the state's business it is necessary to carry forward at the close of each year a considerable balance. In actual fact, however, no such credit exists, for it is practically all

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counterbalanced by outstanding obligations contracted for work being done which still awaits completion or for purchases made but not yet delivered. Thus, if on October 1 the Society sends copy for a volume of its publications to the state printer, the printing of which will cost \$1,000, this sum of money must be set aside in the current budget to pay for the work. If, as frequently happens, the delivery of the work is not made until after July 1 following, this sum will appear as an unexpended balance on the State Treasurer's books to the credit of the Society. In fashion similar to this most of the \$5,487.91 balance shown in the statement for July 1, 1918 was hypothecated by the Society in connection with the operations of the fiscal year just closed.

The small balances carried over to the new year to the credit of the two smaller appropriations will, it is expected, be used up, together with the sums currently appropriated during the second year of the biennium.

PRIVATE FUNDS

A statement of the origin and purpose of the several private funds of the Society may be found in the printed copy of the constitution and by-laws. The condition of the several funds at the close of the year ending June 30, 1918, together with the similar data for the preceding year, may be seen in the following tabular statement:

Fund	Amount	Increase	Amount
	June 30, 1917		June 30, 1918
General & Binding . . .	\$42,020.20	\$427.72	\$42,447.92
Antiquarian	22,911.60	2,089.17	25,000.77
Draper	13,695.70	778.49	14,474.19
Adams	5,946.56	267.40	6,213.96
Sheldon	1,909.58	101.90	2,011.48
Hollister	14,967.40	798.93	15,766.33
Thwaites	11,134.47	594.33	11,728.80
House	572.66	30.68	603.34
Special Book	1,215.71	.....	1,215.71

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Some comment on the condition of the funds will help to elucidate the operations the results of which are summarized in the tabular statement. The gross income of the General and Binding fund (to which is assigned one half the membership dues, one half the proceeds from sale of duplicates, and interest on the principal of the fund) was \$3,177.05. All but \$427.72 of this income was spent during the year, the larger items of outgo being the printing of the *Wisconsin Magazine of History*, the treasurer's salary, the operation of the photostat, and taxes on the Mills property.

The sources of income of the Antiquarian fund are the same as those noted for the General and Binding fund. The gross income for the year was \$1,087.88 less than that of the General and Binding fund, but none of this income was spent—hence the handsome addition to the principal of the fund as a result of the year's operations. With certain unimportant exceptions, likewise, no part of the income of the Draper, Adams, Sheldon, Hollister, Thwaites, or House funds was expended, the showing for net income being practically the same as the gross income of these several funds for the year. The Special Book fund shows no increase since it is being held awaiting suitable opportunity to expend it for a specified object, and hence no share of the gross income of all the funds is allotted to it.

On July 1, 1918 the private funds of the Society totaled \$119,462.50, an increase over the preceding year of \$4,998.62. This increase represents normal sources of income for the year, no gifts of money having been received from any source.

A word may be said in conclusion concerning two important bequests made in former years to the Society which are not yet at its disposal in form for carrying out the purposes designated by the donors. A difference of opinion having arisen over the question of the proper construction of the will of Mr. George Burrows, appropriate legal action has been instituted, in accordance with the advice of the Executive Committee, looking to an authoritative determination by the court of the point in question. The property willed to the Society by Miss

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Genevieve Mills came into its possession during the year. Because of the unfavorable condition of the local real estate market, it has been deemed advisable for the present to make no effort to sell the property. Accordingly an agreement has been entered into with the Young Women's Christian Association of Madison (joint owner, with the Society, of the property) whereby that organization, in return for the privilege of utilizing the property, undertakes to provide for its upkeep free of expense to the Society.

II THE LIBRARY

THE STAFF

Never before in the history of the Society, probably, have such abnormal conditions, touching almost every aspect of its work, been faced as during the year just closed. Naturally one aspect of this situation finds expression in an unusual number of changes in the membership of the staff. Some of these were due to factors which would have operated in normal times, but most were occasioned by the military and economic upheaval through which the world is passing. It might be supposed that a staff over four-fifths of whose members are women would be but little affected by the world convulsion. As a matter of fact, however, there were twenty resignations in a library staff of twenty-eight during the fifteen months of the current biennium (July 1, 1917—Oct. 1, 1918). One-fourth of the number resigned to enter the war; six left for reasons too diverse to admit of characterization; while nine of the twenty resigned to accept better positions at better salaries. A computation shows that their average salary in the Library was \$765; the average beginning salary to which they went was \$1,237.50. Comment on these figures would seem to be superfluous.

The more significant changes of the year follow: Miss Nunns, assistant superintendent of the Society, was on leave of absence due to ill health from January until September. Miss

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Dussell, after a brief career as Superintendent's secretary resigned to become the more interesting figure in a war marriage. From December, 1917 until September, 1918 the place thus vacated was ably filled by Bertha Davis, who in turn resigned at the latter date to engage in Red Cross work in France. At the present writing the vacant position has not been filled. The position in the office vacated by Miss Farley in September, 1917, has since been capably filled by Georgia Grover. Ruth Roberts, who had served as museum assistant for something over a year, resigned July 1, 1918, to accept a much more attractive position in charge of the museum of the Minnesota Historical Society, and in her stead Ruth Johnson of Madison has been appointed. The position in the reference division vacated a year ago by Mabel Swerig, who resigned to carry forward her professional training at Pratt Institute, has been filled during the year just closed by Lucy Rayne of Madison. In the document division the work laid down by Theron Brown, who entered the navy in September, 1917, was taken up by Clarence Hollatz, who at the same time carried on the freshman course in the University. In September, 1918 he, too, resigned to enter the tank corps, and the place is now vacant. The position of male assistant in the newspaper division has been held in turn, for shorter or longer periods, by three men during the year. Two resigned to accept better paying positions, while the third entered the army. On October 1, 1918, E. V. Estvad, a man of mature years and therefore not liable to military service, became the fourth occupant of the position within a year's time. Meanwhile Miss Beecroft, chief of the newspaper division, was granted six months' leave May 1, 1918, because of ill health; the place thus temporarily vacant was supplied by Mrs. Kate Levi. Just at the close of the year Miss Weaks, chief of the manuscript division, was given leave of absence for nine months to enter upon government war service. On July 1, 1918, Miss Congdon, assistant in the manuscripts division, resigned to accept a more attractive position in the Superior Public Library. In her stead Frances Parkhill has been engaged. Marguerite Jenison, edi-

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torial and research assistant from June 1917 on, resigned July 1, 1918, to accept a similar position at Washington with double the pay she had been receiving. Daisy Milward of Madison began work in this division in January, 1918, and Dr. John W. Oliver in September, 1917. After repeated attempts to gain admission to the officers training corps, Dr. Oliver resigned in August, intent on entering the service as a "buck private." A recent letter from his Missouri home conveys the happy information that he has at last been accepted for the officers' training camp, coupled with the lament that the long delay in responding favorably to his numerous requests for admission will result in the war being over before he has an opportunity to get into it.

