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WOODBIDGE N. FERRIS, LL. D., GOVERNOR OF MICHIGAN

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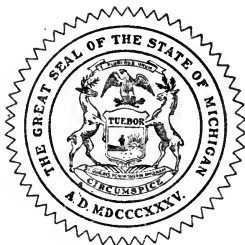
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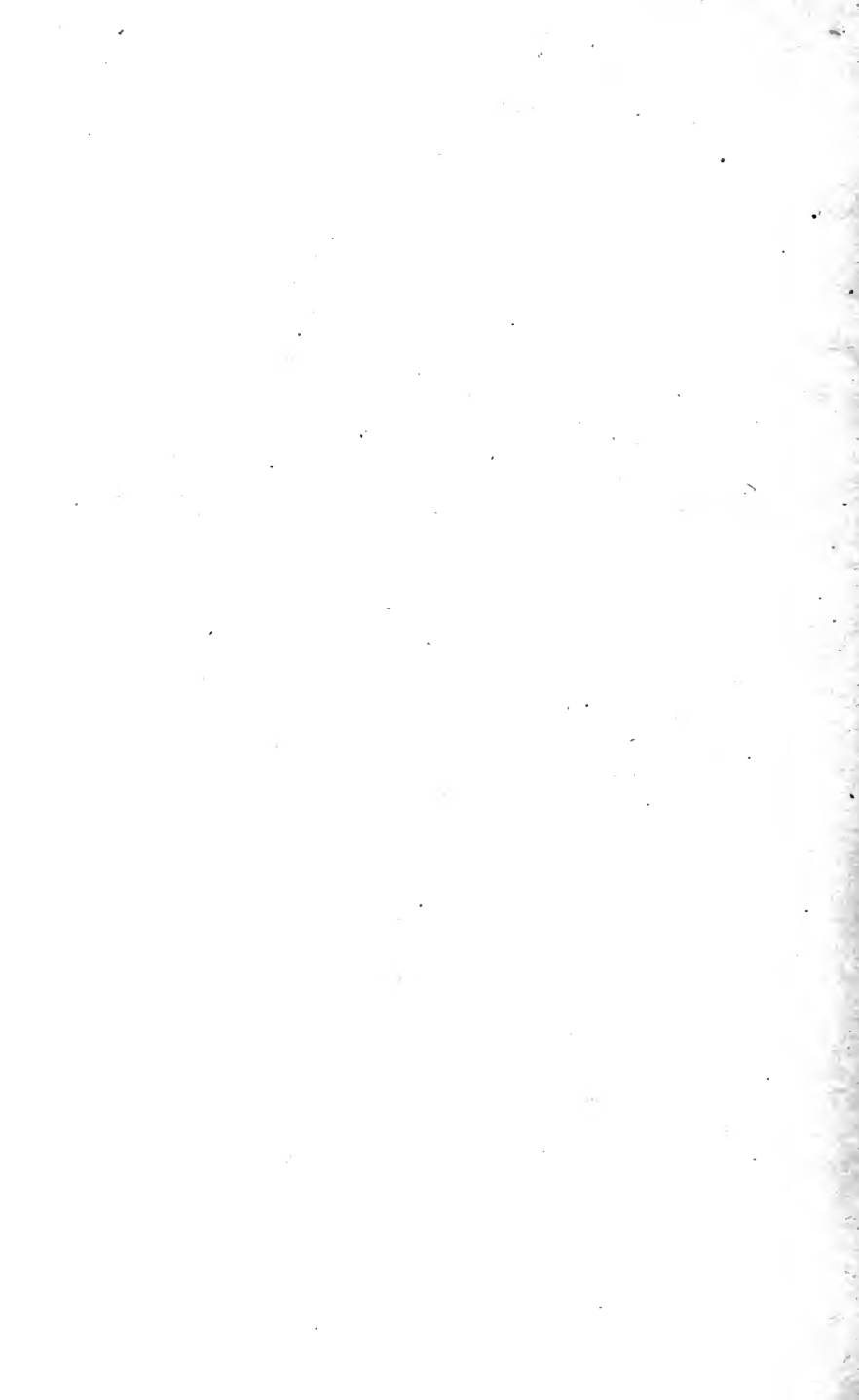
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Michigan Historical Commission  
Office of the Secretary

Lansing, Michigan, January 1, 1914.

To His Excellency, Woodbridge N. Ferris,  
Governor of the State of Michigan:

Sir—In accordance with Section 9 of Act No. 271, Public Acts of 1913, we have the honor to submit to you herewith the first annual report of the Michigan Historical Commission, covering the period from May 28, 1913 to December 31, 1913.

Very respectfully,

C. M. BURTON, President

W. L. JENKS, Vice President

FRANK A. O'BRIEN, LL. D.

EDWIN O. WOOD

LAWTON T. HEMANS

CLAUDE H. VAN TYNE, Ph. D.

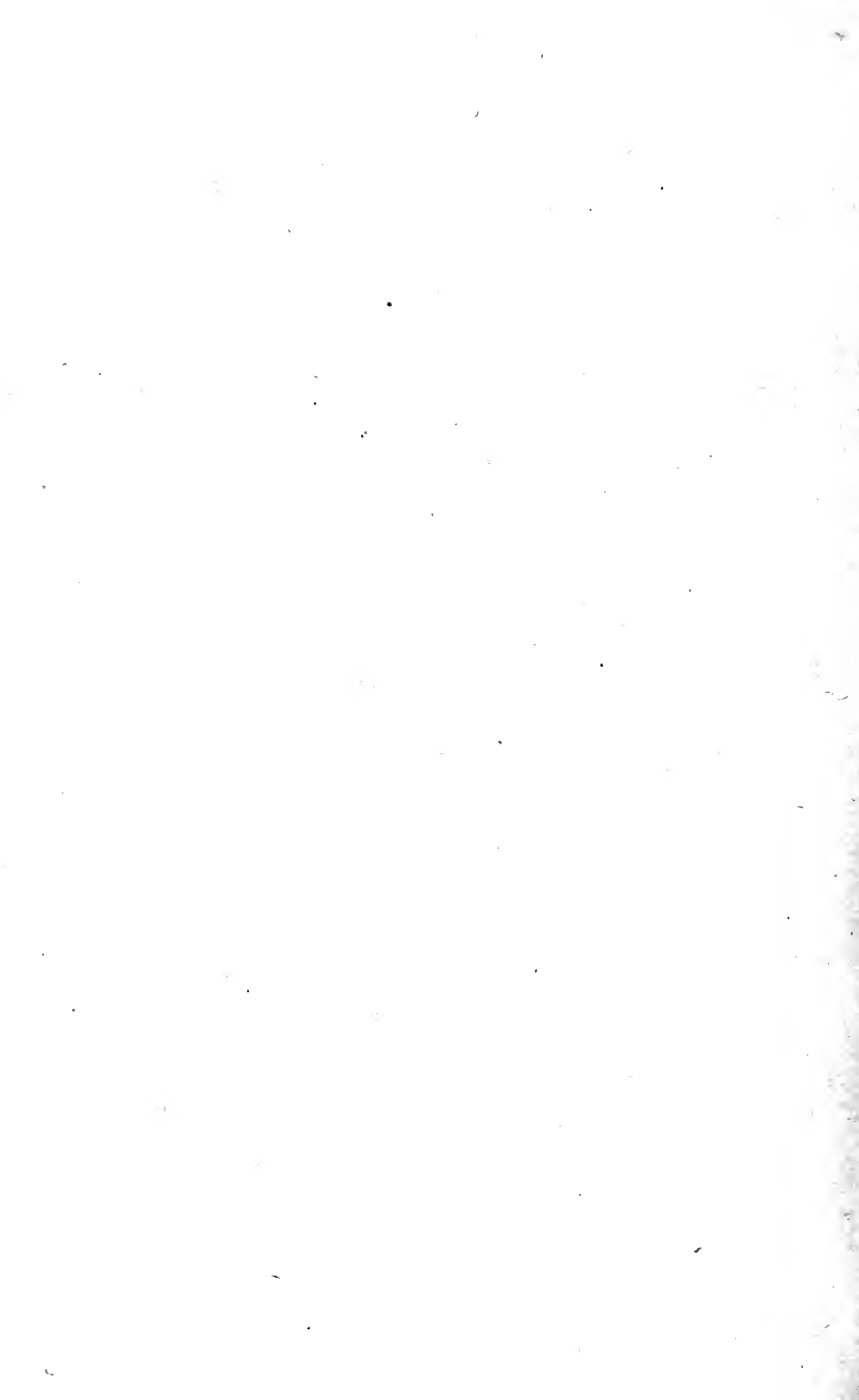
GEORGE NEWMAN FULLER, Ph. D., Secretary

April 1, 1914.

Approved.

WOODBIDGE N. FERRIS

Governor.



