

many and varied services, especially in matters connected with legislation.

Gen. Bull was chosen a life member of the Society, and a member of the executive committee in January, 1856, holding his place in the board until his removal from Madison, in 1859; he contributed to our picture gallery an oil painting of Wisconsin Heights battlefield, executed by Brooks; and for the past three years he has filled the position of one of the honorary vice-presidents of our Society.

While dropping a tear in remembrance of departed worth, we find much both to encourage and stimulate us to renewed efforts for the prosperity and usefulness of one of the best of our public institutions—one which, in the language of Hon. Cyrus Woodman, “adds to the glory, not of Wisconsin alone, but of our whole country.”

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The year 1880 has added something more than the average annual accretion to the Library. The noticeable increase is particularly apparent in works on American local history, State histories and documents, slavery and the Civil War, publications of historical and learned societies, magazines and reviews, bound newspaper files, antiquities and archæological science, genealogy, maps and atlases. These and many other departments may be regarded as strong for the size of the Library; and continue to attract the attention of antiquaries and writers in our own and other States, who not unfrequently find it to their advantage to consult our collections either personally or by written applications.

Financial Condition—Binding Fund

The receipts in the general fund the past year, including the small balance of the previous year, were, as shown by the treasurer's report, \$5,008.08; and the disbursements, \$5,008.08.

To the binding fund the following additions have been made: From Col. C. C. G. Thornton, and Maj. F. W. Oakley, \$20 each; Hon. G. H. Paul, \$10; duplicate books sold, \$222.77; accrued