The caretakers' staff continues as in former years to manifest fewer changes than does the Library staff. Wallace Fusch, night watch, resigned during the year to accept a better position with the University. His place was filled by the transfer of Charles Miller, elevator operator, and the latter place in turn was filled by the appointment of Sophie Brewer. Thus, for the first time in the Library's history, the elevator is being run by a woman. Two of the maids, Barbara Brisbois and Gertrude Nelson, left the service during the year and were replaced by Carrie Pieh and Edith Mulliner. Miss Nelson had been in the employ of the Library eleven years and Miss Brisbois nine.

THE GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY

The outstanding aspect of the subject under consideration is the continued skyrocketing of prices for all printed material, and, consequently, the continued decrease in purchasing power of the book appropriation. Since 1901, when the Library Building was first occupied, the Society's book appropriation has remained substantially the same. For many years after 1901 the legislature granted \$6,000 annually for books, while binding was done as an allowance, off the Society's budget. Since 1913 the old system of allowances has been discontinued,

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and the Society has had \$8,200 a year for books, furniture, and all permanent acquisitions, *including binding*. The Library binding bill in recent years has run from \$2,500 to \$3,000. For the coming biennium the new state printing contract calls for prices upwards of thirty per cent higher than for the one just drawing to a close. It is obvious, therefore, that the Library has considerably less money to devote to the purchase of books than it had when binding was handled as an allowance. More serious than this is the fact that a given sum of money will purchase by far fewer books than it would in the years from 1901 to 1913. The result of this double paring away of the book purchasing fund is seen in the annual statistics of accession. These show a steady but somewhat slow decrease in the number of books purchased for the Library from 1901 to 1915, followed by a much more marked decrease in the last three years. Averaged for five-year periods, the number of books acquired annually by purchase (and exchange; separate figures are not available) from 1901 to 1905 was 2,811; from 1906 to 1910, 2,733; from 1910 to 1915, 2,555; while for the three years of 1916, 1917, and 1918, the number fell to 2,022. The case would be certain to be much worse, from the book purchasing point of view, were figures available for purchases, divorced from those for books acquired by exchange, since there has been a considerable increase under the latter head in recent years. Furthermore, for the last two or three years it has been possible to devote an important part of the appropriation given for operation to the purchase of books, so that the sum actually spent for this purpose has been considerably more than \$8,200—a source of relief which cannot be relied upon during the next few years. Unless, therefore, the legislature shall materially increase the book appropriation at the coming session, there can be no other alternative than a further abandonment of the creditable record with respect to Library growth which the Society maintained a decade and more ago. The following figures summarize the growth of the Library for the year ending October 1, 1918. Those who may take the trouble to compare them with the similar statistics

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presented a year ago should be informed that the report as printed then contained certain errors which are corrected in the present report.

STATISTICS OF ACCESSION

Books by purchase (including exchanges)	1,310	
Books by gift	2,579	
Total books		3,889
Pamphlets by purchase (including exchanges)	424	
Pamphlets by gift	6,764	
Pamphlets made from newspaper clippings	425	
Total pamphlets		7,613
Bound volumes of newspapers by purchase (including exchanges). (Periodicals, indexes, and other publications kept in newspaper department are counted with newspaper volumes)	534	
Bound volumes of newspapers by gift	583	
Total newspaper volumes		1,117
Total accession of titles (excluding engravings, photographs, and maps)		12,619
Engravings, photographs, and maps by purchase (including exchanges)	45	
Engravings, photographs, and maps by gift	2,019	
Total engravings, photographs, and maps		2,064
Present (estimated) strength of the Library:		
Books and newspapers		206,778
Pamphlets		215,705
Total number of titles (books, newspapers, and pamphlets)		422,483

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS FOR 1917 AND 1918

	1917	1918
Total accessions (books, pamphlets, and newspapers)	11,540	12,619
Percentage of gifts in accessions	62	79
Percentage of purchases (including exchanges)	38	21
Books by gift (including duplicates)	3,994	4,595
Pamphlets by gift (including duplicates)	9,386	11,137
Engravings, photographs, and maps, etc., by gift (including duplicates)	3,779	3,124
Newspapers by gift (including duplicates)	413	588
Percentage of gifts that were duplicates	34	39
Percentage of gifts that were accessions	66	61

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NEWSPAPER DIVISION

During the year 1,123 bound volumes of newspapers have been added to the Library, of which 583 volumes were presented by the publishers or others and 495 volumes were purchased. The total strength of the newspaper division on October 1, 1918 was 26,713 bound volumes. By classes, there were 8,556 volumes of Wisconsin papers, 10,179 volumes of non-Wisconsin papers, 2,894 volumes of trade and labor journals, 416 newspaper indexes, and 4,668 volumes of miscellaneous character. During the year 667 newspapers were currently received for preservation, 295 of them being from Wisconsin, 215 from without the state, and 157 trade and labor or miscellaneous in character.

The progress of the war has affected the newspaper division more seriously, perhaps, than any other department of the Library. Our annual newspaper binding bill is heavy (1,077 volumes were bound during the year just closed at a cost of \$1.875 per volume; for the two years beginning January 1, 1919, the cost of binding increases to \$2.38 per volume); many publishers who in normal years were willing to give their paper to the Library have stricken us from their complimentary subscription list, while the subscription price of most of the papers for which the Library pays has increased from 25 to 100 per cent within a period of two years. It seems obvious, in view of these facts, that the growth of the Society's newspaper collection (now second in rank in the country) must suffer seriously unless the amount of money devoted to its further up-building shall be materially increased.

Acquisitions of noncurrent newspaper files were less numerous and important than for several preceding years. The following list includes the more noteworthy acquisitions of this character:

Boston *News-Letter*, 7 vols. (photostat copies), 1726-32.

Boston *Russell's Gazette*, 1 vol., 1799-1800.