## COMMITTEES

### FINANCE AND AUDITING

Rt. Rev. Monsignor F. A. O'Brien  
Edwin O. Wood  
William L. Jenks

### PURCHASING

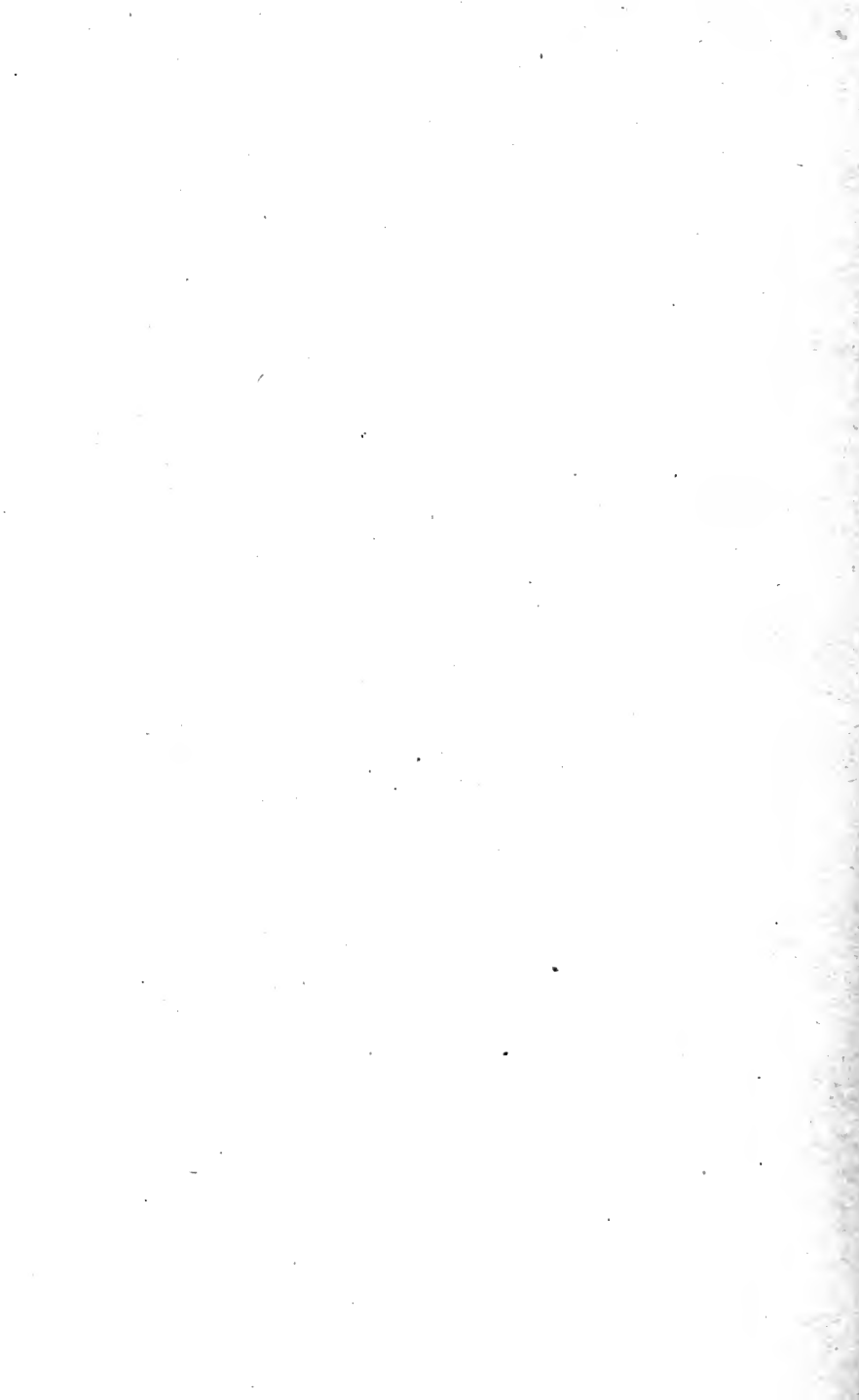
Lawton T. Hemans  
Edwin O. Wood  
Rt. Rev. Monsignor F. A. O'Brien

### EMPLOYING

Governor W. N. Ferris  
Lawton T. Hemans  
Clarence M. Burton

### PUBLISHING

William L. Jenks  
Claude H. Van Tyne  
Clarence M. Burton



## INCEPTION OF THE COMMISSION

The Commission has stated briefly in its Bulletin No. 1 the essentials about the organization, administration and aims of the Department. The causes operating to create the Department may appropriately be here restated. They are partly local and partly general. The latter are in scope almost world-wide. Of these the most striking is the gradual growth of the scientific conception of history. Indeed the history of the changes in the conception of history itself, as reflected in the thinking of succeeding ages, is one of the most instructive chapters in the evolution of world history.

A fundamental series of operations involved in the modern idea of history consists in collecting, preserving, editing and publishing original sources of knowledge. For local history there are, among other sources, the official records in the public depositories of the state, the counties, the townships, the cities and the villages. From these records, when they are ready for the use of scholars, the internal history of the state and the nation must be largely rewritten.

To prepare these materials for this use is very properly one of the functions of government, and following the initiative of our national government, prompted by the leaders of the American Historical Association, many states of the Union have established for this purpose Historical Commissions, or Depart-

ments of History and Archives.<sup>1</sup> Back of this movement in these states there have invariably been also the leaders in the state historical societies and in the historical departments of the state universities. In Michigan the movement was hastened by Governor Osborn's veto, in 1911, of the appropriation made to carry on the work of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society. The leaders of that society thereupon brought to a successful issue the formation of the Michigan Historical Commission.

Chief among the local causes of this action was the unsatisfactory relation between the Society and the State government. Almost from the time of the organization of the Society in 1874 the State appropriated to it annually moneys varying from \$500 to \$4000, principally for the publication of an annual volume of papers and documents. In due course the Society had a valuable collection in its books, manuscripts and museum, but it remained a private corporation, in the management of whose affairs the State had no voice. The Society was legally free to dispose of its property at any time. This seemed wrong and the Directors of the Society decided that action should be taken to establish the Society as the trustee of the State so far as related to the property acquired by it.

At the next annual meeting of the Society in June

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<sup>1</sup>Among the states now having institutions similar to a Department of History and Archives are notably Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Mississippi, Maine, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

1912, Article I of the Articles of Association was amended as follows:

Article I. "The name of this Association shall be the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, and all the property which it has or may acquire by gift, purchase or otherwise, shall be held by the Society in trust for the State of Michigan."

Article VIII of the Articles of Association was amended to read: "The property, affairs and business of the Society shall be under the general charge and management of a board of eleven trustees, one of whom shall be the Governor of the State of Michigan, ex officio: the others shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Society to hold for two years and until their successors are elected and qualified. At the first election under this amendment, one-half of the number shall be elected for one year and one-half for two years. Five trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting. The Board of Trustees shall have power to appoint a Secretary and a Treasurer to hold office during the pleasure of the Board and with such salary as they may determine."

These resolutions submitted by the Board of Trustees were unanimously adopted by the Society.

Hon. Henry R. Pattengill of Lansing, formerly Superintendent of Public Instruction in Michigan and for a generation one of the most active workers in the interests of the public schools of the State, had for many years given his services to the Society as Secretary. The work had, however, long since

assumed such large proportions that a paid assistant, Mrs. M. B. Ferrey, had for some years been employed by the Society.

After this action was taken the Directors felt that better and more permanent results could be obtained if a State Commission or Department should be established to take over and manage the property interests of the Society, and have a permanent appropriation which would enable the employment of competent assistants and the carrying out of matured plans. A committee was appointed to draft a bill for these purposes.

## LEGISLATIVE HISTORY AND ORGANIZATION

From the inception of the idea of a Historical Commission for Michigan, the sympathy of Governor Ferris with the spirit and purpose of the movement and the encouragement given by him through every phase of the legislative history of the bill were of large account in impressing the measure upon the attention of a generous legislature. On February 10, 1913, the measure was introduced in the House by Mr. Dwight G. F. Warner, as House bill No. 327. (House Jour. I.384). On April 19 the bill was passed without a single dissenting vote, and on motion of Mr. Charles W. Smith was ordered to take immediate effect, (House Jour. II. 1807). On the same day it was transmitted to the Senate, and on April 24 it passed the Senate without a dissenting vote and was



ordered to take immediate effect. (Senate Jour. II. 2005). May 8 it received the signature of Governor Woodbridge N. Ferris, and became Public Act No. 271.<sup>2</sup>

Acting in accordance with the provisions establishing the Commission, Governor Ferris at once appointed its members, who met and organized on May 28, 1913.

The meeting was held in the executive chamber in the Capitol at Lansing. There were present the Governor, Clarence M. Burton of Detroit, William L. Jenks of Port Huron, the Right Rev. Monsignor Frank A. O'Brien of Kalamazoo, Edwin O. Wood of Flint, Lawton T. Hemans of Mason, and Claude H. Van Tyne of Ann Arbor.

By unanimous request of the Commission, the Governor, who is by law *ex officio* a member of the Commission, acted as chairman *pro tem*.

Professor Van Tyne was made Secretary *pro tem*.

Clarence M. Burton, President of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, was unanimously elected President of the Commission.

William L. Jenks, Vice President of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, was unanimously elected Vice President of the Commission.

Dr. George Newman Fuller of the University of Michigan was unanimously elected Secretary of the Commission.

It was voted that a regular meeting of the Com-

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<sup>2</sup>This Act is printed in full in the Commission's Bulletin No. 1, copies of which can be had by addressing the Michigan Historical Commission, Lansing, Michigan.

mission should be held in the first week of July, and within every three months thereafter.

Mr. Jenks was appointed to prepare the necessary forms for the transfer of the property and effects of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society to the State, and to see to the execution of the same.

Mrs. M. B. Ferrey, then Assistant Secretary of the Pioneer and Historical Society, was unanimously elected Curator of the Museum.

Mr. Jenks and Mr. Wood were appointed a committee on rules, to report at a special meeting to be held June 5, 1913.

### SPECIAL MEETING, JUNE 5, 1913

This meeting was held in the Lieutenant Governor's office in the Capitol at Lansing. There were present Governor Ferris, and Commissioners Burton, Jenks, O'Brien and Wood. Commissioners Hemans and Van Tyne were unavoidably absent<sup>3</sup>.

The choice of the date was determined by the date of the regular annual meeting of the Pioneer and Historical Society. As the Commissioners present were also members of the Board of Trustees of the Society, the larger part of the available time was spent in session with that Board. The executive work which most needed attention concerned the adjustment of relations between the Society and the

<sup>3</sup>Professor Van Tyne was on the eve of departure for Europe, expecting not to return until the end of the summer of 1914.

