

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

By a recent act the State legislature has appropriated \$5,000 annually to the Kentucky State Historical Society. Mrs. Jennie C. Morton will serve as Secretary-Treasurer and will continue as Editor of the *Register*.

An extensive addition is being made to the capitol building at Montgomery, Alabama. A considerable space in this addition will be occupied by the Department of History and Archives, which has been so admirably developed by Mr. Thomas M. Owen.

The officers of the Madison County (Iowa) Historical Society for the current year are: President, H. A. Mueller; Vice-President, O. L. Evans; Secretary, Walter F. Craig; Treasurer, Ezra Brownell; and Directors, M. C. Leinard, W. H. Lewis, Wm. Brinson, and W. W. Gentry.

Within the first year of its existence, Poweshiek County (Iowa) Historical Society has held five meetings, which shows that there is a lively interest in local history. At the Brooklyn meeting Professor L. F. Parker read an interesting paper on *Poweshiek, the Man*. Through the efforts of the Society there has come to light the original draft of the constitution of a local claim association, with the names of the members and the records of their claims.

The Friends Historical Society is an organization founded in 1903 with Thomas Hodgkin as its first President. Membership is open to members of the Society of Friends on payment of an annual subscription of \$1.25, or a life composition of \$25, and to other persons on similar payment and the introduction of two members. The Society issues a quarterly *Journal* which is sent free to all members. Correspondence may be directed to either Rufus M. Jones, 1010 Arch Street, Philadelphia, or David S. Taber, 51 Fifth Avenue, New York.

The Constitution of the State Historical Society of Missouri (Columbia) contains these provisions relative to local societies:—
“Any Society in Missouri organized for the purpose of gathering and preserving facts relative to the history of this State and of its individual citizens, may, upon application and the filing of a resolution directing such application, become an auxiliary member of the Society, be represented at all general meetings thereof by one delegate, and make a report of its work annually to the Society.”

By the terms of the will of the late Rev. Robert C. Waterston, the library and literary property of the testator as well as forty thousand dollars in money came into the possession of the Massachusetts Historical Society in the year 1899. The library is a miscellaneous collection of books, but a considerable number treat of English history, architecture, and the fine arts. There were also some incunabula, manuscripts, autograph letters, and engravings. The whole, known as the “Waterston Collection,” has been catalogued by J. H. Tuttle and the catalogue has been issued by the Society in an octavo volume of nearly five hundred pages. The preface bears the date of January 1, 1906.

The January, 1906, number of *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, begins the sixtieth volume of that quarterly. This issue opens with a memoir of *James Swift Rogers*, by A. D. Hodges, with a portrait as frontispiece. Numerous articles on church records or of genealogical material appear.

The thirty-seventh volume of *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* begins with the January, 1906, issue. Articles worthy of mention are: *Charles Finney Clark*, a biographical sketch by H. T. Gray; an installment of *New Brunswick Loyalists of the War of the American Revolution*, by D. R. Jack; and *New York Gleanings in England*, contributed by Lothrop Withington.

The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine closes its sixth volume with the October, 1905, issue. Some of the contributions are: *Correspondence between Hon. Henry Laurens and his*

son, *John, 1777-1780*, continued from the previous number; also another installment of *Records of the Regiments of the South Carolina Line, Continental Establishment*; and *South Carolina Gleanings in England*.

The Missouri Historical Society Collections, Vol. II, No. 5, issued in 1905, is a sixteen page pamphlet which describes *The Montezuma Mounds* and gives the results of their exploration.

The April, 1906, issue of *The Quarterly of the Texas State Historical Association* closes the ninth volume. The leading and principal article is *The Texan Revolutionary Army*, by Eugene C. Barker.

A Private Mint in North Carolina, by Thomas Featherstonhaugh, and *Reconstruction*, by J. R. Doolittle, are two articles appearing in the *Publications of the Southern History Association* for March, 1906.

