

tenant governor. This organization dates from June 10, 1901, when a constitution and by-laws were adopted and officers elected. The officers are as follows: President, Warren S. Dungan; vice-president, Thomas Gay; secretary, Miss Effie M. Dungan; treasurer, B. F. Bates; curator, Miss Margaret W. Brown. The object of the society is "to collect and purchase books, papers and records, writings and relics, legal, military and other materials, relating to the history of Lucas county, Iowa, but may include such material as is illustrative of the history of the State and Nation." This pioneer society starts out with every prospect of success. Col. Dungan is a collector of historical data, and has himself had occasion to make many researches in genealogy and local history.

The next society to perfect its organization was that of Decatur county, the location of which is the town of Lamoni. The officers are as follows: President, Fred M. Smith; secretary, Ed. L. Kellogg; assistant secretary, Carrie Judd; curators, K. C. Kellogg and P. A. Smith.

Such a society is much talked of in Boone, but as yet no action has been taken. Some preliminary steps have also been taken in Scott county.

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### IOWA SCIENTISTS.

Dr. Charles R. Keyes, of Des Moines, published a highly suggestive article in *The Arena*, New York, for July, 1901, on "Geology in the Twentieth Century," in which he sums up the progress made in the past, and outlines to some extent the problem which confronts investigators in this great and constantly expanding field of knowledge. This article was written with such wide information, and is so complete in itself, that it would not be just to attempt to copy any brief portion of it. It should be read as a whole. We mention it, however, for the purpose of stating that he enumer-

ates eight "names most prominently associated with glacial work." These names are those of Penck, Giekie, Croll and Schmidt in Europe, and Chamberlain, McGee, Dawson and Leverett in this country. "As long," writes Dr. Keyes, "as geology lasts the works of these scientists will remain classics." Our readers will share the pride of the editor of THE ANNALS, when we state that Messrs. McGee and Leverett were born in Iowa. The first named is in the prime of life with the promise of many years of scientific study before him. Mr. Leverett is still a young man, whose residence is Denmark, Lee county, Iowa. Each has made a world-wide reputation as an original investigator.

In this connection—as a scientist of the same distinguished class—we may also include the name of Hon. Frank Springer, now of Las Vegas, N. M. He is a paleontologist of the highest rank, the author of original work which is known and recognized in all enlightened countries. He also was born in Iowa.

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### REVOLUTIONARY HEROES HONORED.

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A very commendable disposition exists on the part of many people besides the Sons and Daughters of the Revolution to do honor to their illustrious ancestry, and this in numberless instances has been productive of results which meet with widespread approval. Several years ago Mr. Kendall Young, the founder of the library at Webster City which bears his name, while on a visit to the state of Maine, ascertained that the monument erected at the grave of his grandfather—one of the famous Boston Tea Party of 1773—had nearly disappeared through the natural decay of its material. He immediately ordered the erection of a monument of solid Maine granite at the patriot grave, with an inscription setting forth the memorable service of his ancestor. Quite recently Mrs. George White Potter of Burlington, Iowa, has succeeded in establishing the genealogical record, from the

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