Commission, in particular as to the property of the Society. At this session of the Board of Trustees William L. Jenks, in accordance with a resolution adopted at the May meeting of the Commission, presented for consideration the following bill of sale:

“Be it known that the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, a corporation organized under the laws of Michigan, by its President thereof duly authorized does hereby give, grant, sell, and assign to the State of Michigan all the property of every kind, character and description which it now owns or has under its control, giving and granting to the State of Michigan said property to have and to hold forever.

“The purpose of this instrument is to carry out the intent of said Society indicated by resolutions duly passed by its members and in recognition of the fact that the funds with which the said property was acquired were given by the State of Michigan through legislative appropriations over a long period of years, and in recognition of the propriety of the property so acquired being legally vested in the State of Michigan.

“In witness whereof the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society has caused these presents to be signed by its President the 5th day of June in the year 1913.

(Signed) C. M. BURTON,  
President of the Pioneer and Historical Society.”

On motion of Commissioner Frank A. O'Brien, the Society ratified this deed<sup>4</sup>.

In this session of the Commission one of the most important steps taken was the adoption of the by-laws submitted by a committee composed of Commissioners Jenks and Wood.<sup>5</sup>

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AUGUST 6, 1913

The first regular meeting of the Commission was held in the executive chamber in the Capitol at Lansing August 6, 1913; present, Governor Ferris, and Commissioners Burton, Jenks, O'Brien, Wood and Hemans.

On motion of Mr. Wood it was voted to accept the invitation of the Mackinac Island State Park Commission to assist in determining and marking historic sites on the Island and in selecting historic names associated with the Island to give to its paths, drives, vistas, lookouts, etc; and on motion of Commissioner O'Brien a vote of thanks was tendered to the Park Commission for this invitation.

A set of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collections was, on motion of Mr. Wood, loaned indefinitely to Mrs. Mina Humphrey Varnum, whose charm-

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<sup>4</sup>See *Proceedings of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society for 1912 and 1913*, published by the Commission.

<sup>5</sup>These by-laws are printed in full in the Commission's Bulletin No. 1, pp. 17-20.

ing writings in the Detroit Saturday Night and elsewhere have done much to foster an interest in the romance of early Michigan history.

It was voted, on motion of Mr. Wood, that the Secretary be instructed to communicate with leading citizens of Jackson relative to securing the cooperation of that city with the State to preserve as a memorial the home of former Governor Blair, and to report upon the same to Governor Ferris.

On the recommendation of Mr. Burton it was ordered that \$200 be paid to Mr. W. G. Leland of the Department of Historical Research in the Carnegie Institution at Washington to assist in carrying out the cooperative plans of transcribing from the French archives materials relating to the history of the Mississippi Valley during the period of French occupation.

Commissioners Burton, Jenks and O'Brien were made a committee to pass upon a bulletin submitted by the Secretary relating to the inception, organization and work of the Michigan Historical Commission.

Commissioner Jenks and the Secretary were constituted a committee to pass upon a bulletin submitted by the Secretary relating to the organization and work of local historical societies in Michigan.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD OCTOBER  
7, 1913

On October 7, 1913, the members of the Commission were guests of the Right Rev. Monsignor Frank A. O'Brien at his residence in Kalamazoo. The regular October meeting was held on that date at Nazareth Academy in Kalamazoo and at the home of Commissioner O'Brien. Those present besides the host were: Governor Ferris, and Commissioners Burton, Jenks and Wood.

It was voted on motion of Commissioner Wood that all publications distributed by the Commission should be sent to the consignee free of all transportation charges, as provided by law.

On motion of Commissioner O'Brien it was ordered that any publications distributed by the Commission might at the discretion of the Secretary be loaned indefinitely to all libraries contemplated by law which should have less than 500 volumes; provided, that if such libraries cease to exist in connection with the original institution or some institution contemplated by law the volumes shall become State property; provided also, that in loaning single volumes the cost of transportation shall be paid by the consignee; provided also, that the volumes of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collections and the volumes of the Michigan Historical Commission be sold at any time to any person at the uniform price of \$1 per volume.

A set of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collections were presented to St. Mary's University, Baltimore, Maryland, and a set also to the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, in exchange for the publications of those institutions.

It was ordered that a set of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collections be loaned indefinitely to the library of any educational institution in Michigan upon request from the proper authority, to become the permanent possession of said library when it shall contain 500 volumes.

The sum of \$300 was set aside for the purchase of such cases and supplies as might be needed to secure a more efficient arrangement of the objects in the museum.

It was ordered that the following committees be appointed: on finance and auditing, on purchasing, on employing, and on publishing.

The Commission approved of appointments made by President Burton to a joint committee relative to Mackinac Island, submitted as follows: Commissioners William L. Jenks and Frank A. O'Brien are this day, September 24, 1913, appointed by me, Clarence M. Burton, as President of the Historical Commission, members of a joint committee of the Historical Commission and the Mackinac Island State Park Commission to serve with Mr. Ira A. Adams of Bellaire and Mr. Edwin O. Wood of Flint appointed by President A. O. Joplin of the latter Commission, to select and recommend names of historical characters connected with the early history of Mackinac

Island which should be given to lookouts, roads, drives, streets, paths, vistas, groves, etc., on Mackinac Island.

It was ordered that all suitable duplicates now in the museum at Lansing be forwarded to the contemplated museum on Mackinac Island when that museum shall be ready to receive them.

The reprinting of further volumes of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collections was ordered suspended for the present, in order that the work on the new publications of the Commission might be pushed more rapidly.

It was voted that an entire new index, constructed upon the most approved principles of indexing, be made for the 38 volumes of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collections as soon as practicable.

Papers read at the meetings of the Pioneer and Historical Society were ordered to be included in a publication to be called "Proceedings of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society."

The Commission voted to cooperate with all interested societies of southwestern Michigan and northern Indiana in excavating near the site of old Fort St. Joseph for the recovery of the remains of the missionary Allouez who is supposed to have been buried in that vicinity.

A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to Commissioner O'Brien and to the Sisters and officers of Nazareth Academy and to Very Reverend John Cavanaugh, C. S. C. D. D. of the University of Notre



Dame, for the very cordial reception and entertainment given to the Michigan Historical Commission.

## PUBLICITY

One of the earliest steps taken by the Commission was to more fully acquaint the people with the Commission's nature and purpose in order to gain their more active cooperation and support. Bulletin No. 1, already mentioned, set forth the inception, organization, administration and aims of the Commission. It printed in full the act establishing that body, also the by-laws. It contained a brief discussion of plans for collecting, housing and publishing historical materials, for the distribution of its publications, for service to the general public through an information bureau, for cooperating with schools, clubs, local societies and societies of a similar nature in other states, and of making the museum of larger usefulness to the people.

An edition of five thousand copies of this Bulletin was printed. A copy was sent to every newspaper and periodical in Michigan, to each State officer and member of the legislature, to the officers and history teachers of Michigan schools and colleges, to the County Commissioners of Schools, to Michigan granges and public libraries, to historical societies, commissions and libraries of other states and to a large number of individuals and educators at home and abroad.

Before the publication of Bulletin No. 1 there was sent to every newspaper and periodical in Michigan the following circular:

The Michigan Historical Commission wish to be of service to you, and to the public through your paper.

Three obvious means appear: (1) To send to your paper from time to time items of live historical interest gleaned from all parts of Michigan; (2) To stimulate your readers to do the same; (3) To preserve a complete file of your paper in the newspaper department of the Commission, which is collecting one of the most valuable bodies of historical material to be found in the Middle West.

A Bulletin of information about the work of the Commission is being prepared, to be distributed to all interested. If you desire it, kindly notify the Commission on the enclosed card, stating also whether you are willing to insert gratis in your paper once a month during the coming year the following notice:

To the People of Michigan:

The Michigan Historical Commission, established by the last legislature, wish to communicate with every person who has in his or her possession old newspaper files, pamphlets, letters, diaries, account books, local histories and atlases, museum objects illustrative of Michigan or of Michigan people, anything whatever of value for the history of Michigan. The Commission is composed of Governor W. N. Ferris, Clarence M. Burton, William L. Jenks, Frank A. O'Brien, Edwin O. Wood, Lawton T. Hemans, and Claude H. Van Tyne. Address, The Michigan Historical Commission, Lansing, Michigan.

A generous response was received, which was acknowledged by the Commission in the following circular mailed with Bulletin No. 1.

The Historical Commission most highly appreciates the recent generous response of the press to the publicity needs of the Commission. It would be a favor as highly esteemed if as time

and space permit, you would feature in your valued publication the brief articles of bulletin No. 1. The items would in this way reach a wide circle of interested readers whom otherwise the Commission could not reach but desires to serve. Your attention is specially requested to page 35 of this bulletin.

It is the desire of the Commission that at least the most prominent newspaper of each county in Michigan shall be received for its files. At present the Commission regularly receives many of the prominent newspapers of the State. In Bulletin No. 1 the Commission has already called attention to the historical importance of this material and emphasized the need of collecting not only contemporary newspapers but even the fugitive sheets of all the important papers and periodicals that have been published from earliest times in Michigan.<sup>6</sup>

## MUSEUM COLLECTION

The museum is greatly in need of larger quarters. The present collections if properly displayed would require four times as much space as they occupy now. The sum of \$300 which was set aside by the Commission is being used to make the more imperative improvements in casing the displays. A catalog of the museum is being constructed on plans consonant with methods favored by the American Association of Museums, of which this Museum is a sustaining member.

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<sup>6</sup>Bulletin No. 1, pp. 24-25.

A large part of the educational value of a museum depends of course upon the nature of the objects in it, and upon the manner in which they are displayed, but a primary desideratum is to get the objects. That is the present problem of the Commission's museum. Bulletin No. 1 (pp. 39-41) has already briefly considered its present status, and the forthcoming catalog will do so in satisfying detail.