The *Publications of the Louisiana Historical Society*, Vol. III, Pt. 4, 1906, was issued in June, 1906. The issue is a pamphlet of fifty pages, and is entitled *Gayarré Memorial Number*. The articles refer in the main to Gayarré and his work.

Valentine Bennet, by Marie B. Urwitz; *Capt. John Sowers Brooks*, by Gen. John E. Roller; and *Col. William G. Cooke*, by Harry Warren, are the contributions appearing in the January, 1906, number of *The Quarterly of the Texas State Historical Association*.

Church influence in the early American colonies is well illustrated in an article entitled, *Presbyterian and Quaker in Colonial Pennsylvania*, by President Isaac Sharpless, which appears in the March 1906, issue of the *Journal of the Presbyterian Historical Society*.

The Southern Historical Society Papers, volume XXXIII, edited by R. A. Brock, Richmond, Virginia, was distributed to libraries in March, 1906. This volume, consisting of three hundred and seventy-eight pages, is made up of twenty-seven contributions, all dealing with some phase of the Civil War from the Southern view-point.

Books and Pamphlets Relating to New Jersey History and Biography, Published in 1898-1900, is the title of a body of historical

material which appears in the April, 1906, number of the *Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society*. An article entitled *Some Unpublished Revolutionary Manuscripts*, may be found in the same issue.

The annual report of The Essex Institute for the year ending May 7, 1906, was distributed in June, 1906. From the report it is learned that the Institute library contains 94,045 volumes and 329,031 pamphlets. The income for the year aggregated \$15,738.25. One strong feature of the Institute's collections is the number and variety of the Essex County items.

The *Publications of the American Jewish Historical Society*, number 14, is a volume of 262 pages, containing the addresses delivered at Carnegie Hall, New York City, on Thanksgiving Day, 1905, together with other selected addresses and proceedings in commemoration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the settlement of the Jews in the United States.

The *Proceedings of the New Hampshire Historical Society*, Vol. IV, Pt. IV, was distributed in March, 1906. This final number of the volume contains the proceedings from June, 1904, to June, 1905; also an address on *Rear Admiral George Eugene Belknap*, by Charles Cowley, and another on *The Civic Record of New Hampshire in the Civil War*, by Daniel Hall.

The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine begins the seventh volume with the January, 1906, number. The leading contributions in this number of the quarterly are: *Letters from the Marquis de Lafayette to Hon. Henry Laurens, 1777-1780*; *Letters from John C. Calhoun to Francis W. Pickens*; and *Records of the Regiments of the South Carolina Line, Continental Establishment*.

Some of the contributions of general interest in number 13 of the *Publications of American Jewish Historical Society* are: *Naturalization of Jews in New York under the Act of 1740*, by Leon Hühner; *Phases in the History of Religious Liberty in America with Particular Reference to the Jews, II*, by Max J. Kohler; *Are There Traces of the Ten Lost Tribes in Ohio?* by David Philipson, in which the

archæological frauds of David Wyrick are exposed; *Jewish Beginnings in Michigan before 1850*, by D. E. Heineman; "Old Mordecai," *the Founder of the City of Montgomery*, by A. J. Messing; and *The History of the Jews of Montgomery*, by A. G. Moses.

The book entitled, *Route Across the Rocky Mountains with a Description of Oregon and California*, by Overton Johnson, and Wm. H. Winter, issued at Lafayette, Indiana, in 1846, is being reprinted in the *Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society*. The first installment appeared in the issue for March, 1906. At present only two copies of the book are known, one in the library of the University of California and the other in the Library of Congress.

The annual publication of the *Pennsylvania Society* for the current year is a volume of two hundred and twenty-two pages. This publication, known as the *Year Book of the Society*, is edited by the Secretary, Mr. Barr Ferree. The text includes the *Proceedings* of the seventh annual festival of the Society, the condition and prospects of the library, and a number of supplementary papers. Many of the illustrations depict incidents in the life of Benjamin Franklin.

