

Second Annual Report

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, WM. A. BARSTOW,

Governor of the State of Wisconsin:

SIR:—The undersigned Executive Committee of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, in compliance with the act of the Legislature granting five hundred dollars annually to the Society, beg to present herewith the report of the Treasurer for the past year, exhibiting the objects and extent of the expenditures of the Society, with the accompanying vouchers. The total receipts of the year, including the balance on hand on the 2d of January last, have been \$760.42, and the disbursements \$668.12—leaving a balance in the Treasury of \$92.30.

In presenting their Second Annual Report, the Executive Committee are happy in being able to congratulate the members of the Society, and the citizens of the State, on the large measure of success that has attended the Society during the past year. The increase in the library and collections has been very large—without a precedent in the history of any similar association in the Western States; and the Society, at the same time, has increased its hold upon the sympathies and kind offices of men of letters abroad, and of our own enlightened fellow citizens of Wisconsin. With noble ends gained by honorable means, it is a subject of just pride to the Committee, that our institution, having no selfish, sectarian, partisan, or exclusive aims, should thus receive the warm approbation of the wise and the good at home and abroad.