

Synopsis of Annual Reports of Executive Committee

Twenty-sixth Report—January 6, 1880

With the same purchasing means, and our system of exchanges, the annual growth of the Library is quite uniform from year to year. It is only on rare occasions that some unusually large book or pamphlet donations, like those of Mrs. C. L. A. Tank, Hon. Charles Durkee, and the Lapham estate, swell the year's additions beyond the ordinary proportions. The book department has, during the past year, been increased with a rich variety of works—and especially large in the line of local American history, periodical literature, genealogy, and newspaper files of the last, and early part of the present century. The manuscript historical papers have been of a varied and important character, illustrative of early Wisconsin and Northwestern history, dating back an hundred and thirty years; beside several valuable papers on our prehistoric period. We have, on the whole, good reason to be satisfied with the year's gatherings in books, pamphlets, newspaper files, and manuscript additions to our history.

Financial Condition—Binding Fund

The past year's receipts into the general fund, including the small balance of the previous year, were, as shown by the treasurer's report, \$5,101.17; and the disbursements, \$5,093.09, leaving an unexpended balance of \$8.08.

To the binding fund the following additions have been made: From Hon. John A. Rice, \$50; Prof. J. H. Carpenter, LL. D., \$20; duplicate books sold, \$247.66; accrued interest, \$533.07; annual membership dues, net, \$70.00—thus showing an increase