The Curator of the museum, Mrs. M. B. Ferrey, reports the following articles added to the museum during the past two years since January 1912:

Snuff Box

Owned by Lucy Beals, born Aug. 7, 1798. Presented by her granddaughter Mrs. Leonora Chamberlain, Hartford, Mich.

Check

Drawn on the Michigan Insurance Bank for \$188.50 for House expenses. Dated Nov. 1, 1865. Presented by George Clark, Lansing

Pigeon Net

Presented by Miss Emma Wilson, Northport. Used about 1883 by Walter S. Wilson

Peninsular Railway Excursion Ticket, and Campaign Hat. From Lansing to Battle Creek, July 4, 1870. Presented by Caleb Smith, Lansing

Pontiac Weekly Bill Poster

Dated Feb. 23, 1876. Account of Oakland County Pioneer Society. Presented by Mrs. D. D. Solis, Pontiac

Five Silver Buttons

Presented by Miss Sarah L. Burr. Owned in the family since 1838

Map of Michigan, 1838

Presented by Miss Sarah L. Burr

## Mulberry Plate

Presented by Mrs. Betsey Webber, Lansing

## Flag

First one carried by women of Lansing, 1849. Dewitt Union Daughters of Michigan

## Foot-Warmer

Presented by Mrs. Betsey Webber, Lansing

## Bead Bag

Belonged to Mrs. Catherine Busler, Centerville, St. Joseph Co., who came to Michigan in 1836. Presented by her daughter, Villetta L. Woods

## Constitution and Discipline of M. E. Church, 1854

## Small Bonnet, Baby's Shirt, Pincushion, Hand Embroidery, Quilt

Presented by Mrs. Laura A. Ayers, East Lansing

## Account of Fort Dearborn Massacre by Lieut. Helm

Presented by Nelly Kinzie Gordon, Savannah, Ga.

## Transactions of the New York Agricultural Society, 1850

Presented by Mrs. Mary E. Henry, Albion

## Medical Book

Presented by the widow of Dr. Tyler Hull, Dimondale, Mich.

## Surgical Instrument

Used about 1820. Presented (as above)

## Knapsack

Used in Civil War. Presented by Jay See, Dimondale, Mich.

## Four Campaign Buttons

From Chicago Convention, June 1912. Presented by Fred Hadrich, Lansing

## One Bottle and One Jug

Presented (as above)

## Silk Shoes Side-Laced

Made in the family of George Trary. Secured from Mrs. W. H. Dodge, Lansing

## Gloves

Made and given by Indians to M. D. Skinner, formerly of Lansing

## Reeds and Rattans for Skirt

Presented by Miss Hattie Nash, Lansing

## Account Box

Kept by David Scott, DeWitt, Mich. Presented by his grandson, Charles W. Webb, postmaster, DeWitt

## U. S. Flag

Presented by Boy Scouts, Greenville, Mich.

## Booklet "Picturesque Walloon"

Presented by H. McConnell, Walloon Lake

## Indian Relic

Found near lake, Livingston County. Presented by R. W. Cooper, Lansing

## Two Pieces from the Charter Oak

Presented by A. Warden Palmer, Jr., Grand Rapids.

## Piece of Atlantic Cable

Presented (as above)

## Virgin Lamp

Purchased in Jerusalem and presented by Mrs. Nellie Osband Baldwin, Grand Rapids

## Stays, Home Made

Made by Mrs. Hannah Durfee, aunt of Mrs. Nellie Osband Baldwin

## Silver Teaspoon

Presented by Mrs. Loraine Pratt Immen. First used by her mother, Mrs. A. P. Bell

## Silver Table Spoon

Made of silver dollars given as wedding present by Julius Bartlett of Connecticut to his daughter Lucretia Baldwin in 1823

Presented by Mrs. Nellie Osband Baldwin, Grand Rapids.

## Napkin

Purchased in Europe and presented by Mrs. Loraine Pratt Immen, Grand Rapids

## Log Cabin Quilt

Made by Mrs. Maria Dumont Fisher and given to Mrs. Philo L. Daniels, aunt of Mrs. Mina H. Varnum, who presented it

## Bronze Medal of the Louisiana Centennial, April 30, 1812

Presented by Louisiana

## Democratic Free Press

Dated May 5, 1831. Owned by Charles A. Little, Detroit. Presented by Mrs. Elizabeth Child, Lansing

## Chattanooga Daily Rebel

Dated June 28, 1863. Presented by Daniel E. Soper, Chattanooga, Tenn.

## Oaths of Office taken by Members of House of Representatives, 1879

Presented by Dr. F. W. Shumway, Lansing

## Tomahawk

Found on St. Joseph river about 1893 and presented by Hon. G. W. Schaeffer, Sturgis

## Ear Ring Mold, and Half of Ring

Presented (as above)

## Two Daguerreotypes

Presented by Mrs. Adams, Mason

## Saddle-Bag

Bought in 1780 by John Wilcox, who gave it to his grandson, Amos Wilcox, Pittsford, Hillsdale County. Presented by the latter

## Rubber Fire Bucket

Used in Lansing before organization of fire department. Presented by H. H. Larned

Charcoal Flat Iron

Presented by Mrs. F. D. Ferle, Lansing

Seven Pennants, Five Political Badges

Presented by Fred Hadrich, Lansing

Twenty-Six Confederate Notes

Hair Wreath

Made by Mrs. George W. Porter, Portland, Mich. Presented by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. W. E. Porter, Portland

One block of Crazy Work Quilt

Pieced by Anna Maria Robbins in 1891. Presented by her daughter, Mrs. Laura A. Ayers, East Lansing

Scrip Fifty Cents

Issued by John McDonall at Detroit in May, 1818. Presented by his grandson, H. B. Vaill, Keene, N. H., through C. M. Burton, Detroit

Indian Skinning Knife, Two Tablets

Found in Mecosta County in 1912

Four Newspapers

Louisville Daily Journal, Oct. 14, 1863.

The Salem Whig, Oct. 7, 1840

The Salem Weekly Union Advocate, May 10, 1866

The Washington Democrat, April 20, 1865

Presented by Seymour Foster, Lansing

Common Prayer Book, 1828 and 1850, Concordance New Testa-

ment, Picture of The U. S. Steam Frigate Merrimac

Presented by Mrs. Bessie Stephenson Bentley

Double Barrel Shot Gun

Presented by Gerald Swan, Hastings

Four Bonnets, Brass Kettle, Copper Pail, Wooden Sugar Bowl,

Wine Glass, Small Pitcher

Presented by Mrs. Henry Turney

Black Straw Bonnet

Presented by Mrs. Lovell, Lansing



- Northern Advocate, May 16, 1840  
First paper in Flint, then called Flint River. Presented  
by M. W. S. Townsend, Mount Pleasant
- Eaton County Republican for 1861  
Bound. Presented by Major Nesbitt, Big Rapids
- Map of City of Lansing, 1866  
Presented by Unity Club, Lansing
- Air Castle made of Rags  
Presented by Mrs. M. J. Adams, Mason
- Shoulder Cape  
Worn by Mrs. Mary Brock, a Quakeress in Norristown, Pa.
- Walker's Dictionary, 1817, Philadelphia  
Presented (as above)
- Pair White Cotton Stockings  
Knitted by Eleanor Connard, about 1865
- Michigan State Journal, May 26, 1859
- State Republican, Dec. 13, 1865  
Presented by Mrs. O. R. Hardy for the E. M. B. Club,  
Lansing
- Record of Grant Township, 1866  
Presented by Mrs. George A. Shields, Bay City
- Pennant  
Fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Chattanooga, 1863
- Card of Georgia Monument
- Views of Chattanooga  
Presented by D. E. Soper, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- Workbag, Razor, Brush, Whalebone, Piece of Counterpane  
From the family of Luke Phillips. Presented by his daughter  
Mrs. Philip Ernsberger, Lansing
- Forty-Three Old Books, Two Pictures, Forty-Six Small Photo-  
graphs. Sewing Machine and Old Chest  
Presented by Mrs. Hall Thayer, Saginaw

- Three Certificates, One Bond, One Program of Legislative Reunion, June 10, 1886  
Presented by Mrs. Mary C. Spencer, Lansing
- Two-Dollar Wild-Cat bill, Bank of Monroe  
Presented by J. C. Obert, Durand
- Eight Pamphlets Found in File Case  
Presented by Miss Gertrude Wolcott, Public Domain Office, Lansing
- Hand-Wrought Nails  
From old Fort St. Joseph, Niles. Presented by W. Hillis Smith, Niles
- Two Pennies  
Presented by Don Hinchman, Lansing
- Two Coins  
From Byron Warren, Bay City
- Two Books From the Franciscan Monastery, Petoskey  
Presented through Father Evers
- Indian Sweet Grass Basket, Indian Hatchet, Blue and White Splint, Snake Charm, Bow and Arrow, Skull  
From Cross Village Indian Cemetery
- Picture of Squaw, Bottle with Wood Picture Inside  
Given by Indians of Cross Village
- Methodist Almanac 1856 and 1844, Two Pamphlets, Two Small Photographs  
Presented by Mrs. Parmelee Scofield, Lansing
- Boy Scouts' Flag  
From Wyandotte, through Rev. R. G. Hershey, Chaplain
- Three Pieces Pewter, Sugar Bowl, Creamer, Teapot  
From Mrs. Mary E. Hawley. Presented by the Van Winkle Woman's Club, Caro, Michigan
- Penny, 1861  
From Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, West Branch

## Two Nuts

Carved from peach stones by Stanley Pixley

## Embroidery

By Mrs. Sarah Scripture Lewis, born in 1804

## Cardboard Cross

Made by Mrs. Clorinda Taylor in 1870. Presented by Mrs. O. Palmer, Grayling, Mich.

## Three Pictures

Given by Dr. and Mrs. Palmer, Grayling

## Portrait of General George A. Custer

Given by Mrs. Elizabeth C. Custer

## Letter Scales

Presented by Judge Joseph B. Moore, Lansing

## State Republican April 19, 1865

Containing account of death of Abraham Lincoln. Given by Clinton Leach Chalfant, Springfield, Mo.