The *Proceedings of the Bostonian Society* at the annual meeting, January 9, 1906, were distributed in May, 1906. This publication of over one hundred pages includes the report of the Directors as well as the communications of the committees on library, rooms, publications, finances, also lists of additions to the library and collections, roll of members, charter and by-laws. The two articles included are: *Josiah Quincy, the Great Mayor*, by J. P. Munroe; and *Boston When Ben Franklin Was a Boy*, by Anson Titus.

The *Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society* at the annual meeting held at Worcester, Mass., October 21, 1905, have been issued as part two of volume seventeen of the Society's publications. Besides the customary reports and minutes of the meeting the following papers appear: *Labor Organizations in Ancient, Mediæval, and Modern Times*, by Carroll D. Wright; an appreciation of *George F. Hoar*, by Edward E. Hale, followed by a long list of

the speeches and addresses of Mr. Hoar; *A Notice of Yucatan with Some Remarks on its Water Supply*, by David Casares; *The Jackson and Van Buren Papers*, by William MacDonald; and *A Page of American History*, by Edward H. Thompson, a paper giving the history of the aid rendered by citizens of the United States during the Yucatan Rebellion in 1847.

Some of the principal articles in the April, 1906, issue of the *Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly* are: *The River Raisin Monuments at Monroe, Michigan*, by J. M. Bulkley; *Some Ohio Boulders*, by E. L. Taylor; *The Wyandot Mission*, by Emil Schlup; *The "Underground Railway,"* by A. J. Baughman; *Antoine Francois Saugrin (De Vigni)*, by N. P. Dandridge; and the *Journal of Cyrus P. Bradley*, by G. H. Twiss.

Volume VI of the *Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society* closes with the December, 1905, issue. The articles of importance are: *The Winning of the Oregon Country*, by William D. Fenton; *Notes on the Colonization of Oregon*, by Joseph Schafer; *Meriwether Lewis*, by Andrew T. Lewis; *Functions of the Oregon Historical Society*, by F. G. Young; *Washington Activities in History*, by Clarence B. Bagley; and the conclusion of the *Sketch of a Second Journey to the Northwestern Parts of the Continent of North America*, by David Douglass.

The American Historical Review for April, 1906, contains the following important articles: *Old Standards of Public Morals*, by John B. McMaster; *Recent Tendencies in the Study of the French Revolution*, by James H. Robinson; *Dr. S. Millington Miller and the Mecklenburg Declaration*, whereby the forgery of Miller is exposed, by A. S. Salley and W. C. Ford; *The South, 1820-1830*, by F. J. Turner; and *More Light on Andrew Johnson*, by W. A. Dunning.

The articles to be found in *The South Atlantic Quarterly* for April, 1906, are: *The True and False in Southern Life*, by John E. White; *The Personality of Froude*, by J. S. Bassett; *Enormous Wastes in Our Cotton Farming*, by Clarence H. Poe; *Reminiscences*

of *Ben Hill*, by John C. Reed; *Some German Criticisms of America*, by W. H. Wannamaker; *Political Philosophy*, by W. W. Willoughby; *George Brandes*, by W. H. Durham; and *Essayists, Old and New*, by Edwin Mims.

The *Annals of Iowa* for April, 1906, contains: *Monona County, Iowa, Mormons*, by C. R. Marks; *Youthtime in Frontier Iowa*, by George C. Duffield; *J. Scott Richman*, a sketch of the only survivor of the Iowa Constitutional Convention of 1846, by W. F. Brannan; *Whence Came the Pioneers of Iowa?* by F. I. Herriott; and *Recollections of the Senecas*, by Charles Aldrich. Portraits of C. R. Marks, J. Scott Richman, and D. B. Henderson are given.

The *Oklahoma Historical Society*, under date of 1905, puts forth its first publication in the form of a pamphlet of eighty-five pages. This pamphlet, which lacks a definite title, gives a review of the inception and progress of the Society, with some account of its accessions. The constitution and by-laws, and a paper on the *Opening of Oklahoma*, by Hon. Sidney Clarke, are also included. Since beginnings are always important in determining standards, it is to be regretted that the Society's first publication was not issued in a better style of the book-making art.

