

waukee; and Henry S. Baird, of Green Bay, one of the first American settlers there, and the first practising lawyer in Wisconsin.

Besides these, we have a fine *View on the Hudson*, from the pencil of Jasper F. Cropsey, the well-known landscape artist of New York. The view is looking down the Hudson, with the Highlands in the distance; and the effect is that of the sun about an hour or two high of a warm, hazy, summer afternoon. It is a picturesque scene well worthy of the artist in both the study and execution. This is the twenty-second picture in the catalogue.

This feature of the Society—the Picture Gallery, is alone well worth the attention of the public. For although the library, as another department, may be ever of more lasting interest, the Gallery of portraits cannot fail to attract a large share of attention from those who have little time for more lengthy examinations of books and references, and bespeaks well for the liberality and public spirit of our citizens, and promises well for the future prospects of the Society when its aims shall be more generally understood, and public attention more particularly attracted to it by its merits and success.

The Society may well pride itself upon the possession of such a list of portraits already furnished, and we hope it may have the effect to incite more of the old pioneers to furnish theirs. If the forty-seven persons who have so generously promised the Society their portraits, are not forgetful of their pledges, the *Picture Gallery* must speedily become the pride and admiration of Wisconsin.

We shall close this report, by a brief reference to the several artists by whose skill and genius our Gallery enterprise has received so much encouragement and fostering care.

The first to tender our Society a production of his pencil, was the veteran Thomas Sully, who was born in Lincolnshire, England, June, 1783, and, at the age of nine, came with his parents, who were comedians, to the United States. At the age of twelve, he was placed in the office of an insurance-broker in Charleston,