

The Sioux or *Ndakotah* Indians call the Des Moines *Inyan-sha-sha-watpa*, or Redstone river—from *inyan*, stone; *sha-sha*, reduplication of *sha*, red; and *watpa*, river. They call the upper east fork *Inyan-sha-sha-watpa-sunkaku*, the brother of Redstone river.

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### THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

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THE State Historical Society held their fifteenth regular annual meeting at the rooms of the society in Iowa City on Monday, June 23d. M. W. Davis, Esq., Rev. William Emonds, Hon. William G. Hammond, Hon. Thomas Hughes, Robert Hutchinson, Esq., Henry Murray, M. D., Rev. S. M. Osmond, Hon. S. E. Paine, and Col. S. C. Trowbridge were elected members of the Board of Curators for two years. A report was submitted by the board to the society, showing that the officers had not been idle, and that the society had made as much progress as could be expected with the limited means at their control.

After the adjournment of the society the members-elect of the board, and those holding over who were present, organized by the election of Hon. William G. Hammond as president of the board and of the society. Prof. H. S. Welton was unanimously re-elected treasurer, and the former secretary was re-chosen.

On the afternoon of the same day Rev. William Salter, D. D., of Burlington, delivered the annual address before the society in the chapel hall of the State University. The address, which is published in this number of the ANNALS, was commemorative of the two hundredth anniversary of the discovery of Iowa, and was delivered to the audience in a faultless style of oratory, in strict harmony with its scholastic composition.

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