Volume ix of the *Proceedings and Collections* of the *Wyoming Historical and Geological Society* for the year, 1905, were distributed in May, 1906. This publication is an octavo volume of two hundred and fifty pages and is edited by H. E. Hayden, the Corresponding Secretary and Librarian of the Society. The important articles are: *The Geology and Palæontology of Patagonia*, by W. B. Scott; *Pioneer Physicians of Wyoming Valley, 1771-1825*, by F. C. Johnson; *Early Smoking Pipes of the North American Aborigines*, by A. F. Berlin; *Aboriginal Pottery of the Wyoming Valley-Susquehanna River Region, Pennsylvania*, by Christopher Wren; *Roman Catholic Indian Relics in the Possession of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society*, by Charles F. Hill; *The Early Bibliography of Pennsylvania*, by Samuel W. Pennypacker; *The Expedition of Col.*

Thomas Hartley against the Indians in 1778 to Avenge the Massacre of Wyoming, by Rev. David Craft; *The Zebulon Butler Tablet and the Zebulon Butler Ethnological Fund*, by Horace E. Hayden; and biographical sketches of deceased members of the Society.

The initial number of the *Maryland Historical Magazine* appeared in March, 1906. This magazine is published by *The Maryland Historical Society* and is edited by Dr. W. H. Browne. Four issues per year are announced. The current issue contains ninety-seven pages and has the following articles: *The Early County Seats and Court Houses of Baltimore County*, by Albert Ritchie; *A Pirate in the Chesapeake Bay*, by Henry F. Thompson; *Baltimore and its Defences, Past and Present*, by Gen. William P. Craighill; *Unpublished Letters of Washington to General Gist*; *The Migrations of Baltimore Town*, by George A. Leakin; *The Tuesday Club of Annapolis*; and *The Brooke Family*, by Christopher Johnston. The number also contains the *Proceedings* of the annual meeting of the Society which was held February 12, 1906.

THE ARKANSAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

The Arkansas Historical Association, organized about two years ago, has already issued a number of circulars. Through the efforts of its Secretary, J. H. Reynolds, Professor of History in the University of Arkansas, the last legislature created the Arkansas History Commission, directing it to conduct an investigation and prepare an inventory of the source material of Arkansas history. In addition to this the Commission was instructed to supervise the publication of the first volume of the *Publications of the Arkansas Historical Association*, for which an appropriation of \$1,250 was made. The Commission is now, and has been for six months, busily engaged in conducting this investigation and has gathered together much valuable material. The volume will be issued about January 1, 1907.

MISSISSIPPI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Mississippi Historical Society has placed complete sets of its *Publications*, consisting of eight volumes each, in about fifty State,

college, and university libraries in various parts of the United States. The demand for these *Publications* is rapidly increasing. Volume 1 of a new series of publications (*Mississippi Territorial Archives*), edited by Hon. Dunbar Rowland, Director of the State Department of Archives and History, and published by that Department, has just appeared from the press and is being distributed by the State Historical Society. The *Publications* of the Mississippi Historical Society, consisting of the finished products of research, and the *Territorial Archives*, consisting of official source materials, will be published alternately, a volume of each series appearing every two years. The publication of the initial volume of a source publication marks an important epoch in the development of historical work in the State, since it will be helpful to all persons desiring to do original work in the History of Mississippi, whether they live in the State or elsewhere.

THE MADRID HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Madrid Historical Society was organized at Madrid, Iowa, on the first Monday of July, 1905. Its object is the collection and preservation of the materials of local history. The officers for the first year were: C. L. Lucas, President; H. W. Hull, Secretary; and E. P. Dalander, Treasurer. These officers have been reelected for the current year. The Society has adopted By-laws and filed Articles of Incorporation.