Kaskaskia (Ill.) *Western Intelligencer* (photostat copy), 1817-18.

Lawrenceburgh (Ind.) *Palladium*, 1825.

London *Examiner*, 15 vols., 1841-55.

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- Logansport (Ind.) *Telegraph*, 1842-45.
New Lisbon (later Salem) (O.) *Anti Slavery Bugle*, 1845-52.
New York *Weekly Chronicle*, 1 vol., 1850-51.
Newburyport (Mass.) *Daily Evening Union*, 1 vol., 1851.
Rochester (N. Y.) *Genesee Farmer*, 1 vol., 1852-53.
Logansport (Ind.) *Journal*, 1864.
Aurora (Ind.) *Dearborn Independent*, 1872.
Milwaukee *Index*, 1872.
Madison (later Milwaukee) *Lucifer*, and *Arminia*, 14 vols., 1884-98.
Cincinnati *Graphic*, 2 vols., 1885-86.
Cleveland *Recorder*, 4 vols., 1895-96.
New York *Army and Navy Journal*, 8 vols., 1902-10.
New York *Fatherland* (later *Viereck's American Weekly*), 1914-17.
Baltimore *Maryland Manufacturers Record*, 1916-18.

CATALOGUE, REFERENCE, ORDER, AND PUBLIC DOCUMENT DIVISIONS

In all of these divisions the influence of the war has produced a marked impression. The great majority of library patrons who come to the building are normally supplied by the student body and faculty of the University. With the ranks of the faculty depleted, with the graduate school but a shadow of its former self, and with the male undergraduates practically all in war service, either in training on the campus or elsewhere, the demands upon the service of the Reference Division have materially altered as compared with normal years. The outstanding feature of the Order and Documents divisions has been the acquisition of material pertaining to the war. Every possible effort has been made, by systematic canvassing and otherwise, to find and procure for the Library all of the worthwhile material on the war. The museum and office staffs have lent their efforts also to the work of collection, and within the limits of the Library's chosen field a great collection of war materials is being developed. With the close of the year under review the catalogue division completed the task, begun some four years ago, of cataloguing the Tank Collection of books. Although owned by the Library for almost half a century not until now has this valuable collection of early Greek, Latin, French, and Dutch works been catalogued so that its contents might be readily available to the student.

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MAP, MANUSCRIPT, AND ILLUSTRATION DIVISION

Administration

The depletion of the staff of this division of the Library has necessarily entailed considerable alteration of the plans made, and interruption of the work under prosecution. Before leaving the staff in July, Miss Congdon had classified and catalogued the large collection of war posters that has been made, thus making available material of great interest both to students of contemporary history and to collectors and art lovers. To keep the poster collection in proper condition some form of container is highly desirable. Another member of the division arranged during the year the great mass of photostatic copies of documents in the Indian Office at Washington which has been acquired in recent years. It is now possible to locate quickly any paper in the collection, the total contents of which run to many thousands of documents. Among the manuscript collections under process of sorting and classification are the Tweedy papers, the Dewey papers, and the papers of George B. Smith. Completion of the task must in each case be prolonged to another year. Another task completed by Miss Congdon before resigning was that of reclassifying and re-cataloguing the atlas maps in the division. In this general connection the many maps in the volumes of the Tank collection of books have also been catalogued and made available for easy consultation.

Accessions

That the people of Wisconsin are becoming increasingly aware of the advantages offered by the Historical Society for the preservation of manuscripts and the perpetuation of such memorials of its departed citizens seems evident from the record of the year's accessions of manuscripts. Several important collections have come to the Library during the year, and discussions looking to the turning over of several more are under way at the time of making this report.

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In bulk the two largest collections of papers received are those of Nelson Dewey, first governor of the state, and of George B. Smith, member of the first constitutional convention and one of the leaders of the Democratic party in Wisconsin until his death in 1879. When the work of sorting the Dewey papers shall have been completed the bulk of the collection will be much reduced, since many of the papers are of a routine character. Of much interest although not of great bulk are the papers of John H. Tweedy, of Milwaukee, last territorial delegate to Congress, presented by his son John H. Tweedy Jr. Mr. Tweedy was the agent through whose hands passed all the negotiations with the federal government on Wisconsin's entrance upon statehood. A gift of great significance for the more recent period of history is that of the papers of Senator Husting, presented in August, 1918, but not yet, at the time of making this report, actually turned over to the custody of the Society. By reason of his clear-headed and patriotic course with respect to international issues in the difficult years from 1915 to 1917, Mr. Husting speedily won nationwide renown. His papers are voluminous, and when finally made accessible to students they will undoubtedly constitute a source of prime importance for the recent history of Wisconsin.

Along educational lines the Society has recently made several acquisitions of value. The papers of Azel Ladd, state superintendent from 1852 to 1854, were presented by Dr. Otto L. Schmidt, of Chicago, who purchased them from a dealer with a view to presenting them to the Society. This gift incidentally affords an interesting commentary on the way the state of Wisconsin cares (more correctly, fails to care) for its official records. The Ladd papers were evidently part of the official records of the state superintendent's office, where they should, in the proper course of events, have remained until the present day. How, or when, they left the office; and by what route they came to the hands of a Chicago dealer, can only be conjectured. They are now, of course, in safe custody, but it is a sad reflection on the enlightenment of Wisconsin that her state records are cared for in such fashion that the loss or destruc-

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tion of important papers is going on more or less steadily all the time. Colonel Michael Frank, of Kenosha, is noted as the founder of Wisconsin's free public school system, having been instrumental in introducing free schools into his home community, and having drawn the bills for the extension of the system to the entire state. His voluminous diary, kept for a period of fifty years (from 1840 to 1890) has been received from Mr. F. H. Lyman, of Kenosha. Worthy of note in this connection is the item that the papers of Lyman C. Draper, the Society's first secretary, have been arranged and set apart for the period from 1858 to 1860 when he was also serving as state superintendent of education.

An important collection of papers dealing with the early social and religious history of the state are those of the Rev. Matthew Dinsdale, a Methodist preacher of Wisconsin during the territorial period and later, presented by his daughter, Mrs. Magnus Swenson, of Madison. Mrs. Henry E. Legler, of Chicago, has presented such of her husband's papers as he collected when engaged in writing articles on Wisconsin history. Of more local application are the papers of John G. Clark, of Lancaster, and those of James Gorham, of Madison, presented by the surviving members of their respective families. The Civil War diary of William Meffert, of Arena, has been added to the Society's collection of such material. Additions have been made during the year to collections of papers already in the Library through presentation by Miss Julia A. Lapham of some of her father's papers pertaining to the history of his meteorological work; by Professor Frederick J. Turner of some significant papers of his father, A. J. Turner, of Portage; and by Professor John R. Commons of important material pertaining to the subject of labor.

