

Hammond, chancellor of the law department of the State University, who had served in the same capacity in the previous board. H. S. Welton, Esq., was unanimously elected treasurer of the society— Mr. Silas Foster having resigned the office of librarian, and removed to Colorado, George Fracker, Esq., was unanimously elected librarian. Capt. Wm. C. Gaston, the recording secretary, having vacated his office by removal to Oregon, F. Lloyd was elected in his place, and also charged with the duties of corresponding secretary. The board devoted the rest of its session, which was held in the presence of Gov. Carpenter, Col. Abernethy, superintendent of public instruction, and other state officials, to the general business of the society.

It is hoped that this division of authority and responsibility in the management of the society's affairs between officers selected immediately from, and by, the society itself, and others chosen by the governor, will advance its prosperity, by bringing the society, without changing its voluntary character, into closer and more fostering relations with the state government than it occupied under its former organization; and the happy selection of the nine elective University regents as the state's representatives in the Board of Curators, representing, as they do, the nine congressional districts of the state, will remove any suspicion of its being a *local* institution, while it will fulfill the requirement of the act passed by the legislature, in 1857, organizing the society, and providing that it should be "in connection with, and under the auspices of, the State University."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

— WE have received the first number of the "*Western Life Boat*," a large monthly periodical published at Des Moines, and devoted largely to the biography of prominent Iowa people. This first number is profusely illustrated with engravings of faces and places of interest. The business tact of Mr. A. C. Edmunds, its principal manager, and the merits of the work itself, have already, as we understand, secured it a vast popularity throughout the country.

—THE short sketch of the life of Col. Nathan Boone, which appears herewith in our pages, we find floating about on the gulf stream of western journalism, which we believe takes its rise in Chicago, courses westward along the Pacific railroads, to spread out over California and the Pacific coast. Our attention was called to it sometime ago, by Judge Parvin, and we think even so imperfect a biography of the adventurous pioneer well worthy of preservation, and not inappropriate to our pages, since much of his military scouting was done in what is now the state of Iowa. His company of rangers was incorporated into a regiment of dragoons with that of Gen. Jesse B. Brown, whose biography Mr. Hawkins Taylor gives in this number.

—WE are glad to learn that the "Pioneers of Marion County," written by Mr. Wm. M. Donnel, of Otley, and published in former volumes of the ANNALS OF IOWA, will shortly appear in book form. Mr. Donnel spent a great deal of time and labor to make his history of Marion county exact, correct, and complete, and we are glad to learn that he is likely soon to realize some pecuniary return for his trouble, by a large sale of his book.

—TWENTY-FIVE newspapers and periodicals have been established at Dubuque in the last thirty-six years, from the *Visitor* of 1836, to the *Telegraph*, of 1870. Over one-fourth of the number are still, as dailies and weeklies, in successful existence—a greater number than is published in any other city in Iowa, with possibly the exception of Davenport. There are no abler papers published in the state than those of Dubuque. The *Times* was formerly a weak vessel, but since Rich has taken hold of it, it has had no superior. For the statistical part of this note, we are indebted to Mr. C. Childs, a walking cyclopædia of Dubuque pioneer lore, but one who keeps all his early settler recollections for the Dubuque papers, and never permits any of them to get into the ANNALS, except at second-hand.

—A SUBSCRIBER in the western part of the state last month remitted to us twenty dollars, on account of new subscribers he had—we were going to write, *taken the trouble to obtain for the ANNALS*—but he says it was really no trouble at all. If each one of the rest of our subscribers would do only one-quarter as well, the ANNALS would at once be in a most satisfactory and independent position. Will you all follow the example?

—SINCE the issue of our last number, death has invaded the ranks of our subscribers. The Hon. Gilman Folsom, a finished scholar, a profound jurist, and in earlier days, a popular legislator and party leader, died at his residence, near Iowa City, on the 15th of July; and Col. J. C. Culbertson, a member of the legislature in 1861, and assistant adjutant general of the state, and paymaster in the United States army during the rebellion, expired at his residence, in Springfield, Mo., July 18th. We hope to be able, in our next, to give more extended notices of the lives of these deceased subscribers, over whose names we are compelled to draw a black line, but whose memories will long be cherished by their cotemporaries.

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