Besides erecting a monument at the grave of Milton Lott, the Society has during the first year of its existence, issued a twenty-four page brochure which contains some interesting pioneer material. Three articles appear in this pamphlet: (1) *The Milton Lott Tragedy*, in which are given the circumstances of the first death and burial in Boone County and the erection of a monument, December 18, 1905, or fifty-nine years after the tragedy. (2) *A Sketch of the Life of Col. Nathan Boone*, the youngest son of Daniel Boone of Kentucky, after whom Boone County is named. This Nathan Boone was Captain of Company H, First United States Dragoons, stationed at Old Fort Des Moines in Lee County, 1834-37. In 1835 he

explored the Des Moines Valley as far north as Boone County, where he met in conflict the Sioux Indians. In the Mexican War he was stationed at Santa Fe, New Mexico. Colonel Boone was born in the old Fort at Boonesborough in Kentucky in the year 1782. His father's family moved to St. Charles County, Missouri, in 1795, having spent the previous year in what is now West Virginia where Nathan was left to attend school. In 1800 he returned to his home in St. Charles County. In the War of 1812 he was Captain of a company of mounted rangers and assigned to Indian service. In 1820 he was a member of the Constitutional Convention of Missouri. In the Black Hawk War he was Captain of a company of mounted rangers which he led at the battle of Bad Axe. He was promoted to Major, February 16, 1847, and Lieutenant-Colonel, July 25, 1850. He resigned July 15, 1853. Three dates are given of his death which took place on his farm near Springfield, Missouri. One date is October 16, 1856, aged seventy-six years. Heitman in his *Historical Register and Dictionary of the United States Army*, gives the date January 12, 1857, while W. F. Switzler, author of a *History of Missouri*, gives the year 1863, aged eighty-one years. The third article is a graphic description of *A Sixty Mile Race*—an incident of the Boone County Pioneer Claims Club whereby a home was saved to a needy pioneer. The pamphlet is written by C. L. Lucas.

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THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

The Wisconsin Historical Society issued during April the following *Bulletins of Information*: No. 27, Statutes providing for societies auxiliary to the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, together with suggestions for constitution and by-laws of such auxiliaries; No. 28, Reports of auxiliary societies for 1905—Green Bay, Ripon, Walworth County, Sauk County, Manitowoc County, and Superior; No. 29, Periodicals and newspapers currently received at the library corrected to January 1, 1906; No. 30, Landmarks in Wisconsin (illustrated).

The Society has just received the valuable papers of Moses M.

Strong, prominent as a lawyer and town-site promoter in the Territorial days of Wisconsin, and author of a *History of Wisconsin Territory*. Letter-books, diaries, early plates, etc., are features of the collection.

A new series of letters and other contemporary documents appertaining to Green Bay and Prairie du Chien matters (about 1795 to 1850) and now handsomely bound in 99 volumes, has just been added to the manuscript department. This important series embraces several important collections received by the Society in the past fifteen years. They are of a character similar to the Grignon, Lawe, and Porlier papers, which fill 100 volumes.

The *Proceedings* of the Wisconsin Historical Society for 1905 has just been issued from the press. It is a bound volume of 300 pages, abounding in text illustrations and half-tones. Among the features of Doctor Thwaites' report as Superintendent is a descriptive catalogue of the thirteen Confederate flags in the museum with a half-tone illustration of each. The following historical monographs appear in the volume: *Historic Sites about Green Bay*, by Arthur C. Neville; *Printed Narratives of Wisconsin Travelers Prior to 1800*, by Henry Edward Legler; *The Impeachment of Judge Levi Hubbell*, by John Bell Sanborn; *John Scott Horner: a Biographical Sketch*, by Edward Huntington Merrell, D. D.; *First Constitutional Convention in Wisconsin, 1846*, by Frederick L. Holmes; *Slavery in the old Northwest*, by Raymond V. Phelan; and *Pioneer Life in the Fox River Valley*, by Annie Susan McLenegan. Miss McLenegan's paper is notable for its novel illustrations—twelve handsome wood cuts made in 1856 from daguerreotypes of Fox River Valley towns, and printed in a little pamphlet of the time, but the blocks have not been on the press during the intervening fifty years.