## Coral Basket

Presented by Mrs. Juliette Freeman

## Wallet, Hymn Book, Prayer Book

Owned by John Helfridge, and given by him to his son John in 1820

## Lace

Knit by Mrs. Thayer and given to Mrs. Miller in 1873

## Letter

From Mrs. John Helfridge, written from Old Mission and signed by Helen E. Morrell

## Rate Bill for District No. 3, Peninsula Township

School started in Chandler's barn. Presented by Mrs. S. A. Miller, daughter of John Helfridge

## Picture

Group of Eaton County Women's Club, Eaton Rapids

## Twenty-Six Pamphlets

From T. L. P. Miles, Lansing

Door Latch, Dickie, Three Posts and Headboard of Four Poster Bed

From L. G. Palmer's home near Napoleon, Mich.

Indian Mortar and Pestle, Surgical Instrument

Broken Pieces of Indian Pottery

Found under tree in Churchill, Ogemaw County. Presented by R. A. Babcock, West Branch

Hoop Skirt and Bustle

Presented by Mrs. B. Bennett, West Branch

One Box "Nacht Lichters," Book of Three Maps, Leases Mineral Region

Lake Superior, Autograph Letter

From Chief Blackbird, Harbor Springs. Presented by Mrs. E. M. Schettler, Muskegon Heights

Yiddish Doll

Made by Mrs. Ida D. Menore, a blind woman who gave it to Mrs. Irons, West Branch, for a door stay. Presented by the latter to the Museum

Sausage Stuffer

Wooden Cowbell

Given by an upper peninsula settler to the wife of Capt. Thomas, father of Calvin Thomas. Mrs. Thomas gave it to Mrs. Marion H. Irons, West Branch who presented it to Museum

Side Saddle

Brought from the East by the mother of Mrs. Lucy C. Davis, Lansing, and presented by Mrs. Davis

Tankard

Hood and Dolman

Presented by Mrs. F. A. Travis, St. Johns

Deed to Mr. Allison Jume, of Gratiot County, and Bible

Presented (as above)

**Handkerchief**

Made by Emily Virginia Mason on Congress Street, Detroit, in 1839. Presented by her aunt, Mrs. Dorethea Mason Wright, Newark, N. J.

**Papers**

From Father O'Brien, Mrs. Hopy, Mrs. Geddes, Perry Ostrander, and others. Programs of Women's Clubs and D. A. R. Meetings

**Pewter Candle Stick**

Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Redfield, Marshall

**Mat**

Made by Chippewa Indian woman, 1857, and presented by Mrs. Frances E. Burns, St. Louis, and Mrs. A. J. Hughes, Big Rapids

**Piano**

Used in the home of Governor Blair. Given by Mrs. Blair to Helen, daughter of her oldest son George, and on her death presented by her mother, Mrs. Vienna Blair, Los Angeles, California.

**Lumber Wheels**

Presented by H. M. Loud, Oscoda

**Beaver Hat**

Worn by Governor Austin Blair. Presented by Hon. Frank E. Dodge, Lansing

**Seal of Michigan**

Made of Corn by Ralph Oversmith, aged 14, and flag made of corn by Frances Fitzgerald, aged 12, grammar school pupils of Miss Gertrude Cartwright of Brooklyn, Jackson County, Mich.

The following loans to the Museum were made during the same period:

Picture

Made of cork by Mrs. Moots, loaned by her granddaughter, Miss Helen Brown, Lansing

Sash and Picture

Young ladies taking part in parade July 4, 1873, Lansing. Loaned by M. Helen Simons

Fish Spear

Owned and used by Horace W. Reynolds, Clinton County. Loaned by his son, W. R. Reynolds, Lansing

Copper Spear Point

Eight inches long. Picked up on a farm at Jordan Lake, Ionia County, by Jerry Preston

Two Volumes by Dr. Gill

Commentaries on the Old and New Testament. Loaned by Mrs. J. Cummins, Leslie

Manual

Hon. DeWitt C. Leach, U. S. Congress 1860-1. Loaned by Clinton Leach Chalfant, Springfield, Mo.

Sling Shot

Used by Indian women

Reading Desk

From first Indian mission, Cross Village

Book of Indian Accounts

Loaned by Mrs. M. E. Schettler, Muskegon Heights

Two Large Gilt Frame Pier Glasses

Having marble shelves inscribed, "To Mrs. Gov. Blair from the officers of the tenth and eleventh cavalry." Loaned by Mrs. Charles Blair, Lansing

## HISTORICAL PICTURES AND PORTRAITS

A historical portrait gallery is a worthy conception, well fitted to stimulate the pride of the people in their State and in the achievements of its leaders. All ages furnish examples of the honor paid to it, from the Parthenon of the Greeks to the Louvre and Westminster Abbey of today. In the old Northwest, Michigan has been a center of the best ideals of this section of our country. It can not be long before Michigan must build larger quarters for the rapidly growing work at the State Capitol, and in view of securing at that time a suitable room for a historical portrait gallery every possible effort will be made to obtain portraits of the men and women who have been prominent among the makers of Michigan.

Through the generosity of patriotic citizens the following historical pictures and portraits have been presented to the Commission and are now on display in the Museum:<sup>7</sup>

General Andrew Jackson

Engraving, 8 x 12, presented by Mr. and Mrs. De Camp,  
Ovid, Michigan

Thomas D. Gilbert

Photograph, 8 x 12, from Grand Rapids

Centennial Photograph

Two sections, twenty-four pictures each

Centennial Photographs

Four sections, containing 8 x 12 spaces

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<sup>7</sup>Report submitted by the Curator.

- Centennial Photographs  
Two sections containing forty-eight pictures
- Centennial Photographs  
Territorial Judges, ten spaces, six pictures
- Centennial Photographs  
Territorial Delegates, seven portraits, 24 x 32
- Metropolitan Gallery  
One hundred portraits, 22 x 25
- Faculty of University of Michigan  
Nine portraits
- Faculty of University of Michigan  
Five portraits
- World's Fair Board  
Chicago, 1893
- United States Commissioners  
1891-1894
- Supreme Court and Lansing Business Men of 1893  
Forty-one portraits, 30 x 45
- Michigan United States Judges  
Nine portraits, 10 x 12
- Methodist ministers  
Group
- Michigan governors (nineteen) and Capitol  
Group of pioneer pictures
- Three group pictures of Legislatures

#### OIL PORTRAITS

- Mrs. Lucinda Hinsdale Stone  
Painted by Mrs. Stone's daughter-in-law. 26 x 28. Presented by D. A. R.'s and Ladies Literary Club of Kalamazoo, through Mrs. Mary M. Hopt



Jonathan Shearer

President Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, 1876-77.  
20 x 22

Mother Rod, prominent Indian woman of Sarnia

Presented by Mr. Harrington of Port Huron

Isaac E. Crary

Presented by Mrs. Belona Crary Frink, Marshall, Michigan,  
through Judge Patterson Marshall

William A. Burt

Inventor of the solar compass. Presented by his sons

Okemos

Portrait painted by Stanley of Detroit. Presented by C. M.  
Burton

Captain Marsac

Pioneer of Bay City. Portrait purchased for \$50. 45 x 60

William Woodruff Gibbs, Artist

Presented by Macomb County citizens through George H.  
Cannon, Washington, Michigan

Carroll of Virginia

## PHOTOGRAPHS

Governor John S. Horner

Presented by his daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Burling, Ripon,  
Wisconsin

Peter White

Presented by his son-in-law, Mr. A. O. Jopling, Marquette,  
through Hon. Charles R. McCabe, Marquette, Mich.

Hon. Joseph Greusel

Presented by his children

Arthur Hill

Presented by his wife

Judge and Mrs. Tenny

Presented by Mrs. Mary C. Spencer, State Librarian

Emily Ward, Detroit, Michigan

Presented by the Women's Club, Marine City, through  
Mrs. George Jones

Mr. and Mrs. Elder

Presented by their daughter, Mrs. Perry, Lansing

Mr. Bliss of Blissfield

T. T. Lyon

Presented by Mr. Murray

E. O. Haven, LL. D., former President of University of Michigan

Presented (as above)

F. H. Rankin

Presented (as above)

C. I. Walker

Presented (as above)

John D. Pierce, Marshall, Michigan

First Superintendent of Public Instruction in Michigan  
Presented (as above)

Governor William Woodbridge

Presented by Major H. E. Johnson

Capitol, Lansing

Architect's drawing presented by Hon. D. E. Hineman,  
Detroit

Governor W. N. Ferris

Purchased by Mrs. Ferrey

Mrs. Mary Stillman's sister, Mason, Michigan

General George E. Custer

Presented by Mrs. Custer

Governor Austin Blair

Presented by Mrs. Mary C. Spencer

Henry E. Tappan, President of the University of Michigan  
Presented by Mrs. Mary C. Spencer

Mr. and Mrs. Elder  
Presented by her daughter, Amy Perry, Lansing

Samuel Rowe  
Presented by J. V. Barry, Lansing

Joel Carpenter  
Blissfield pioneer

Nun  
Unidentified

Three Lenawee County Soldiers, 1861-1864

Daguerreotypes  
Paneled; sixteen small pictures from Adrian

Washington and His Cabinet

Harry E. Conant  
Presented by Mrs. Mary C. Spencer

E. Lakin Brown of Schoolcraft

Abraham Lincoln

Lewis Cass

Okemos  
Ambrotype; presented by O. A. Jenison, Lansing

Ezra Baldwin Taylor  
Silhouette, full length. Presented by Mrs. Mary C. Spencer

Judge Babbitt  
Presented by Mrs. Florence S. Babbitt

John M. Longyear  
Presented by his wife, Lansing, Michigan

John D. Pierce

Governor Josiah Begole  
Presented by his wife, Flint, Michigan

Governor Crapo

Presented by his son-in-law, Dr. Willson, Flint

William Milham

Two portraits not named

William H. Taft,

William McKinley

Presented by Hon. William Alden Smith

George Washington

Presented by Henry Chamberlain, Three Oaks

John W. Dewey of Owosso, Michigan

Presented by himself

Judge Charles Long

Presented by A. C. Chapin, Lansing

Governor A. T. Bliss

Presented by his wife, Saginaw, Michigan

Stephen A. Douglas

Presented by Lucy Cowles, Lansing

A. B. Gardner, of Albion, Michigan

Presented by his daughter, Mrs. Gale, Albion

Rt. Rev. Monsignor Frank A. O'Brien of Kalamazoo

M. D. Osband, of Hillsdale

Replica of the Governor Mason Statue at Detroit

Presented by Hon. Daniel McCoy, Grand Rapids

Henry A. Tappan

Plaster medallion. Presented by University of Michigan

Governor John J. Bagley

Bust

Henry Dexter

Bust

## MAPS

The value, for historical purposes, of the early maps of any territory is now acknowledged to be very great, and the Commission has begun the collection of maps to illustrate the history of the Great Lake Region, with a view of obtaining a complete line of the characteristic French, English, Dutch, German and Italian maps, so as to display the gradual increase of knowledge of this region down to 1800.

