

may well point with pride to the collection as the most complete possessed by any State of its worthy pioneers and early public servants. Such a Gallery would not only prove deeply interesting as works of art, but most of them would serve an invaluable purpose in illustrating the history and historic men of our State. It is proper in this connection to remark, that the distinguished artists Jasper F. Cropsey, John Neagle, J. McMurtrie, P. F. Rothermel, William Hart, and Samuel M. Brookes, have severally promised or intimated some gift of their pencil to the Society—worthy tributes from men of genius which would ever be held in high estimation by our Society.

By the great kindness of S. M. Brookes, of Milwaukee, a bust of Hon. Byron Kilbourn, and one of Bishop Henni, both cast by that talented artist, have been bestowed upon the Society, and now adorn our Library.

Personal memorials of Henry Clay and De Witt Clinton have been received from Thomas H. Clay, Esq., and Hon. G. W. Clinton. Personal memorials of Washington, kindly promised by his venerable step-son, Geo. W. P. Custis, of Webster, by his son Hon. Fletcher Webster, and of Harrison, by his son, Hon. J. S. Harrison, have not yet reached our Cabinet, but hope they may during the coming year. Similar memorials of Franklin, La Fayette and Jackson have been sought, but hitherto without success. Such relics possess a peculiar interest, and serve to keep alive the fires of patriotism in the hearts of the people.

Several important donations have been kindly tendered the Society, and which may confidently be expected to reach our collections during the year; among them, a set of the works of John Adams, in 10 volumes, from his grandson, Hon. Charles Francis Adams; over 30 volumes of the *N. A. Review*, from D. W. Bal-lou, Jr.; nearly 70 historical volumes from the library of the late Dr. Stephen W. Williams, tendered by his family in accordance with his request; the works of B. J. Lossing, Hon. J. R. Bartlett, Rev. Dr. R. Davidson, Alfred B. Street, Edmund Flagg, S.