THE NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Measures looking to the program for January, 1907, were discussed, and it was determined to secure some distinguished American scholar to deliver an address for one evening, in hopes that a greater

interest might thus be aroused. The committee on program was instructed to secure local speakers for a second evening's meeting.

Mr. Blackman, Archæologist of the Nebraska State Historical Society, has planned to open some mounds near the Missouri River in the "Omaha" region during the summer, hoping to find remains that may throw light on the problems connected with the civilization of the Omaha Indians. He hopes also to do some work in locating their village sites, as well as the camps of early explorers in the Missouri Valley region of Nebraska.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Board of the Society, plans were made for establishing a Bureau of Legislative Research and Publication, similar to the work now carried on in Wisconsin under the direction of Dr. McCarthy. Mr. A. E. Sheldon was put at the head of the Bureau, and funds were provided to begin the work at once. Mr. Sheldon will visit Wisconsin during the summer to familiarize himself with the methods used in that State; then he will outline plans for the work as it will be carried on in Nebraska. A committee was also appointed to devise plans to make the Society's services to the State more efficient, if possible. The funds for the years, 1906-1907, were apportioned, and more definite rules in regard to expenditures adopted.

THE MISSOURI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society's manuscript collection has been enriched recently by The General George R. Smith Collection of Manuscripts, which consists of manuscript sketches of the life of General Smith, and letters written to him (1836-1880) by many men prominent in the history of this State, as well as papers relating to the early history of the Pacific Railroad, now the Missouri Pacific Railroad. General Smith was prominent in the work of promoting railroad ventures, and was the founder of Sedalia, Missouri. The gift was made by Mrs. M. E. Smith and Mrs. S. E. Cotton, daughter of General Smith.

The Society has held regular monthly meetings for the season, which closed with the meeting of May 25, 1906. At the February

meeting Captain Robert McCulloch, Vice-President and General Manager of the United Railways of St. Louis, read an interesting and comprehensive paper on *The History of Street Railways in St. Louis*. At the March meeting Mr. Charles F. Krone, the veteran St. Louis actor, read the third chapter of his *Reminiscences of Early Plays and Players in St. Louis*. Mr. Walter J. Blakeley read an account of the *Life and Work of J. F. McGahan*, noted war correspondent and a St. Louis boy. The May meeting was memorial in character, the following memorial addresses being given: *Melvin L. Gray*, by Judge Shepard Barclay; *John S. Marmaduke*, by Mr. John F. Lee; and *Charles Parsons*, by General John W. Noble.

At the May meeting important amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society were made. By these amendments it was decided that hereafter the Society hold all its collection of relics, paintings, books, and historical material of every kind in trust for the people of the State of Missouri, and that a deed to that effect be filed with the Recorder of Deeds at St. Louis.

KANSAS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In a thirteen page pamphlet, under title of *The Flag of Kansas*, Mr. George W. Martin, Secretary of the Kansas State Historical Society, gives an account of the visit of Zebulon Montgomery Pike to the village of the Pawnee Republic on September 29, 1806, together with an announcement of the one-hundredth anniversary of the unfurling of the United States flag, at that point:—

“The people of Republic City, in Republic County, have organized for the purpose of celebrating the one-hundredth anniversary of the visit of Zebulon Montgomery Pike to the village of the Pawnee Republic, September 29, 1806. The Daughters of the Revolution and the Women’s Kansas Day Club have already determined to participate, and it is understood that the Grand Army of the Republic will take action. The site of the village is but six miles south of the Nebraska line, and so similar organizations in that state are expected to assist on that occasion.

"An organization has been effected by the selection of a general committee of arrangements as follows: H. H. Smith, chairman, M. C. Pauley, Republic City; A. W. Vale, Webber; O. H. Durnad and N. H. Angle, Republic City; Elizabeth A. Johnson, Courtland; and Thomas Charles, Belleville. This committee have agreed that there shall be four days, as follows: Wednesday, September 26, Women's day; September 27, Grand Army day; September 28, Historical day; and the 29th Pike's day. It is probably well enough understood in Kansas that on the 29th of September, 1806, Zebulon Montgomery Pike, while making his famous exploration which resulted in the first knowledge of Pike's Peak, found a village of Pawnee Indians with the Spanish flag above them, notwithstanding the transfer of the country by the Louisiana purchase, and that he caused them to take it down and raise the flag of the United States in its place.