It has already in its possession the following maps of this section of the New World:

1635

Blaeu, Willem J. *Americae Nova Tabula*. A good example of the Dutch maps of this period, showing both North and South America, but not indicating any knowledge of the Great Lakes

1642

Jansson, Jan. *America Septentrionalis*

The map is from the same plate as a map of the same title issued in 1839, by Hondius, the brother-in-law of Jansson

1670

DuVal, Pierre. *Le Canada fait par le Sr. de Champlain suivant les Memoires de P. Du Val Geographe du Roy*. Undated, but about 1760. Very rare map; the plate was reissued several times, first probably in 1653. This copy contains a reference to the route taken in 1665 to go to Japan and China. The configurations of the Lakes are very curious

1680

Berry, William. *North America divided into its principal parts*

The largest and most authentic English map of North America published up to this date. It is based largely on Sanson's map

1685

Daniel, R. A map of ye English Empire in ye Continent of America

A very rare map; the earliest English map to show three of the Great Lakes, Ontarius, Hurons and Erius or Felis

1694

Jaillot, H. Amerique

An interesting map following Sanson in the configuration of the Lakes

1695

Morden, Robert. A new map of the English Empire in America. A copy of the first issue of this map, which shows the Lakes approximately in their proper positions

1710

Senex, John. North America

A large fine colored map extending beyond the Mississippi.

1718

DeFer, Nicolas. Carte de la Nouvelle France

While this rare map is unsigned and undated, it is undoubtedly a reduced copy of a larger map issued in 1718, by DeFer. The Lakes are more fully detailed than in any other map up to this date

1719

DeFer, Nicolas. Carte tres curieuse de la Mer du Sud.

This beautiful map is a reduced copy made for Chatelain's Atlas of 1719, from a large map published by DeFer in 1713. Many very fine engraved inserts represent cities, Indians, animals, etc.

1720

Moll, Herman. A new map of the North parts of America. This map shows all the lakes on a large scale. In the upper right hand corner is a view of the Indian fort Sasquesahannock

1720

Homan, J. B. *Amplissimae Regionis Mississippi*  
An interesting map showing the lakes on a good scale, with  
Hennepin's route marked by a dotted line

1746

d'Anville. *Amerique Septentrionalis*  
Usually considered the best French map up to this date of  
the whole of North America

1753

Vaugondy, Robert de. *Carte des Pays connus sous le nom  
de Canada.* A well detailed map on a large scale.

1755

d'Anville, J. B. *Canada, Louisane et Terres Angloises.*  
A fine map on much larger scale than the map of 1746

1755

Mitchell, John. A map of the British and French Dominions in North America. A copy of the first issue of this important map, the largest and most authentic of North America down to this date. It was issued under official sanction and was the map chiefly relied on by the Commissioners in making the Treaty of Peace in 1783 between Great Britain and the United States

1755

Jefferys, Thomas. *North America.* An important map based on d'Anville, contains several columns of descriptive text entitled "English title to their Settlements." This is a copy of the first impression of this map which was reissued several times

1766

Kitchin, Thomas. A new and accurate map of the British Dominion in America

1783

Pownall, Thomas. A new map of North America

1790

Blair, John. A map of North America

1794

Laurie and Whittle. A new and general map of the Middle Dominions belonging to the United States of America

1802

Bruyeres, R. H. Sketch of the North Shore Contiguous to the Falls of St. Mary

1831

Burr, David H. Michigan

1834

Wightman, J. A new Emigrant's map of Michigan with a part of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois

1835

Farmer, John. An improved edition of a map of the surveyed part of the Territory of Michigan

In the collection are also Farmer maps of Michigan and Wisconsin, 1835, Michigan 1836, 1852, 1854, 1864

1836

Young, J. H. The Tourists Pocket Map of Michigan

18 ?

Houghton, Douglass. Maps of Lenawee, Jackson and Washtenaw Counties. These are three of the County Maps prepared under the direction of the first State Geologist

1846

Hubbard, Bela. Map of the western counties of Michigan

1848

McCracken, T. Map of the Town of Michigan in the County of Ingham

1859

Geil & Jones. Genesee and Shiawassee Counties

1859

Geil & Jones. Macomb and St. Clair Counties

(The above list of maps was prepared by  
William L. Jenks.)



PUBLICATIONS<sup>s</sup>

In the preface to Bulletin No. 1 it was suggested that there be published a descriptive catalog of the Museum of the Commission, the proceedings of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society and reports of cooperative activities with other state organizations of a similar nature; a constitution and by-laws for local historical societies in Michigan, suggestions to local societies regarding methods of work, and reports and papers contributed by local societies; a preliminary bibliography of materials for Michigan history, a calendar of unpublished materials in the public and private libraries of Michigan, and a calendar of Michigan state and local archives; also suggestions to writers of local history in Michigan, and topics, references and suggestions for the study and teaching of Michigan history, including Indian legends and pioneer life, with references to material for English exercises and story telling.

Of these the Commission has thus far published Bulletin No. 2, "Suggestions for Historical Societies and Writers in Michigan," in an edition of 5000 copies. The volume of "Proceedings of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society" is now in press. The edition of the present "Annual Report of the Michigan Historical Commission" was 1000 copies. A calendar of the Askin, Schoolcraft and other Papers is now in

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<sup>s</sup>See Bulletin No. 1, pp. 17, 31-33

preparation. Volume XXI of the reprints of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collections is now ready for distribution and Volume XXII will soon be in press.

It was voted at the last meeting of the Commission that further work on the reprints be suspended for the present in order to make way for work on original publications. One of the most important of the proposed new publications is a new index of the entire 38 volumes of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collections, to be constructed from the viewpoint especially of the historian, the economist, the sociologist and the scientist.

Other items of work to be undertaken in the near future are a preliminary bibliography of materials for Michigan history and a calendar of unpublished materials in the public and private libraries of the State.

A prospect to which the Commission is hopefully looking forward is the publication of official documents from the State and local archives. Few writers on Michigan history, especially outside of the State, can readily have access to this original material. The publication of it is therefore felt to be a pressing need. In this series there will probably be published the messages of Michigan governors.

It has been contemplated for some time to issue a complete translation of the Margry papers, which were collected by Pierre Margry and published through the assistance of the U. S. Congress. This has been delayed, in consequence of the thorough examination being made of the French Archives under the direc-

tion of Mr. W. G. Leland of the Carnegie Institution of Washington. This examination has now been completed, and the papers may be consulted at the office of the Commission.

The conditions upon which the publications of the Commission are distributed, exchanged or sold, are set forth in Section 7 of the act establishing the Commission. The statutory requirement that a library contain 500 volumes in order to receive these publications is disappointing to many vigorous but small communities especially in the northern part of the State. In view of this the Commission has provided that loans may be made at the discretion of the Secretary on receipt of request from the authorities in charge of any local library contemplated by the law. This enables every school, grange and public library in Michigan to have all of the practical benefits to be derived from these volumes.

Relative to public school libraries a circular letter was sent recently to every County School Commissioner in the State calling attention to the shipment of volumes of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collections sent to the schools in each of a number of districts indicated and asking for the names of the present teachers in these schools so that the Commission might correspond directly with them regarding the condition of their sets. The purpose of the Commission is to fill out the incomplete sets where these volumes are of real value, and to supply new sets to such schools as the School Commissioners should deem eligible.

The cordial response of the School Commissioners enabled the Historical Commission to get into direct relations with the teachers in the schools, and a circular was then addressed to each teacher asking for:

1. Total number of volumes in the school library exclusive of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collections;

2. Number of volumes of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collections with volume number of each volume;

3. The condition of these volumes, with specific statement as to any damage to any volume;

4. Desire to have set completed.

A prompt response from the teachers is anticipated. The Commission desires to assure the school commissioners and teachers of its hearty appreciation of their cooperation in this work.

To 250 secretaries of the larger granges of Michigan a circular was sent some months ago asking:

First, how large is your grange?

Second, does your grange possess a set of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collections?

Third, is the character of these volumes well known in your community?

Fourth, could your grange use to advantage a set of these volumes?

Up to the present time only one reply has been received.

## INFORMATION BUREAU

In response to the invitation extended in Bulletin No. 1<sup>o</sup> to all persons desiring information on questions of Michigan history, numerous letters have been received and answered by the Commission. It was anticipated that this one activity would require a large share of the Commission's attention, and the experience of the past few months shows that if the answers were made as full and explicit as the Commission desires, the function would consume entirely the time of at least one assistant. Undoubtedly this phase of the work is one of most vital concern to all interested in the history of Michigan, and the Commission is hopeful of such an increase in its appropriation as will make possible the employing of this very much needed assistance.