The work of the Society in the Washington archives has been continued, and photostatic material and calendars from the General Land Office and other bureaus of the Department of the Interior have been received. For the greater part of the year just closed the Society's agent at Washington has been engaged in calendaring the papers in the office of the Postmas-

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ter General. During the year the Indiana State Library sent to Madison, to receive the expert attention of our repairer of manuscripts, the Tipton and Lasselle papers, two interesting collections dealing with the early history of that section of the Northwest. With the consent of the Indiana State Library the opportunity of the physical presence of the papers in Madison was improved to make photostatic copies of as many of them as seemed of interest for our Library. In the same fashion, transcripts of treaty and fur-trade material, recently acquired by the Missouri Historical Society at St. Louis, were procured after a member of the research staff had examined the collections with a view to indicating the papers of most interest to the Wisconsin Historical Library.

The collection of both manuscript and illustrative material on the present war is being carried on as vigorously as possible. The records of Camp Douglas in our own state and of Camp MacArthur at Waco, Texas, where so many of the Wisconsin National Guard were stationed in 1917 and 1918, have been placed in our care. An important collection of material on peace and international movements, not to be made accessible to the public for a term of years, has been placed with the Library for the use of future investigators. The collection of war posters which has been built up is probably one of the largest and most complete in the country. In this connection attention only is called to the account in another section of this report of the work of the Wisconsin War History Commission which promises to result in the preservation of a vast store of material pertaining to the contemporary history of the state, and ultimately in the bringing of a considerable part of this material to the State Historical Library.

III THE MUSEUM

The year has been one of healthy activity and growth in this division of the Library, and the museum may fairly be regarded as one of the important educational agencies of the state. For a number of years there has been a steady increase

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in the number of classes of students visiting the museum for instructional purposes. During the year just closed over fifty classes from the University thus visited the museum. Twenty-eight grade school classes from twenty-one different cities and towns, numbering nearly 500 students, likewise made use of the museum; in similar fashion came a still larger number of high school classes.

Thirty-five special exhibits of a historical character were made during the year. These were fully advertised through the press and otherwise, and attracted large numbers of visitors. The print room has been in continuous use for the exhibition of objects illustrating the progress of the Great War. The objects on display included American and European war literature, French Red Cross and patriotic seals, Canadian and American war proclamations, service newspapers, censored mail, and collections of munitions and military equipment. Among other exhibits was one on the arts and industries of the Arucanian Indians of Chile; one on women's dress during the Civil War period; autograph letters of Civil War officers; Dutch war cartoons; war posters; and a series of collections of stamps. In a number of cases special lectures upon the exhibits were delivered in the museum auditorium. Throughout the University year the auditorium walls were given over to a series of exhibits arranged under the auspices of the Madison Art Association. In October a collection of Japanese prints was on display; in November and December collections of paintings by Monticelli and by Hoosep Pushman. Other collections of paintings, ancient textiles, etc., followed in order until the University closed in June.

Four archeological monographs were issued under the editorship of the curator of the museum. These were, "The Rice and Chetek Lakes," by C. E. Brown and R. H. Becker; "Indian Remains in Door County," by J. R. Schumacher; "Marquette County," by G. R. Fox and H. O. Younger; and "Grooved Stone Axes," by C. E. Brown. Due to the preoccupation of many of the workers with war work, less was done in the way of archeological fieldwork than in preceding years. However,

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measures were adopted securing the permanent preservation of groups of Indian mounds adjoining Lake Wingra in Madison and Silver Lake at Oconomowoc.

The specimens added to the museum by gift or purchase number 1,027, while 165 more were received on deposit. A particularly valuable gift received was that of a set of Hudson Bay Company trading tokens, presented by B. K. Miller Jr., of Milwaukee. An account of these tokens is given in the Society's magazine for December, 1918. Another interesting acquisition is the flag of the Third Regiment, Wisconsin National Guard, carried on Mexican border service in 1916. Many other valuable gifts were received, and a number of interesting collections were deposited, title and privilege of withdrawal remaining with the depositor. The important collection of objects pertaining to Indian village life, made by Mr. H. L. Skavlem, of Janesville, at the Carcajou village site on the bank of Lake Koshkonong, numbering hundreds of specimens, was installed in five table cases in the Indian history room. This collection is believed to be the most complete one of its kind ever made in Wisconsin.

IV RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION DIVISION

Miss Jenison and Mr. Oliver, both of whom came to the research staff in 1917, resigned during the year, one to engage in editorial wartime work at Washington, the other to enter the army. In January Daisy Milward joined the staff to take charge of the editorial work on its more technical side.

In volume of publications issued the Society's established record of leadership among American historical societies continues to be maintained. Easily the most noteworthy item of the year's publications is the quarterly *Wisconsin Magazine of History*, publication of which was begun in September, 1917. It has been greeted with widespread favor in historical circles and has already won, apparently, a worthy place among the historical periodicals of America. One volume of Collections (No. XXV, *An English Settler in Pioneer Wisconsin*), edited

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by the Superintendent, was issued in July, 1918. It records in intimate fashion the experiences and problems of a pioneer farmer in Racine County in the years 1842-50.

Of minor publications the issues of the year under review were more than ordinarily numerous and important. The monthly *Wisconsin History Bulletin*, begun in 1914, and the monthly *Checklist of Wisconsin Public Documents*, begun in 1917, were issued regularly throughout the year. At the close of 1917, a cumulated *Checklist of Wisconsin Public Documents Issued During 1917* was published as *Bulletin of Information*, No. 91. Two routine Bulletins of Information, No. 90, *List of Active Members of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin*, and No. 92, *Periodicals and Newspapers Currently Received at the Wisconsin Historical Library* were issued in November, 1917, and February, 1918, respectively. The *Proceedings of the Society* for 1917, stripped of the historical articles which for many years have comprised the bulk of this annual volume, appeared this year as a pamphlet of fifty-nine pages. A ninety-one page pamphlet of much bibliographical significance is *Bulletin of Information* No. 93, devoted to listing the additions of newspaper files from the year 1911, when the latest *Newspaper Catalogue* was published, to January 1, 1918. As the title indicates, the recent issue is a supplementary catalogue designed to be used in conjunction with the *Annotated Catalogue of Newspaper Files* of 1911. Taken together the two exhibit the entire resources of the newspaper division of the Library as of January 1, 1918. The steady growth of the newspaper collection in recent years revealed by the *Supplementary Catalogue* should afford satisfaction to every student of Wisconsin and American development and life. It is to be hoped that before the passage of another decade a new and comprehensive newspaper catalogue can be issued, which shall constitute also an adequate history of the press in Wisconsin.

