

the United States, from 1825 to 1864, from the Chippewa standpoint, as presented to the commissioner of Indian affairs. From George P. Warren, an educated half-breed Chippewa.

A visit to the Menominees in 1849, and incidentally to the Oneidas and Stockbridges, by the late Alfred Cope, of Philadelphia.

All enlightened nations point with becoming pride to their great public libraries—the accumulated wisdom of ages—France to her National Library of 2,000,000 volumes; Great Britain to her British Museum of 1,150,000 volumes; Russia to her Imperial Library of 1,100,000 volumes; Prussia to her Royal Library of 700,000 volumes; Denmark to her Royal Library of 500,000 volumes; Saxony to her Royal Public Library of 500,000 volumes, and 400,000 pamphlets; our own country to her Congressional Library of 420,000 volumes, and the city of Boston to its great public library of 400,000 volumes.

At the commencement of this century there were but forty-nine libraries in the United States, aggregating 80,000 volumes; and only one of the whole number reached 15,000 volumes, and another about ten thousand, the others rating but a few hundred volumes. The infancy of the country and the poverty of its literary resources were well attested by the paucity of her public libraries of eighty years ago. Now we have well nigh 4,000 public libraries in the country, whose united collections exceed 12,000,000 of volumes. Some ten of these libraries range from 100,000 to 420,000 volumes; and not more than eighteen or twenty, all told, exceed in volumes, documents and pamphlets our own noble collection.

Of the thirteen historical and antiquarian societies in the country, founded prior to our own organization, and the sixty-four since, but two number more volumes in their libraries than ours. In some departments of collection we exceed them all—in prehistoric copper antiquities, and probably in bound newspaper files, county histories, and in the number of portraits of the founders and prominent characters of the Territory and State. No other historical or State library, so far as we know, has a collection, so nearly complete of its own State publications and newspapers as we have garnered in our library.