"This flag incident is the first and one of the most interesting in the history of Kansas. In 1901 the State legislature erected a twenty-seven-foot granite shaft on the village site of the Pawnee Republic, and placed an iron fence around eleven acres, the land being the gift of Elizabeth A. Johnson."

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF NORTH DAKOTA

The report of the Secretary of the State Historical Society of North Dakota, which was made at a meeting of the Board of Directors on April 16, 1906, shows that the total income of the Society, during the year, amounted to \$2,725.82. It was pointed out that the membership of the Society now numbers 137.

A preliminary historical survey of the State has been made by the Secretary, Professor O. G. Libby, for the purpose of locating, for future use, the archæological and historical materials of the State.

In the library and museum, at Bismarck, there has already been accumulated a valuable collection of books, documents, pamphlets, manuscripts, photographs, relics, and Indian specimens. In the collection of the Mandan specimens the Secretary has been greatly aided by the efficient services of E. R. Steinbreuck, of Mandan.

Two valuable loan collections are to be purchased and placed in the museum as soon as there are funds available for the purpose. The owners of these collections are George H. Bigenheimer, of Mandan, whose specimens are largely of the Sioux tribe, and Mrs. Charles Hoffman, whose specimens are chiefly Gros Ventre.

In the preparation of the forthcoming volume of *Collections* the Secretary has secured the co-operation of a large number of representative members of the Sioux, Mandan, Ree, and Gros Ventre tribes of the State.

The Society has begun to command the services of college men who are donating their work freely in conjunction with the Secretary. Among the most efficient of these are: Prof. H. C. Fish, of Marshfield, Wisconsin, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin; Prof. John M. Gillette, of Valley City Normal, a graduate of Chicago University; and Rev. G. L. Wilson, of Langdon, a graduate of Oberlin College.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

Bulletin of Information, No. 5, of the Society, which relates to the *Organization of County Historical Societies*, was issued in April, 1906.

Owing to a lack of funds the Board of Curators have had to suspend the Musquakie Indian investigation for the current year.

Executive Journal of Iowa, 1838-1841, covering the administration of Governor Robert Lucas, will soon be issued in a book of 341 pages.

The Robert Lucas Journal of the War of 1812 During the Campaign Under General William Hull is being specially printed for the Society in an edition of 400 copies. This valuable contribution to American history is edited by Mr. John C. Parish.

The officers of the Board of Curators and of the Society for the ensuing year as chosen at the July meeting of the Board of Curators are: Peter A. Dey, President; Isaac Loos, Vice-President; Lovell Swisher, Treasurer; and Frank E. Horack, Secretary.

At the July meeting of the Board of Curators, Mr. Thomas Teakle and Mr. Jesse V. Henley were elected members of the Society.

Professor Laenas G. Weld was elected a member of the Board of Curators to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Professor Samuel Calvin.

As required by law a detailed financial report of the Society, covering the period from June 30, 1905, to July 1, 1906, has been submitted to the Executive Council of the State.

The letters and papers of Senator James Harlan have been loaned temporarily to Mr. Johnson Brigham, who is preparing a biography of Senator Harlan which will ultimately be published by the Society.

A financial statement of The State Historical Society of Iowa, prepared by the Secretary for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 1905, and ending June 30, 1906, shows the following:—

General Support Fund

Total receipts, including balance on hand July 1, 1905	\$7,716.85
Total expenditures from July 1, 1905, to June 30, 1906	7,090.44
	\$ 626.41

Publication and Membership Fund

Total receipts, including balance on hand July 1, 1905	\$1,489.34
Total expenditures from July 1, 1905, to June 30, 1906	200.00
	\$1,289.34