At the close of the year under review two works were well advanced toward publication at the hands of the state printer. The lesser of these is a comprehensive and illuminating report on the public archives situation, prepared by Mr. Theodore C.

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Blegen. The other work, when issued, will constitute Volume XXVI of the *Collections* and Volume I of the Constitutional Series, edited by the Superintendent. Both these works were in galley proof at the end of September. During the earlier months of his employment Dr. Oliver was engaged in editing the initial volume of Wisconsin Civil War papers. But for wartime interruption this volume would have been ready for the printer before the close of the year. When published it should worthily initiate an important series of volumes in the Society's *Collections*. The work of calendaring the Draper manuscripts has progressed to the point where the calendar of the Kentucky Series is ready for the printer's hand; the calendaring of the Clark Series is almost completed, but the work of putting the copy in shape for printing still remains to be done. It is not expected that either the calendars or the Civil War volume will be printed for the present. Ready also for the printer's hand at the close of the year under review is Volume II of the Constitutional Series. At the time of writing this report the question of sending this volume to the printer is dependent upon that of the supply of paper stock available. Two other important works long under preparation for the Society have been postponed, apparently indefinitely, because of wartime interruptions. These are the initial volume of the Hollister Pharmaceutical Publications, which is being edited by Dr. Kremers of the pharmaceutical department of the University, and Martha Edwards' study of relations between the government and the Indian with respect to religious and educational matters, which was expected to have become Volume II of the Society's series of *Studies*.

V SPECIAL WAR HISTORY COLLECTION

From the beginning of the war in Europe in the summer of 1914 the several departments of the Society's working staff have labored to the limit of their ingenuity and ability to collect for permanent preservation the records concerning the war that were being currently produced and, for the most part,

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currently consigned to oblivion. When the United States entered the arena of warfare it became obvious that some special administrative machinery must be devised if the work of collection of war materials was to be continued on anything like an adequate scale. Accordingly the matter was brought to the attention of the State Council of Defense and early in the year 1918 Chairman Swenson responded to the representations that had been made on the subject by appointing a war history commission of the State Council (composed of M. M. Quaife, chairman, Madison; Wm. W. Bartlett, Eau Claire; Carl Russell Fish, Madison; J. H. A. Lacher, Waukesha; W. N. Parker, Madison; A. H. Sanford, La Crosse; and Captain H. A. Whipple, Waterloo), charged with the general duty of seeing that the records of Wisconsin's participation in the Great War were gathered for permanent preservation. In view of the nature of this task and further of the identity of personnel as between the War History Commission and the Society (the Superintendent being the chairman of the commission and all its members but one being prominently identified with the Historical Society) it was taken for granted that the Society would coöperate to every reasonable extent with the commission in the prosecution of its work. The plan of operations adopted by the commission contemplated the organization of war history committees in the several counties of the state, each of which should undertake to collect the personal and other records of the county's participation in the war, the courthouse or some centrally located library being made the depository of the collection. To initiate and direct the county organizations the services of Dr. Oliver of the Society's research staff were loaned to the commission for a period of several months, together with such stenographic and other assistance as was needed. The work of organization was pursued with vigor and enthusiasm by Dr. Oliver during the spring and early summer, with results, on the whole, highly gratifying to the commission. Unfortunately for its further prosecution, however, Dr. Oliver resigned in August to enter the army and became henceforth a maker rather than a collector of war rec-

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ords. To the present time (October 24) no successor has been provided, the work of central supervision being carried on as far as practicable by the Superintendent from the Society's office in Madison. Arrangements have been made, meanwhile, to have Mr. A. O. Barton, of Madison, take up the work beginning November 1. Under his supervision it is expected the results of the good beginning made in the early months of the commission's activities will be conserved and further extended. With a view to prosecuting the collection of historical records and war museum objects abroad as well as at home, the commission has invoked the approval and support of the State Council of Defense and of the Governor that funds and authority necessary for the sending of an agent abroad may be provided. At the time of making this report the hearty support of State Council and of the Governor have been enlisted for the project. Unless the federal authorities shall withhold consent it seems probable, therefore, that the mission will be undertaken.

Another war drive, in the prosecution of which the Historical Society is intimately interested, may receive appropriate mention here. The field of European history is assigned, by mutual agreement, to the University Library. Because of its character that library does not cultivate any particular field intensively, as does the Historical Library the relatively limited one marked out for it. Hence, if there was to be assembled at Madison a thoroughgoing collection of materials pertaining to the Great War on other than its American side, some special provision for its upbuilding was required. Such provision was made by the University early in the year. A special appropriation of \$5,000 annually was made for the development of a war collection and Dr. A. C. Tilton, formerly of the Historical Library staff but in more recent years of the New York Public Library and the Library of Congress, was engaged as curator. Through the special committee of the University (of which the Superintendent of the Society was made a member) the combined resources of the several departments of the University and of the Historical Society are co-

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ordinated under Dr. Tilton's oversight, with a view to providing on the European side of the war a collection of historical materials comparable to that which the Society is developing in the American field.

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STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

JULY 1, 1918

Assets

Cash	\$969.67
Mortgages	.	.	.	.	.	.	116,900.00
Real Estate	.	.	.	.	.	.	580.54
Photostat Account	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,012.29

\$119,462.50

Distributed as follows:

General and Binding Fund	.	.	\$42,447.92
Antiquarian Fund	.	.	25,000.77
Draper Fund	.	.	14,474.19
Mary M. Adams Art Fund	.	.	6,213.96
Anna R. Sheldon Memorial Fund	.	.	2,011.48
Special Book Fund	.	.	1,215.71
Hollister Pharmaceutical Fund	.	.	15,766.33
Emily House Fund	.	.	603.34
Reuben G. Thwaites Fund	.	.	11,728.80

\$119,462.50

Assets July 1, 1917 . . . \$114,473.88

Increase . . . 4,988.62

\$119,462.50

GENERAL AND BINDING FUND

Treasurer, Dr.

