

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY—ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the State Historical Society of Iowa was held in the State University Building, at Iowa City, on Tuesday Evening, Dec. 5th, 1865. It was the largest meeting the Society has held since its organization. The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting, a synopsis of the Biennial Report of the Executive Officers of the Society to the Governor and General Assembly, and the Treasurer's Report, were read. After the election of new members, the following gentlemen were selected as officers for the ensuing year :

President—Hon. F. H. Lee.

Vice Presidents—Hon. R. S. Finkbine, Rev. S. M. Osmond, Hon. E. Price, Hon. H. A. Wiltse, Hon. John F. Dillon, and Hon. L. W. Ross.

Corresponding Secretary—F. Lloyd.

Recording Secretary—S. E. Paine.

Treasurer—H. S. Welton.

Librarian—C. F. Clarke.

Curators—Col. S. C. Trowbridge, N. H. Brainerd, Esq., Hon. G. W. McCleary, Rev. Benj. Talbot, Prof. N. R. Leonard, Prof. T. S. Parvin, Dr. H. Murray, Dr. Wm. Vogt, M. W. Davis, Esq., Wm. Crum, Esq., Prof. J. T. Robert, C. W. Hobart, Esq., Johnson County ; Hon. David Rorer, Des Moines County ; Hon. W. H. Tuthill, Cedar County ; Hon. Willard Barrows, Scott County ; Hon. G. G. Wright, Polk County ; S. W. Durham, Esq., Linn County, and Col. John A. Garrett, Jasper County.

The following statement embodied in the Treasurer's Report, shows the amount of money received and expended during the two years ending Dec. 1st, 1865 :

RECEIPTS.

Dec. 1st, 1863—Balance in Treasury.....	\$164 49
Annual Membership Fees received during 1864.....	31 00
State Warrants received during 1864.....	500 00
Sales of Annals, 1864.....	185 64

Total Receipts for the year ending Dec. 1st, 1864..... 881 13

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salary Corresponding Secretary,.....	\$200 00
" Librarian,.....	100 00
Other Expenses,.....	239 30
Total Expenses for the year ending Dec. 1st, 1864,.....	539 30

RECEIPTS.

Dec. 1st, 1864—Balance in Treasury,.....	\$341 83
Annual Membership Fee, in 1865,.....	35 00
State Warrants,.....	500 00
Annals sold during 1865,.....	150 00
Total Receipts during the year ending Dec. 1st, 1865,.....	1026 83

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salary Corresponding Secretary,.....	\$200 00
" Librarian,.....	100 00
Other Expenses,.....	690 95
Total Expenses for the year ending Dec. 1st, 1865,.....	990 95
Balance in Treasury, \$35 88.	

ANECDOTE OF GENERAL GRANT AND BISHOP
GENERAL POLK.

While the General was in command of the post of Cairo, Bishop General Polk, General Pillow, and General Frank Cheatem, of the rebel army, were at Columbus, Kentucky. Flags of truce were occasionally sent back and forth, between the two places, and the opposing Generals were generally present. After the conclusion of business, it was frequently the case that wine would be brought forth and toasts drunk at parting. On one occasion General Polk proposed a toast which he said, all could drink. Those present filled their glasses, and he gave, "To General George Washington." As he paused purposely, at the end of the name, the company commenced to drink, when he added, "*the first rebel*." General Grant had his glass nearly finished by that time, and it was no use to stop; but he exclaimed, "That was scarcely fair, General; but I will be even with you some day." The

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