

Augustus Mitchell, G. W. Riggs, Jr., and others. The committee of Boston merchants having in charge the getting up of the gold medal to Com. Perry, have promised a bronze copy to our Society; and G. W. Childs, Esq., the enterprising publisher, has tendered proof impressions of his engravings of Stuart's Washington and Sully's Jackson, beside several volumes of books.

Since the last annual meeting, the *First Annual Report and Collections of the Society* have been published by the State in a thin volume of 160 pages, and some three thousand copies have been circulated in our State, and other portions of the Union. This publication has served the Society a valuable purpose, to send in return to donors, making more fully known, especially to the citizens of our own State, the worthy aims of our organization, and giving ample evidence of the good it has already effected, and is destined still further to effect. There is, however, a suggestion which has come from many able and learned men, that we must beg to present—that our annual publication, which is to be the permanent repository of a large mass of valuable historical and statistical matter relating to Wisconsin, should be issued in a better and more enduring form; that the quality of the paper should be better, and a portion, if not all of the edition, should be put up in cloth binding—in a style similar to the Transactions of our Agricultural Society, published by the State. While this would cost the State but a small additional sum, it would prove largely creditable alike to the State and Society, and would better subserve the great end of preserving the valuable collections thus yearly brought together.

Among the many reasons which might be adduced in favor of an improved style of publication, we would respectfully advert to the following:

I. It would prove highly useful to the State, by furnishing reliable materials for historians and other writers, at home and abroad, and by thus disseminating a correct knowledge of the history and progress of our towns and counties, render our State