½ Annual dues	.	.	\$414.50
½ Life Membership fees	.	.	270.00
½ Sale of duplicates	.	.	179.13
From Thwaites' portrait Fund	.	.	100.00
Miscellaneous	.	.	9.00
Share of interest	.	.	2,204.42

\$3,177.05

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Treasurer, Cr.

Mississippi Valley Historical Association	\$200.00
J. Mayme Dieruf, stenographic work .	10.00
Wells Fargo Co., express . . .	2.00
Commercial Camera Co., photostat .	129.04
Central Wisconsin Trust Co., deposit box	10.00
St. Paul taxes	12.99
Buell and Lucas, legal services . .	2.00
G. Banta Pub. Co., paper and printing .	1,082.15
M. M. Qualfe, travel	100.00
M. M. Quaife, miscellaneous bills . .	20.00
Sweet-Wallach Co., supplies	200.00
R. C. Nicodemus, surety bonds . . .	37.50
L. S. Hanks, salary	500.00
Boyd & Fichten	2.50
Supt. of Public Documents	20.00
University Club, annual luncheon . .	48.60
J. F. Jameson, books	50.00
R. Kropf, Executor Helen Mills Estate .	316.60
Ferne Congdon	4.75
Photoart House, supplies	1.20
Balance to Binding Fund	427.72
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GENERAL AND BINDING FUND

Treasurer, Dr.

1917	
July 1 Balance	\$42,020.20
Transferred from income	427.72
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1918	
July 1 New balance	\$42,447.92

ANTIQUARIAN FUND

Treasurer, Dr.

½ Annual dues	\$414.50
½ Life Membership fees	270.00
½ Sale of duplicates	179.19
Miscellaneous	2.50
Share of interest	1,222.98
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Transferred to Antiquarian Fund . . .	\$2,089.17

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Treasurer, Dr.

1917			
July 1	Balance	\$22,911.60	
	Transferred from income	2,089.17	
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1918			
July 1	New balance		\$25,000.77

DRAPER FUND

Treasurer, Dr.

1917			
July 1	Balance	\$13,695.70	
	Sale of duplicates	47.45	
	Share of interest	731.04	
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1918			
July 1	New balance		\$14,474.19

MARY M. ADAMS FUND

Treasurer, Dr.

1917			
July 1	Balance	\$5,946.56	
	Share of interest	317.40	
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			\$6,263.96

Treasurer, Cr.

1917			
Aug. 1	Mary Mears, bas relief	\$50.00	
1918			
July 1	Balance	6,213.96	
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			\$6,263.96

ANNA R. SHELDON MEMORIAL FUND

Treasurer, Dr.

1917			
July 1	Balance	\$1,909.58	
	Share of interest	101.90	
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1918			
July 1	New balance		\$2,011.48

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HOLLISTER PHARMACEUTICAL FUND

Treasurer, Dr.

1917				
July 1	Balance		\$14,967.40	
	Share of interest		798.93	
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1918				
July 1	New balance			\$15,766.33

EMILY HOUSE FUND

Treasurer, Dr.

1917				
July 1	Balance		572.66	
	Share of interest		30.68	
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1918				
July 1	New balance			\$603.34

REUREN G. THWAITES BEQUEST

Treasurer, Dr.

1917				
July 1	Balance		\$11,134.47	
	Share of interest		594.32	
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1918				
July 1	New balance			\$11,728.80

PHOTOSTAT ACCOUNT

Treasurer, Dr.

1917				
Sept. 5	Cash		\$14.61	
Dec. 3	"		9.95	
1918				
May 7	"		12.90	
	Balance		1,012.29	
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				\$1,049.75

Treasurer, Cr.

1918				
May 9	Commercial Camera Co., photo- stat		\$1,049.75	
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				\$1,049.75

REPORTS OF LOCAL AUXILIARY SOCIETIES

The unusual conditions prevalent throughout the country during the past year are reflected in the annual reports of activities of the several local societies. Whether wisely or not, some of these have suspended activities during the period of the war. From Walworth County no report has been received. Judge Anderson, of Whitehall, reports that war activities have practically pushed aside all others during the year. No meeting since the annual one of November, 1917, has been held, and none will be held this year except for the annual election of officers. Mr. Pedrick, of Ripon, and Mr. Bardon, of Superior, state that their respective societies have engaged in no organized historical activities during the year. On the other hand, two organizations, the Beloit Historical Society and the Milwaukee Old Settlers' Club, have affiliated with the parent society and the organization of one or more new local societies has been more or less actively considered. It seems proper to call attention, in this connection, to the creation during the year, under the guidance of the Wisconsin War History Commission, of county war history committees in all but a handful of the seventy-one counties of the state. These are in effect county history societies, although they have been organized for a special purpose and presumably for a limited period of time. Many of them have done and are continuing to do splendid work. It seems pertinent to consider whether some measure should not be instituted looking to the indefinite continuance, in the local historical field, of the work of these committees.

BELOIT

The Beloit Historical Society has recently been incorporated and has taken measures to affiliate with the State His-

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torical Society. New officers will soon be elected. The Society uses rooms in the public library, which are opened to the public on Saturdays. Mrs. Cora B. Rau is custodian. The policy of the Society heretofore has been to accept contributions only as loans but now with a legal status gifts will be sought. The Society has been active in exhibiting in store windows documents and historical souvenirs and is recognized as a valuable public institution. With new purposes and greater opportunities as an incorporation, I feel certain that the Society will increase its usefulness.

A. F. AYER, *President*.

GREEN BAY

This report covers the activities of the Green Bay Historical Society for two years. No report was made in 1917.

At the meeting held in December, 1916 the Rev. J. F. Kieb, chairman of the Liberty pole committee, reported that \$325 had been raised for the pole and deposited in the bank at three per cent interest, and that because of the excessively high price of steel, and the great uncertainty of getting a steel pole at any price, the committee had decided to do nothing further for the present. The action of the committee was unanimously approved.

Mr. W. L. Evans then read a very interesting paper prepared by him on the history of Fort Howard and the French and English forts which preceded it on the same site, covering the period from 1721 to the final destruction of old Fort Howard in 1868 by the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company. Mr. Evans was also appointed by the President to draw up resolutions on the death of Mrs. Dorr Clark, Mrs. Thomas Joannes, and Mr. Charles LeComte, members of the Society who had passed away since its last meeting.

