

Report on the Picture Gallery

The committee on the Picture Gallery would respectfully make the following report:

During the past two years, since the date of the Society's last published Report, there have been added to the Gallery fifteen pictures, thirteen of which are portraits, and two historical views.

This department of the Society's labors is rapidly growing in interest and value; and the interest manifested by visitors is an unmistakable proof of the wisdom of adding this feature to the attractions of our rooms. A speaking portrait will often live in the remembrance of the people, and serve to retain the memory of early pioneers, far more than any written description of themselves, their lives or their labors. We have been generally very successful in obtaining reliable portraits of our early pioneers. As yet we have the portraits of but one Governor—Governor Barstow—although all have promised. But one of the Judges of our Supreme Court has fulfilled his promise, and gratified the Society, by placing his portrait in our Gallery—Judge A. D. Smith. Of our Senators and Representatives in Congress we have but one each—Senator Walker and the late Hon. Ben. C. Eastman. It is earnestly hoped that these deficiencies will soon be supplied, so that the list of the "representative men" of our State may be complete.

I. The Peconica Battle Field.—If we consider the numbers engaged, but few of our American battle fields are worthy of a place on the map of history. If we consider the bravery displayed and the daring manifested, hardly one would be passed unnoticed by history. The Peconica