## COUNTY SOCIETIES

The Commission has sought to learn the present condition and past achievements of every local historical society in the State. It desires to strengthen the work of the older societies and to organize new societies in counties which up to this time have been without them. Very early in its work it sent to the secretary of each society a personal request for information. In substance this request was repeated as follows on an enclosure in Bulletin No. 1:

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<sup>o</sup>See Bulletin No. 1, pp. 35-36

To Local Historical Societies in Michigan:

We beg leave to call attention to a forthcoming bulletin on the local historical societies of Michigan.

The bulletin will go to all of the county societies of Michigan and to all of the important state societies in the United States and Canada.

There could scarcely be a more far-reaching notice of your county, nor a more pleasing association for the person or persons who should merit such attention by furnishing the material to the State Historical Commission.

Will you kindly give this notice the utmost publicity, in order that your county society may appear to its very best advantage in the bulletin.

In some replies to this circular there has been scarcely enough information to indicate a live interest in the local work. Other replies show a very energetic and promising spirit.

Typical of the local historical societies organized under the auspices of the Commission is that at Flint, Michigan, which was organized December 3, 1913. It began with nearly a hundred members comprising leaders of thought in Flint and in Genesee county. The Board of Education provided generously for its accommodation, setting apart a separate room in the Flint Public Library to be used as a history room and museum. The impulse and sustaining power which was given to this work by the Flint Daily Journal is a model of that patriotic press support which the Commission is assured it will meet with throughout the State.

To aid the work of local societies 5000 copies of Bulletin No. 2 have been printed for wide distribution among the workers in the local fields. The bulletin bears the title, "Suggestions to Local Historical Societies and Writers in Michigan," and contains, besides materials for the constitution and by-laws of the local historical society, hints for practical work—namely, methods of arousing and directing popular interest in collecting historical materials, means of interesting the club, the lodge, the school, the public library, the church, and the press as allies of the society, together with counsel to writers of local history.

### LIBRARIES AND SCHOOLS

A special effort is being made to meet the desire shown by the public libraries to cooperate in the work of the Commission and of the local societies. As far as possible the libraries have been supplied with sets of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collections for their reference rooms. The larger libraries will upon request, be presented with sets for their circulating department. The problem of popularizing these volumes is a large one, and solutions are being actively sought and applied.<sup>10</sup>

Among the special means of increasing the use of the volumes and of bringing the historical work of the libraries into closer relation with the schools and the people is the equipping of a special room in the library

<sup>10</sup>See Bulletin No. 2, pp. 25-26

as a history room and local museum. For the purpose of bringing this to the attention of librarians a circular was sent out to all public libraries in Michigan inquiring about the possibility of having a room set aside for these purposes and urging the many advantages.

The Commission desires to aid in every possible way the historical work of the teachers and students in the schools and colleges of the State. As already said, earnest efforts are being made to increase the use of the volumes of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collections, sets of which are being placed in every school that asks for them. A syllabus is contemplated, for use in schools and libraries, containing a chronological list of vital topics on the social, political, economic, industrial, educational, literary and humanitarian phases of Michigan history, with specific page references to these volumes. Mrs. M. B. Ferrey, Curator of the Museum has been very active in bringing to the grade pupils, as well as to the High Schools, increased interest in the history of the State. The Secretary presented the plans and purposes of the Commission to the State Teachers' Association at Ann Arbor, and arrangements are being made for effective work at the meeting of the Michigan Schoolmasters' Club. Not only history teachers, but every teacher in Michigan schools, should have a vital interest in knowing the history of that environment in which the majority of the school children are destined to assume the responsibilities of citizenship.



## CLUBS AND LOCAL SOCIETIES.

For stimulating interest in local history, very potent are the local clubs and societies. The womens' clubs and patriotic societies are strong influences in promoting the study of local history, in determining and properly honoring the old landmarks, and in assisting to celebrate the anniversaries of historic events. Mrs. M. B. Ferrey, as chairman of the History Committee of the Federation of Womens' Clubs in Michigan, has done excellent work along this line. Following is the Curator's report of visits to schools, clubs and local societies:

June 8, 1913, meeting of St. Helens Community Club, of Roscommon County, with members of West Branch Club as guests.

June 10, 1913, meeting of Ingham County Pioneer Society in Senate Chamber, Lansing.

June 14, 1913, meeting of Clinton County Pioneer Society, at Court House, St. Johns.

August 7, 1913, meeting of Library section of the Bay View Assembly at Bay View.

August 19, 1913, meeting of Eaton County Pioneer Society at Charlotte.

Sept. 16, 1913, meeting of Women's Club at Holt.

Sept. 10, 1913, visit to West Branch, Ogemaw County.

Sept. 11, 1913, meeting of Women's Congress at Roscommon.

Sept. 12, 1913, visit to Grayling, speaking to school.

Sept. 25, 1913, quilting by Lansing D. A. R.'s in Governor's parlor.

October 8, 1913, visit to Lawton, speaking to school.

October 9, 1913, visit to Paw Paw, speaking to school.

October 18, 1913, visit to Napoleon, speaking to Farmers' club and schools.

October 21, 1913, meeting of Michigan State Federation of Women's clubs at Muskegon.

November 3, 1913, visit to Big Rapids, speaking to Ferris Institute students, then to County Normal and to Kindergartners.

November 5, 1913, visit to St. Johns, speaking to four grades in high school and to the Normal.

November 5, 1913, visit to Greenville, speaking to schools and club.

November 18, 1913, visit to Sunfield, speaking to grade school and primary, also to the Sunfield club.

December 3, 1913, meeting of D. A. R. at Marshall.

December 4, 1913, visit to Galesburg to secure relics.

December 19, 1913, Farmers' institute at Wolverine, Cheboygan County.

## COOPERATION WITH THE MACKINAC ISLAND STATE PARK COMMISSION

The Mackinac Island State Park Commission has undertaken the construction of a new and detailed map of Mackinac Island, for which an entire new survey has been made. Upon this map there will be shown all of the important historic sites, drives,

paths, groves, vistas, lookouts, caves, springs and other points of natural beauty.

To obtain suitable names for these places the service of the Historical Commission was solicited and cordially given. A joint committee was appointed consisting of Commissioners Jenks and O'Brien for the Historical Commission, and for the Park Commission, Hon. Ira A. Adams and Hon. Edwin O. Wood. A visit was made to the Island, in the summer of 1913, by the members of this committee, when it was agreed that the names selected should, in the main, commemorate the Indian tribes and the explorers, missionaries, soldiers and civilians connected with the Island's early history. Plans were considered for establishing a museum on the Island, which should illustrate its historic growth and development. For this purpose all appropriate duplicates at the State museum will be sent, in due course, to the Island museum.

The historic importance of the Mackinac region in the early history of Michigan, and its present far-reaching fame as a summer resort, justifies the most energetic work of both commissions in properly preserving the history of its past, and improving the great possibilities it affords at present as the rarest gem of natural beauty in our northern lakes.

## VISIT TO NAZARETH ACADEMY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

On the occasion of the regular October meeting, the Commission was most cordially entertained at the home of Monsignor O'Brien in Kalamazoo. The visit to Nazareth Academy, of which Monsignor O'Brien is Dean, was keenly enjoyed. The modern sanitary halls and recitation rooms of the Academy were found to be models in artistic appointment and ample equipment.

A very enjoyable program was given by the girls and boys of the Academy. To their addresses of welcome, characterized by courtesy, intelligence and patriotism, Governor Ferris responded warmly, drawing upon his boyhood experiences to impress his "gospel of work." The spirit of hospitality shown by our colleague, and by the officers and Sisters of the Academy, was most highly appreciated.

The cordial invitation of the Very Rev. John Cavanaugh, C. S. C. D. D., to visit the historic collections in the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, was accepted, and the Commission spent there a most profitable day in the library and museum, and among the historic art treasures of this most noted institution of its kind in the Middle West. To an audience of a thousand students Governor Ferris again presented his "gospel of work," and extended to the students and professors a most hearty invitation to

visit the educational institutions of Michigan and see how this gospel was there practiced.

Neighboring historic sites were visited, including that of Old Fort St. Joseph in southwestern Michigan, near Niles, and the site of the supposed burial place of the missionary Allouez. The Commission voted to cooperate with all local societies of that region to excavate for relics of that period.

It is believed that these visits may result in fruitful cooperation in the interest of the history of Michigan.

## PERRY'S VICTORY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Michigan was officially represented at the Perry's Victory Centennial Celebration, September 11-13, by Governor Ferris, the Michigan Memorial and Centennial Commission, and the Secretary of the Historical Commission.

The strategic import of Perry's victory on Lake Erie was vital for the American occupation of the old Northwest, enabling Harrison to free Detroit, to invade Canada and to bring the war in the west practically to an end at the battle of the Thames. The celebration, however, of the one hundredth anniversary of that event, centralized at Put-in-Bay, had as its chief significance, the official recognition of the century of peace ensuing between the United States and Great Britain. To aid in promoting a suitable celebration and memorial, the Michigan legislature appropriated the sum of \$30,000.

The program was largely one of peace. Governor Ferris delivered an address on "Lewis Cass, Michigan's Hero in the War of 1812." Cass was essentially a man of peace, whose constructive work as Governor of Michigan during nearly two decades following the War of 1812, laid broad and deep the foundations of Michigan's growth as an agricultural commonwealth.

A valuable collection of material was made, relative to the inception; organization and execution of Michigan's part in the celebration. A paper on this subject was read at the last meeting of the Pioneer and Historical Society, and will be published in the Proceedings.

#### COOPERATION WITH THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

The great importance of calendaring and transcribing materials in foreign archives relating to American history is unquestioned; the problem is to achieve this task with the least waste of time, energy and money.