The erection of a monument on the Library grounds as a memorial to Father Allouez and Nicholas Perrot, both so closely identified with the early history of Green Bay, has long been a cherished scheme of the Society. A committee had pre-

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viously been appointed to secure designs and at this meeting submitted two plaster casts, consisting each of a group of three intended to represent Father Allouez, Nicholas Perrot, and an Indian, one the work of Sidney Bedore and the other of Mrs. Katherine Ingels, both students of Lorado Taft. Neither design was entirely satisfactory so the committee was instructed to secure further designs and ascertain the probable cost.

The next meeting of the Society was held March 29, 1917; at which a committee, composed of the President and Miss Martin, was appointed to draw up and report resolutions upon the death of Mr. C. A. Lawton, a charter member of the Society, who died March 8, at Nassau, Bahama. There was also discussion about the annual pilgrimage and the ever perturbing question of finances, but nothing definite was decided upon.

The effect of the entrance of the United States into the World War was such that all work of the Society was suspended for the remainder of the year.

On March 29, 1918, at the annual meeting held in the Public Library, officers for the new year were elected as follows: Arthur C. Neville, president; Miss Minnie H. Kelleher, secretary; Mrs. Wm. Joannes, treasurer.

Five new members were admitted to the Society and thirty dollars was appropriated to the Museum Board to aid in the purchase of new cases.

The President reported that the funds raised for the Liberty pole had been invested by him with the consent of the committee in Liberty bonds registered in the name of the Society, and Mrs. Wm. Luckenbach reported for the Art Club that \$100 raised by it for the same purpose had also been invested in Liberty bonds. All of which met with the entire approval of the meeting.

It was also decided to place markers indicating interesting historic places along the lower road to DePere, the signs at present to be painted and erected on posts such as are seen in many places on Eastern roads. Sufficient appropriation was made for the purchase and a committee consisting of Mrs. Arthur C. Neville, Mr. Wm. Conway, and Mr. W. D. Cooke was

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appointed to have charge of the matter with instructions to proceed with the work at once. Although no report has been made by the committee it might be well to state here that the markers have been erected. The road which has now been lined with trees is one of the historical roads of Wisconsin. It is the old post road from Green Bay to Milwaukee, built in 1824. Along its course are the sites of many historical places identified with the early days of Wisconsin. The first sign informs the traveler that he is on the old post road; the second indicates the site of Camp Smith, occupied by the American troops 1820-22; the third, the site of the first court house where Judge James Duane Doty held the first term of court in Wisconsin, and where Chief Oshkosh is said to have been tried for murder 1830; the fourth, the site of the first frame house in Wisconsin built by Judge Doty in 1824, and afterward sold to the government and used for many years as the Indian Agency.

Mr. Wm. Conway of the State Highway Commission then gave a very interesting talk on "Wisconsin Highways"—what was being done for their improvement and maintenance; the efforts of the commission to improve the design of bridges; the designation of the main trunk lines by distinguishing signs; the map being prepared upon which historic sites would be marked by a star.

Mrs. W. D. Cooke aroused a new interest in old "Shantytown" (Allouez) and events of a century ago in a talk compiled from the reminiscences of old residents. Mr. Schumacher spoke of the discovery of the site and part of the foundation in "Shantytown" of the first Catholic church built in the state.

Word has just been received from the Rev. J. F. Kieb, now residing in Honolulu, of the death on October 11 of the Rev. F. W. Merrill, pastor of St. Elizabeth's mission for Chinese and Koreans at Honolulu. Mr. Merrill was well known in Green Bay. He was for ten years general missionary at Oneida, and during that time was a member of this Society and contributed much historical data about the Oneida Indians,

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particularly in a pamphlet entitled "The people of the Stone"—the Oneidas.

ARTHUR C. NEVILLE, *President.*

LAFAYETTE COUNTY

Owing to the numerous calls made for war purposes we have not asked for any membership dues for the last two years. There have been no regular meetings of the Society, and the same officers continue.

We are crowded for room and cannot make the display we would if we had larger quarters. At one time it was thought we could get the G. A. R. room, but the change is postponed for the present.

Among the contributions to the museum and the library are the following:

Identification flag, for headquarters of 165th Artillery Brigade, 90th Division, presented by Gen. F. C. Marshall, of the regular army. General Marshall was born and raised in this county.

Duplicate original of the Seventeenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. This is supposed to be the only one in existence, aside from the one in the Department of State at Washington. This was contributed by Robert F. Rose, brother of D. S. Rose, and was given to him by Wm. J. Bryan, to whom he was private secretary.

Docket of A. J. Side, a justice of the peace of this county, from 1851 to 1906.

A dirk knife found on the site of old Fort Hamilton, at Wiota.

A large clock with wooden wheels, with a fine picture of John Brown of Harper's Ferry on the front of it. The donor says the picture was placed there a short time before the Civil War and that the clock is upwards of one hundred years old, and is in perfect running order.

Money belt worn by a Forty-niner on his return from California, by way of the Isthmus of Panama, with 100 oz. of gold.

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Instrument for hackling flax, brought from Ireland.

Mounted deer head, oxshoe, antique wooden hames used on horses, Swiss marriage certificate, postcards of our great fire of August 31, surgical appliances used by Dr. Hamilton, mounted Chinese Ring-necked pheasant reared in this county, mounted native birds, key of Libby Prison, carried away by an escaping prisoner, and numerous other articles.

Framed portrait of Horace Woodworth, a former Baptist minister of this place; and of Thomas Jackson a resident of the county from 1832 to 1915.

Our most prized possession is fourteen group pictures of our young soldier boys.

P. H. CONLEY, *President.*

MANITOWOC COUNTY

The Manitowoc County Historical Society has held no regular meetings nor has any business been transacted during the year. However, on two occasions the Society fathered gatherings which afforded opportunities for its members and others to meet. One was the lecture given by Dr. Alphonse Gehrend, of Cato, upon Indian life and relics, a talk based upon his observations and findings in recent visits to Shawano County reservations. The second was the interesting talk given by Lieut. John Falge on his life in the United States navy. Lieut. Falge is a son of the late lamented Dr. Falge, one of the leaders in all Manitowoc County historical affairs, whose place it will be hard to fill. At his death he was the head of the Manitowoc County War History Committee and had called several meetings of that body, while stricken with his last illness. Almost his last words were of the work and duties incumbent upon those chosen by the state for this service, and it was his wish that Judge Emil Baensch should continue the labors begun by him.