Since 1907, the American Historical Association has been active in securing a solution of this problem, and the most promising suggestion of that body is, that it might be done by groups of states having historical interests in common. Such a group, for example, is that lying in the old French province of the Mississippi valley, which properly includes Michigan. Michigan is one of a number of states in that group which are now contributing to a fund to be disbursed

for the above purpose, by a committee of the American Historical Association on "Cooperation Among Historical Societies." The obligation of \$200 made some time ago by the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, has been assumed and paid by this Commission. The work in the French archives is being done by Mr. Waldo G. Leland, of the Department of Historical Research of the Carnegie Institution, Washington, D. C.

### CRITICISM AND APPRECIATION

It is with a deep sense of gratitude, that the Commission looks back over its first few months of work, and reviews the many marks of approbation it has received from the people and the press of Michigan. This work has necessarily been that of planning and organizing, of making known its plans, and of soliciting the cooperation of other historical agencies at home and abroad. The high ground which the Commission has now reached affords an outlook that is bright with promise.

A large debt is due to the experience of Historical Societies and Commissions of other states. Our special thanks are due to the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, and to the Departments of Archives and History in the states of Alabama and Mississippi.

At the very beginning of our work the Commission was counselled by the wise experience of our late lamented friend, Dr. Reuben Gold Thwaites, of the Wisconsin Historical Society, who was personally

present at the first meeting of the Commission after its organization.

For counsel and encouragement the Commission is under great obligations to Victor H. Paltsits, chairman of the Public Archives Commission of the American Historical Association; to Dr. J. Franklin Jameson, of the Department of Historical Research of the Carnegie Institution, to Worthington C. Ford of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and to faculty members of the Department of History in the University of Michigan.



## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Total amount of appropriation available to Jan. 1, 1914 \$2,500 00

## EXPENDITURE FROM APPROPRIATION

## Salaries

|                         |          |            |
|-------------------------|----------|------------|
| July 15, 1913.....      | \$157 68 |            |
| July 31, 1913.....      | 168 12   |            |
| August 15, 1913.....    | 157 68   |            |
| August 31, 1913.....    | 168 12   |            |
| September 30, 1913..... | 282 75   |            |
| October 15, 1913.....   | 146 74   |            |
| October 31, 1913.....   | 156 48   |            |
| November 15, 1913.....  | 146 74   |            |
| November 30, 1913.....  | 146 86   |            |
| December 15, 1913.....  | 146 74   |            |
| December 31, 1913.....  | 157 52   |            |
|                         | <hr/>    | \$1,835 43 |

## Traveling expenses (Commission)

|  |        |       |
|--|--------|-------|
| Rt. Rev. Monsignor F. A. O'Brien, August<br>6, 1913..... | \$7 11 |       |
| Hon. W. L. Jenks, August 6, 1913.....                    | 5 02   |       |
| Hon. W. L. Jenks, October 7 and 8.....                   | 7 25   |       |
|  | <hr/>  | 19 38 |

## Traveling expenses (Secretary)

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Ann Arbor, Detroit, and Port Huron,<br>Meeting of St. Clair County Pioneer<br>Society, August 28, 1913..... | \$13 52 |
| Perry Centennial Celebration, Putin Bay,<br>Ohio, September 25, 1913.....                                   | 16 10   |
| Kalamazoo and Notre Dame, Commission<br>meeting, October 6, 1913.....                                       | 6 61    |
| Ann Arbor, State Teachers' Association,<br>October 30, 1913.....  | 10 24   |

|  |          |            |
|--|----------|------------|
| Flint, Port Huron, Detroit, Ann Arbor,<br>Conferences, November 21, 1913.....                            | \$14 48  |            |
| Flint, Organization of Flint Historical<br>Society, December 3, 1913.....                                | \$2 83   |            |
|  | <hr/>    | \$63 78    |
| Traveling expenses (Curator of the Museum)   |          |            |
| Mrs. M. B. Ferry, various addresses August<br>7, to December 19, 1913 .....                              | \$71 85  | 71 85      |
| Office Supplies  |          |            |
| One filing cabinet, July 1, 1913.....  | \$36 75  |            |
| Pictures framed for office and museum,<br>November 17, 1913.....   | 1 20     |            |
|  | <hr/>    | 37 95      |
| Telephone  |          |            |
| June 30-July 9, 1913.....  | \$4 90   |            |
| November 15, 1913.....   | 65       |            |
|  | <hr/>    | 5 55       |
| Museum   |          |            |
| Sustaining membership and publications<br>to American Association of Museums,<br>September 29, 1913..... | \$10 54  |            |
| Express on relics to museum, October 2 to<br>November 20.....  | 1 35     |            |
| Transferring piano from Blair home in<br>Jackson to Capitol, Lansing, October<br>24, 1913.....           | 6 62     |            |
| Transferring lumber wheels from Au Sable<br>to Lansing, November 17, 1913. ....                          | 16 80    |            |
| Cases for the museum.....  | 300 00   |            |
|  | <hr/>    | 335 31     |
| American Historical Association, calendar-<br>ing and transcribing documents, Sept.<br>1, 1913.....      | \$200 00 |            |
|  | <hr/>    | 200 00     |
| Total expenditure from appropriation to January<br>1, 1914.....  |          | \$2,569 25 |

As will be seen from the above, notwithstanding the strictest economy we begin 1914 in debt. We have endeavored to curtail expenses in every way possible, even in a way uncomplimentary to the state. For instance, we have not sent one of our members as a delegate to the meeting of the American Historical Association.

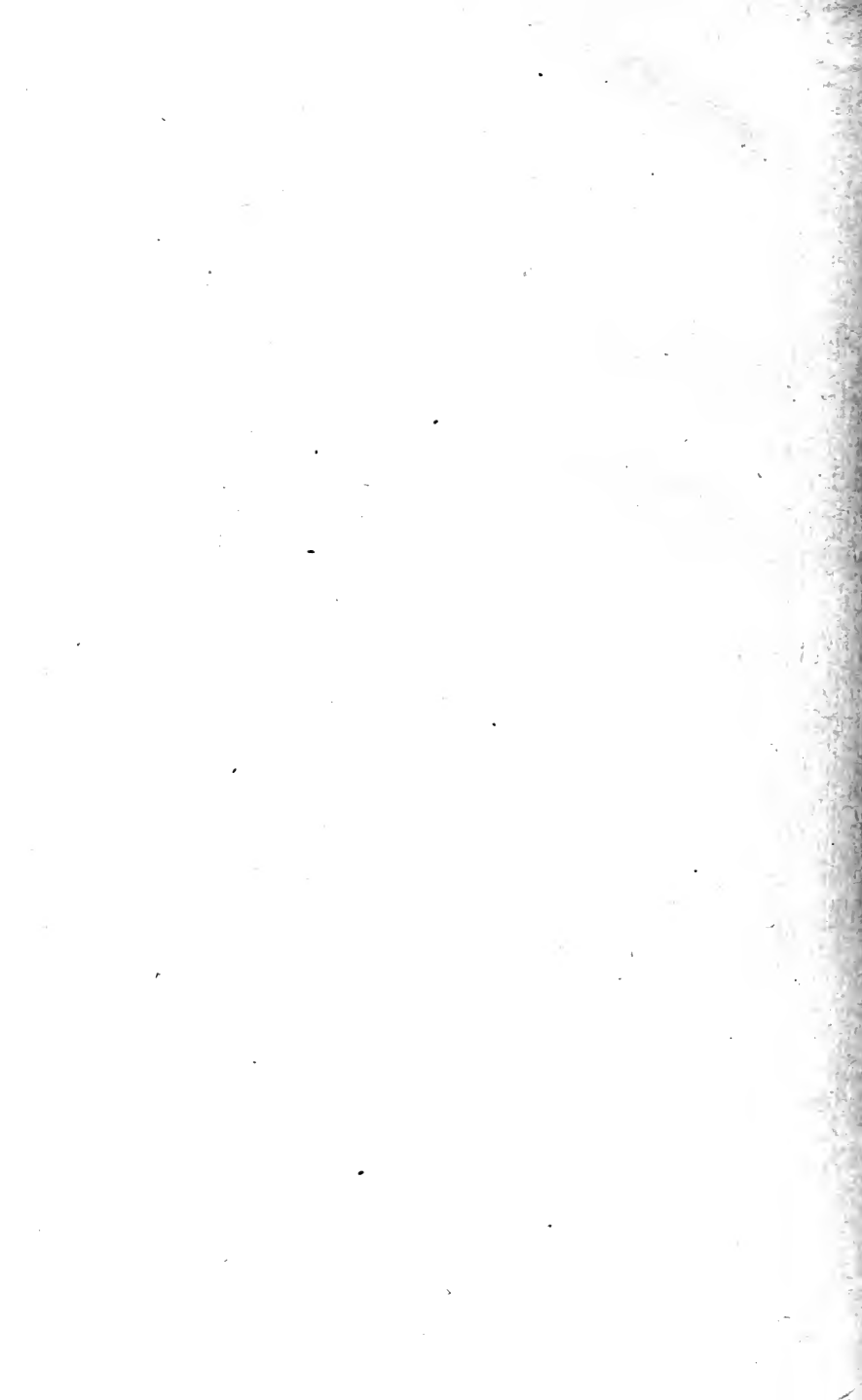
No purchases of rare books or manuscripts have been made.

The balance of the price of some rare maps which were ordered abroad, will be paid from the private funds of the President of the Commission.

In justice to our Commission, and to do properly what the state would expect of us, we must have a larger appropriation.

We feel that we can "make good," and be of immense value to the state and to posterity, but we must have the funds.

None of the Commissioners receive a penny of remuneration for services rendered. They are devoting their time and talent for the good of the cause. We believe you will agree with them that sufficient means should be at their disposal to maintain the honor and credit of this great state.



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