R. G. PLUMB, *Secretary.*

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OLD SETTLERS CLUB OF MILWAUKEE COUNTY

The Club was organized in 1869 and was incorporated in 1887. Its fiscal year begins February 22. Its officers are elected annually except the historian, who is elected for life. The officers for the current year are: William Ward Wight, president; William J. Turner, first vice president; S. A. Eckstein, second vice president; George W. Young, secretary-treasurer; M. A. Boardman, marshal; Henry W. Bleyer, historian.

All officers, except the marshal, are ex officio. The executive committee consists, in addition to those already listed, of Conrad Niederman, S. R. Bell, and J. H. Manschot.

The Club has six hundred three names on its membership roll. The requirements for membership are that the applicant shall be at least forty years of age and shall have resided in Wisconsin thirty-five consecutive years. Wives of members or of deceased members may be elected honorary members on the same conditions. The initiation fee for full members is \$5 and the dues are \$5 per annum.

The Club has a library of some five hundred volumes whose contents relate principally to the history of Milwaukee and the state. It also has a considerable museum of historical relics and souvenirs.

The financial condition of the Club, as reported at the annual meeting of February 22, 1918, was as follows:

Balance on hand, Feb. 22, 1917	\$4,147.27
Receipts from all sources during year ending Feb. 22, 1918	3,922.03
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Total	\$8,069.30
Total disbursements during year ending Feb. 22, 1918	2,744.85
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	\$5,324.45
Balance in bank	\$1,831.21
Invested in bonds	3,493.24
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	\$5,324.45

GEORGE W. YOUNG, *Secretary*.

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SAUK COUNTY

The annual meeting of the Society, postponed in November because of influenza, was held at the home of H. E. Cole, on Friday evening, December 20. On account of the rain the attendance was not large.

The treasurer, Mrs. E. V. Alexander, reported as follows:

RECEIPTS	
Cash on hand	\$70.88
Dues	45.28
Interest on the W. W. Warner bequest	10.00
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	\$126.16
DISBURSEMENTS	
Liberty bonds purchased	\$100.00
Expenses	22.66
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	\$122.66
Balance	\$3.50

All of the officers were reëlected, as follows: H. E. Cole, Baraboo, president; Mrs. Catherine C. Train, Baraboo, G. J. Seamons, Reedsburg, E. D. Ochsner, Prairie du Sac, vice presidents; H. K. Page, Baraboo, secretary; and Mrs. E. V. Alexander, Baraboo, treasurer.

M. C. Crandall, T. M. Buckley, Arthur N. Buckley, Baraboo; and O. D. Brandenburg, Madison, were elected members.

The care of the Man Mound was left to the Man Mound committee. During the past season the vegetation was not cut until very late. In the future the ground will have proper care.

Two short papers were read. The first, "Newton Clark," was written by his friend, Attorney Robert N. Warner, Everett, Washington, and read by M. C. Crandall; the second, "The Indictment of Abraham Wood," was presented by H. E. Cole. The papers will be published later.

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WAUKESHA COUNTY

Two meetings of the Society were held during the year, the twelfth annual meeting (which was the twenty-third meeting held by the Society), on May 4 at Waukesha, and the twenty-fourth meeting at Pewaukee, on September 7.

At the annual meeting Charles D. Simonds was elected president and the secretary and treasurer were reelected. B. G. Schneider was elected vice president from the town of Merton, Clara Barker from the town of Brookfield, Hugo Ernst from the town of Oconomowoc, and Ida Sherman from the town of Genesee. All other vice presidents were reelected and also the advisory board.

A resolution offered by Mr. Simonds and adopted by the Society directed the secretary to notify the president of the death of any member of the Society whereupon the president shall appoint a committee of two to write a memorial to be presented at the next meeting and preserved in the records of the Society.

Sixteen members were elected.

The report of the delegate to the annual meeting of the State Historical Society in 1917 was read and accepted. The custodian, Mr. J. H. A. Lacher, reported the addition of three hundred forty-six objects to the Society's collection during the year. A vote of appreciation was given Mr. Lacher for his services in caring for the collection and he was made permanent custodian with authority to appoint an assistant. The Society decided on the suggestion of Mrs. Kartak to purchase a fifty dollar Liberty bond and she was authorized to make the purchase. The importance of preserving war posters was urged by Mrs. H. M. Youmans.

In an interesting and valuable paper Mrs. Willis Tichenor told of the work of Waukesha County women during the Civil War. Mrs. Louise C. William's "Recollections of War Times in Summit" and Miss Adelia Leavitt's letter telling some of her experiences as a hospital nurse were read by Miss Mary Newnham. W. O. Greene, superintendent of the first Soldiers'

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Home in Milwaukee, related some of his own experiences and those of his wife, who was the first matron of the home.

Mrs. Ione Gove Hawley sang the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and all joined in singing "America." After a few words of thanks to the members and the people of Waukesha, the retiring president, Mrs. H. B. Edwards, handed our historic gavel to the new president, whose first use of it was to call for a silent tribute to our soldiers. The meeting closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

At the twenty-fourth meeting of the Society at Pewaukee, September 7, after the singing of one verse of "America" and the Canadian loyalty song, a letter of greeting from the president, who was unavoidably absent, was read by the presiding officer, Mr. J. H. A. Lacher. Mrs. H. B. Edwards was elected to fill the vacancy in the advisory board caused by the resignation of Mrs. Virginia Alden Brewster. Before reading his "Boyhood Memories of the Civil War," Mr. H. M. Youmans made an urgent plea in behalf of the Fourth Liberty Loan war bond sale, asking members and guests to do all in their power to promote its success.

After the reading of the paper all present joined in singing "On Wisconsin." Mrs. Ola Clark Anderson read a paper on "Early Days in Pewaukee," and was presented, by request of the president, with an old deed to Chauncey Simonds signed by her grandfather, Asa Clark, and his wife. All three were pioneers of Waukesha County. Letters were read from Dan Camp and Nelson C. Hawks, of California, and Mrs. M. E. Sellers, of Big Bend, daughter of a Civil War soldier.

Mr. Lacher made a plea for additions to the Society's collection. The assistant custodian, Mr. John Ross, gave an interesting talk on old times in and around Pewaukee. This was followed by "Auld Lang Syne" which is a part of the program of all our meetings.

The meeting was closed with the "Star Spangled Banner," sung by Mr. R. Bliese. All papers written for this Society are published in the Waukesha *Freeman*.

JULIA A. LAPHAM, *Secretary*.



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